Franklin County Republican Party Convention

March 26, 2022

**Call to Order:**

The Franklin County Republican Convention was called to order by Chairman Ed Strickland at 7:00 pm.

**Invocation:**

The Invocation was delivered by Attorney Larry Norman.

**Pledge of Allegiance:**

Harry Barrick led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Appointment of Parliamentarian and Convention Secretary:**

Chairman Strickland chaired the convention, Opie Pearce served as Convention Secretary and

Chairman Strickland served as time keeper.

**Recognition of Elected Officials:**

County Commissioner Danny Pearce was recognized.

House Representative Matthew Winslow was recognized.

**Recognition of Candidates:**

Congressional Candidates:

 Mark Walker - US Senate (had a spokesperson on his behalf)

 Brent Roberson – Dist. 1 (submitted a letter read by Chairman Strickland on his behalf)

 Sandy Robinson – Dist. 1 - Allen Chesser spoke on his behalf)

 Brad Murphy – Dist. 1

 Will Aiken – Dist. 1

 Billy Strickland – Dist. 1

 Sandy Smith – Dist. 1

Judge Candidates:

 Trey Allen – NC Supreme Court

 Donna Stroud – Court of Appeals

 April Wood – Court of Appeals

Local Candidates:

 Harry Foy – Seeking Reelection as At Large Commissioner

 Roxanne Brag – Dist. 2 County Commissioner

 Patricia Burnette Chastain - Clerk of Court

 Larry McKeithan - Sheriff

 Bruce Baker - Sheriff (Not at Convention – Can go to Rep. Website for his information)

 Kevin White - Sheriff

 Erin Patterson Reed – School Board

 Chris Perry – School Board

**Convention Business:**

Convention Rules and Agenda were presented. David Lee motioned to accept the Convention Rules and Agenda as read. The motion was seconded by Suzanna Lee, motion carried.

**Report of the Credentials Committee:**

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

39 Delegates and 0 Alternates on the floor and 21 Guests. David Lee motioned to accept the credentials as reported. Suzanna Lee seconded the motion, motion carried. Dianna Lee thanked her members of the Credentials Committee consisting of: Evonne Mizzelle, Suzanna Lee and Karen and Richard Allen.

**Report of the Committee on Plan Of Organization:**Chairman Strickland presented the Franklin County Plan of Organization. It was motioned to accept the Franklin County Plan of Organization. Motion carried.

**Report of the Committee on Resolutions:**

Secretary, Opie Pearce, Resolutions Committee Chairman, along with Chairman Strickland reported there were two resolutions for adoption. First Resolution was in honor of Edgar Wayne Pippin upon his recent death and second resolution was to Create an Election Integrity Advocacy Task Force. Resolution No. 1 for Edgar Wayne Pippin was adopted by unanimous consent. Resolution No 2 was a resolution patterned on something in Florida and was tabled at this time for further consideration. Resolution to Close Republican Primaries and Resolution Defining Requirements to Hold an Office For the County Executive Committee in The Plan of Organization were also tabled at this time for further consideration. Resolution Defining Powers and Duties for the County Executive Committee in the Plan of Organization was presented as a courtesy from several other counties that are unorganized and deemed not relevant to Franklin County. Therefore, being deemed worthy, a copy of the adopted Pippin Resolution will be given to his family.

**Election of Party Officers:**

No Party Officers were elected at this year’s convention.

**Nominations for At-Large Members:**

No At-Large Members were elected this year’s convention.

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

Not all 39 County Convention Delegates were interested in attending the State Convention. A sign-up sheet was presented and 19 Delegates signed up for the State Convention. David Lee motioned that these county convention Delegates be nominated to attend the 4th District Convention and State Convention. John Edwards 2nd the motion, motion carried.

**Open Comments**:

Chairman Strickland recognized Nancy Rector, a long-standing member of the Franklin County Republican Party as a guest at the convention. Chairman Strickland reminded us the 1st District Convention will be held April 23rd at Nash Community College and our State Convention will be held May 20-22nd in Greensboro North Carolina at the Koury Convention Center.

**Chairman’s Closing Remarks:**

BOE Representative Harry Barrick reported a judge is needed for Pearce’s Polling place. Chairman Strickland will call about this on Monday. Chairman Strickland announced our next Executive Board meeting will be April 14h at 7:00 at Oak Level Christian Church at 7:00 pm.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Opie Pearce, Secretary