

OFFICIAL CALL
2020 CLARKE COUNTY REPUBLICAN
PRECINCT PARTY CANVASSES
AND
NOMINATING CONVENTION

Precinct Canvasses — Saturday, March 7, 2020
VFW - 425 South Buckmarsh St., Berryville, VA 22611

County Nominating Convention — Saturday, March 14, 2020
Old Court House - 104 N. Church St., Berryville, VA 22611

I, Greg Valker, 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 to the Clarke County Republican Convention, unit officers and members, delegates to the 10th District Republican Convention, and delegates to the State Republican Convention.

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 position to either the County, District, or State Convention, and the appropriate Committee approves said candidate and/or delegate, then the candidate and/or 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
2020 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 Saturday, February 29, 2020, upon request by e-mail to secretary@clarkegop.com. Candidate preference ballots must be received by the Unit Chairman, or his designee, no later than 8:00 pm local time, Thursday, March 5, 2020, by e-mail to Greg Valker chairman@clarkegop.com or by physical delivery 132 Retreat Rd. Bluemont, VA 22620. The Chairman or his designee shall email respond to each Military Member to confirm the receipt of each emailed returned ballot.

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.

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 as specified in the grid below*;
 - 6. 160 Delegates and 96 Alternate Delegates to the 2020 Republican 10th District Convention to be held May 30, 2020;
 - 7. 160 Delegates and 160 Alternate Delegates to the 2020 Republican State Convention to be held May 1-2, 2020.

Precinct Members

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PRECINCT	MEMBERS
BERRYVILLE	4
BUCKMARSH	4
BLUE RIDGE	2
MILLWOOD	4
PINE GROVE	2
RUSSELL	7
WHITE POST	5
AT LARGE	8
TOTAL	36

- (2) 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. Subsequent ballots shall be so conducted until a candidate receives a majority vote. In the event, that subsequent ballots are required, if there are more than two (2) duly-filed candidates, the candidate receiving the lowest number of votes on each succeeding ballot shall be required to withdraw from consideration.

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 350 of the total number of Republican votes cast in each Precinct in the last gubernatorial and presidential elections combined. The Delegate votes shall be as follows:

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT	VOTING STRENGTH	MAX # DELEGATES	ALTERNATES
BERRYVILLE	3	3	3
BUCKMARSH	3	3	3
BLUE RIDGE	1	1	1
MILLWOOD	3	3	3
PINE GROVE	1	1	1
RUSSELL	5	5	5
WHITE POST	4	4	4
AT LARGE	6	6	6
TOTAL	27	27	27

CLARKE COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY PRECINCT CANVASSES

The Clarke County Precinct Party Canvasses will be held on March 7, 2020 at the 425 South Buckmarsh St., 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 100 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 to:

To elect Precinct and At Large 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;
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ELECTION OF DELEGATES TO CONVENTIONS

Wherever under-filing(s) exist for: Precinct 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) 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.

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.

Military Members as Delegates
2020 Clarke County Republican Precinct Party Canvasses

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FILINGS REQUIREMENTS

Candidates for election as a Precinct Delegate to the Clarke County Republican Convention shall file the official filing form with the Clarke County Republican Committee Secretary, Mr. Timothy R. Johnson, stating their intent to seek election. All forms must be received no later than 12:00 PM (noon) on Friday February 28, 2020, either in person, by email (secretary@clarkegov.com) or by mail (postmarks do not govern) at the following address:

Timothy R. Johnson Esq., Secretary
Clarke County Republican Committee
20-B East Main St.
P.O. Box 284
Berryville, VA 22611

Candidates for election to any of the following; Clarke County Republican Committee Officer, Member, Delegate or Alternate Delegate to the 10th District Republican Convention, or State Republican Convention shall file the official filing form with the Secretary, Mr. Timothy R. Johnson, indicating their intent to seek election to the indicated position(s). All forms must be received no later than 12:00 PM (noon) on Friday February 28, 2020, either in person, by email (secretary@clarkegov.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 at the Precinct Canvass and/or Convention. Nominations from the floor are not allowed. If the number of persons filing as candidates for election at the 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.

Filing forms are available on the Republican Party of Virginia website, www.rpv.org and the Committee website, www.clarkegov.com, or by calling the Chairman at 540-216-2171 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 no registration or filing fee charged for, or associated with, participation in the Precinct Party Canvasses or as a Delegate or Alternate to the Clarke County Republican Committee Convention. A voluntary registration fee of Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25.00) is requested of each Delegate and Alternate Delegate.

