



BLAND COUNTY REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE

OFFICIAL CALL for a MASS MEETING

February 14, 2020 at 6:30 PM

As Chairman of the Bland County Republican Committee, and pursuant to the Plan of Organization and as recommended and directed by the Committee, I, Charles Alex Wright, do hereby issue this call for a Mass Meeting of the Bland County Republican Party to be held at the Bland County Elementary School at 31 Rocket Drive, Bland, Virginia with registration starting at 6:00 PM local time on Friday, February 14, 2020, and the meeting called to order at 6:30 PM local time on Friday, February 14, 2020, for the following purposes:

1. Election of a Unit Chair for 2020-2022;
2. Electing precinct and at-large members to the unit committee as follows:
 - a. 101-Bastian (2); 102-Ceres (2); 201-Davis (1); 202-Seddon (4); 301-Hollybrook (2); 302-Mechanicsburg (1); 401-Rocky Gap (4); At-Large (5);
3. Electing up to Eighty-Five (85) Delegates to the 9th Congressional District Republican Convention which will be held George Wythe High School, #1 Maroon Way, Wytheville, Virginia, 24382, or its alternative site, starting at 10:00 AM (with registration opening at 8:00 AM) on Saturday, April 18, 2020; and
4. Electing up to Eighty-Five (85) Delegates to the Republican Party of Virginia State Convention which will be held at the Liberty University Vines Center, or its alternate location, on May 1-2, 2020.

Qualifications for Participation

All legal and qualified voters of Bland County under the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia, regardless of race, religion, national origin or sex, who are in accord with the principles of the Republican Party and who, if requested, express in open meeting either orally or in writing as may be required, their intent to support all of its nominees for public office in the ensuing election, may participate as members of the Republican Party of Virginia in its mass meetings, party canvasses, conventions or primaries encompassing their respective election districts.

In addition to the foregoing, to be in accord with the principles of the Republican Party, unless otherwise stipulated by the appropriate Official Committee, a person otherwise qualified hereunder shall not have participated in Virginia in the nomination process of a party other than the Republican Party within the last five years.

A single exception to this shall be approved for a voter that renounces affiliation with any other party in writing, and who expresses in writing that he/she is in accord with the principles of the Republican Party

and intends, at the time of this writing, to support the nominees of the Republican Party in the future. Any voter that utilizes the foregoing exception, and thereafter participants in the nomination process of a party other than the Republican Party, shall not have the benefit of the exception thereafter.

Voters will be required to produce a valid form of photo identification in order to participate in the aforementioned Mass Meeting.

Filing Requirements

All candidates for Chairman, precinct member, at-large member, and delegate to the 9th Congressional District Republican Convention to be held on April 18, 2020 and the Republican Party of Virginia State Conventions to be held on May 1 and May 2, 2020 at said Mass Meeting shall deliver a written statement to:

Charles Alex Wright, Chairman of the Bland County Republican Committee,
P.O. Box 3
Bastian, Virginia, 24314

By mail or in person, no later than Friday, February 7, 2020, at 5:00 PM local time. Postmarks will not govern. The required written statements shall be: the *Bland County Republican Committee Officer and Member Pre-File Form* and *Declaration of Candidacy for Delegate to the 2020 9th District Republican Convention and 2020 Republican Party of Virginia State Convention*. Also included with the written statement shall be a nomination filing fee of \$50.00 for candidates for Unit Chairman for transmittal to the Treasurer. ONLY CHECKS will be accepted. Make checks payable to:

Bland County Republican Committee

Memo: Election Filing Fee.

Only pre-filed candidates will be considered for the nomination at the Mass Meeting.

The Pre-File forms (*Bland County Republican Committee Officer and Member Pre-File Form and Declaration of Candidacy for Delegate to the 2020 9th District Republican Convention and 2020 Republican Party of Virginia State Convention*) can be obtained by contacting the Chairman of the Bland County Republican Committee at c.alexwright@me.com, (276-970-6060), or downloaded from the Virginia 9th Congressional District Republican Committee's website at <http://va9gop.org/> or the Republican Party of Virginia's website at www.virginia.gop.

There will be NO registration fee to participate in the mass meeting.

Call posted at <http://va9gop.org/> and at www.virginia.gop

Military Members as Delegates

Military Members (any members of the Virginia National Guard, or the United States Armed Forces, Merchant Marine, or Coast Guard currently serving on active duty) who comply with these filing requirements shall not

be required to be elected, but shall be declared delegates pursuant to Article VIII, Section H. of the Plan of Organization of the Republican Party of Virginia.

Military Member delegates or alternate delegates that are unable to attend the convention in person due to obligations of their official military orders, shall have their votes cast within their unit delegation according to candidate preference ballots. Instructions regarding the casting of candidate preference ballots are available in the Call for the Convention, which is available on the website of the Republican Party of Virginia www.virginia.gop.

Cancellation

If not more than the number of persons to be nominated or elected shall file for any office, then such properly filed persons shall be declared nominated or elected as the case may be, and no election will occur for that office. Should all elections be cancelled, the Mass Meeting will also be cancelled. A notice of cancellation will be posted on the website of the Republican Party of Virginia www.virginia.gop.

Publication

This Call shall be posted on the website of the Republican Party of Virginia www.virginia.gop.

PAID FOR AND AUTHORIZED BY BLAND COUNTY REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE