

**CLINTON COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

August 1, 2024 – 7:00 pm

Victor Township Hall

Approved September 5, 2024

1. **Call to Order** – Chairman Steve Willis called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.
2. **Invocation** – Nancy Bareham
3. **Pledge of Allegiance** – Led by Mark Balfanz
4. **Roll Call** – 13 members of the Executive Committee were in attendance; a quorum was established.
5. **Approval of Agenda** – *Motion to approve agenda: Phil Hanses; Second: Alan Cobb. Approved.*
6. **Approval of June 6, 2024 Meeting Minutes** – *Motion to approve minutes: Mark Balfanz; Second: Alan Cobb. Approved.*
7. **Treasurer’s Report** – Nancy Bareham
 - a) Hard copies of the report were made available to Executive Committee members
 - b) Political Account – Deposits: Summer BBQ Registrations. Expenses: Summer BBQ. Ending Balance \$20,088.67.
 - c) Administrative Account – Deposits: none. Expenses: postage for convention mailing. Ending Balance \$5,264.37.
Motion to approve report: Bill Sherman; Second: Chris DeLiso. Approved.
8. **Chair’s Report** – Steve Willis gave updates on the following:
 - a) School Board Races: two conservatives running in Ovid/Elsie and two in St. Johns (Brian Randolph & James Sills)
 - b) Tom Barrett walk – St. Johns Mint Festival
 - c) Need 2 more tellers for County Convention August 15, 2024
 - d) County Commissioner terms extended to 4 years
9. **Vice-Chair’s Report** – Nancy Bareham shared the following:
 - a) State Party update
 - b) Legislative update
10. **Committee Reports**
 - a) **Event Committee** – Missy Porterfield
 - i) Summer Picnic was successful, 62 attendees, euchre and cornhole tournaments went well
 - ii) Fall event will be October 10, 2024 at Sirens in St. Johns
 - b) School Board – Chris DeLiso
 - i) St. Johns School Board currently has only one conservative member and she is treated very poorly at meetings

11. Candidates and Elected Officials Reports (*Not present at meeting, name announced by Steve Willis)

Michigan Supreme Court Candidate – Alexandria Taylor

7th Congressional District - *Tom Barrett

Clinton County State House Seats

- a) *Julie DeRose (77th)
- b) *Cady Ness-Smith (77th)
- c) *Tim Kelly (93rd)

Clinton Countywide Elected

- a) Prosecutor – *Tony Spagnoulo (unopposed, no primary)
- b) Treasurer – *Steven Wiswasser (unopposed, no primary)
- c) Clerk/Register – *Deb Sutherland (unopposed, no primary)
- d) Sheriff – *Sean Dush (unopposed, no primary)
- e) Drain Commissioner – Incumbent Phil Hanses (R); Challenger *Tim Gill (R)

Clinton County Commissioner

- a) District 1 – Incumbent *Val Vail-Shirey (R); Challenger Nicole Fickes (R)
- b) District 2 – Candidates *Zach Rudat (R), Evie Quiroga-Klein (D)
- c) District 3 – Incumbent *Bruce Delong (R); Challenger *John Husby (D)
- d) District 4 – Incumbent *Ken Mitchell (R); Challengers Brian Hurtekant (R), *Ryan Wood (R), *Matthew Boak (D)
- e) District 5 – Incumbent *Bob Showers (R); Challengers *Patrick Byars (R), *Muhammad Rais (D)
- f) District 6 – Incumbent *John Andrews (D); Challenger Anne Hill (R)
- g) District 7 – Incumbent *Dwight Washington (D); Challenger *Jim Spagnoulo (R)

Township/City Elected

- a) DeWitt Twp Trustee – Incumbent/Candidate *Steve Smith (R)
- b) DeWitt Twp Trustee – Retiring, *David Seeger (R)
- c) DeWitt Twp Trustee – Candidate Lisa Barrone (R)
- d) Eagle Twp Supervisor – Incumbent/Candidate Troy Stroud (R)
- e) Victor Twp Supervisor – Candidate *Andrew Wiswasser (R)
- f) Victor Twp Trustee – Candidate *Margaret Sayles (R)
- g) Essex Twp Treasurer – Candidate *Kathleen George (R)

12. Upcoming Conventions

- a) County Convention – August 15, 2024, Victor Twp Hall
 - i) Overview of the order of events and process to elect delegates to go to State Convention
- b) State Convention – August 24, 2024, Dort Financial Center, Flint
 - i) Overview of the order of events and review of candidates running for each office

13. New Business

- a) Karen Andrews' participation in the campaign of Commissioner Ken Mitchell and her removal of an opponent's yard signs and replacement with Mitchell's signs.
 - i) CCRP Code of Ethics was reviewed; Michigan penalty for stealing political signs was shared; legal status was shared (complaint was filed with law enforcement and has been referred to county prosecutor).

Motion by Mark Balfanz to consider removal of Karen Andrews from the CCRP Executive Committee based on her egregious violation of the CCRP Bylaws Article IX Code of Ethics; Second: Andy Barrone.

Discussion ensued which included CCRP Executive Committee as well as General Membership.

Roll call vote of the 13 Executive Committee Members present: 12 Yes, 1 Abstained. Motion carried.

14. Next CCRP Executive Committee Meeting

- a) Next CCRP Executive Committee Meeting - Thursday, October 3, 2024 – Victor Township Hall.

15. Adjournment – *Motion to adjourn: Mark Balfanz; Second: Andy Barrone. Approved. (Adjourned at 9:30 pm)*

Submitted by Missy Porterfield, Secretary