

OFFICIAL CALL

Party Canvass of Washington County Republican Committee of the Republican Party of Virginia

As Chairman of the Washington County Republican Committee, and pursuant to the Plan of Organization and as recommended and directed by the Committee, I, Bruce Russell, do hereby issue this call for a Party Canvass to be held at the Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center (Rooms 103 and 104), located at One Partnership Circle, Abingdon, Virginia, beginning at 8:00am local time and ending at 2:00pm local time on Saturday, May 6, 2023 for the following purposes:

Nominating a Republican candidate for the following Washington County Constitutional Offices to be voted upon in the November 7, 2023 General Election:

- Washington County Sheriff
- Washington County Commonwealth Attorney
- Washington County Commissioner of Revenue
- Washington County Treasurer
- Washington County Clerk of the Circuit Court

Nominating a Republican candidate for the following Washington County Board of Supervisors magisterial districts to be voted for in the November 7, 2023 General Election:

- Madison District
- Monroe District
- Tyler District
- Harrison District

Qualifications for Participation

All legal and qualified voters of Washington 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 forgoing 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 Washington County Republican Committee shall promulgate appropriate rules for the operation and conduct of the party canvass.

Filing Requirements

Individuals seeking the Republican nomination shall be required to pre-file their intention of seeking such nomination. A written Declaration of Candidacy and the appropriate candidate filing fee (fees listed below) must be filed no later than 5:00pm on Friday, April 28, 2023 by mail at P.O. Box 2122, Abingdon, VA 24210 or in person to Chairman Bruce Russell at 560 West Main Street, Abingdon, VA or by making alternative arrangements with the Chairman. Postmarks will not be considered. Filings must 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.

Registration Fee

There will be NO registration fee to participate in this canvass.

Candidate Filing Fees

Candidate filing fees must be paid by check payable to the Washington County Republican Committee. The fee schedule is as follows:

- \$250.00 (two hundred and fifty dollars) to file as a candidate for Constitutional office;
- \$100.00 (one hundred dollars) to file as a candidate for Board of Supervisors.

Candidate filing fees must be properly received by the filing deadline and are non-refundable once remitted.

Paid for and authorized by the Washington County Republican Committee