

Duplin County Republican General Meeting Minutes
5/13/2025

- Chairman Adrian Arnett called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.
- Chairman Arnett recognized all elected officials present.
- Chairman Arnett called on the following elected officials to speak in order: County Commissioner Dexter Edwards, Chairman of the Duplin County Board of Education Brent Davis, Sheriff Stratton Stokes, and Representative Jimmy Dixon.
- Andrew Odom gave the financial report on behalf of Clint Blanton.
- Taylor Kennedy gave a report of the 2025 Duplin County Republican Convention meeting minutes.
- Ray Kennedy motioned to accept the financial report and meeting minutes. All accepted the motion and minutes were approved.
- Chairman Arnett called on Vice Chairman Ray Kennedy to give remarks.
- The floor was opened for brief discussion. Goose Odom briefly took the floor.
- Chairman Arnett recognized the current Sheriff, Stratton Stokes, as well as candidates for sheriff Eric Southerland and Tony James.
- Chairman Arnett called on all sheriff candidates to speak in the following order: Eric Southerland, Tony James, and current sheriff Stratton Stokes.
- Chairman Arnett reports that the State Convention list has been submitted.
- Chairman Arnett requested that anyone who knows of a Duplin County Republican who is deceased share the name of the deceased with him. He will submit this list for addition to the Dearly Departed registry.
- Chairman Arnett reports that Duplin County Veterans First will be hosting a family day on 6/14 at Cabin Lake and all are welcome to attend.
- Chairman Arnett requested that local events be shared with him as the party members become aware of them. He reports that he would like to increase party presence and involvement at local events.
- Representative Jimmy Dixon motioned to adjourn the meeting. Tony James seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 PM.