

**Campbell County Republican Committee**  
**Minutes of Meeting**  
April 26, 2023 7:00pm

1. Called to Order at 7:03pm.
2. Invocation: Bill Sefrood
3. Pledge of Allegiance - All
4. Republican Creed: Beckie Nix
5. Approval of Agenda: Motion by Cristal Coman; 2nd by Robert Otero; unanimous vote to approve.
6. Roll Call: Sarah Lawson - 39 present (1 Proxy, Donna Barringer for Mike Levin)
  - Motion to accept new members by Connor Francis; 2nd by Paul Nix; 1 oppose, rest yay to accept Rebecca Shepard and Paul Dowdy.
  - Kenny Brown and Sharon Brown submitted applications; vote next meeting.
7. Correction and Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve by Robert Otero; 2nd by Bill Sefrood; unanimous vote to approve.

Before proceeding with the agenda, the Chairman asked the committee if anyone was recording the meeting. He made it clear that he does not have an issue with recording, as CCRC meetings are public, He also stated that those in attendance should be notified out of respect and consideration. Christina Boyer said that she was recording the meeting. It was suggested by the Chairman that perhaps in the future, there should be at least 2 recordings, to ensure accuracy and completeness.

8. Treasurer's Report: Will Kirk
  - Will reported on his attendance at the State Central Committee this past weekend, and the outcome (and outrage) at the vote of 29-46, to disband the Suffolk County Committee because it was deemed "dysfunctional" because of how they were spending (or not spending) their money.
  - Reported a current balance of \$10,901.84 as of today; and had just received \$390 in cash and checks for memberships and filing fees of candidates; making our revised balance \$11,291.84.
  - Will announced his resignation as treasurer due to philosophical differences; he submitted all bank statements, and stated he would be closing that account, and the new Treasurer, once selected, would open a new one. He also stated that he would continue in the Treasurer's position until a replacement is found, and would assist in a smooth transition.
  - Will had volunteered at the last Executive Committee meeting to contact Brian Fertig in regards to payments due to him for his work on our webpage; he left several messages and sent 2 emails but had received no reply. In his communications he advised Brian that he had 30 days to submit receipts, or the debt would be considered voided. As of today, he had not heard back from him.

- Will also volunteered to contact Tommy Vaughn about consulting with the members of the executive to get a webpage up and running. He is recommending an expenditure of \$400-\$600 per year for a webpage built using GoDaddy tools and platform.
- Motion to approve Treasurer's Report made by James Nordquist; 2nd by John Kuntz; unanimous vote to approve.

9. Chairman's Report Part 1 (to set the stage for remarks by nominees): Doug Barringer

- Executive Committee had approved the call to a Party Canvass for the purpose of nominating candidates for the five Constitutional Offices up for reelection, and the call was published to the RPV and CD5 GOP web pages as required. By April 14 at 7PM EDT, the filing deadline, however, he had received filing documents and fees from only one candidate each for three of the five Constitutional Offices up for election: incumbent Whit Clark for reelection as Sheriff, Manda Witkowski for Treasurer, and Michele Roakes for Commissioner of Revenue. As a result and in accordance with the RPV Plan of Organization and rules stated in the Party Canvass call, the three were declared our nominees and the Party Canvass was cancelled.
- Motion by Jeremiah Melvin to reinstate endorsement as the method of supporting County Offices of School Board and Board of Supervisors for four of our seven Supervisory Districts: Altavista, Concord, Spring Hill, and Sunburst; 2nd by Matt Cline; unanimous vote to approve.

10. HD51 Nominee, Eric Zehr shared his vision on the upcoming election and his for representing HD51 in Richmond. His campaign manager, Becca Shepard was also in attendance to share information with CCRC about an upcoming fundraiser on May 4, 2023 with Special Guest Congressman Bob Good at Riverview Manor, 2097 Stone Mill Rd., Hurt, VA, 24563.

11. HD 52 Nominee, Wendall Walker spoke regarding his achievements in past years and his vision for the future. He shared information about another local event, also on May 4, 2023, with Special Guest Governor Glenn Youngkin at E.C. Glass High School where the Governor will sign his bill.

12. Our nominees for Constitutional Offices also briefly addressed CCRC:

- Sheriff Witt Clark thanked the committee for our nomination.
- Manda Witkowski delivered very impressive remarks, sharing her background and plans to resolve ongoing problems in the Treasurer's office.
- Michelle Roakes introduced herself to the Committee and thanked us for the nomination.

13. Chairman's Report Part 2: Doug Barringer

- Resources: In addition to the funds on hand as reported by the treasurer, CCRC has a number of large T-posts for large road signs as well as a number of wickets for yard signs; Doug Lawson will go to the storage shed and get a count of each.
- Need to evaluate the budgetary needs of our candidates; Finance Committee will propose a budget and plan at a future CCRC meeting.

[Chairman's Report Part 2:]

14. The chairman identified candidates who have announced their intent to seek the endorsement for Supervisory District races

For Supervisor:

- Altavista - Dale Moore is not running for reelection; but an unnamed individual exploring the possibility of running for that seat
- Sunburst - Steve Shockley is not running for reelection, but is supporting Paul Dowdy to in that race. Mr. Dowdy announced his intent to seek the endorsement for that race at an earlier meeting.
- Concord – incumbent Supervisor and Board Chairman Matt Cline announced that he is seeking the CCRC endorsement for that seat at an earlier meeting.
- Springhill – incumbent Supervisor Kenny Brown, currently serving as Board Vice-Chairman, and challenger Tommy Vaughan both announced that they are seeking the CCRC endorsement for that seat and prior meetings.

School Board:

- Altavista and Sunburst: no candidate is currently seeking the CCRC endorsement for either of these seats on the School Board. Leon Brandt is Sunburst incumbent and Gary Mattox is the Altavista incumbent. Both are officially listed as Independent and neither is a member of CCRC.
- Concord - David Gifford is running to challenge incumbent Barry Jones for that seat.
- Springhill - Jackie Mendez and Kristen Vaughn are both seeking the CCRC endorsement for this race. Both are members of CCRC. Incumbent Mark Epperson currently holds this seat. He is not a member of CCRC.

15. Springhill Races:

- Because we have two challenging for the School Board endorsement and two challenging for the Supervisor endorsement in this district, the Chairman proposed devoting a part of the May 23 meeting to a Q&A session where CCRC members can question these candidates in a point-counterpoint manner. Will Kirk motioned that we give each candidate 10 minutes, thus imposing a 40-minute limit for the process. The motion seconded by Connor Francis. The motion was carried by unanimous vote. We will have a timekeeper to facilitate.
- Endorsements are tentatively scheduled for the June meeting which will be a week after the deadline for candidates to file with the Registrar and VA Department of Elections. At that June meeting, the current plan is to allow each candidate to address the committee for 3-5 minutes to make their cases for why they should receive the CCRC endorsements for their respective races.

16. Examples of Social/Emotional Learning: The chairman ended the meeting with an example of how Microsoft is embedding “Social Emotional Learning” (SEL) into tools that educators use to evaluate and teach their students in public schools. The Virginia Department of Education currently mandates such practices and subject matter.

17. Jackie Mendez shared that the Campbell County School Board has selected Dr. Clay Stanley, currently the Director of Secondary Education, to fill the position of Superintendent upon the retirement of Dr. Robert Johnson. On behalf of CCRC, the chairman thanked Dr Johnson for his years of service.

18. No new business. Motion to Adjourn by Connor Francis; 2nd by Abigail Robertson; unanimous vote to adjourn at 8:35.