



Clinton County Republican Party

**Weekly Newsletter
March 1, 2025**

2025—2026 MIGOP LEADERSHIP

The Clinton County delegates to the MIGOP State Convention in Detroit on February 21-22, 2025, had the opportunity to play a part in electing the leadership of the MIGOP for the next two years. Michigan's 13 Congressional District Committees caucused to pick the leadership of their districts for the next two years.

The 7th Congressional District, including Livingston, Ingham, Eaton, Shiawassee, and parts of Oakland and Genesee counties elected Daniel Schifko, from Livingston County, as the new District Chair. Chair Schifko moved, and was seconded, asking that the current district vice-chair, secretary, and treasurer, from the last two year cycle, be approved for 2025-2026 election cycle.

The 7th congressional committee members were elected to represent each county in the district by their convention delegates. In each county one individual was selected to serve on the MIGOP State Committee governing body. The Clinton County delegates selected Nancy Bareham to represent us on the State Committee. The Clinton County caucus members also selected Missy Porterfield and Mandy Brooke to serve on the 7th congressional district committee. Nancy Bareham, as a member of the state committee, and Steve Willis, the county chair, are automatic members of the 7th congressional committee.

Newly elected Congressman Tom Barrett spoke to the delegates expressing his gratitude for their support in helping him to be elected in November. He also gave a brief update on what he has been doing on the new job.

MIGOP LEADERSHIP TEAM 2025 — 2026

Jim Runestad — Chair

Bernadette Smith — Vice Chair

Cheryl Constantino — Administrative Vice Chair

Susan Kokinda — Coalitions Vice Chair

Chris Long — Grassroot Vice Chair

Rola Makki — Outreach Vice Chair

Michael Farage — Ethnic Vice Chair

Krish Mathrani — Youth Vice Chair

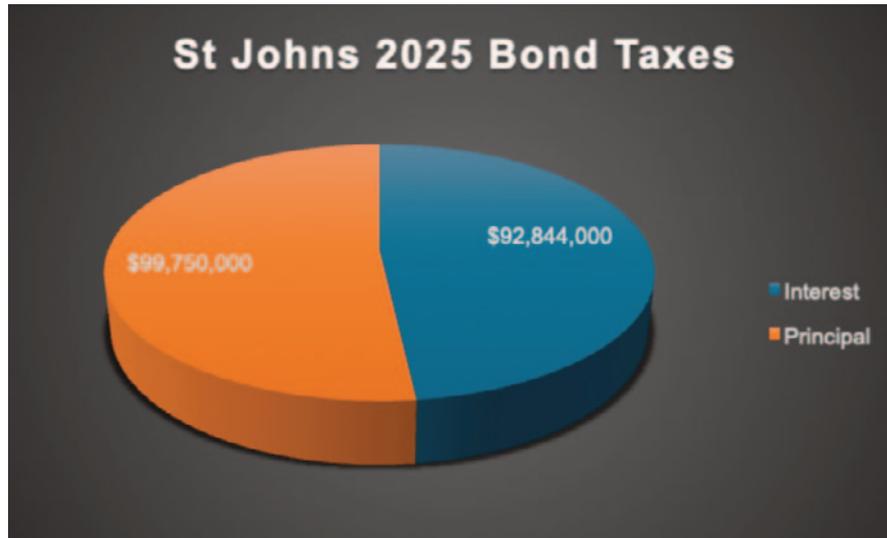
We look forward to a new two year cycle when WE WILL do everything in our power to remove the MARXIST elected officials currently holding office in Lansing. With your help we will replace Governor Whitmer, Secretary of State Benson, Attorney General Nessel, US Senator Gary Peters, and Clinton County 28th District State Senator Sam Singh with constitutional conservatives!

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St. Johns School Bond Issue – May 6, 2025

They didn't hear the voter's voice the first time!

St. Johns voters will be returning to the polls on May 6, 2025, to revisit a bond issue that was defeated in 2024. The school district is asking to approve a new bond proposal just short of **100 MILLION DOLLARS**, an increase of an additional **8 MILLION DOLLARS** from the previous bond proposal that was defeated in 2024. Voters **MUST** become informed about the actual cost of passing this new bond. This new 30 year bond will end up costing the residents of the school district approximately **92 MILLION DOLLARS IN INTEREST**. The **TOTAL COST OF THE BOND WILL END UP COSTING AROUND 192 MILLION DOLLARS**.



The voters must demand that the school board members be fiscally responsible and accountable for making the decision to put this proposal before the voters. Voters need greater insight into how the bond issue priorities were determined, and ask:

1. Should the board be looking at alternative short term funding for lower cost expenditures by using a sinking fund?
2. What proposed services are WANTS vs NEEDS?
3. Do we really need a new early education facility with staff and at what cost?
4. Should the potential contractors who will be getting contacts and payments from the school district to make these changes be promoting the millage increase publicly?
5. Shouldn't the district be focusing on low achievement levels on state tests compared to other Clinton County schools, rather than spending tax dollars on unnecessary upgrades to facilities?
6. With a 10 year history of decreasing enrollments in the school district, shouldn't the district be more financially conservative and considerate of the residents tax dollars?



VOTE NO ON THE MAY 6, 2025 SJSB BOND ISSUE!

