



# **Clinton County Republican Party**

**Weekly Newsletter  
February 15, 2025**

## **2023—2024 In Retrospect**

Looking back over the last two years we must be encouraged from the results of the 2024 elections. President Trump flipped Michigan which helped Tom Barrett take back the 7th Congressional House seat and kept control of the U.S. House. Mike Rogers ran a strong race but just fell a little short of winning one of Michigan's Senate seats. We successfully took back control of the Michigan House for the next two years placing a roadblock in Governor Whitmer's Marxist agenda. We also retained all of the countywide elected seats and 5 of the 7 county commissioner seats for the next 4 years.

In 2026 our goal will be to:

1. Retain control of the House and flip the Senate of the Michigan Legislature.
2. Replace Governor Whitmer, Secretary of State Benson, and Attorney General Nessel with constitutional conservatives.
3. Replace retiring U.S. Senator Gary Peters and retake the U.S. Senate majority.
4. Recruit two State Board of Education candidates to replace two democrat board members that currently serve on the board who will reverse the destructive policies that have been enacted in recent years.
5. Recruit two quality candidates to run for the Michigan Supreme Court to replace two of the liberal justices currently serving on the Court.

People are waking up to the corruption and destructive agenda of the liberal democrats and want change and accountability. The 2026 elections could well be a bellwether for our future as we return to the tenets our republic was founded upon.

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## **Public Schools — It's time to hold them accountable!**

**ACCOUNTABILITY** — Several of the public school districts in Clinton County are a mess because of the introduction of the liberal ideology of DEI and CRT. These debased educational agendas have been destructive to parental values and have been detrimental to the educational goals our schools should be focusing on. Some of our school administrators and educators have become obsessed with these destruction ideologies and have prioritized "diversity, equity, and inclusion" and "race" as the main drivers of their educational focus. As a result, standard test scores for many of our students have become abysmal.

As a county we need to become actively involved in what is happening in all of the school districts in Clinton County. The CCRP's goal is to find one contact person in each of the following school districts: Bath, DeWitt, Fowler, Grand Ledge, Laingsburg, Ovid/Elsie, Pewamo-Westphalia, Portland, and St. Johns, who

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would be willing to serve on a county schools committee. The committee members will focus on their school district by attending school board meetings to gather information about what is happening in their schools and sharing that with the committee.

We want to serve as a resource in each of these school districts to identify any issues or concerns that may exist and to recruit people who will be willing to run for school board seats in their districts in the 2026 general election and in the future.

We believe our schools should be providing a quality education based on teaching what is needed to be successful and productive in life, protecting parental rights, and making financially responsible decisions based upon needs not wants.

If you would be interested and would like more information on what our goals are please contact:

Buddy Poljan  
buddypoljan@gmail.com  
989-482-7975

If you would like to attend a school board meeting in your school district please refer to the information below.

### ***SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING TIMES FOR CLINTON COUNTY SCHOOLS***

#### ***Bath***

4th Monday of month 6:30 p.m. Dr. Therese M. Peterson Lecture Hall,

#### ***DeWitt***

2nd Monday of month 6:00 p.m. DeWitt Board of Education Office,  
2957 W. Herbison Road, DeWitt

#### ***Fowler***

Normally the 2nd Monday 7:00 p.m. 700 S. Main Street, Fowler

#### ***Grand Ledge***

Normally the 2nd Monday (may vary) 6:00 p.m. Board Room  
Sawdon Administration Building,  
220 Lamson Street, Grand Ledge

#### ***Laingsburg***

Meeting dates vary see website 7:00 pm Laingsburg Middle School Media Center  
205 S. Woodhull Rd. Laingsburg, MI  
<https://www.laingsburg.k12.mi.us/page/board-of-education>

#### ***Ovid/Elsie***

3rd Monday of month 6:30 P.M. Ovid-Elsie High School / Middle School  
Information Center unless otherwise noted.

