

**SPENCER COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY MEETING
MINUTES FOR November 6, 2017**

In Attendance: Guest: Steve Miller, Kylie Foushee, Mark Lord, Brett Guthrie reps; Hobert Judd, Lee and Dawn Higginbotham, Bob Waters, Marsha Mudd, J T Trigilio, Michelle Armstrong, Tony Wheatley, Sue and Jim Schaefer, Melanie Brummer, Roxane Smith, Dutch Elder, Cheryl and Mike Klotz, Buddy and Mitzi Stump, Steve and Gayle Lee, Carol Ferriell, Rep. James Allen Tipton, Steve Hesselbrock, Bennie Lyons

Called to Order: Steve Hesselbrock

Prayer: Hobert Judd

Pledge: Tony Wheatley

Quorum: Yes

Minutes Approval: 1st Bennie Lyons 2nd Lee Higginbotham, Passed

Financial Report: Steve Lee Deposit of \$ [REDACTED] from sale of Trump merchandise and Spaghetti Dinner. Motion by Lee Higginbotham and second by Tony Wheatley. Passed

Old Business: Elk Creek Days was a success and had good traffic even when the weather turned wet. Talked to a lot of people and invited ladies to the organizing meeting for Spencer County Republican Women's Club on November 16 at Farm Bureau Building at 7 pm. Sold some of the Trump merchandise and the Elk Creek committee is planning to have another Days event maybe in the Spring. We thanked Tony Wheatley and his staff for their help with the Elk Creek Days and booth rental will be set next year for the next event. 950 attended this year.

Octoberfest was a good success in Taylorsville with voter registration and party changes. Great weather!

Lee Higginbotham reported on the new revised Spencer County GOP website. We had 691 visitors to the site last month. Feel it is a success and still working on improvements such as adding the minutes of the meetings. Great Job Lee!

New Business: Spencer Magnet to celebrate their 150th anniversary. They will be having an open house on December 7th, 2017.

Lee Higginbotham and Steve Hesselbrock was approached and gave an interview with a writer for a French magazine. We were randomly picked to give our opinion about our last election and the president and his cabinet. Article should appear next week.

Elk Creek is working on a new park for the community but just starting the process with land being donated.

J T Trigilio gave a report on the upcoming Lincoln Day Dinner. Maybe move to March instead of February. Committee Members: Lee Higginbotham, Roxane Smith, Steve Lee, Steve Hesselbrock and Michelle Armstrong. Committee meeting to be held on November 20th, at Legacy at 6.

Organizing meeting for Spencer County Republican Women's Club to be held November 17 at 7 at Farm Bureau Building.

Roxane Smith gave a report on the KFRW candidate school she attended in Lexington. They have great speakers and great info on how to run a successful campaign as she is running for magistrate in the Elk Creek district.

BOE Report: County Clerk Lynn Hesselbrock was attending a government State convention in Lexington.

Alison Grimes has changes the voting machines and fired some of the State BOE committee members. Worries have been discussed as to the trustworthiness of the new E poll Books. The E Slate machine will be deleted in next election.

Fiscal Court Report: Hobert Judd told of the necessity of new road names needed on the new section of 31 E and the new off roads. County purchased 2 Kubota tractors, 111 hp, around \$85,000 each with a boom mower and hydro mower. There will be an county equipment auction on December 30th this year. Still having quarantine problems with the animal shelter and work environment of the mechanic and other county employees due to ring worm epidemic. Some members of the fiscal court wants to shut down the recycling center and contract out to Anderson County. The equipment in the center has already been moved out. They is also a problem with certification of the car lift. Needs to have recertification to be in compliance.

Legislative Report: Steve Miller announced his retirement effective February 1, 2018. He will be missed. He also announced his replacement, Kylie Foushee to group. Kylie is 25 years old and has a 7 month old at home and a golf shark....Mark Lord send Rep. Guthrie's greetings and what he was working on currently in D.C. such as the Tax Bill, Vet Reform, Wall, Security needed on boarder, and American Health Care Act. Rep Guthrie is working to bring 2nd district in Kentucky together and have more communication. Working of a Facebook page to add district officers and info.

Rep James Allen Tipton told of the resignation of Jeff Hoover as Speaker of the House due to a sexual harassment case he settled. 3 more Republicans have been accused but facts will be collected before actions taken. David Osbourne has taken over as Speaker of the House. A permanent vote will be taken in January. David Givens lost wife to cancer. Prayers for the family. Mike Wilson is second in line to Senator Higdon in the Senate.

The pension bill is 505 pages and he could not agree with the outcome of this bill. Needs to be worked on so one group will not bear all the burden. Still trying to do what was promised so many years ago...

Sheriff Report: All the county sheriff's cars will have high mileage as of next year. The system used to spread out the cost was voted out and now at least 6 new cars will be needed at an approximate cost of 37-38,000 dollars each in one year. A grant for new bullet proof vest was lost due to mishandled paper work in the Judges office. The grant was for \$12,300 so now our sheriff's deputies will be wearing uncertified vest due to age of them. Also there is a need for bigger sizes to fit the deputies and provide protection for their bodies.

in the last 9 months, the sheriff's department has written 1200 traffic citation and made 8000 runs in the past 12 months. A lot of drugs are being taken off the streets with each traffic stops on the new road on 31E.

It is a hardship to find new fires for the police due to many drawbacks such as pension, pay rate and safety issues.

Subject of school resource officers was mention and the Spencer County Education system contracts with Taylorsville City police. There are only 2 part time officers and only in certain schools at a time. Pay is from city and school board.

The Facebook page is grower in viewers and is a very positive. Over 6000 followers. Great work by the sheriff and his staff.

Adjourn: Motion by Dutch Elder and second by Lee Higginbotham.