

## August 17, 2021, Beaufort County Republican Party

### Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Chair Garris called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. Dot Moate graciously gave the invocation. All joined in for the Pledge of Allegiance. Quorum was established with 17 members present. Donna Simon substituted for Secretary Gail Breed to take minutes. Below please find the attendance for the August 17, 2021, meeting.

Executive Committee Member Attendance: August 17, 2021			
Present		Excused Absence	
Last Name	First Name	Last Name	First Name
Cauvin	Ruth	Adkins	David
Cayton	William	Adkins	Loretta
Cook	William	Breed	Gail
Dunn	Tandy	Brickhouse Norman	Lori
Forrest	Joanne	Brickhouse	Nancy
Garris	Carolyn	Colleary	Nanci
Garrison	Patricia	Rebholz	John
Hickman	Charles	Rose	Charles
Maatman	Anne	Taylor	Linda
Moate	Doris	Trueblood	Jeffrey
Richardson	Hood	Trueblood	Michael
Richardson	Shirley	VanEssendelf	Jessica
Roberson	Bobby		
Simon	Donna		
Varcoe	Paul		
Waters	Frankie		
Whichard	Jimmie		

Public Attendees	
Last Name	First Name
Easterling	John
Gilson	Beth
Henderson	Donna
Houston	Lucille
Hubers	Don
Leary	Ray
Slann	Dawn
Whitley	Clarence
Woolard	Marilyn

Unexcused Absence	
Last Name	First Name
Ahearn	Ina Diane
Coward	Joyce
Deatherage	Stan (3)
Knox	Joseph
Morgan	Dolores
Moore	Brodie (3)
Waters	Kathy


The following EXCOMM Members have documented three unexcused absences at the August EXCOMM meeting. The Plan of Organization addresses removal by Unexcused Absences in Article V B.5

- Stan Deatherage
- Brodie Moore

July 13, 2021, meeting minutes were approved. Motion by Bill Cook, 2<sup>nd</sup> Joanne Forrest.

## Treasurers Report

Anne Maatman provided the August Finance Report and Golf Tournament update.



# Financial Report

Election Cycle 2021-2022

March 6 - August 18, 2021

## Today's Balances

	Party	Building Fund	Total
Beginning Balance	\$ 1,804.24	\$ 3,616.66	\$ 5,420.90
Receipts	\$ 21,503.93	2,925.00	24,428.93
Expenses	\$ 11,603.74	0	11,603.74
Balance	<b>\$11,704.43</b>	<b>6,541.66</b>	<b>18,246.09</b>

## Categorized

	Receipts	Expenses	Net
Begin Balances	\$ 5,420.90		\$ 5,420.90
RRR	\$ 23,084.32	\$ 9,885.33	\$ 13,198.99
Flag Pins Sales	75.00	54.52	20.48
Golf Tourney	319.61	349.72	(30.11)
General	\$ 850.00	\$ 289.19	560.81
Totals	<b>\$ 29,749.83</b>	<b>10,578.76</b>	<b>19,171.07</b>

Report was approved. Bill Cook motion / Patricia Garrison 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Anne Maatman gave update on the Golf Tournament being held at Cypress Landing Golf Club on October 16, 2021.



Our goal is to have 100 golfers. 50 Sponsors are needed. EXCOMM Prizes that are needed are gift baskets, certificates, merchandise, gas cards, etc. (\$50 or more). There is a special Candidate or Elected Official price offered at \$100. Members were instructed to have potential golfers/sponsors to visit the website at [gopgolftourney.rsvpify.com](http://gopgolftourney.rsvpify.com)

Beaufort County Commissioner Chairman Frankie Waters gave a presentation on the County Budget and the American Rescue Plan funding. Questions from members were as follows:

1. Patricia Garrison:
  - Is Municipal disbursement based on population?
  - Has the Disaster Facility been sold?
2. Dot Moore: If we don't spend it, do we send it back?
3. Public audience member: Is there a cap on each project?

Commissioner Waters discussed tax rate and shared BC budget highlights, discussing his concerns regarding solid waste costs, indicating that in the future the county may need to go to pay-as-you-go.

2021-2022 Budget Highlights		
<u>Revenues</u>		
Real estate & vehicles taxes	\$ 38,162,600	
Sales & other taxes	10,843,800	
Restricted & Intergovernmental	11,287,576	
Licenses, fees & other	2,124,631	
Administrative Charges	328,760	
Investment income	75,000	
Fund balance	<u>309,344</u>	
Total		\$ 63,131,711
<u>Expenses by function</u>		
Education (A)	\$ 19,806,578	
Human services	17,371,061	
Public Safety (B)	13,720,171	
General government	6,882,627	
Debt service	2,750,991	
Community services	1,763,233	
Transfers	<u>837,050</u>	
Total		\$ 63,131,711
<u>(A) Education</u>		
County Schools		
Community College	\$ 19,806,578	
<u>(B) Public safety</u>		
Sheriffs Office		
EMS		
Jail		
911 Center		
Animal control		
Emergency management		
Forestry		
Other	\$ 13,720,171	

He reviewed the funds for the American Rescue plan by county and then specific to Beaufort County.

