

### **Augusta County Republican Committee Unit Meeting**

March 19, 2019 - 7:00 p.m.

Augusta County Government Center  
Verona, Virginia

The Augusta County Republican Committee was called to order by Chairwoman Rebecca Simmons at 7:13 p.m. due to a large turnout of prospective members signing in.

Invocation was by Dr. Scott Seaton. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Georgia Long. The Republican Creed was led by Tom Sheets.

A motion was made by Cameron Seay to adopt the agenda; it was seconded and passed. There were no proxies. A quorum was declared with a total of 44 members present.

Tom Sheets made a motion that we approval the membership of seven new members. It was seconded and passed. A motion was made by Marshall Pattie to approve the minutes; it was seconded and passed. A motion was made by Treasurer Kirk Barley to accept reading of the minutes; it was seconded and passed.

Mrs. Simmons announced the resignation of Secretary Lynn Mitchell. Because it was announced in the Call, Scott Seaton made a motion to open the nomination from the floor; it was seconded and passed. Georgia Long nominated Julia Houff; it was seconded. She accepted. Scott McMurrian made a motion to close nominations; it was seconded and passed. It was then moved that Julia Houff be accepted by acclamation; it was seconded and passed. She will assume her duties at the next meeting.

Candidate deadlines for offices are coming up. Dates are on the [augustavagop.com](http://augustavagop.com) website.

Treasurer Kirk Barley reported we had a balance of \$2,024.00. A motion was made by Jimmy Brenneman to accept; it was seconded and passed. Kirk reminded that dues are coming up in April.

Vice Chair of Programs Scott McMurrian reported that help would be needed for the 4th of July parade, the county fair in August, the June primary, and headquarters in the fall.

Vice Chair of Precincts Scott Cline shared info about the ACRC website that will make it easier to communicate with the committee. He asked for volunteers for precincts and offered a brief job description. Someone will be needed to help update the website.

With the 25th Legislative District Committee preparing for their party canvass on April 27, Georgia Long gave an update.

There are three pending mass meetings: April 29, 30, May 2.

The Executive Committee has met twice to discuss options for the nomination process for the Clerk of Court position that will be vacated on April 1 by Clerk Carol Brydger. Scott Seaton reported on locations, costs, size, and dates available for high school locations if they are needed to hold an overflow of people for mass meetings. Georgia Long reported on the party canvas (firehouse primary) for HD-25 to be at the Government Center, and talked about holding the Clerk of Court canvas at the same time instead of holding a separate mass meeting.

A motion was made by Scott Cline to hold a party canvas on April 27 and it was seconded. There was no discussion; it passed. A motion was made by Scott Seaton to forgo putting Calls in the newspaper due to the expense and it was seconded. There was no discussion. It passed.

Elected officials and candidates were introduced and each addressed the large gathering, limited to three minutes per candidate.

North River Supervisor: Steve Morris, Jeff Slaven

South River Supervisor: James Kindig

Beverly Manor: Supervisor Butch Wells, no GOP opponent

Riverheads: Supervisor Mike Shull, no GOP opponent

Wayne: Scott Seaton, no GOP opponent

House District 20: John Avoli, Dave Bourne

House District 25: Chris Runion, Richard Fox, Marshall Pattie

State Senate 24: Senator Emmett Hanger, Tina Freitas

Commissioner of Revenue: Jean Shrewsbury, no GOP opponent

Treasurer: Richard Homes, no GOP opponent

Sheriff: Neil Kester, no GOP opponent

Clerk of Court: Del. Steve Landes

Chairwoman Simmons reminded that the Committee will not make endorsements as a committee while in the primary process but individuals on the committee can support candidates.

Republican Women of Greater Augusta: President Anne Seaton was out of town so Georgia Long gave an update.

Delegate Ronnie Campbell (R, HD-24) will hold a fundraiser on April 6 at 1:00 p.m. at the South River Fire Station in Fairfield. Info: [vote@ronniecampbell.com](mailto:vote@ronniecampbell.com)

Chairman Gerald Garber gave an update from the Board of Supervisors. RPV Western Vice Chairman Wendell Walker and Central Vice Chair for 6th District Craig Storrs addressed the committee.

The next ACRC meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 16. A motion was made by Jack Dull to adjourn at 8:47 p.m., and it was seconded and passed.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Lynn R. Mitchell*