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE BOND VISIT THIS FACEBOOK PAGE

 <https://www.facebook.com/groups/378966068081501/>

 <https://www.ccrpmi.com/>

LOOKING FOR LINCOLN DAY DINNER HELP

We are currently in the planning stages of our Lincoln Day Dinner to be held in May at the Royal Scot Banquet Center in Watertown Township. Two key components to the annual event include the sale of advertisements to Clinton County or mid-Michigan businesses; and the acquiring of items that can be sold at the events silent auction. Your help in these areas would be greatly appreciated!

PROGRAM ADVERTISEMENT SALES:

If you are sales oriented, familiar with local businesses, or have helped us in the past we could use your help. We can provide you with a list of the businesses who have advertised with us in the past, flyers explaining our ad sizes with rate sheet, sign up forms, and last year's program samples. The revenue from ad sales goes directly to the administrative account that is used exclusively for our general operational expenditures. The ad sales submission deadline is April 19. We prefer that our ad submissions be supplied by the advertiser but if they need an ad created we can provide that service.

If you would like to help us out in ad sales please contact Steve Willis by phone or text at 517-281-4458 or email him at sgwillis1945@gmail.com.

SILENT AUCTION ITEMS:

Our Lincoln Day Dinner Silent Auction is always a big hit with the attendees. We always have a wide variety of items from political memorabilia, quilted items, alcohol, books, gift cards, etc. If you have any new or gently used items you would like to donate to the silent auction please contact Steve Willis by phone or text at 517-281-4458 or email him at sgwillis1945@gmail.com for pickup.

2025 CCRP Lincoln Day Dinner

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 will be announcing who our keynote speaker is in early March and sending out flyers with the details on how to sign up to attend. **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

Club Sponsorships are our primary funding source and support Clinton County candidate campaigns and CCRP administrative expenses.

The three club sponsor levels include:

- \$350** — Admission for two to all CCRP events held during the year, 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, 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.



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

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CLINTON COUNTY MEETING AGENDA & MINUTES LINKS

The following link gives you access to the agendas for county scheduled meetings and minutes from meetings that have already been posted.

You can download Agendas and Meeting Minutes by clicking on the appropriate text for the meeting. A PDF file will be downloaded to your computer or Smart Phone that you can print or read.

 <https://www.clinton-county.org/agendacenter/>

CLINTON COUNTY MEETING YouTube links

 <https://www.youtube.com/@clintoncounty-mi>

1. You can become a subscriber to the meetings if you would like to be alerted when the meetings are coming up by clicking on the Subscribe button. You can also just ask to join a meeting by entering your email information and logging in.
2. To view previously recorded Ways & Means or regularly scheduled board meetings Click on the Playlist dropdown menu and select the meeting date you are looking for.
3. To view a live meeting session click on the Live dropdown list to join the meeting.



Clinton County Meetings

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Clinton County Board Meeting February 25th 2025

Scheduled for 2/25/25, 8:56 AM



February 20th Clinton County MI Ways and Means and HR Committee Meeting

42 views · Streamed 4 days ago

To access a live meeting session you should also use the link listed below at the time the meeting is to commence. If you access the link before the meeting starts nothing will be displayed under the live dropdown.

 <https://www.youtube.com/@clintoncounty-mi>

 <https://www.ccrpmi.com/>

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:

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



IF YOU WOULD PREFER YOU CAN FILL OUT THE REGISTRATION FORM ABOVE AND PRINT IT OFF AND RETURN IT TO US BY MAIL ALONG WITH YOUR PAYMENT.

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MARCH 2025 Government & School Board Meeting Schedules

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 Bath Twp Board -6:00 pm Westphalia Twp -6:00 pm Westphalia Village -7:00 pm	4 Riley Twp -7:00 pm	5 Maple Rapids Village -7:30 pm	6	7	8
9	10 Bingham Twp -7:00 pm Dallas Twp -2:00 pm DeWitt Twp -7:00 pm Olive Twp -7:30 pm DeWitt City -7:00 pm City of Ovid -7:00 pm	11 Victor Twp -7:00 pm Village of Elsie -7:00 pm Village of Fowler -7:00 pm	12 CC Planning -6:00 pm Bengel Twp -7:00 pm Duplain Twp -7:30 pm	13	14	15
16	17 Bath Twp Board -6:00 pm Watertown Twp -7:00 pm Ovid/Elsie SB - 6:30 pm PW SB - 7:00 pm	18	19 Essex Twp -7:00 pm	20 CCCRP Monthly -7:00 pm BOC Ways/Means -9:00 am Eagle Twp -7:00 pm	21	22
23	24 DeWitt Twp -7:00 pm Greenbush Twp -7:00 pm DeWitt City -7:00 pm City of St. Johns -7:00 pm Bath SB - 6:30	25 BOC Monthlys -9:00 am	26	27 Ovid Twp -7:00 pm	28	

SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS IN CLINTON COUNTY

Bath -6:30 pm (4th Monday)
 Laingsburg - 7:00 pm (Meetings vary)
 St. Johns - 6:30 pm (Meeting dates vary — see website <https://www.sjredwings.org/our-district/boardofeducation/>)

DeWitt - 6:00 pm (2nd Monday)
 Ovid/Elsie - 6:30 pm (3rd Monday)

Fowler - 7:00 pm (Normally 2nd Monday)
 Pewamo/Westphalia - 7:00 pm (normally 3rd Monday)

Grand Ledge 6:00 pm (Normally Second Monday)