



Ron Bolin, Chairman

Minutes

**May 19, 2008**

Regular Meeting

Fannin County Court House, 3rd Floor Jurors Room

**Executive Committee Present:** Ron Bolin, Melanie Harris, Elaine Owen, Blake Collins, Gina Adams, Louise Little, Roy Panter, Gene Little, Bill McDonald, Randy Collins and 9th District Chairman Kevin Harris

- I. Chairman Ron Bolin welcomed everyone to meeting
- II. Invocation was given by Nick Wimberley
- III. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Gene Little
- IV. Minutes were approved with correction in amount of money collected for Soldiers Package Program.
- V. Treasurer's Report showed a balance of \$8,328.75 after Qualifying Fees. Treasure Melanie Harris explained the ethics position on "Passing the Hat." Election Board Member Evelyn Panter clarified the reporting process. Discussion followed on membership and charging nominal dues. Motion was made and rescinded, tabled until next meeting.
- VI. Polling of Precincts showed a total of 47 present
- VII. Unfinished Business
  1. Chairman Ron Bolin reported that Fannin County was represented with a full delegation at the State Convention. Howie Bruce and Bill Simonds (alternates) were seated as delegates. Kevin Harris and Jane Teasley were elected Alternate Delegates to the National Convention.
  2. 17 Republican Candidates qualified to run in the July 15th election.  
Commissioner Chairman: Howie Bruce (Incumbent) and Bill Simonds  
Post One: Garnett Webb, Steve Seabolt, Tommy Vannoy  
Sheriff: Johnny Scearce and Dane Kirby  
Clerk of Courts: Dana Chastain  
Tax Commissioner: Beverly Weaver  
County Surveyor: Shelly Bishop  
County Coroner: Dustin Long  
Board of Education - Garnett Webb's seat: Lewis DeWeese, Vickie Rhodes, Brian Stanford and Greg Hampton. Emily Dunn and Terry Bramlett (unopposed)
  3. Announcement was made that Candidates Forum will be June 26th from 6-9 p.m. at Fannin County HS Fine Arts Building. Candidates were urged to focus on issues and be proactive, avoiding personal attacks during this election. Extended discussion on pros and cons of

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candidates participating in Forum. Alternative suggestion was for the Party to hold its own forum at Precincts.

4. Thanks to Johnny Scarce, the office at 1315 E. Main St. has been negotiated at \$450 a month plus utilities. Bill Simonds made motion to lease building on a month-to-month basis. Motion carried. Furniture will be moved in and telephone service secured after June 1st.

VIII. New Business

Chairman Ron Bolin announced new Finance Committee: Melanie Harris, Louise Little, Jane Teasley, Nick Wimberley and Roy Panter.

Additional committees will be appointed, including; Get-Out-the-Vote, Fund-raising, Membership and others as needed.

- IX. Recognition of Candidates and Elected Officials: Chairman Ron Bolin explained that each candidate would have 2-3 minutes to address the audience. The following candidates spoke: Bill Simonds, Howie Bruce (Commission Chairman); Garnett Webb, Tommy Vannoy (Post One); Johnny Scarce, Dane Kirby (Sheriff); Terry Bramlett, Bill McDonald for Lewis DeWeese, Vickie Rhodes, Brian Stanford (Board of Education). (*See Newsletter with candidates' comments*)

X. Announcements

Chairman reminded everyone that we have our work cut out for us in this election and we all need to work together to accomplish our goal of getting Republicans elected.

1. Forms for recipes were distributed and everyone urged to get recipes in as soon as possible for our Fund-raiser Cookbook to be published in August.
2. July 4th Parade downtown Blue Ridge
3. Next meeting June 16, 2008

- XII. Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elaine Owen  
*Secretary*