For each candidate for Party office, Party Membership or as Delegate to either the County, State, or District Conventions, the filing fee as specified below shall be paid by Check or Money Order:

<u>Office</u>	<u>Filing Fee</u>	<u>Required</u>
Chairman Clarke County Republican Committee	\$35.00	Yes
Vice Chairman Clarke County Republican Committee	\$25.00	Yes
Secretary Clarke County Republican Committee	\$25.00	Yes
Treasurer Clarke County Republican Committee	\$25.00	Yes
Member Clarke County Republican Committee	\$25.00	No
Delegate to 2020 Clarke County Convention	\$25.00	No
Delegate to 2020 Republican 10 th District Convention	\$25.00	No*
Delegate to 2020 Republican State Convention	\$35.00	No*

*Any delegate who elects not to pay the filing fee may participate only in the nomination of candidates for public office.

CERTIFIATION OF DELEGATES TO 10th DISTRICT CONVENTION

Delegates and alternate delegates to the District and/or State Convention shall be certified to the Convention, in the case of those selected by a Mass Meeting or Convention, by the permanent chairman and permanent secretary of the Mass Meeting or Convention, or, in the case of those selected by a Party Canvass or those declared elected pursuant to the call of a cancelled Mass Meeting, Party Canvass, or Convention, by the chairman of the unit committee.

Certifications for the District convention of Delegates and Alternate Delegates must be delivered to the District Chairman and Secretary no later than Saturday, May 23, 2020. After this deadline, no change may be made except that an alternate delegate may take the place of a delegate. Certifications may be delivered by e-mail to Matt Leeds <convention@vagop10.com> and Ben Bush <secretary@vagop10.com> or by physical delivery to 1919 Withers Larue Rd., Berryville, VA 22611.

Certifications must include at least the name and address appearing on the voter registration rolls of each delegate and alternate, as well as an indication of which delegates or alternates, if any, are Military Members certified as delegates pursuant to Art. VIII, Sec. H, para. 6 of the Plan of Organization, so that the eligibility of such delegates or alternates to have their votes cast by candidate preference ballot may be determined.

A **voluntary**, non-refundable registration fee of **\$25.00** is requested for each delegate and alternate to the convention. **EACH UNIT'S PAYMENT (MADE PAYABLE TO THE 10TH DISTRICT REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE) FOR SAID REGISTRATION FEES MUST ACCOMPANY THE CERTIFICATION FOR EACH DELEGATION SENT TO THE DISTRICT CHAIRMAN, ALONG WITH THE NAMES OF DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES WHO HAVE PAID SAID REGISTRATION FEES.** These fees are subject to the limits and prohibitions of the Federal Election Campaign Act. Any delegate not paying the registration fee may only vote for candidates for Congress and Elector.

Unless the certification states how an allocation of votes is to be fractionalized, the delegates present, and voting may cast the full vote of the delegation.

Unless the certification includes an order from the Mass Meeting, Party Canvass, or Convention establishing a different method, the delegates from the unit shall designate which alternate shall vote in place of an absent delegate.

The unit Chairman or his designee shall be responsible for preparing from the certifications a roll of delegates and alternate delegates "which shall be the official roll of delegates and alternate delegates who may vote at the Convention, unless and until changed by the Convention"

Unit Chairman shall make available, upon request, to a duly filed candidate for public or party office to be filled at the convention the list of delegates, including all contact information provided by the delegates within 14 days of the delegates' election if 250 or fewer delegates are elected or within 21 days if more than 250 delegates have been elected.

**CERTIFICATION OF DELEGATES
TO STATE CONVENTION**

Delegates and alternate delegates elected by each unit shall be certified in writing over the signatures of the permanent chairman and permanent secretary of the mass meeting or convention, and by the unit chairman in the case of a party

canvass. Such Delegate Certifications shall be made using a form to be posted on the RPV website, and must be delivered to the Chairman or his designee no later than April 15 if postmarked or April 17 if delivered electronically or in person (as indicated in Section H.1.c of the Party Plan). Delegate Certifications should be delivered as soon after the election of delegates or, in the case of a cancelled Mass Meeting, Party Canvass, or Convention, the declaration of their election pursuant to Section H.9 of the Party Plan.

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.

Resolutions proposed for consideration by the Clarke County Republican Convention shall be typed and submitted to the Clarke County Republican Committee by 12:00 NOON 7 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.

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. The Party Canvass shall be conducted in accordance with the Plan of Organization of the Republican Party of Virginia, Inc., the Clarke County Republican Committee By-Laws, this Call, and the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised.

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 4th DAY OF February 2020 BY THE CLAKE COUNTY REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE

Attest,

**Greg Walker
Chairman**

**Timothy Johnson
Secretary**

Paid for and authorized by the Clarke County Republican Committee
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