

PLAN OF ORGANIZATION
OF THE
REPUBLICAN PARTY OF BATH COUNTY

ARTICLE 1

QUALIFICATIONS

All legal and qualified voters under the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia, regardless of race, religion, national origin or sex, who are in accord with the principles of the Republican Party, and who, if requested, express in open meeting either orally or in writing as may be required their intent to support all of its nominees for public office in the ensuing election may participate as members of the Republican Party of Virginia in its mass meetings, party canvasses, conventions, or primaries encompassing their respective election districts.

ARTICLE II

DEFINITIONS

The following definitions apply wherever used:

- A. "State Party" or "Party" means Republican Party of Virginia.
- B. "State Party Plan" or "Party Plan" mean Plan of organization of the Republican Party of Virginia.
- C. "State Central Committee" means State Central Committee of the Republican Party of Virginia.
- D. "Election District" means the City, County, Magisterial District of a County, Ward of a City, Precinct, or portions or combinations of such political subdivisions which comprise the area defined by law in which an election is held.
- E. "Congressional District" or "District" means the election district for a member of the House of Representatives of the United States Congress which encompasses Bath County.
- F. "Legislative District" means the election district for the member of the House of Delegates or the State Senate of the Virginia General Assembly.
- G. "District Committee" means Republican Congressional; District Committee for the Congressional District which encompasses Bath County.

- H. "Legislative District Committee" means Republican District Committee for the twenty-fourth District of the State Senate or Republican District Committee for the Twentieth District of the House of Delegates.
- I. "Unit Committee" means County Committee.
- J. "County Committee" means the County Committee for the Republican Party for Bath County.
- K. "Unit" means Bath County,
- L. "Mass Meeting" is defined in the most recent edition of Robert's Rules of Order, subject to the provisions of the State Party Plan.
- M. "Party Canvass" is a method of electing a Chairman and persons of the official Committees, Delegates of Conventions, or party nominees which shall include pre-filing of candidacies, then secret balloting by party members at convenient polling places and hours after proper notice.
- N. "Convention" is defined in the most recent edition of Roberts Rules of Order subject to the provisions of the State Party Plan.
- O. "Biennial District Convention" means the District Convention held in any Congressional election year and is the same as the Quadrennial District Convention held in any Presidential election year.

ARTICLE III

PURPOSE

The purpose of the County committee is to promote the principles of the Republican Party and assist its candidates seeking public office, to generally assist the citizens composing the districts served by the County committee, and to assist elected Republican Officials in the execution of their responsibilities.

ARTICLE IV

COUNTY COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

- A. The membership of the County committee shall be as follows:
- Warm Springs Precinct-7
 - Mountain Grove Precinct-2
 - Hot Springs Precinct-5
 - Fairview Precinct-7
 - Burnsville Precinct-2
 - Millboro Precinct-8

- Healing Springs Precinct-7
- County at large-16 Members

B. MEMBERSHIP ELECTIONS

The Unit Chairman and other members of the Committee shall be elected by the Biennial Mass Meeting, Party Canvass or Convention with such election to held on a date set by the County committee. The term of the above County committee member shall be for 2 years or until their successor(s) are elected, unless any member resigns or is removed.

C. Vacancies

1. Any vacancy shall be filled by the County committee for the remaining unexpired portion of the term, after notice of such intent has been included in the call of the meeting.
2. Following the Biennial Mass Meeting, Party Canvass or Convention, the following procedure shall be mandatory for additions or replacements in the membership of the County committee:
 - a. Any County committee member may invite any person interested in membership on the County committee to a regularly scheduled meeting.
 - b. Following the person's attendance, he may make application to the Chairman for membership on the County committee on a form approved by the County committee, which ~~may~~ will include a filing fee.
 - c. At the next regularly scheduled meeting following the receipt of the application, the County committee shall consider the application.
 - d. A majority vote of a quorum of members present shall be necessary for election as a County committee member.
3. A member of the Committee other than an ex officio member, automatically may lose committee membership if absent three consecutive meetings without representation by a person holding a proxy. (REASON: the word may give us some wiggle room to not throw people out. Also the sentence is now gender neutral.)
4. Resignation from the County committee shall be by written notice to the Chairman; or, if the Chairman resigns, he shall submit such notice to the next ranking officer.

- D. Each member of the Unit shall pay a \$20.00 membership fee to be determined by a majority vote of the membership.

ARTICLE V

VOTING AND PROXIES

A. Voting

Each member of the County committee shall be allowed one vote.

B. Proxies

No individual may vote more than one proxy at any meeting.

Proxies shall be in writing and shall be signed by the maker of the proxy and shall be substantially as set out in the Plan of Organization of the Republican Party of Virginia as amended.

The maker of the proxy shall be counted as "present by proxy" for attendance purposes.

ARTICLE VI

OFFICERS

A. The officers of the County committee shall be as follows:

1. Unit Chairman
2. Vice Chairman
3. Secretary
4. Treasurer

B. Election and Terms

1. Unit Chairman shall be elected pursuant to Article IV, B 1
2. The Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and Ward Chairmen shall be elected by the County committee at the first regularly called meeting following the Biennial Mass Meeting, Party Canvass or Convention, for a term of two years or until their successors are elected, unless such officer resigns or is removed.

C. Unit Chairman

1. The Unit Chairman shall be the Chairman of the County committee.
2. The Chairman shall issue calls for Unit, Mass Meetings, Party Canvasses, or Conventions and shall preside until a temporary organization is effected.
3. The Chairman shall call meetings of the County committee when the needs of the party so require, provided a meeting of the Committee is held not less than once every 3 months. He shall preside at all meetings of the County committee.

D. Vice Chairman

The Vice Chairman shall preside at County committee meetings in the absence of the Chairman; and, in the event that the Chairman is unable to complete his term of office, the Vice Chairman shall act as temporary Chairman with all official responsibilities and authority of the Chairman until a permanent Chairman is elected by the County committee.

E. Secretary

The Secretary shall keep accurate minutes of all meetings of the County committee and Executive Committee, if any. He shall also be responsible for giving written notice of all meetings of the County committee to its membership, along with the minutes of the last previous meeting and agenda.

F. Treasurer

The Treasurer shall keep accurate and complete financial records for the County committee, and prepare a report for each meeting listing the monies spent and collected. The Treasurer shall also be ex-officio member of the Budget and Finance committees, if any.

ARTICLE VII

RESPONSIBILITIES

A. County committee shall:

1. Determine whether candidates for local and constitutional public offices shall be nominated by Mass Meeting, Party Canvass, or Convention and whether Unit Chairman and Committee members shall be elected by Mass Meeting, Party Canvass or Convention;

2. Call all regular Mass Meetings, Party Canvasses, and Conventions and such special Mass Meetings, Party Canvasses, or Conventions as it deems necessary and make arrangements therefore, including the time and place, and if a Convention the basis of representation;
3. Cooperate with the State Central Committee, the District Committee, and any Legislative District Committee within its boundaries in conducting all elections and fund raising activities;
4. On the call of one-third of the Committee Membership, hold a meeting. Such call shall include a written agenda and be mailed not less than a week before the meeting.

ARTICLE VIII

COMMITTEES

The Bath County committee may establish such committees, within its structure of organization, to carry out its responsibilities. Membership on such additionally established committees may include members who are not on the County committee. Such additional committees shall be instructed in their responsibilities by the County committee.

ARTICLE IX

FINANCES

- A. The County committee is responsible for raising funds for operating expenses, assisting Candidates for office, and meeting assessments levied by the State and District.
- B. An Annual Operating Budget shall be submitted by the Chairman to cover each annual election, and shall not be exceeded without the consent of the majority of the County committee.
- C. The County committee shall assume responsibility for any and all debts owed and incurred by the County committee.

ARTICLE X

MASS MEETINGS

- A. Unit Mass Meetings shall nominate delegates to Conventions on the basis of residence in the unit.
- B. The number of delegates to the Convention will be determined by the Sixth District Committee and the Republican Party of Virginia.
- C. No additions to the slate of delegates can be made following the Mass Meeting.

ARTICLE XI

QUORUM

A quorum of the County committee shall be thirty percent to include at least one officer of the County committee. A quorum of all other committees, including those established as auxiliary committees by the County committee, and shall be the majority of the membership of such of those committees.

ARTICLE XII

AUTHORITY AND PARLIMENTARY PROCEDURE

This plan of organization shall supplement the State Party Plan. All Business conducted by the County committee shall be in accordance with the State Party Plan, this Plan of Organization, and the most current edition of Robert's Rules of Order, with the order of precedence in the sequence listed. If any contradiction or ambiguity arises between the provisions of this Plan of Organization with those of the State Party Plan, the later shall govern.

ARTICLE XIII

AMENDMENT AND EFFECTIVE DATE

- A. This plan of organization may be amended by a majority vote of the voting members of the County committee present and voting at any meeting, but not less than a majority of the total voting members of the County committee, provided that notice of the proposed amendment is included in the call of the meeting.

B. This Plan of Organization and any amendments shall become effect immediately upon their adoption.

The herein above document consisting of eight (8) pages and know as the Plan of Organization of the Republican Party of Bath County was duly ratified and adopted by the Bath County Republican Committee on :

<u>John Feschen</u>	<u>6/25/2016</u>
Unit Chairman	Date
<u>Belle Jo Hall</u>	<u>6/28/2016</u>
Unit Secretary	Date