#### ***Pewamo-Westphalia***

Normally third Monday of month 7:00 p.m. 5101 Clintonia Rd. Westphalia

#### ***Portland***

Meeting dates vary see website 6:30 p.m. 1100 Ionia Road, Portland  
<https://www.portlandk12.org/board/board-meeting-calendar>

#### ***St. Johns***

Meeting dates vary see website 6:30 p.m.  
<https://www.sjredwings.org/our-district/boardofeducation/>

# COUNTY, CITY, TOWNSHIP, VILLAGE ELECTED LEADERS

***Do you know what decisions they are making that will impact your lives?***

Clinton County currently has 16 townships, 3 cities, and 4 villages that hold regular meetings making decisions impacting you and your lives. Over the last 2 years we experienced what can happen if we don't pay attention to what our elected leaders are agreeing to and the impact it can have on our lives. We live in a world where we have seen the negative impact on our way of life by technology, and by decisions made at some of these meetings. We will continue to see our lives impacted by these decisions and it is our responsibility to pay attention to transpires at these meetings.

If we do not pay attention we only have ourselves to blame. As precinct delegates in Clinton County we should all be attending these meetings if we have the opportunity.

## COUNTY

### County Board of Commissioners

#### ***Monthly meeting***

Last Tuesday of each month 9:00 a.m. Clinton County Courthouse, Commissioners Room

#### ***Way's & Means Committee***

Thursday before the last Tuesday each month 9:00 a.m.  
Clinton County Courthouse, Commissioners Room

### County Planning Commission

2nd Thursday of each month 6:00 p.m. Clinton County Courthouse, Commissioners Room

## TOWNSHIPS

### ***Bath Township***

1st & 3rd Monday each month 6:00 pm Township Hall, 14480 Webster Road, Bath

### ***Bengel Township***

2nd Wednesday each month 700 pm 6586 West M-21 | St. Johns, MI 48879

### ***Bingham Township***

2nd Monday each month 700 pm 2057 North Lansing Street, Saint Johns, Michigan 48879

### ***Dallas Township***

2nd Monday each month 2:00 pm 225 S. Main St. | Fowler, MI 48835

### ***DeWitt Township***

2nd and 4th Monday each month 7:00 pm DeWitt Township Hall, 1401 W Herbison Rd, DeWitt

### ***Duplain Township***

2nd Wednesday each month 7:30 pm 145 W. Main Street, Elsie, Michigan 48831

### ***Eagle Township***

3rd Thursday each month 7:00 pm 14318 Michigan St., Eagle

### ***Essex Township***

3rd Wednesday — except 7:00 pm 5485 W Lowe Rd, St Johns, MI 48879.  
(none in May, July, September & November)

### ***Greenbush Township***

4th Monday each month 7:00 pm 1883 E. French Road, St. Johns, MI 48879

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**Lebanon Township**

No information could be found

**Olive Township**

2nd Monday each month 7:30 pm 1400 W. Pratt Rd. Dewitt, MI 48820

**Ovid Township**

4th Thursday each month 7:00 pm 1015 Baese Court,, P.O. Box 136, Ovid, MI 48866

**Riley Township**

1st Tuesday each month 7:00 pm 7110 West Pratt Road, DeWitt, MI 48820

**Victor Township**

2nd Tuesday of each month 7:00 pm 6843 E. Alward Rd., Laingsburg

**Watertown Township**

3rd Monday of each month 7:00 pm 12803 S Wacousta Rd, Grand Ledge, MI 48837

**Westphalia Township**

1st Monday of each month 6:00 pm 13950 W. Pratt Road, PO Box 429, Westphalia, MI 48894

**CITIES/VILLAGES:****City of DeWitt**

2nd &amp; 4th Monday of each month 7:00 pm 414 East Main Street, DeWitt, MI 48820

