

OFFICIAL CALL

Party Canvass

of Smyth County Republican Committee
of the Republican Party of Virginia

As Chairman of the Smyth County Republican Committee, and pursuant to the Plan of Organization and as recommended and directed by the Committee, I, Adam L. Tolbert, do hereby issue this call for a Party Canvass ("party-run primary") to be held at the Adwolfe Volunteer Fire Department, 104 Thomas Bridge Rd., Marion, Virginia (or its alternate site), beginning at 10:00AM local time and ending at 2:00PM local time on Saturday, May 6, 2023 for the following purposes:

- 1) Nominating a Republican candidate for each of the following Smyth County Constitutional Offices to be voted upon in the November 7, 2023 General Election: Clerk of the Circuit Court, Commonwealth's Attorney, Sheriff, Treasurer, and Commissioner of the Revenue.
- 2) Nominating Republican candidates for the Smyth County Board of Supervisors to be voted upon in the November 7, 2023 General Election in the Atkins, North Fork, Park, and Rye Valley election districts.

Qualifications for Participation

All legal and qualified voters of Smyth 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 participates in the nomination process of a party other than the Republican Party, shall not have the benefit of the exception thereafter.

Canvass participants must present a form of photo identification issued by an agency of the federal government or of the Commonwealth of Virginia in order to receive a ballot. Original document required; no copies or electronic representations accepted.

During the hours the canvass is being held, any person meeting the qualifications for participation enumerated herein may appear at any time to offer to vote. Any person in line for the canvass at 2:00PM will be permitted to offer to vote.

The party canvass shall, to the extent applicable, be governed by and conducted in accordance with the following (giving precedence as listed): the State Party Plan, the Unit Plan of Organization, canvass rules adopted by the Unit Committee, and otherwise in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised. The Smyth County Republican Committee shall promulgate appropriate rules for the operation and conduct of the party canvass.

Filing Requirements

Individuals seeking the Republican nomination for the above named offices shall be required to pre-file their intention of seeking such nomination. A written *Declaration of Candidacy to Seek Nomination* and the appropriate candidate filing fee (fees listed below) must be filed no later than 5:00PM on Wednesday, March 15, 2023 by mail or in person to Jeff Hutton, Candidate Filing Coordinator, at 143 Cemetery St., Marion, VA 24354. Postmarks will not be considered. Filings must actually be received by the deadline.

Only the names of those persons who have pre-filed and are determined to be qualified will be printed on the ballots used at the party canvass. No write-in votes will be counted. If only one candidate properly files and is found to be qualified for an individual office to be nominated by the party canvass, then such candidate shall be declared the Republican nominee and that particular office will not be on the ballot at the party canvass. If only one candidate properly files and is found to be qualified for each office to be nominated by the party canvass, then such candidates shall be declared the Republican nominees and no party canvass will be held.

Candidate filing forms are available online at www.smythgop.org and www.virginia.gov or copies are available from Jeff Hutton, Candidate Filing Coordinator, at 143 Cemetery St., Marion, VA 24354 or by calling (276) 783-4309.

Registration & Candidate Filing Fees

There will be no required registration fee to participate in this party canvass.

Candidate filing fees must be paid by check and are as follows: For a Constitutional Office: Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00). For a Board of Supervisors office: Fifty Dollars (\$50.00). Filing fees are non-refundable once remitted.

Paid for and Authorized by the Smyth County Republican Committee

Adam L. Tolbert, Chairman.

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