

OFFICIAL CALL
2024 CLARKE COUNTY REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE
PRECINCT PARTY CANVASS
AND
NOMINATING CONVENTION

Precinct Canvass — Saturday, March 23, 2024
Clarke County Public School Administrative Office
317 W. Main St., Berryville, VA 22611

County Nominating Convention — Saturday, April 13, 2024
Old Court House
104 N. Church St., Berryville, VA 22611

I, Matt Leeds, Chairman of the Clarke County Republican Committee, in accordance with the Plan of Organization of the Republican Party of Virginia, Inc., hereby issue this Call for a Republican Party Canvass for each Clarke County Precinct and Convention of the Clarke County Republican Party for the purposes of selecting delegates and alternate delegates to the Clarke County Republican Convention, unit officers and precinct members.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR PARTICIPATION

All legal and qualified voters of Clarke 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, a person otherwise qualified hereunder shall not have participated in Virginia in the nomination process of a party other than the Republican Party in the last five years. A single exception to the above 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 the writing, to support the nominees of the Republican Party in the future. A 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 as identified in this paragraph thereafter.

In order to be eligible for election as a Party Officer, Committee Member, or Delegate or Alternate Delegate to any convention, an individual must be registered to vote no later than the pre-filing deadline established by the Official Committee or, if pre-filing is not a requirement, no later than the date of election as a Delegate. A person who has made application for registration and meets all other requirements herein, but whose name does not appear on the local registration books solely because of the books having been closed in connection with a local election, will nevertheless be deemed a legal and qualified voter.

If not more than one candidate files for any individual party office or under-files for any delegate or alternate delegate position to either the County or District Convention, and the appropriate Committee approves said candidate, delegate, or alternate delegate then the candidate, delegate, or alternate delegate shall be deemed elected and the nomination process for the applicable position(s) will be cancelled and removed from the Clarke County Republican Committee Convention agenda and/or from the Clarke County Republican Committee Delegate Canvass Agenda.

MILITARY PROVISION
2024 Clarke County Republican Nominating Convention

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) may be certified as delegates by complying with the procedures detailed in a Unit's call pursuant to Art. VIII, Sec. H, para. 6. 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. Such military members shall count towards each unit's maximum allowable number of convention delegates.

Candidate preference ballots will be made available by the Unit Chairman, or his designee, no later than Wednesday, March 23, 2024, upon request by e-mail to secretary@clarkegov.com. Candidate preference ballots must be received by the Unit Chairman, or his designee, no later than 8:00 pm local time, Wednesday, April 10, 2024, by e-mail to Matt_Leeds_chairman@clarkegov.com or by physical delivery 1919 Withers Larue Rd., Berryville, VA 22611. The Chairman or his designee shall email respond to each Military Member to confirm the receipt of each emailed returned ballot.

CLARKE COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY PRECINCT CANVASSES

The Clarke County Precinct Party Canvasses will be held on Saturday March 23, 2024 at the Clarke County Public School Administrative Office, 317 W. Main St., Berryville, VA 22611 Berryville, VA 22611 or its alternate site. Doors will open at 9:00 AM local time with Registration commencing at 9:00 AM. Voting will begin shortly after that time. Voting ends at 1:00 PM local time. Those not in line at 1:00 PM local time, may not vote.

PURPOSE OF THE CLARKE COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY PRECINCT CANVASSES

The purposes of the Clarke County Republican Party Precinct Canvasses are:

- A. To elect **Precinct Delegates** to the Clarke County Republican Convention for the purpose of Nominating and Electing Candidates for each of the following positions:
 - 1. Chairman of Clarke County Republican Committee;
 - 2. Vice Chairman of Clarke County Republican Committee;
 - 3. Secretary of Clarke County Republican Committee;
 - 4. Treasurer of Clarke County Republican Committee;
 - 5. Precinct and at large Members of The Clarke County Republican Committee as specified in the grid immediately below;

PRECINCT	MEMBERS
BERRYVILLE	7
BUCKMARSH	7
BLUE RIDGE	4
MILLWOOD	7
PINE GROVE	4
RUSSELL	11
WHITE POST	11
AT LARGE	21
TOTAL	72

ELECTION OF DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES TO CONVENTIONS

Clarke County Republican Committee:

Wherever under-filing(s) exist for: Precinct Delegates or Alternate Delegates to the County Convention; all duly filed individuals for the respective positions shall be declared elected and such canvass(es) shall be cancelled. In the event a canvass is required, all duly-filed Delegates in any over-filed Precinct shall be informed in writing by mail or email.

Wherever over-filing(s) for: Precinct Delegates or Alternate Delegates to the Clarke County Republican Committee Convention from any Precinct shall exist, separate paper ballots shall be used in that Precinct Party Canvass for each class of positions being elected. Ballots shall list each duly filed candidate in alphabetical order. Election for all positions shall be by plurality vote. Individuals receiving the highest number of votes, up to the maximum allowed, shall be declared elected.

Any Delegate not elected to the extent openings allow, shall be automatically included as an Alternate Delegate beginning with the one receiving the highest number of votes to the lowest number until the maximum allowable number of Alternate Delegates are reached.

Candidates must be duly filed in accordance with this Call. There shall be no write-ins from the Precinct Canvasses. Candidates must be registered voters in the Precinct from which they file as of the filing date indicated in this Call.

6th District Republican Congressional Committee:

Wherever under-filing(s) exist for: 6th District Republican Committee convention Delegates or Alternate Delegates; all duly filed individuals for the respective positions shall be declared elected and such canvass(es) shall be cancelled. In the event a canvass is required, all duly filed Delegates and Alternate Delegates shall be informed in writing by mail or email.

Wherever over-filing(s) shall exist for: 6th District Republican Committee convention Delegates or Alternate Delegates; separate paper ballots shall be used for each class of positions being elected. Ballots shall list each duly filed candidate in alphabetical order. Election for all positions shall be by plurality vote. Individuals receiving the highest number of votes, up to the maximum allowed, shall be declared elected.

Any Delegate not elected to the extent openings allow, shall be automatically included as an Alternate Delegate beginning with the one receiving the highest number of votes to the lowest number until the maximum allowable number of Alternate Delegates are reached.

Candidates must be duly filed in accordance with this Call. There shall be no write-ins from the Precinct Canvases. Candidates must be registered voters in the Precinct from which they file as of the filing date indicated in this Call.

Republican Party of Virginia:

Wherever under-filing(s) exist for: Republican Party of Virginia convention Delegates or Alternate Delegates; all duly filed individuals for the respective positions shall be declared elected and such canvass(es) shall be cancelled. In the event a canvass is required, all duly-filed Delegates and Alternate Delegates shall be informed in writing by mail or email.

Wherever over-filing(s) shall exist, separate paper ballots shall be used for each class of positions being elected. Ballots shall list each duly filed candidate in alphabetical order. Election for all positions shall be by plurality vote. Individuals receiving the highest number of votes, up to the maximum allowed, shall be declared elected.

Any Delegate not elected to the extent openings allow, shall be automatically included as an Alternate Delegate beginning with the one receiving the highest number of votes to the lowest number until the maximum allowable number of Alternate Delegates are reached.

Candidates must be duly filed in accordance with this Call. There shall be no write-ins from the Precinct Canvass. Candidates must be registered voters in the Precinct from which they file as of the filing date indicated in this Call.

Military Members as Delegates

2024 Clarke County Republican Precinct Party Canvasses

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) may be certified as delegates by complying with the procedures detailed in a Unit's call pursuant to Art. VIII, Sec. H, para. 6. Military Member delegates or alternate delegates that are unable to attend the precinct party canvasses in person due to obligations of their official military orders, shall have their votes cast within their unit delegation according to candidate preference ballots. Such military members shall count towards each unit's maximum allowable number of convention delegates.

Candidate preference ballots will be made available by the Unit Chairman, or his designee, no later than Sunday March 3, 2024, upon request by e-mail to chairman@clarkegov.com. Candidate preference ballots must be received by the Unit Chairman, or his designee, no later than 8:00 pm local time, Wednesday March 20, 2024 by e-mail to Matt Leeds chairman@clarkegov.com or by physical delivery to 1919 Withers Larue Rd., Berryville, VA 22611. The Chairman or his designee shall email respond to each Military Member to confirm the receipt of each emailed returned ballot.

FILINGS REQUIREMENTS

Candidates for election as a Precinct Delegate or Alternate Delegate to the Clarke County Republican Convention shall file the official filing form with the Clarke County Republican Committee Secretary, Mr. Jonathan De Steuben, stating their intent to seek election. All forms must be received no later than 12:00 PM (noon) on Saturday February 24, 2024, either in person, by email (secretary@clarkegov.com) or by U.S. mail (postmarks do not govern) or third-party delivery service at the following address:

Jonathan De Steuben, Secretary
Clarke County Republican Committee
210 Rice St.
P.O. Box 284
Berryville, VA 22611

Candidates for election to any of the following: Clarke County Republican Committee Officer, Precinct Member, At Large Member, Delegate or Alternate Delegate to either the 6th District Republican Committee convention or Republican Party of Virginia convention shall file the official filing form(s) with the Secretary, Mr. Jonathan De Steuben, indicating their intent to seek election to the

indicated position(s). Delegate and Alternate Delegate filing form for the 6th District Convention and Republican Party of Virginia filing forms can be found at www.clarkegop.com. All forms must be received no later than 12:00 PM (noon) on Saturday February 24, 2024, either in person, by email (secretary@clarkegop.com) or by mail (postmarks do not govern) at the following address:

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Any filing requiring the payment of a fee is incomplete until the fee is received.

