

**October 15, 2019 Beaufort County Republican  
Executive Committee Meeting – Minutes**

1. **Chairman Bill Cook** called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
2. **Invocation** by Jackie VanEssendelft.
3. **Pledge to the flag** led by Chairman Bill Cook.
4. **Attendance** -**24 Executive Committee Members attended** thereby establishing a quorum. **Members Excused:** Gail Breed; Proctor Kidwell; Brad Shackelford; Mike Trueblood.  
**Guests:** Brenda Evans, Steve Rader; Hood Richardson; Anne Maatman; Gary McGowan; Charles & Debra Whitley; Galen Swain; Fred Watkins; Randy Walker; Chuck Earley; Brenda Evans; Kenny Willis; Buz Cayton.
5. **Minutes** of the September 17, 2019 Executive Committee meeting were approved by unanimous vote.
6. **Speaker of the evening was Dr. Kerry Willis**, a family medicine physician who spoke about the high cost and charges that citizen have to pay for medical care. He also spoke about how the hospitals charge patients; there is such a large amount of paper work required to file insurance billing that physicians and hospitals have had to increase their number of employees, which adds to the patient cost.
7. **Chairman Remarks**  
Bill Cook announced there will be a special called Executive Committee meeting at the County Extension Center on October 24, 2019 at 6:30 to select an individual to fill the vacancy on the Board of County Commissioners created by the death of Commissioner Gary Brinn. Chairman Cook sent a certified letter to each BCGOP Executive Committee member and Ex-Officio member, advising them of the meeting on October 24, 2019.  
Anyone who wishes to be considered for the Commissioner position must submit their Resume to Chairman Cook or Secretary Gail Breed no later than October 18, 2019. A motion was approved to donate \$100 to Eagle's Wings in memory of Gary Brinn.  
**Keith Kidwell**, - NC House of Representatives, reported briefly on the actions and discussions being held in Raleigh. He agreed with Dr. Willis' comments about the cost of health care, which will be a topic for discussion in the 2020 session

8. **Officer Reports –**

1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair, Paul Varcoe reported on the 3<sup>rd</sup> District meeting held at Keith Kidwell's home on Elk Rd. in Chocowinity on October 5. Dr. Craig Murphy, recently elected to represent the 3<sup>rd</sup> District in Congress, was present. He spoke briefly about how overwhelmed he was with Washington, D.C. He learned many new things and how to get around in D.C. He is glad to be there representing us. Paul along with Bill Cook also met with Kelly Hopkins, Jerry Evans & Brian Alligood to discuss the process of selecting a Republican to fill Gary Brinn's seat on the Board of Commissioners.

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair, Joseph Knox reported that BCGOP will have digital control. of our web site this week. Updates will be made.

Treasurer, Ken MacMillan, reported a bank balance of \$2,879.75, after expenses for the last month of \$750 and income of \$835.

Secretary, Gail Breed- Excused absence. She was in a car accident and is still getting over the shock of it. She was not injured.

9. **Committee Reports** – Fred Kaplan & Anne Maatman gave a power point report on Fundraising Committee activities (Copy was given to the Secretary) The “Elephant Stomp” event is be held on November 16 at Southern Acres Event Hall in Bath. Tickets will be \$25. Each Board member was asked to purchase 5 tickets for \$125...they can sell them or give to friends them. The cost of the event will be paid for by doing this. Fred briefly reported on future fundraisers. The Reagan Day dinner will be in February at the Country Club and a Golf Tournament at Cypress Landing in May, 2020. Further details will be provided at future Executive Committee meetings. A motion was approved to spend \$60 per month to continue use of Vista Print for E-mail Blasts to obtain more email addresses.

10. **3<sup>rd</sup> District Action Committee** – Patricia Garrison reported working on getting Newly registered Republicans; discussion was held about State Chairman sending out a mailing to new Republicans in the district. Meeting was held at Gail Breed's by the “Women for Trump” ladies. Sherry Womack was the speaker.

**Next regular meeting November 19, 2019** at 6:30 p.m. at County Extension Center 155 Airport Rd., Washington, NC

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Submitted by Dot Moate

For Secretary Gail Breed