

SPENCER COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY MEETING MINUTES FOR Oct 2, 2017

In Attendance: Steve and Lynn Hesselbrock, Michelle Armstrong, Bob Waters, Todd Leonard, Hobert and Edith Judd, J T Trigilio, Lee Higginbotham, Mike and Carol Ferriell, Marsha Mudd, Roxanne Smith, Buddy and Mitizi Stump, Steve and Gayle Lee, Dutch Elder, Rep. James Allen Tipton, Stacie Rockaway Rep for Thomas Massie, Tim Brewer, Cory Thomas

Called to Order: Steve Hesselbrock

Prayer: Hobert Judd

Pledge: Cory Thomas

Quorum: Yes

Minutes Approval: Motion by Cory Thomas Second by Lee Higginbotham, Passed

Financial Report: Balance in checking \$ [REDACTED]. Sent [REDACTED] last month. Took in \$ [REDACTED] and spent [REDACTED].

Old Business: 4th District met Saturday to elect a new chairperson due to health issue of the current leader Troy Sheldon. Jon Parks was elected to service out current term.

Lee Higginbotham reported we had 271 views in seven days on our new website. Average of 39 views a day. He added new items such as current events happening in the county and the minutes of the GOP meetings. More to come!

J T Trigilio reported on the Facebook Page Friends of Spencer County GOP. 975 views, 15 engagements. More mileage for our buck compared to Spencer Magnet ads. Also the Spaghetti dinner netted a profit of \$341.00. We did have to compete with local school football game and a U of L football game. About 60 people attended with good reviews. Many thanks to our supporters and donations. Thanks to our Rep Massie and Rep. Tipton for speaking.

Tim Brewer reminded us if we were interested in a gun shot to raise money, he could help us set that up.

New Business: Octoberfest will be 7 Oct and the booth rent is \$25.00. The committee consist of Lee Higginbotham, Steve Hesselbrock, Bob Waters, Roxanne Smith and Michelle Armstrong. Set up at 8:30 AM. Rep. James Allen Tipton will be at the booth. We will be doing voter registrations and selling Trump items.

Elk Creek Days is 28 October at Spencer Christian Church and we have been invited to attend. Booth rental is \$25.00. We will be doing voter registrations and selling Trump items. Time is 10-4. Committee: Steve and Gayle Lee, Steve Hesselbrock, J T Triligio. 26 May 2018 is the Gourd Show in Taylorsville. Motion was made by Lee Higginbotham and seconded by J T Triligo to purchase a full page ad for \$40. We will also set up our booth at the Middle School and do voter registration for \$15.00 booth space.

Lincoln Day Dinner for Spencer County will be 2 February 2018. Because we will be having elections this year and local attention, it was stated to find a larger venue to hand the increase of attendees. Committee head is J T Triligio with Lee Higginbotham, Michelle Armstrong, Bob Waters, Gayle and Steve Lee. A Meet the Candidate was mentioned with transparency. An invitation would have to be send to the Democrats of Spencer County to gain response.

The National Federation of Republican Women are offering a Campaign school and the information is on their website. Also the Kentucky Farm Bureau offers a campaign school later in the year.

BOE Report: County Clerk Lynn Hesselbrock reported that we are 710 ahead of the Democrats in voter registration and hope to add to that number at the county functions. 19 Sept Ms Hesselbrock attended a state wide county clerks meeting and was informed the Secretary of State has made a decision to use E Poll Books costing \$5.5 million dollars and has hired an IT Hacker to test them out. There will be no training on the new machines. It was questioned due to spotty internet service in rural area if they would even work. Also concern for packability of the new E Poll Book. One E Poll book per precinct and the information obtained from them only kept 22 months on record. Also the counties are reimbursed per voter this year for 34 cents each down 9 cents from last year but the 34 cents doesn't cover the total cost for each voter. The clerks have asked for 50 cents per voter. Secretary of State wants to decertify the E Slate machines and they were the only machine that was handicap accessible for deaf voters. She also wants to do away with paper absentee ballots. Only can use electronic voting before election in designated places and be open for 90 days before election. Also the counties are not allow to purge deceased voters from their own rolls. It will be done by the State BOE committee. We have 14169 registered voters in Spencer County. Our county Board of Elections meets once a month.

Fiscal Court Report: Hobert Judd Magistrate stated that habitat for humanity was interested in the old EMS building but upon inspection, declined the offer of a free building due to condition of the building not be sturdy enough to move. The county judge says the outer wall of his office is unstable and is receiving damage from the weather. It is unclear who owns the wall, the county or Atty Charles Tichenor. The fiscal county had voted to put \$100,000 in the budget for the animal shelter but they will not be receiving this money now. Because of the lack of facilities for the animal shelter currently, that is a breakout of ringworm in some of the dogs housed. Because of the close quarters of animals and county mechanics, the ringworms can be passed from dog to human so some of the county employees have been exposed to ringworm and

their vehicles such as the police cars and ambulances. There is no place to put the infected animals in quarantine. There still is a drainage problem from runoff water from Sweazy Farms to Spears Drive. A new AC coil was installed in one of the city buildings. Also an estimate was received for \$3500 to repair a county building. The county clerk, Lynn Hesselbrock asked for \$14000 for new shelving for her office to house county books such as deeds and so forth. They need to be gotten off the floor of the office. It finally passed after a miss count. Ems is in need of 3 new vehicles. The county elected officials will be riding a trolley in the Oktoberfest parade and the judge never purchases candy to be thrown out during the parade.

Legislative Report: Stacie Rockaway stated that Rep. Thomas Massie was for tax reform on the table at the current moment. Deductions would go from 12,000 to 24,000 dollars and seven to three tax brackets and hopefully to one bracket. She also stayed to take with anyone who had a problem or needed to leave a comment for Rep Massie.

Rep Tipton stated the state congress was close to a final package for the pension problem hanging over Kentucky. Because of the handling of the pension plans in the past, KRS board changed with process State writes checks for retirement. The state is 200 million short in income. 1.48 million per year is 25% of the State budget for return on investment. In other words, we need more workers in Kentucky. More tax reform is needed. There would be most likely a special session. Spencer can expect some grants for the county in the near future. Also 155 will be paved in the second week of October. They will be redesigning the turning lane to make it safer for the drivers.

Sheriff Report: Due to the opening of the new section of 31 E at High Grove, the Sheriff's department has been busy with citations and finding drugs. Over 100 citations written in one weekend. DUI and drugs have been found due to the stops. The road still has issues of being under marked and speed drivers. There has been one death right before the new section opened on local access.

Sheriff Stump also spoke how serious the ringworm problem is with his deputies. It is a medical liability issue.

He has lost two more deputies due to low pay scale to other counties up to a difference of 25,000-30,000 dollars. KSP has lower their hiring standards due to low number of new cadets. The state has about 850 hired State Troopers but need over a 1000. They are talking about shutting down 4 of the 16 KSP post we have in the state.

Adjourn: Motion by Cory Thomas and seconded by Lee Higginbotham. Passed.