Only those candidates who have properly filed will stand for nomination and election. Nominations from the floor are not allowed. If the number of persons filing as candidates for election at the Clarke County Convention does not exceed the number to be elected or nominated for a particular office, once the appropriate Convention Committee determines that such persons meet the requirements of Article I of the State Party Plan, the Convention Chair shall declare them elected or nominated.

Appropriate filing forms are available on the Republican Party of Virginia website, www.rpv.org, 6th District Republican Committee website, www.sixthdistrictgop.org and the Clarke County Republican Committee website, www.clarkegop.com, or by calling the Chairman at 540-336-1900 or emailing the Chairman at Chairman@ClarkeGOP.com.

All filing forms must be reasonably legible and contain all mandatory information requested therein, including filing fee, if applicable. All non-compliant forms shall be subject to rejection.

APPLICABLE FEES

There will be a \$10.00 registration fee charged for voting in the Clarke County Republican Committee Precinct Party Canvasses. Each voter shall complete an official party registration form prior to receiving a ballot.

For each candidate for Party office, Delegate or Alternate Delegate to the Clarke County Republican Committee convention, to the Sixth District Republican Committee convention, or the Republican Party of Virginia convention, the filing fee as specified below shall be paid by Check*, Money Order*, Debit Card or Credit Card to the Clarke County Republican Committee. Official filing forms must be used, filed and received timely with all required information completed in a reasonably legible manner:

<u>Office</u>	<u>Filing Fee</u>	<u>Required</u>
Chairman Clarke County Republican Committee*	\$50.00	Yes
Vice Chairman Clarke County Republican Committee*	\$30.00	Yes
Secretary Clarke County Republican Committee*	\$30.00	Yes
Treasurer Clarke County Republican Committee*	\$30.00	Yes
Member Clarke County Republican Committee*	\$25.00	No
Delegate to 2022 Clarke County Convention*	\$20.00	Yes
Delegate to 2024 6 th District Committee Convention*	\$20.00	Yes
Delegate to 2024 Republican Party of Virginia Convention*	\$35.00	Yes.

*Payable to: Clarke County Republican Committee by check, money order, debit, or credit card. All Filing fees and donations are NON-REFUNDABLE. Electronic payment options can be found at www.clarkegop.com.

CLARKE COUNTY REPUBLICAN CONVENTION

The Clarke County Republican Convention shall be held at the Old Court House located at 104 N. Church St. Berryville, VA 22611 or its alternate site on Saturday April 13, 2024.

Doors will open at 09:00 AM and Registration will begin at 09:15 AM and close when the Convention closes. Registration shall be suspended during any vote that requires a ballot of any kind. The Convention will be called to order at 9:45 AM. Voting will begin no earlier than 10:00 AM. It is anticipated that voting will begin at, or shortly after that time.

Upon commencement of the first ballot for any office and thereafter, no quorum call or point of order regarding the quorum of the Convention or of any committee thereof shall be in order.

PURPOSE OF THE CLARKE COUNTY REPUBLICAN CONVENTION

The purposes of the County Convention shall be:

- (1) To elect a Republican Candidate for each of the following offices:
 - 1. Chairman of Clarke County Republican Committee;
 - 2. Vice Chairman of Clarke County Republican Committee;
 - 3. Secretary of Clarke County Republican Committee;
 - 4. Treasurer of Clarke County Republican Committee;
 - 5. Precinct and at large Members of The Clarke County Republican Committee per the grid immediately below.

PRECINCT	MEMBERS
BERRYVILLE	7
BUCKMARSH	7
BLUE RIDGE	4
MILLWOOD	7
PINE GROVE	4
RUSSELL	11
WHITE POST	11
AT LARGE	21
TOTAL	72

- (2) To elect **Delegates** to the 6th District Republican convention to be held on May 11, 2024
- (3) To elect Delegates to the Republican Party of Virginia convention to be held May 31 to June 1, 2024
- (4) Amend the By Laws of the Clarke County Republican Committee attached as addendum 1.
- (5) To transact other such business as may properly come before the Convention.

BALLOTING AT THE COUNTY CONVENTION

Election for each Clarke County Republican Committee officer shall be by majority vote and weighted by precinct according to a methodology stipulated in the Plan of Organization of the Republican Party of Virginia (the “Party Plan”). In the event, that no candidate receives a majority of the votes cast on the first ballot, it shall be in order to proceed immediately to a second ballot; the candidate receiving the lowest number of votes on each ballot shall be required to withdraw from consideration for the subsequent round of balloting. Subsequent ballots shall be so conducted until a candidate receives a majority vote.

Election for each Clarke County Republican Committee precinct member shall be by precinct by majority vote and weighted according to a methodology stipulated in the Plan of Organization of the Republican Party of Virginia (the “Party Plan”). In the event, that no candidate receives a majority of the votes cast on the first ballot, it shall be in order to proceed immediately to a second ballot; the candidate receiving the lowest number of votes on each ballot shall be required to withdraw from consideration for the subsequent round of balloting. Subsequent ballots shall be conducted until a candidate receives a majority vote.

Election for each Clarke County Republican Committee at large member shall follow the election of the maximum allowable precinct members and shall be by the entire delegation by majority vote and weighted according to a methodology stipulated in the Plan of Organization of the Republican Party of Virginia (the “Party Plan”). In the event, that no candidate receives a majority of the votes cast on the first ballot, it shall be in order to proceed immediately to a second ballot; the candidate receiving the lowest number of votes on each ballot shall be required to withdraw from consideration for the subsequent round of balloting. Subsequent ballots shall be so conducted until a candidate receives a majority vote.

COMPOSITION OF COUNTY CONVENTION

The Clarke County Convention shall be composed of Delegates and Alternate Delegates of the respective Precinct they represent. Representation shall be based on one (1) Delegate vote per each 196 Republican votes cast in each Precinct in the last gubernatorial and presidential elections combined. The Delegate votes shall be as follows:

PRECINCT	VOTING STRENGTH	MAX # DELEGATES	ALTERNATES
BERRYVILLE	7.01	7	7
BUCKMARSH	6.93	7	7
BLUE RIDGE	3.81	4	4
MILLWOOD	6.94	7	7
PINE GROVE	3.69	4	4
RUSSELL	10.80	11	11
WHITE POST	10.96	11	11
TOTAL	50.13	50	50

CLARKE COUNTY CONVENTION AND CANVASS COMMITTEES/RULES

Chairmen and Members of the Temporary Convention Committees shall be appointed by the Clarke County Republican Committee Chairman and shall meet prior to the start of the Canvass or Convention. and shall meet in advance on the call of the appointed Temporary Committee Chairmen and/or the Clarke County Republican Committee Chairman to perform their duties subject to ratification by the delegates present and voting at the Convention. These committees shall include Nominations, Credentials, Rules, Resolutions and Tellers and any other committees that the Clarke County Republican Committee Chairman deems necessary. The Canvass and Convention shall be conducted in accordance with the Plan of Organization of the Republican Party of Virginia, Inc., the bylaws of the Clarke County Republican Committee, the Convention/Canvass Call and the current edition of Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised.

Committees and Rules for Precinct Party Canvasses applicable to all Precincts shall be adopted by the Clarke County Republican Executive Committee within five (5) days of the Close of Delegate filings and thereafter will be available for inspection. Resolutions proposed for consideration by the Clarke County Republican Convention shall be typed or printed and submitted to the Secretary of Clarke County Republican Committee by 12:00 NOON 14 Calendar days prior to the Convention. No resolutions received after this deadline shall be accepted and a postmark will not count. No Resolutions will be considered from the floor.

The Executive Committee of the Clarke County Republican Committee is authorized to revise this Call to make any necessary technical, clerical, or conforming changes. The Unit Chairman must promptly notify the Committee of any such conforming changes proposed by the Executive Committee.

The Clarke County Republican Committee voted to waive the newspaper publication requirement in accordance with the Republican Party of Virginia Plan of Organization.

The Clarke County Republican Committee Chairman is hereby authorized to publish this Call at all times and in all manners necessary to meet all requirements as identified in the RPV Plan of Organization.

ADOPTED THIS 1st DAY OF February 2024 BY THE CLARKE COUNTY REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE

Attest,

Matt Leeds
Chairman

Jonathan De Steuben
Secretary

Paid for and authorized by the Clarke County Republican Committee
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