

**SPENCER COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY MEETING
MINUTES FOR 4 December 2017**

In Attendance: Dawn and Lee Higginbotham, Michelle Armstrong, Bennie Lyons, Bill Woods, Robert Waters, Ken Jones Spencer Co Attorney, Marsha Mudd, Magistrate Hobert and Edie Judd, Hoyt and LeaVa Higgins, Tara Antonelli, Jonathan Antonelli, Dutch Elder, Tim and Rachel Brewer, JT Triligio, Steve Hesselbrock, Tony Wheatley, John Riley County Judge Executive, Carol Ferriell

Called to Order: Steve Hesselbrock

Prayer: Hobert Judd

Pledge: Lee Higginbotham

Quorum: Yes

Minutes Approval: 1st Lee Higginbotham 2nd Bennie Lyons Passed after correction of one work typed as fires instead of hires.

Financial Report: Steve Hesselbrock Total balance \$ [REDACTED]. Made over \$ [REDACTED] from sales of Trump merchandise for event events attended. Report sent in by Steve Lee, Treasurer. Also \$ [REDACTED] was given to Spencer Co Rep. James Allen Tipton leaving a balance of [REDACTED]. Motion to accept by Robert Waters and seconded by Lee Higginbotham. Motion passed.

IT Report: Lee Higginbotham The website is up and running with improvements and averaging 50 views a month. New items being added monthly to coincide with local events and political information.

Old Business: VP Cory Thomas and President Steve Hesselbrock attended a state republican meeting and the topic was sexual harassment in the racks in the state capital. The KY Governor Matt Bevin spoke on the issue and voiced his opinions. The motion was passed to let the house handle themselves over allegations and investigations.

New Business: Rep James Allen Tipton will be having a fund raiser at The Tea Cup on 7 Dec at 3:15 to 5 PM. Also the Spencer Magnet will be hosting an open house on the same day.

Spencer Co Republican Women: Michelle Armstrong stated the newly formed group chartered with eleven members and the paper work has been sent off to the state and national group. Temp officers was set as Michelle Armstrong, President; Lynn Hesselbrock VP; Roxanne Smith Secretary; Gayle Lee as Treasure. Next meeting will be 18th Jan 2018 at the Farm Bureau building at 7 PM.

Lincoln Day Committee: JT Triligio reported the next Lincoln Day Dinner will be on 20 April 2018 and a venue will be decided by next month. Invites to be extended to President Trump, VP Pence, Rep. Thomas Massie, Rep Brett Guthrie, Sen Rand Paul and Rep James Allen Tipton along with our local candidates. The committee is looking forward to a great event with a wonderful silence auction headed up by Robert Waters.

Committee: Steve Hesselbrock, Roxanne Smith, Steve and Gayle Lee, Robert Waters, Michelle Armstrong, Lee Higginbotham and JT Triligio.

BOE Report: Steve Hesselbrock reported on the following:

The [Kentucky](#) State Board of Elections has fired its top two staff members, and they say they weren't given an explanation for their termination.

The board voted 3-2 on Tuesday to fire Executive Director Maryellen Allen, a Democrat, and Assistant to the Director Matthew Selph, a Republican. The board voted to employ Jared Smelser-Dearing of Louisville, a Democrat, as director and Jennifer Scutchfield of Lexington, a Republican, as assistant director. The board consists of three Democrats and three Republicans. They report to KY Secretary of State. Also now Matthew Selph filed a lawsuit.

Michelle Armstrong was sworn in to replace Sheriff Stump on the Spencer County Board of Elections while he runs for re-election.

Fiscal court voted to approve replacement of voting machine batteries since they are passed expiration date.

New poll workers are in need due to the cross over of parties of some of the regular workers. If you work the polls and change parties, you have to set out one election before you can work again. Any questions call Lynn Hesselbrock County Clerk at the office.

People who have filed so far:

Mike Mooney Republican Magistrate Kim Stump PVA Democrat

Jerry Davis Republican Darrell Herndon Jailer Democrat

Lynn Hesselbrock Clerk R

Buddy Stump Sheriff R

Scott Herndon Sheriff R

Kyle Bennett Sheriff R

Ken Jones County Attorney R

Linda George County Attorney R
Tim Brewer Magistrate R
Tony Wheatley Judge Executive R
Jim Travis Magistrate R
Melvin Gore Jailer R
Bill Wood Magistrate R

Ken Jones spoke about running for re-election along with Bill Wood. John Riley spoke and said he had 31 years of republican experience. He wanted to gap the divide in the party at all levels of county government. He worked in the Jefferson County republican party years ago. John has not made up his mind to run for re-election yet. Spencer county is a conservative county and solid republican now. He got a weather emergency plan in place during 2015. Public safety was his highest priority. Also spoke about a public speaker at that morning's fiscal court meeting, Woody Cheek and how he was rude during his 6 minutes bring up Judge Riley's arrest record from years back.

Legislative Report: None due to Rep Tipton's wife was in an auto accident and he was attending to her. Judge Riley reported Martha had fractures in her back and pelvis.

Fiscal Court Report: Hobert Judd reported on that day's meeting. They had 2 public speakers, Woody Check and Roy Burkhead. Mr. Trageser spoke on the newly acquired land next to courthouse. Moved some of the Animal Shelter to the Recycling center as shelter for quarantine dogs. They also moved the mechanic to the recycling center so now the cardboard to be recycled is setting outside in the elements of the weather and it will be penalized if not dry when picked up. Our 5 year plan for recycling and the environment is totally over with and not following the plan at all. This will be reported to the state. Spencer County is now down sizing it's recycling plans instead of growing them. It was mentioned that the flags used on Main Street are in bad shape and need to be properly retired. Hoping to get with one of the Boys Scout troops to do this.
Voted to purchase a new ambulance.

Sheriff Report: Sheriff Stump was absent this meeting.

Adjourn: Next meeting 8th Jan 2018

Dutch Elder motioned and seconded by Lee Higginbotham Passed.