### **OFFICIAL CALL**

### Party Canvass of Patrick County Republican Committee

#### Mayo River District – Board of Supervisors

As Chairman of the Patrick County Committee of the Republican Party, and pursuant to the Plan of Organization, and as recommended and directed by the Committee, I, Wren M. Williams, do hereby issue this call for a Party Canvass also known as a "firehouse primary" to be held at the **Patrick Henry Volunteer Fire Department** located at 3125 County Line Road, Patrick Springs, Virginia 24133, from **9:00 AM until 1:00 PM on Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019**, for the purpose of nominating the Republican candidate for the office of Mayo River District Representative on the Patrick County Board of Supervisors to be voted for in the General election on November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

#### **Qualifications for Participation**

All legal and qualified voters of the Mayo River District of Patrick 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 party canvass.

#### Filing Requirements

Candidates for the nomination or election at said canvass shall file a written statement and the Petitions containing signatures of 125 legal and qualified voters of the Mayo River District by mail or in person, to Wren M. Williams, Unit Chairman, at P.O. Box 396, Stuart, Virginia 24171 or at the office of Schneider & Williams, P.C. at 125 Slusher Street, Stuart, Virginia 24171, which must be received not later than Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019, at 5:00 PM. The pre-filing form and a blank petition may be found on the Committee's Facebook page, at the office of Schneider & Williams, P.C., or may be requested by email at <a href="mailto:patrickcountygop@gmail.com">patrickcountygop@gmail.com</a>. If not more than the number of persons to be elected shall file for each office, then such properly filed persons shall be declared nominated or elected as the case may be, and no canvass will be held for such purpose.

### **Registration Fee**

There will be a suggested voluntary \$100 registration fee to participate in this canvass to help offset the costs associated with the Party Canvass.

### **OFFICIAL RULES**

### Party Canvass of Patrick County Republican Committee

The Patrick County Republican 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 Party Canvass.

1. The Republican Party Canvass shall be held at the Patrick Henry Volunteer Fire Department located at 3125 County Line Road, Patrick Springs, Virginia 24133 on Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019, from 9:00 AM until 1:00 PM. The purpose of the Canvass shall be to nominate a Republican candidates for the office of Mayo River Representative on the Board of Supervisors to be voted for in the General election on November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

2. This 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, District or Unit Plan or By-Laws, these rules, and otherwise in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised (11th Edition).

3. Only eligible voters duly registered by the Credentials Committee at the time of the Party Canvass may vote. No proxies are allowed at any time.

4. All voters shall meet the requirements as specified in the Call of the Party Canvass.

5. All legal and qualified voters of the Mayo River District and the Peters Creek District in Patrick 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 this canvass in their respective election district.

6. A person who has made application for registration and meets all other requirements of the immediately preceding Rule, 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.

7. The Patrick County Republican Committee shall appoint a Credentials Committee of not more than three persons, to register those persons who offer to vote and to count the ballots once the polls are closed. 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.

8. The Credentials Committee shall decide any question that may arise concerning the qualifications of a candidate or eligibility to vote.

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. If candidates choose to remain

on the property where the voting is being conducted, they must stay forty (40) feet from the entrance of the polling location.

10. No resolutions may be introduced.

11. 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 Party Canvass.

12. As soon as the polls are closed, the Credentials Committee shall immediately proceed to ascertain the vote given at the Canvass and shall continue without adjournment until they declare the results of the canvass. Only the members of the Credentials Committee and two representatives 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. Candidates shall be elected on the basis of the highest plurality of votes received. If two or more persons have an equal number of votes and a higher number than any other person, the Patrick County Republican 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.

14. The Patrick County Republican Committee shall preserve order inside and outside the polling place. No person shall hinder, intimidate, or interfere with any qualified voter so as to prevent the voter from casting a secret ballot. The Patrick County Republican 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.

# **OFFICIAL PRE-FILING FORM**

# Party Canvass of Patrick County Republican Committee

# MUST BE COMPLETED IN FULL

All filing fees are nonrefundable.

By my signature below, in accordance with the Qualifications for Participation set forth in the Plan of Organization for the Republican Party of Virginia, **I do hereby state my intent to support the Mayo River District Board of Supervisor Republican Nominee**, respectively, in the November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019 General Election. I further agree to remove all campaign signs and materials from the balloting stations at the conclusion of the party canvass, and not later than 5:00 p.m. on June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019.

Signature of Candidate

Date

Completed and signed form, along with a check or money order payable to Patrick County Republican Committee must be submitted not later than 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019, to Wren M. Williams, Chairman, Patrick County Republican Committee, at P.O. Box 396, Stuart, Virginia 24171 or at the office of Schneider & Williams, P.C. at 125 Slusher Street, Stuart, Virginia 24171. Actual receipt is required. Postmarks will not govern. Incomplete or modified filing forms, and/or filing forms accompanied by an invalid check, will be returned, and the individual will be deemed to have not filed for candidacy. Mr. Williams can be contacted at (276) 694-2455.

# **OFFICIAL REGISTRATION FORM**

### Party Canvass of Patrick County Republican Committee

I hereby declare that I am qualified and intend to participate at the June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019, Patrick County Republican Committee Board of Supervisor Party Canvass and affirm that:

□ I am a registered voter of Patrick County;

□ I am in accord with the principles of the Republican Party;

□ I intend to support the Republican nominee(s) in the ensuing election;

I understand that if I publicly support a candidate in opposition to a Republican nominee subsequent to a statement of support that I shall not be qualified to participate in party actions for a period of four years; and

(initial one of the following two statements as appropriate)

\_\_\_\_\_ I have not participated in the nominating process of another party in the last five years;

### OR

\_\_\_\_\_ I have participated in the nominating process of another party in the last five years, but I renounce affiliation with any party other than the Republican Party, intend to support the nominees of the Republican Party in the future and understand that the Patrick County Republican Committee shall provide a copy of this signed renunciation statement to the Republican Party of Virginia, to be maintained for a period of 5 years.

BY MY SIGNATURE BELOW: I AFFIRM THAT ALL THE INFORMATION I HAVE PROVIDED ON THIS FORM IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.

Signature:	Date:
Full Legal Name:	
Phone:	
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Approved:YesNo/F	Reason:
REG NUMBER:	ADMIT NUMBER: