Franklin County Republican Party Convention

March 16, 2024

**Call to Order:**

The Franklin County Republican Convention was called to order by Chairman Ed Strickland at 4:00 pm.

**Invocation:**

The Invocation was delivered by Reverend Harry Upchurch.

**Pledge of Allegiance:**

Chairman Strickland led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Guest Speakers:**

Roger Farina, 13th District Chairman spoke on behalf of some of candidates.

**Appointment of Parliamentarian and Convention Secretary:**

Chairman Strickland chaired the convention, Dianna Lee was Credentials Chairman, Opie Pearce served as Resolutions Committee Chairman and Convention Secretary, and Chairman Strickland served as time keeper.

**Recognition of Elected Officials:**

Sheriff Kevin White

House Representative Matthew Winslow

**Recognition of Candidates:**

Charles spoke for the National Committee Man and Woman, Ann and Andy (“The A-Team”)

Brandi Brinson - Register of Deeds

Russell Bottoms - County Commissioner Dist. 3

Stuart May - At Large County Commissioner

Tom Murray - Court of Appeals

Dave Boliek - NC State Auditor

Hal Weatherman -NC Lt. Governor

Kely Daughtry - 13th Congressional District

Brad Knot - 3th Congressional District

**Convention Rules:**

Convention Rules were presented, motioned by David Lee, 2nd’d and adopted.

**Report of the Credentials Committee:**

Dianna Lee, Chairman of the Credentials Committee, presented our credentials report. We had

43 Delegates and 4 Alternates on the floor and 17 Guests for a total of 64 in attendance. David Lee motioned to accept the credentials as reported. Suzanna Lee seconded the motion, motion carried.

**Report of the Committee on Plan of Organization:**Chairman Strickland presented the Franklin County Plan of Organization. The Plan of Organization stayed the same as last year so only the dates were changed. It was motioned to accept the Franklin County Plan of Organization. Motion was 2nd’d and carried.

**Report of the Committee on Resolutions:**

Six Resolutions were presented for adoption: Five were To Honor:

Rose Holmes

Ginger Pugh

Jessica Kuusinen

Ann McKeon

Melissa Cogliati

One Resolution was in Honor Of:

Grady Smith Macon

A motion was made and 2nd’d to adopt all resolutions. Secretary Opie Pearce presented Rose, Jessica and Melissa their resolution at the convention. She will get Ginger Pugh’s, Ann McKeon’s and Grady Macon’s Resolutions to them later.

**Election of Party Officers:**

No party officers were elected at this convention.

**Nominations for At-Large Members:**

No At-Large Members were elected at this convention.

**District and State Convention Delegates and Alternates:**

We had a total of 43 Delegates and 4 Alternates seated on the convention floor. There were 35 delegates nominated to go to the State Convention and 4 alternates. It was motioned and 2nd’ to send 35 Delegates and 4 Alternates to the State and District Conventions. Motion carried.

**Open Comments**:

Chairman Strickland reminded us of the 1st District Convention. The State Convention will be held May 23-26 in Greensboro North Carolina at the Koury Convention Center.

**Chairman’s Closing Remarks:**

Chairman Strickland announced our next Executive Board meeting will be April 11th at the Youngsville Community Center at 7:00 pm.

**Adjournment:**There being no further convention business, Chairman Strickland adjourned the Convention.

Respectfully Submitted,

Opie Pearce, Secretary