



**Bell County Republican Party
County Executive Committee Meeting
September 11, 2023**

Minutes

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by County Chair Addie Baird at 6:00 pm

1. Invocation

The invocation was given by Steve Moody, Precinct Chair 216.

2. Pledges

The pledges were led by Richard "Rick" Briggs, Precinct Chair 207.

3. Remembrance of 9/11

Chair Addie Baird read:

Excerpt from President Bush in His Address to the Nation at 8:30 PM EDT, September 11, 2001

The pictures of airplanes flying into buildings, fires burning, huge structures collapsing, have filled us with disbelief, terrible sadness, and a quiet, unyielding anger. These acts of mass murder were intended to frighten our nation into chaos and retreat. But they have failed; our country is strong.

A great people has been moved to defend a great nation. Terrorist attacks can shake the foundations of our biggest buildings, but they cannot touch the foundation of America.



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These acts shattered steel, but they cannot dent the steel of American resolve. America was targeted for attack because we're the brightest beacon for freedom and opportunity in the world. And no one will keep that light from shining

Remembrance concluded with all Patriots singing Amazing Grace.

4. Call to order by County Chair Addie Baird at 6:11 pm for CEC Meeting to Begin

5. Roll Call

Secretary Katrina Callahan conducted Roll Call in which 24 precinct chairs were present.

6. Introduction of Candidates, Elected Officials, and Representatives of Elected Officials

Elected Officials-State Representative, District 54 Brad Buckley, Judge, County Court of Law #1, Paul Motz, County Tax Assessor-Collector, Shay Luedeke, County Commissioner, Precinct #1 Bill Schumann

Candidates- Mack Latimer-Congress District 31, Ashley Clapper Bennett-146th District Judge, Debbie Garrett-27th District Judge, William Abel-Congress District 31. Greg Reynolds- County Commissioner

Representatives of Elected Officials or Candidates

Mike McCloskey-Congressman Carter, Jessica Diem-Rep Brad Buckley



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7. Minutes

Addie Baird, Chair, presented the August 14th Meeting Minutes as posted on the website.

Dennis Faulkner, Pct 215, presented a correction as follows:

The two proposed amendments to the bylaws addressed at the August 14th CEC Meeting were handled improperly and should have received a first reading at the August 14th meeting and then moved to discussion at the September 11th meeting, according to Article XI of the bylaws, requiring notice at the previous meeting.

Article XI: Amendment of the Bylaws

Section 1. These bylaws may be amended by a 2/3rds vote of the members of the CEC present and voting at a properly called meeting of the CEC by giving notice at the previous regular meeting.

The amendments were discussed and voted on as follows, taken from the August 14th Minutes:

Amendment to Bylaws

Dennis Faulkner, Precinct Chair 215, to present amendment to Article VII Section 1

The first amendment to the bylaws would allow the Executive Committee to endorse candidates in competitive primary races.

Motion to do show of hands to represent for or against- Sandra McCleney, Precinct Chair 414, 2nd by Steve Harris, Precinct Chair 413.

Motion

*Passes For- 4
Against-16*

Motion Fails

The second amendment would lower the requirement from 4/5ths to 2/3rds for the Executive Committee to endorse candidates in non-partisan races where more than one Republican candidate is running.

Motion to do show of hands to represent for or against- Dennis Faulkner, Precinct 215, 2nd by Danney Mccort, Precinct Chair 213

Motion

*passes For-3
Against-15*

Motion Fails

Roy Vaydak, Parliamentarian, addressed this issue. Point of Order must be called during the meeting in which with breach of the bylaws occurred. No point of order was called on moving to discussion on the amendments proposed at the August 14th meeting. The meeting has since adjourned. Upon the advice of the parliamentarian, the Chair ruled the August 14th handling of the proposed amendments as a vote to move the amendments to a second reading, which failed by 4 (for) to 16 (against) and 3 (for) and 15 (against), respectively.

Addie Baird, Chair, again presented the August 14th Meeting Minutes as posted. The minutes were accepted unanimously.

8. Treasurer's Report

See posted

9. Headquarter Rent Increase By 3%

*Previous Rent: \$1.923.00
New Rent: \$1.980.00*

*Lease Term:
Oct 1, 2023 - Sept 30, 2024*

Vote Required:

Article VIII - Section I: All spending over \$500 must be approved by the CEC.

Motion to accept rent increase accepted by Jeff Howard, Precinct Chair 103, 2nd by Linda Atkins, Precinct Chair 303.

Motion Passes



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10. Precinct Chair Appointments

Motion to accept forum rules for 2-minute speech for Jason Timothy for Precinct Chair 210 and Olga Lasher for Precinct Chair 318 and motion to remove Gregg Simmons from appointments followed by questions, by Larry Robison, Precinct Chair 202, and 2nd by Sandra McCleney, Precinct Chair 419.

