

SPENCER COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY MEETING MINUTES FOR 8 January 2018

In Attendance: Henry B. Lyons, Jr, Tony Wheatley, Marsha Mudd, Michelle Armstrong, Joshua D Coale, Pam and James Trigilio, Lee Higginbotham, Lesta and Hoyt Higgins, Linda and Ted George, Lynn Hesselbrock, Lynette and Tommy Mason, Linda Greenwell, Mitzi and Sheriff Buddy Stump, Ivan Spencer, Tim Brewer, Gayle and Steve Lee, Carol Ferriell, Amy and William Montgomery, Mike Klotz, Bill Wood, Bob Waters

Called to Order: James Trigilio

Prayer: Bro. Ivan Spencer

Pledge: Tim Brewer

Quorum: Yes

Minutes Approval: Correction to spelling of Lesta Higgins name, motion to approve by Lee Higginbotham and second by Lynn Hesselbrock. Motion passed.

Financial Report: Steve Lee gave us the good news of no out going funds and the bank balance is [REDACTED]. Motion to approve by Tim Brewer and seconded by Lee Higginbotham. Motion passed.

IT Report: Lee Higginbotham reported that he is adding candidates to our website as they return their forms to the County Clerk's office. We are getting 49 views a day on an average by 20 different individuals. He asked if anyone needed to add or any suggestions to improve the website. He will be adding the upcoming Spencer Co Republican Women's meeting with Ky State Treasurer, Allison Ball on 18 Jan 2018 at the Farm Bureau office at 7 pm.

Old Business: Lincoln Day committee has been meeting and working out points on the upcoming event, 20 April 2018 at the Spencer County Middle School. Cost will be \$40.00 per person. The graphics have been completed. There will be a silent auction also. Committee members are: James Triligio, Lee Higginbotham, Roxanne Smith, Gayle and Steve Lee, Michelle Armstrong, Bob Waters and Steve Hesselbrock.

Spencer County Clerk, Lynn Hesselbrock, handed out an updated sheet on who had applied for what office/post and their party. Many current office holders have switched parties.

Judge Executive: Tony Wheatley, John Riley

Taylorsville Magistrate: Mike Moody

Waterford Magistrate: Tim Brewer, Ryan McClure, Bill Wood

Elk Creek Magistrate: Jerry Davis, Jim Travis
Campbranch Magistrate: [Collis Rogers](#)
Mt. Eden Magistrate: Brett Beaverson, [Mike Crossfield](#), [Barry Hume](#)
Sheriff: Buddy Stump, Scott Herndon, Kyle Bennett and [Stevie Coulter](#)
Jailer: Melvin Gore, [Darrell Herndon](#)
County Clerk: Lynn Hesselbrock, Abbigail Nation
PVA: [Kim Stump](#)
County Attorney: Ken Jones, Linda George
County Coroner: [Danny Hilbert](#)
(Blue is Democrat candidates)

New Business: Candidates school with Richard Nelson will be held in Frankfort on 24 January 2018 at a cost of \$100.00. Ky Farm Bureau also offers a Candidate Training in February.

Amy Montgomery, former employee of the circuit clerk's office introduced herself to the group. She will be running as a Republican against newly switched party candidate, Becky Robinson, Republican.

James Trigilio announced he was running for County Judge Executive along with Lynnette Mason tonight. We wish luck to all who have thrown their hats in the ring.

Linda George spoke to the group about her background and future plans for our county if she is elected as County Attorney.

BOE Report:

County Clerk Lynn Hesselbrock explained what exactly was included in the candidate info package and what the candidates had to do to sign up to run. The monthly meeting of the Board of Elections changed the meeting date due to conflict with the newly appointed member, Michelle Armstrong, who is standing in for Sheriff Buddy Stump as he is running for office this year. It will be the 4th Wednesday of each month at 8:30 am at the County Clerk's office. Also approval was given to add to the security of the voting machines housed in the occupational tax office due to an untrustworthy employee leaving the office without locking up and setting alarm. Two doors will be walled off to add to the security of entry to the voting machine room. The MMB cards and batteries will be changed in all the voting machines due to their life as timed out. The county judge executive, John Riley, was invited to the BOE meeting but declined to attend as he saw no problems whatsoever. John Shindlebower of the Spencer Magnet did attend. Next meeting will be 24 Jan 2018 at 8:30 am.

Democrats 6319 Republicans 7333 as of 18 Dec 2017. Also the Sec of State, Allison Grimes, was voted down on the E Poll books for use in the upcoming primary. Lack of education and information and time were just a few of the reasons. The County Clerk Association was prepared to file a lawsuit on this issue and it is still being investigated on who was really doing the bidding on the new machines. Should have been bid out by the state board of elections, not the Sec of State Grimes's office. **Saved the Ky State Tax Payers 5.5 Million dollars!**

Spencer county had 2 state workers who applied for pay and said they took time off to vote in an election but was checked out and they did not go vote. Auditor Harmon has led this program to cut down on needless payroll spending. Last day to file for office is 30 January, 2018.

Fiscal Court Report: Sheriff Stump A new ambulance was purchased for \$140000.00 from a new vendor and it has spent more time in Georgia than Kentucky for repairs. They has also agreed to purchase a second ambulance. Road department has purchased 3 new Kubota tractors with mowers for over \$180000.00. Court also purchased the lot next to judges office for \$90000 with a appraisal fee from Jefferson County for \$1400.00. Over \$420,000 spent over the last few months.

Legislative Report: Rep James Allen Tipton drove in straight from Frankfort and the session. Day 5 with 98 members and there will two special elections held in February. One is Bullitt County due to the death of Rep Dan Johnson. His widow is now stepping in and will run in the special election. Hard issues being discussed and hard decisions to be made. Working on budget cuts and pensions. Governor Bevin will be giving his State of the Union speech next week.

Jeff Hoover resigns as Kentucky House Speaker, does not give up House seat.

Kentucky needs a billion dollars in revenue to fund the current budget and pensions. It will be a challenge to go forward. Legislators pension fund is 88% funded with 8 million dollars but no raised in pay since Beashear administration. Need to revamp HB299. Needs to be based on years of service. No changes to pay level 1, hazardous pay. Also Rep Tipton's wife, Martha, is improving day by day after her accident. Prayers.

Sheriff Report: Sheriff Buddy Stump reported Fiscal court approved his yearly budget. He also gave an update on the services rendered from his department.

170 Accidents, 79 Injury accidents, 105 domestic runs, 1013 papers served, 6782 911 calls.

3 State Police posts are closing and merging with other posts. There is also a shortage of State Police.

The bullet proof vests was approved by court for over \$12000.00 due to loss of grant by Judge Riley. The needs of the police department are cars, manpower, M 16's, communication center due to outdated equipment. Most of the vehicles have over 200000 miles on them.

Adjourn: Motion by Lee Higginbotham and seconded by Marsha Mudd. Motion passed.

Next meeting will be 5 February 2018 at 7 pm with dinner available at 6:30 Location to be announce later.