

**OFFICIAL CALL - 2019 FLOYD COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY CANVASS**  
**ISSUED March 21, 2019**

Adopted by the Floyd County Unit of the Republican Party of Virginia at its regular Committee Meeting on Monday, February 4, 2019.

As chairman and pursuant to the Plan of Organization and as recommended and directed by the Committee, I, Case Clinger, do hereby issue this call for Canvass to be held at polling places to be determined by the Committee on Saturday, May 18th, 2019 starting at 7:00 a.m. and ending at 2:00 p.m., local time for the following purpose:

1. Selection of Republican Nominees for the following County Offices in the General Election to be held on Tuesday, November 5th, 2019: Commonwealth's Attorney, Sheriff, Treasurer, Commissioner of the Revenue, and for three (3) seats on the Floyd County Board of Supervisors to wit: Districts A-101 (Locust Grove), B-201 (Little River), and D-401 (Burks Fork).

**RULES FOR CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION**

**SECTION 1 – DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY AND PETITIONS:** The 2019 Floyd County Republican Party Canvass shall be held on Saturday, May 18, 2019, from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. All persons wishing to have their names placed on the Canvass Ballot as candidates for the positions of: Commissioner of Revenue, Sheriff, Treasurer, Commonwealth's Attorney, or Supervisor for Districts A-101 (Locust Grove), B-201 (Little River), and D-401 (Burks Fork) for Floyd County, Virginia, shall serve a Declaration of Candidacy on Case Clinger, Chairman of the Floyd County Republican Committee, or his designee, who resides at Box 378 Floyd Virginia, 24091, not earlier than noon on Tuesday, March 19, 2019, and not later than 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 26, 2019. Such Declaration of Candidacy must be accompanied Petitions containing the names of 50 qualified voters of Floyd County for those individuals who seek the position of Supervisor for Districts A-101 (Locust Grove), B-201 (Little River), and D-401 (Burks Fork), Such Petitions may only be gathered between January 11, 2019, and March 29, 2019.

In the case of those persons seeking the offices of Commissioner of Revenue, Sheriff, Treasurer, Commonwealth's Attorney, such Declaration of Candidacy must be accompanied by Petitions containing the names of 125 qualified voters of Floyd County. Such Petitions may only be gathered between January 11, 2019, and March 29, 2019. Form Declarations of Candidacy and Petitions may be obtained from Chairman Casey Clinger. Chairman Clinger or his designee will be at the Jessie Peterman Library community room, 321 W. Main Street, Floyd, Virginia, on the first day of filing, Tuesday, March 19, 2019, from noon until 5:00 p.m. and on the last day of filing, Tuesday, March 26, 2019, from 2:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. Candidates who wish to file petitions and forms on any other day between those dates may contact Chairman Clinger for an appointment at (540) 392-0792 or by e-mail at [floydgop@swva.net](mailto:floydgop@swva.net).

**SECTION 2 – FILING FEE:** Candidates for the offices of Commissioner of Revenue, Sheriff, Treasurer, Commonwealth's Attorney, or Supervisor shall pay a filing fee of one percent (1%) of one year's salary for the office being sought, which shall be payable to the "Floyd County Republican Party" and delivered to Casey Clinger, Chairman of the Floyd County Republican Committee, or his designee, at the time the candidate's Declaration of Candidacy and Petitions are filed. Candidates for the office of Clerk of Circuit Court shall pay a filing fee of two percent (2%) of one year's salary for the office being sought, which shall be payable to the "Floyd County Republican Party" and delivered to Casey Clinger, Chairman of the Floyd County Republican Committee, or his designee, at the time the candidate's Declaration of Candidacy and Petitions are filed.

**SECTION 3 – OATH:** All candidates shall be required to sign an oath at the time their Declaration of Candidacy and Petitions are filed. Such oath shall be as follows: "I, \_\_\_\_\_, do certify that I believe in the principles and goals of the Floyd County Republican Party, that I have and will continue to support candidates of the Republican Party, and that I will run as a Republican. If not selected by my party for the office of \_\_\_\_\_, I shall support the Republican candidate for that office and shall not seek the office in November as an independent candidate."

**SECTION 4 – CERTIFICATION OF CANDIDATES:** The Secretary of the Floyd County Republican Party shall certify to the Vice-Chairman of the Floyd County Republican Party, after consultation with the General Counsel, the persons who have qualified for the Canvass. The Vice-Chairman shall then prepare ballots reflecting the Secretary's report. Any candidate failing to be so certified shall be notified by phone and in writing of such failure.

**SECTION 5 – PLACEMENT OF CANDIDATES' NAMES ON BALLOTS:** The names of candidates in contested races will be placed on the ballot in the order of the candidate or the candidate's representative turning in the Declaration of Candidacy, Petitions, Oath, and Filing Fee.

**SECTION 6 – RULES:** The Floyd County Republican Party Committee may from time to time establish rules by which to determine candidates as the need arises. The following shall be made a part of any advertisement of the rules: "The Floyd County Republican Party does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, sex, national origin, or handicap. Any persons wishing to run and who meet the qualifications for candidates shall have their name placed on the ballot."

**SECTION 7 – VOTER ELIGIBILITY:** Voters who are registered as of April 12, 2019, and prior thereto, are eligible to vote in the Canvass.

**SECTION 8 – WRITE-IN CANDIDATES, and ABSENTEE VOTING:** Write-in candidates will not be allowed in the Canvass and any vote for a write-in candidate will not be recognized. There will be no Absentee Voting.

**SECTION 9 – EARLY and HARDSHIP VOTING:**

- a. Those persons who will be unable to vote on the day of the Canvass may early vote during the periods on May 14, 2019, and May 16, 2019, at such times and places as the Executive Committee may determine, which shall be published in *The Floyd Press* prior to May 10, 2019.
- b. Those who, because of infirmity, illness, or the need to care for an ill or infirm relative and cannot leave their homes, may contact their local district chairman who will arrange for the ballot to be marked outside the polls and be witnessed by the district chairman or a designated person. Hardship Ballots will be deemed Outside Poll Ballots, and may only be voted within the boundaries of Floyd County.
- c. Hardship Ballots will be first marked, then placed into a small plain envelope. This envelope will be then placed into a larger envelope where the name of the voter, the witness and the voter's district will be signed and printed thereon. These envelopes will be delivered to the proper voting places on the day of the Canvass. After the polls close, the envelopes will be checked against the list of those who have voted. If the name of the voter appears on both the envelope and the list of those who have voted in the Canvass, the envelope will be marked "rejected" and set aside. Otherwise, the outer envelope will be opened and the inner envelope will be placed in the ballot box. A person other than the one who placed the envelopes in the box will open the envelopes in the box without looking at them. The ballots will remain, unseen, in the box with the other ballots cast that day until counted with the other ballots.

**SECTION 10 – VOTE REQUIRED TO NOMINATE:** Any candidate for Party Nomination to any office who receives a plurality of the votes cast in the Canvass shall be the nominee of the Floyd County Republican Party for that office in the election for which the Canvass was held.

**SECTION 11 – RECOUNT:** When the results reflect that a candidate has been defeated by a margin of less than 1.0% an automatic recount will be triggered. With a result in excess of 1.0% and up to 3.0%, a candidate may request a recount within two (2) hours after Chairman Clinger has posted the final results at the central location previously announced by the Chairman. This recount shall be conducted at requesting candidates expense not to exceed \$100 per district, and \$500 total, any such recount shall be conducted on the day of the Canvass.