Motion Passes

Motion to Appoint Jason Timothy for Precinct Chair 210 and Olga Lasher for Precinct Chair 318, by Sandra McCleney, Precinct Chair 419, 2nd by Linda Atkins Precinct Chair 303.

Motion Passes

11. Proposed Amendment to Bylaws- First Reading by Andrew Eller

Article VI: Position Resolutions - Section 5

Current: *The notice requirement of this Article cannot be suspended.*

Proposed:

The notice requirement of this Article may only be suspended with unanimous consent.

Article VII: Endorsements - Section 3(d)

Section 3. *In a nonpartisan election where more than one candidate is a Republican, the CEC can endorse a candidate with a 4/5ths vote.*

Current: *(d) Notice of the vote to endorse must be provided on the agenda. The notice requirement of this Section cannot be suspended.*

Proposed: *(d) Notice of the vote to endorse must be provided on the agenda. The notice requirement of this Section may only be suspended with unanimous consent.*



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Proposed Resolution

Resolution to Implement HB900 in Texas Public Schools

WHEREAS, graphic illustrations and/or descriptions of sexually explicit conduct as defined in 18 U.S.C § 2256 (8) are being found in books marketed to children, including graphic novels and young adult literature; and

WHEREAS, the 88th Texas Legislature passed with bi-partisan support The R.E.A.D.E.R Act and was set to take effect on 1st September 2023 but was temporarily enjoined from taking effect by a Federal Judge and the Acting Attorney General of Texas as publicly indicated plans to appeal the injunction; and

WHEREAS, school districts have always had the moral imperative and legal right to remove sexually explicit, pervasively vulgar, and educationally unsuitable materials, according to current Texas State Library and Archives Commission guidelines and as supported in the plurality opinion in Pico vs. Board of Education; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bell County Republican Party urges Academy ISD, Bartlett ISD, Belton ISD, Bruceville-Eddy ISD, Copperas Cove ISD, Florence ISD, Gatesville ISD, Holland ISD, Killeen ISD, Lampasas ISD, Moody ISD, Rogers ISD, Rosebud-Lott ISD, Salado ISD, Temple ISD, and Troy ISD School Boards to direct their superintendents and administrators to comply with HB 900, conduct an audit of each schools reading materials, and to ensure removal of all materials that are sexually explicit, pervasively vulgar, and educationally unsuitable from their school and classroom libraries immediately upon identification.



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12. Announcements

1. October CEC Meeting: Monday 10/16 @ 6 PM
2. County Board Meeting 8/21 6 PM - GOP Headquarters
3. Election Commission Meeting 8/15 @ 9:30 AM Historic Courthouse Commissioner's Court
4. Submit Website Updates/Changes to: belltxgop@gmail.com
5. Precinct Chair Filing: 9/12 thru 12/11 - still waiting on SOS.
6. Candidate Filing: 11/11 thru 12/11 - still waiting on SOS.
7. Next Meeting: 10/16 @ 6 PM Announcements (MUST sign up at check-in)
8. Dennis Faulkner - Poll Watchers Needed! a. Contact Dennis@ 315-489- 5058
9. Brenda Howard – TFRW- Help to fight to keep biological women in the organization due to other organizations with TFRW are allowing Transgenders in.
10. SARW - Meeting Thursday 9/28 @ 11:30 AM a. @ Salado Civic Center - Speaker Texas Supreme Court Justice Jimmy Blacklock
11. Davis Ford - Tea Party - Meeting Tuesday 9/19 @ 6 PM Harris Community Center - Speaker Bill Schumann
12. Janet Brown - CTRW - Meeting Monday 9/18 @ 11 AM a. 11:30 Call to Order- Speaker - Rafael Baer, TPPF Outreach Director, Topic: Engaging the Hispanic Conservative Voter

New Business Continued:

Dennis Faulkner, Pct 215, motioned to establish a Rules Committee for the regular CEC meetings.

Steve Moody, Pct 216, 2nd.

Dennis Faulker, Pct 215, spoke first on behalf of his motion.

Brandan Masin, Pct 208, asked point of information as to what the Committee would do.



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Andrew Eller, Pct 315, called point of order, that the motion under discussion was out of order, according to Article IX, Section I, which reads:

The County Chair shall appoint the Standing Committees, as are deemed necessary to carry out policies of the local Party from the pool of officers or Precinct Chairs.

Addie Baird, Chair, agreed to appoint a committee to serve as a resource for Rules understanding and bylaws review for the CEC regular meetings and members, subject to ability to fill the seats with willing and qualified volunteers from the body.

13. Adjournment

Chair Addie Baird Adjourned meeting at 7:07 pm

Respectfully Presented by Secretary,

Katrina Callahan