**Village of Elsie**

2nd Tuesday of each month 7:00 pm 125 W Main St, Elsie, MI 48831

**Village of Fowler**

2nd Tuesday of the Month 7:00 p.m. Village Hall, 25 North Main Street, Fowler, MI 48835

**Village of Maple Rapids**

1st Wednesday of the Month 7:30 pm 118 W Adeliade St, Maple Rapids, MI 48853

**City of Ovid**

2nd Monday of the month 7:00 pm 114 E. Front Street, P.O. Box 138, Ovid, MI 48866

**City of St. Johns**4th Monday of the month 6:00 pm Clinton County Courthouse, 2nd Floor, Suite 2200  
<https://cityofstjohnsmi.com/meetings/>**Village of Westphalia**

1st Monday of the month 7:00 pm Village Hall, 200 Willow Street, Westphalia, MI 48894

**CLINTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS (Ways & Means)**

**February 20, 2025**

<https://www.clinton-county.org/AgendaCenter/Finance-Committee-5>

**WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2025 AT 9:00 A.M.  
CLINTON COUNTY COURTHOUSE (BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ROOM)  
100 EAST STATE STREET, ST. JOHNS, MI 48879**

1	9:00	CALL TO ORDER, ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA
2	9:02	LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENTS
3	9:05	PROSECUTOR UPDATE (DEBRA MARTINEZ)
4	9:20	DRAIN COMMISSIONER (PHIL HANSES): A. APPOINTMENTS OF REMONUMENTATION GRANT REPRESENTATIVE AND GRANT ADMINISTRATOR B. APPROVAL OF REMONUMENTATION CONTRACTS AND APPOINTMENTS TO REMONUMENTATION PEER GROUP C. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION PLEDGING THE FULL FAITH AND CREDIT OF CLINTON COUNTY TO BACK THE SALE OF KIDD DRAIN NOTES
5	9:30	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (CRAIG THELEN): A. LIVESTREAMING MEETINGS DISCUSSION – NO ATTACHMENT B. COURT RECORDING EQUIPMENT (CIRCUIT, PROBATE, DISTRICT) REQUEST
6	9:40	COUNTY CLERK (DEB SUTHERLAND): A. REQUEST TO UPGRADE CLERK VITAL RECORDS SOFTWARE TO TYLER TECHNOLOGIES B. REQUEST TO UPGRADE REGISTER OF DEEDS TYLER TECHNOLOGIES SOFTWARE C. STATE OF MICH ELECTRONIC RECORDING COMMISSION GRANT APP (DEB SUTHERLAND)
7	9:50	FACILITY AND FLEET SERVICES (ROB WOOTEN): A. MAINTENANCE BUILDING EXPANSION B. PLANNING & ZONING/BUILDING DEPARTMENT FURNITURE REPLACEMENT
8	10:00	MMRMA LIABILITY INSURANCE RECOMMENDATION – DISCUSSION (ADMINISTRATION)
9	10:10	WASTE MANAGEMENT (KATE NEESE): A. GRANGER PROPERTY USE AGREEMENT – FREE FOR FALL EVENT B. MATERIALS MANAGEMENT PLAN (MMP) WORK PROGRAM DOCUMENT APPROVAL AND GRANT APPLICATION AUTHORIZATION
10	10:20	PARKS AND GREEN SPACE - GRANT APPLICATION AUTH REQUEST (KYLE THORNTON) – NO ATTACHMENT
11	10:30	AUDIT ENGAGEMENT LETTER AND TERMS (ADMINISTRATION)
12	10:35	OPIOID SETTLEMENT ADVISORY STEERING COMMITTEE UPDATE (ADMINISTRATION)
13	10:45	MARCH 2025 OPEN MEETINGS AND EVENTS CALENDAR (ADMINISTRATION)
14	10:50	ACCOUNTS PAYABLE INVOICES PAID TOTALS (ADMINISTRATION)
15	10:55	COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS
16	11:00	ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT
17	11:05	ANY OTHER BUSINESS
<b>**MEETING STARTS PROMPTLY AT CALL TO ORDER TIME LISTED. AGENDA ITEM TIMES MAY VARY**</b>		

**CLINTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**9:00 a.m. (Last Tuesday of each month)**

**Tuesday, February 25, 2025**

**CLINTON COUNTY PLANNING BOARD MEETINGS**

**6:00 p.m. — Meets the 2nd Thursday of each month**

**March 13, 2025**

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## 2025 CCRP Lincoln Day Dinner Event

We will be holding our Annual Lincoln Day Dinner Event at the Royal Scot Banquet Center in early May at a date yet to be confirmed. We are currently considering several individuals as possibilities for our keynote speaker. We have reached out to a couple of nationally recognized conservative individuals who are experts on issues important to all of us. In the near future we will be announcing who our keynote speaker will be and sending out flyers with the details on how to sign up to attend. **HOWEVER YOU CAN SIGN UP EARLY BY BECOMING A 2025 CCRP CLUB SPONSOR THAT AUTOMATICALLY GIVES YOU ADMITTANCE FOR TWO TO OUR 2025 LINCOLN DAY DINNER. (SEE DETAILS BELOW ON HOW TO SIGN UP)**

### 2025 CCRP CLUB SPONSORSHIPS

Earlier this month we kicked off our Annual Club Sponsorship fundraising drive. Club Sponsorships are our primary funding source and are used to support Clinton County candidate campaigns and pay for the administrative expenses incurred by the county party.

The three club sponsor levels include:

- \$350 — Admission for two to all three CCRP events held during the sponsorship year, and recognition of your support in our Lincoln Day Dinner Program, on our website, and our promotional materials.
- \$250 — Admission for two to the Lincoln Day Dinner and either the summer or fall event, and recognition of your support in our Lincoln Day Dinner Program, on our website, and our promotional materials.
- \$150 — Admission for two to the Lincoln Day Dinner and recognition of your support in our Lincoln Day Dinner Program, on our website, and our promotional materials.

To register to be a 2025 CCRP Club Sponsor please use the following **website link or use the QR code** to access our website for details and to sign up to be a 2025 Club Sponsor.



***<https://www.ccrpmi.com/2025-club-sign-up-registration.html>***

***IF YOU WOULD PREFER YOU CAN FILL OUT THE REGISTRATION FORM IN THIS NEWS-LETTER AND RETURN IT TO US BY MAIL ALONG WITH YOUR PAYMENT.  
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE CLINTON COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY!***

# 2025 CCRP CLUB SPONSORSHIPS

Club Sponsorships are our primary funding source in every election cycle. These funds are utilized by the CCRP for our day-to-day operations and are a critical funding source for our county candidates.

As an Annual Club Sponsor you will receive admittance for two to our Annual Lincoln Day Dinner Event, recognition in the Lincoln Day Dinner program, on promotional flyers, and on the CCRP website.

The various Club Level Sponsorship options and descriptions are listed below:

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation/Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ email address \_\_\_\_\_

**Indicate which Club Sponsorship level you wish to join for 2025. PAYMENT IS DUE ON OR BEFORE: April 15, 2025 — (Check one)**

**\$350 Club Sponsorship**

*(Lincoln Day Event, Summer BBQ, & Fall Fest)*

**\$250 Club Sponsorship**

*(Lincoln Day Event & one other event)*

**\$150 Club Sponsorship**

*(Lincoln Day Event & recognition)*

**Return this form, including a check payable to the Clinton County Republican Party (CCRP) to:**

**Steve Willis, 4789 Drumheller Road, Bath, MI 48808.**

**You will receive an email acknowledgment of your payment at the email address you provided above.**

**You can register and pay using PayPal online or with a credit card at our website at:**

**<https://www.ccrpmi.com/2025-club-sign-up-registration.html>**

