

## **SPENCER COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY MEETING MINUTES FOR August 7 2017**

**In Attendance:** Bennie Lyons, Steve Hesselbrock, JT Trigilio, Michelle Armstrong, Lee Higginbotham, Mike Ferriell, Hobert & Eddie Judd, Arnie Mueller, Jonathan Antonelli, Tara Antonelli, Marsha Mudd, Keith and Roxanne Smith; Vincent Mattingly, Michael and Cheryl Klotz, Martha Allgeier; Tony Wheatley, Buddy and Mitzi Stump, Bob Waters, Steve Lee

**Called to Order:** Steve Hesselbrock

**Prayer:** Hobert Judd

**Pledge:** Bennie Lyons

**Quorum:** Yes

**Minutes Approval:** 1st JT Trigilio 2nd Lee Higginbotham with correction of grammar Except to exempt in Legislative report.

**Financial Report:** [REDACTED] No activity. Bi Annual report was sent in to RPK for approval and received notice of acceptance.

### **Old Business:**

Fair was not well attended, weather was a problem and lack of visitors. The ones that did visit wanted "Make America Great Again" merchandise. Will review next year if we return and it is worth the 150.00 rent.

Spaghetti supper tentatively planned for 8 Sept 2017 to raise money for our local candidates. JT Trigilio will head up committee with Bennie, Roxanne, Lee, Steve and Michelle. Location: Chamber bldg. Committee to meet 16 Aug to plan out event at Farm Bureau bldg at 6:30.

Report from Lee Higginbotham and Steve Lee on website that we have full access to site and it will be new and improved by 15 Sept 2017. Hope to advertise the new page on social media. Many thanks to them for their time and effort. Also working on an updated email database and contact database.

Road clean up for money. No roads was left to choose from this year suitable but will revisit next year. Each road needs to be cleaned 3 times per year and the monies have decreased to pay for the program so not has many maybe available.

**New Business:**

We have been invited by Tony Wheatley to set up a booth for Elk Creek Days at Spencer Christian Church on 28 Oct 2017 from 10 to 4. Motion by Cheryl Klotz to attend and seconded by Lee Higginbotham. Also a motion by Bennie Lyons to have up to 200.00 worth of Trump merchandise for sale. Seconded by Lee Higginbotham.

Octoberfest/Homecoming is 7 Oct 2017 and we will set up a booth with cider for sale and possible Trump merchandise. Rent for the space is 150.00.

Michelle Armstrong asked if we could set up a text message reminder for meetings and other events through the new website. Lee and Steve can work on that through the new website and have it set up not to multiply message and use no reply. Motion by Cheryl Klotz and seconded by Lee Higginbotham.

Looking for new candidates for our local elections for the year 2018. We would like to have a republican run for each office if possible. If you have someone in mind or interested please contact the Spencer Co GOP.

Raffles are not allowed by RPK to collect monies for each county committee. Must have a gaming license to be allowed to do raffles. Will check into this further.

**BOE Report:** None

**Fiscal Court Report:** Hobert Judd reported that the Fiscal court approved biometric time clocks are still not installed and it was approved on 14 Jan 2016. It was voted on and passed 4-1.

Money voted on for mowers and dog cages. Need to paint the back of the old jail and old fire department buildings. Judge executive want to give the old EMS building to Habitat for Humanity because no one wants building because of the deteriorated state it is in now.

Wants 1500.00 to set up Disc golf at Ray Jewell Park.

Road dept. has asked to add stripping to Highview Drive at the new elementary school. Road is very narrow for the ongoing traffic.

No new tax raises for this year. A letter from Kaito was received approving the military vehicles the sheriff has in his possession and how they are titles and cared for.

Tire amnesty will be held 28-29 Sept at the old state road department building.

**Legislative Report:** None James Allen Tipton on Legislative Tour in Boston.

**Sheriff Report:** Bullet proof vests were not purchased by fiscal court due to mishandling of the paper work from the judges office. There was grant money provided but lost by the lack of concern.

Sheriff is back on Facebook and will receiving positive reviews. Update on crime and helpful hints and being viewed.

Two indoor marijuana operations was found and shut down.

The ongoing fight over the titles on the military vehicles has been settled and the sheriff has been approved on the way he handled the situation. The county judge had the county attorney to begin to draw up an ordinance to make the sheriff have to sell the vehicles but was over ruled by state and federal officials due to federal monies involved and has recommended the sheriff to expand his fleet and guns.

House Bill 23 will require pawn shops to hold merchandise they purchase for 12 day before selling to public. This 12 day wait will allow police and sheriff departments to check the records for stolen goods before they are sold.

KSP is now reporting to Sheriff's Department due to removal of KSP officer. KSP is short on help and cannot service our county 24/7.

Sheriff department attended a called community meeting in Elk Creek. With 60 concerned citizens in attendance, the current ring of thieves and stolen cars, guns was discussed. Two adults with many youths was operating a ring in many surrounding counties has has since been caught. Recommendation for safe guarding their homes was discussed and continues on the Facebook site. Many of the cars were not locked and had garage door openers left in them to have available access to home.

Concern for the road at new elementary school will pose a problem with it being narrow and no stripping. A three hour presentation was given for the current school bus drivers to make them aware of the new problems ahead in this school year. The sheriff had a video made of the travel route to provide insight.

Spencer County Sheriff department has joined BACKUP program with 28 other counties that gives each county jurisdiction in each county has they travel across the state. The program will be in effect for 10 years. This program will help speed up help for our citizens. Also the KSP works under the sheriff's power across the State. Their power is not absolute and must work with our sheriff departments.

**Adjourn:** Motion by Steve Hesselbrock and seconded by JT Triligo.