

Duplin County Republican General Meeting Minutes
09/09/2025

- Chairman Dr. Ray Kennedy called the meeting to order at 6:31pm.
- George Kimball led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Andrew Odom led in prayer.
- Chairman Kennedy introduced a special speaker, Paul “Skip” Stam, who gave a short presentation on the history of due process.
- Taylor Kennedy read the minutes of the August 2025 meeting. Commissioner Dexter Edwards motioned to accept the minutes and Tony James seconded the motion. All in favor.
- Chairman Kennedy reminded the party of upcoming events such as Constitution Day and 9/11 Remembrance Day.
- Chairman Kennedy opened the floor for public comment.
- Vice-Chairman Cindy Sallis recognized elected officials and asked them to give brief reports.
- Representative Jimmy Dixon gave an update on the State budget.
- Sheriff Stratton Stokes gave an update on the new jail facility and recent patrol efforts.
- Commissioner Dexter Edwards received questions from the floor.
- Tony James, candidate for Duplin County Sheriff, gave campaign updates.
- Vice-Chairman Sallis thanked those who volunteered as precinct judges and shared other volunteer opportunities. She encouraged people to volunteer as election workers and precinct organizers as well as volunteer at the Duplin County Republican Party tables and floats at the Poultry Jubilee, Kenansville Christmas Parade, and Wallace Christmas Parade.
- Andrew Odom presented a fundraising opportunity titled the Holiday Cash Giveaway. Tickets will be 1/\$20, 3/\$50, or 7/\$100. Only 1000 tickets will be printed, and tickets will be available starting on 9/15.
- A cake auction benefitting the party took place. A homemade pig-pickin cake was auctioned and sold to Tony James for \$70.
- Chairman Kennedy opened the floor for questions specifically to Paul Stam.
- The next general meeting will take place on 10/14 at 6:30pm.
- Dale Rankin motioned to adjourn the meeting, and Andrew Odom seconded the motion. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55pm.