The Pulaski County Committee of the Republican Party of Virginia, pursuant to the Plan of Organization of the Republican Party of Virginia, hereby adopts these Rules for the conduct of this Firehouse Primary.

- The Republican Party Firehouse Primary shall be held at the NRV Fairgrounds, 5581 Fair Grounds Cir, Dublin, VA 24084 (or alternate location) on May 6, 2023, from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM. The purpose of the Firehouse Primary shall be to nominate candidates to the Board of Supervisors for the Cloyd, Draper, Ingles, Massie, and Robinson Districts as well as candidates for Constitutional Office.
- 2. This Firehouse Primary shall, to the extent applicable, be governed by and conducted in accordance with the following (giving precedence as listed): the State Party Plan, District or Unit Plan or By-Laws, these rules, and otherwise in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised.
- 3. Only individuals who are registered to vote as of the day of the Firehouse Primary shall be entitled to vote, except as provided for in Article I, Section A.2. of the Plan of Organization of the Republican Party of Virginia. No proxies are allowed at any time.
- 4. All voters shall meet the requirements as specified in the Call of the Firehouse Primary. Only registered voters of Pulaski County who reside in the Cloyd, Draper, Ingles, Massie, and Robinson Districts may vote in this Firehouse Primary.
- 5. The Pulaski County Unit Chairman shall appoint a Credentials Committee of not more than 7 persons, to register persons to vote and to count the ballots once the polls are closed. A majority of the members of the Credentials committee shall remain inside the room in which voting is conducted during the period in which voting takes place and until the ballots are counted.
- 6. The Credentials Committee shall determine whether individuals who have prefiled meet the qualifications for the office sought, subject to appeal. The appeal shall be submitted to the 9th District Chairman whose decision shall be final.
- 7. No resolutions may be introduced.
- 8. Each candidate on the ballot shall be entitled to designate one individual who is not the candidate to observe the conduct of the Firehouse Primary.
- 9. No one will be allowed in the voting area without proper authorization. Candidates shall not loiter or campaign in the room in which voting will take place. No

campaigning will be allowed within forty feet of the entrance to the voting location.

- 10. The Credentials Committee shall prepare ballots listing the names of all qualified candidates for contested nominations or elections, who have properly filed as required in the Call of the Firehouse Primary. Ballots will be printed with candidate names and be different colors for each District: Cloyd, Draper, Ingles, Massie, and Robinson.
- 11. Any voter who is in line at 5:00 PM, but has not yet voted, shall be entitled to cast his vote. A member of the Credentials Committee shall stand at the end of the line to ensure that no further voters join the line once the time for the closing of the polls has arrived.
- 12. As soon as the polls are closed, the Credentials Committee shall immediately proceed to ascertain the vote given at the Firehouse Primary and shall continue without adjournment until they declare the results of the Firehouse Primary. Only the members of the Credentials Committee and one representative of each candidate, if any, shall be permitted to remain in the room once the polls have closed and until the ballots are counted. Ballots shall then be placed in a sealed envelope and preserved and secured by the Credentials Committee for at least thirty (30) days in the event of any challenge to the results.
- 13. No phones, other communications devices or photography shall be permitted to be used while the ballots are being counted until such time that the results of the balloting have been announced.
- 14. Candidates shall be elected on the basis of the plurality of votes received. If two or more persons have an equal number of votes and a higher number than any other person, the Credentials Committee shall proceed publicly to determine by lot which of the persons shall be declared elected, after those persons have been notified and are allowed an opportunity to be present.
- 15. The Credentials Committee shall preserve order inside and outside the polling place(s). No person shall hinder, intimidate, or interfere with any qualified voter so as to prevent the voter from casting a secret ballot. The Credentials Committee may order a person violating this Rule to cease such action and, if such action continues, may remove such person from the polling place.