

## **SPENCER COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY MEETING MINUTES FOR February 5, 2018**

**In Attendance:** Tim and Rachel Brewer, Hope Pierce, Mike Schladand, Marsha Mudd, Michelle Armstrong, James Trigilio, Lee Higginbotham, Tony Wheatley, Henry Bennie Lyon Jr., Michael Moody, Jerry and Sue Moody, Steve and Lynn Hesselbrock, Edith and Hobert Judd, Hoyt and Lesta Higgins, Lynette Mason, Jim and Sue Schaefer, Buddy and Mitzi Stump, Dutch Elder, Vince Mattingly, Linda George, Corey Thomas, Amy and William Montgomery.

**Called to Order:** Steve Hesselbrock

**Prayer:** Hobert Judd

**Pledge:** Lynn Hesselbrock

**Quorum:** Yes

**Minutes Approval:** Correction of 2 tractors not 3 purchased by Fiscal Court. Motion to approve with corrections, Lee Higginbotham and seconded by Steve Lee. Motion passed.

**Financial Report:** Steve Lee reported no activity balance of [REDACTED].

**IT Report:** Lee Higginbotham reported the updates to our website, **SpencercountyGOP.com**. He has added the candidate listing and bios if he has received them. He has also added the Spencer County Republican Women to the site. Asked if anything else needs to be added to site.

**Lincoln Day Dinner Report:** JT reported progress in the planning of the evening. The committee members are chairman JT, Steve Hesselbrock, Roxanne Smith, Gayle and Steve Lee, Michelle Armstrong, Bob Waters, Lee Higginbotham. Insurance will have to be carried on the event and six bids have been obtained with a bid of \$225.00 being fair. Food will be provided by Springfield IGA since we had good experience with them last year. Fried chicken, roast beef, mashed potatoes, green beans, corn pudding and two different desserts-pies. They provide servers, drinks and utensils. Around \$14.00 per head. Tickets can be purchased on line this year through Eventbrite. \$40 per person at Middle School. We are also offering ad space in a program for \$50.00 for 1/3 page. Next planning meeting will be February 26, 2018 at 6:30 at Legacy in Elk Creek. We are hoping for an attendance of 250 people since this is an election year. We will have asking for items to be donated for the silence action and other items for auction include flags flown over the state and national Capitols. Also flags flown in Afghanistan. Governor signed wood item by Tony Mattingly. The graphics are done and posted on our website and Facebook page. Thanks to Roxanne Smith for the graphics.

Steve Hesselbrock asked for a motion to bypass our regular agenda and do a Show and Tell of attending candidates. Lee Higginbotham made the motion and Bennie Lyon seconded the motion. Motion passed.

### **County Judge:**

Tony Wheatley has lived in Spencer County for last 15 years. He had two businesses and sold them. One was a mortgage company. He was for 24/7 with the Sheriff's department. He also has financial and leadership experience.

John Riley is the current County Judge Executive seeking re election. He said Spencer County was a bedroom community and we are facing rising expenses and lower income due to one example of citizens removing land line phone service and loss of tax revenue from their service.

Lynette Mason feels issues have been stalled in the fiscal court and not benefiting our community. She has strong leadership skills and wants positive change. She also offers different ideas for our county. Doesn't want our community to change because it is great now. Previous employment with The Spencer Magnet.

James Trigilio feels we need 24/7 service and will work with the sheriff to provide that for the citizens of Spencer County. The county needs to have changes to benefit the new citizens moving into the county and increasing population. He also mentioned the need for good communication between all parties involved in the day to day running of the county government. He has a website up for his campaign.

### **County Attorney:**

Linda George believes in entrepreneurs and was raised in Butchertown. She was also raised with police officers in her family and has an enduring respect for them. Received her law degree. She was employed with the Louisville Small Business Association. She wants to develop a greater economy in the county and also attack drug problems.

### **Circuit Clerk:**

Amy Montgomery has a paralegal degree and was employed by Bobby Coots. Phyllis Shafer hired her in 2005 and continued in the office till last year. She wants to improve the office by extending hours through lunch and add a Saturday at the end of the month. She feels if elected to accommodate the citizens of the county.

### **Sheriff:**

Current sheriff Buddy Stump is running for re-election. He stands for his men, the law and 24/7. He believes the liability needs to be reduced in the county. He has been working well with the city police, Kentucky State Police and the FBI. He was given a

proclamation from Taylorsville Mayor Don Pay. He has moved our county forward and signed with the Backup Program that includes 40 counties here in Kentucky to be able to act as police in each county if needed.

### **County Clerk:**

The current County Clerk, Lynn Hesselbrock, is running for re-election and has been in office since 2011. She has returned excess fees of over \$100,000 each year. She believes each and every citizen needs to be greeted with a smile by the clerks in the office. She has a website for the office and on Facebook. She received 3 grants to improve the office such as scanning older documents for research proposes, purchased new platt cabinets and having our older court books recovered and repaired.

### **Magistrate Taylorsville:**

Mike Moody was a previous Magistrate with the county and has experience with Fiscal Court. He has conservative values and ideas. Owns an auto sales lot in Jeffersontown for over 30 years.

### **Magistrate Waterford:**

Tim Brewer is a 20 year Army Veteran retired and has leadership abilities both in the military and public sectors. Developed a 4-H program that has over 100 kids involved. Has old fashion values and will work with the county and its citizens.

Bill Wood is a 12 year resident of the county and moved from Jefferson County. He wants to use common sense in dealing with issues in the county. He would not make rash decisions. He is also a Spencer County fire fighter.

### **Magistrate Campbranch:**

Hope Pierce lives in Tindall Place and is employed with Bachman Auto Group as head of the HR department with over 350 employees under her. She has leadership, customer service and budget background. She also volunteers with a few charities and helping hand organizations. She believes in planning for the future and is communicate savvy. She wants her constituents to know what is going on in the county.

Jerry Moody has ran before and feels he has conservative views and ideas. He is also a successful businessman both in the auto and agriculture sectors. He is blessed with his wife Sue and believes in Jesus Christ. He has 5 children and a loving wife.

**Adjourn:** 1st Lee Higginbotham and second Dutch Elder Passed

