



Manistee County GOP Regular Meeting
March 12, 2026
6:00 pm
West Shore Community College Building
River & Maple Streets
Manistee, Michigan 49660

Call to Order
Pledge of Allegiance
Invocation
Welcome new members & guests
Approve Agenda
Secretary Report
Treasurer Report

New Business

Adjourn

Presentation -

- 1) Tim Vetter – Election Integrity

Chairman Duane Jones called the regular Manistee County GOP meeting to order on February 26, 2026, at 6PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and David Niedzielski gave the invocation.

There were no new members or new guests at this meeting.

The agenda was approved, motion by Kellie Mowry, second by Jeff Lawrence, all in favor. The secretary's report was approved by Steve Wheeler and a second by Steve Govorchin.

The treasurer's report was given by Stephen Wheeler. Our beginning balance was \$11,719.56 after debits and credits, January 31st balance was \$11,151.71.

A motion to approve by Dave Niedzielski, a second by Kellie Mowry, all were in favor.

Duane announced that minimum annual membership dues are \$25.00 and should be paid by March 31 and checks can be sent to our PO Box 621 Manistee or they can be paid on our website.

Chairman Duane stated our State Convention will be in Novi Michigan on March 28. Our county convention electing delegates will follow promptly after this meeting at 7 PM.

The speaker for our March 12th meeting will be Tim Vetter. Paul Battige stood and gave a brief introduction as to Tim's presentation. His program is geared to ensure election results at the state level are accurate. Tim is from Macomb County and is a computer process engineer and data expert.

Dale Mowry presented a short video featuring Tim and his presentation on voter file transmission from digital scanning and ballot image processing. His technology will be helpful to everyone in assessing accuracy. Paul guaranteed, "Tim will reassure us, not frustrate us." Paul encouraged all interested to attend Tim's in-person presentation on March 12 at 6 pm in the West Shore Building.

Dave added that Tim feels once data leaves county clerks' offices following certification, the results should be made public, so they could not be manipulated later.

Dave, Paul and Duane will make the necessary preparations for this important upcoming meeting, hosting Tim, and for refreshments being served.

Steve Govorchin asked to take the floor to state his concerns regarding the blocking of roads during protests, assisting candidates before primaries, and how state money for education should follow the student. A brief discussion followed and had to be tabled due to lack of time.

Duane announced that the Convention is to start at 7:00 and adjourned the meeting at 6:55 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Kellie Mowry

The Manistee County Republican Convention was called to order by Chairman, Duane Jones at 7:02 PM on February 26, 2026.

An invocation was given by David Niedzielski.

Duane Jones was elected Permanent Convention Chairman. Duane appointed tellers, Dave Niedzielski and Kevin Mallison and Kellie Mowry was nominated as permanent secretary.

The oath of office was administered to convention officers.

There was a Manistee GOP roll call/ballot.

The delegates for the Michigan State Convention to be held in Novi Michigan, with all present in favor, on March 28, 2026 are as follows:

Paul Battige, Jeffrey Dontz, Jeff Lawrence, Denise Lerg, Dave Niedzielski, and John Springborn.

Duane congratulated the delegates.

Duane then made a motion for our local party to pay for their \$50 State entry fee. All attending were in favor to pay the delegates' fee.

Chairman Duane adjourned the Convention at 7:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted, Kellie Mowry

The Treasurer's Report will be available in printed form at the meeting.