American Rescue Plan Funds		
Beaufort County	\$	9,110,000
City of Washington	\$	2,780,000
Town of Belhaven		460,000
Town of Chocowinity		230,000
Town of Aurora		150,000
Town of Washington Park		130,000
Town of Bath		70,000
Town of Pantego		50,000
		<u>3,870,000</u>
Total ARP Funds	\$	<u>12,980,000</u>

County's Plan for ARP Funds		
Broadband	\$	4,000,000
Disaster Distribution Facility (Est)		1,200,000
Volunteer Fire Departments (Est)	<u>150,000</u>	\$ 5,350,000
Water System updates		N/A
Jail improvements for better health		N/A
Uncommitted		<u>3,760,000</u>
Total ARP Funds		<u>\$ 9,110,000</u>

Commissioner Waters discussed the school budget. He indicated that enrollment dropped 6%. He discussed Debt service.

2021-2022 Budget Numbers School Funding Summary		
	Total	Per Student
Operating expenses	\$ 14,587,140	\$ 2,462
School Resource Officers	603,600	102
Capital spending	1,115,695	188
School bond debt service	<u>2,107,274</u>	<u>356</u>
Total local funding	18,413,709	3,108
State & Federal funding	<u>58,166,430</u>	<u>9,819</u>
Total funding	<u>\$ 76,580,139</u>	<u>\$ 12,927</u>

School funding / property tax revenue 49.98%

Student Enrollment Summary		
2019-2020 Enrollment	6,322	
2020-2021 Enrollment	5,924	
Decrease in enrollment	398	
Transfers to private & charter	130	33%
Home school or other	268	67%

#### Note

Survey of private & charter schools indicate an enrollment increase of 9.2% increase in 2021-2022

Senator Bill Cook mentioned the State Health Dept and Human Services have billions coming in from schools.

Commissioner Waters invited the public to the August 25, 2021, Jail Presentation at 3:00 p.m. He indicated that the jail cap is 85 prisoners and that BC is currently running at 45 prisoners.

### Old Business

Dot Moate asked for the floor. She wanted to share her thoughts and feelings on the fact that she has missed only 1 meeting since the inception of her joining the BCGOP, that she has always been ready and able to help where needed. She was upset that the EXCOMM changed the meeting date that was accommodated for her. She indicated that she could not continue on the Board in the capacity as

Chair of the Fundraising Committee due to the fact that the same evening is her Church meeting. She shared that Church comes first and additionally she was disappointed that no one called her to share the fact that the meeting was changed back. Chair Garris sincerely apologized and said that communication should have been better and graciously took the accountability as our leader. Chair Garris additionally sent Dot Moate a heartfelt email indicating an apology and how valued she is to our party and as a friend. The position of Chair for the Fundraising Committee is now open. Ruth Cauvin asked for the floor to publicly appreciate Dot. Anne Maatman was in tandem to reiterate the value of communication.

### BCGOP Candidate Assistance

Steve Radar offered a resolution to assist Candidates party resources. Patricia Garrison offered amendments. Anne Maatman shared a draft document, "How to Run for Office".



#### **So you're a Republican running for office?**

The primary goal of the Beaufort County Republican Party is to assist Republicans who are in office and running for office. As a county party, we will assist any and all Republicans for whom Beaufort County residents can vote.

After meeting the requirements below, the party is ready to assist.

1. Receipt of your letter of intent addressed to our chair,
2. Verification that you are a registered Republican,
3. Receipt of a copy of our county's Statement of Principles with your signature indicating your agreement, and
4. Your pledge to protect the information we provide from resale and other unauthorized sharing.

The party will assist as follows:

- Introduce you at one of our monthly meetings as a featured speaker
- Share "mailing" lists of contacts (Republicans, Independents) that include postal addresses, emails, and phone numbers.
- Include your campaign events on our website <http://beaufort.nc.gop>
- Connect you with other Republicans who have experience with
  - Fundraising 101...how much will you need to raise...contingencies if you need more
  - Volunteers
  - Tactical / Boots on the ground: Walk lists...Door to Door strategies
  - How to: Walk pieces...Mail pieces...phone bank...robocalls...community events...meet community leaders
  - Media How to: which outlets...media...press releases... FaceBook... Twitter... Campaign website

After the primary, we will consider financial assistance to all Republican candidates who request it. The deadline for application and awards will be established for each election.

Helpful references about:

- REGISTERED VOTERS: Beaufort County Board of Elections <https://www.beaufortncboe.org>
- CAMPAIGN FINANCE LAW: NC State Board of Elections <https://www.ncsbe.gov>; NCGOP <https://www.nc.gop/events>
- VOTE HISTORY: GOP Data Center [www.gopdatacenter.com](http://www.gopdatacenter.com)
- TRAINING: District/County Chairman's Association <https://dcca.nc.gop>

Shirley Richardson  
that having our Party

added

Platform would be important. We concurred also that having the Candidate

signing a Pledge for the Party Platform and Confidentiality (for addresses and proprietary information) would be required. Motion: Steve Rader / 2<sup>nd</sup> Tandy Dunn.

Next meeting will be held on September 21<sup>st</sup> for a Wild Dog Event/Fundraiser generously being sponsored by Chair Garris. We will have a special guest, Judicial Candidate Judge April Woods. The meeting will be held at Mount Olive. Chair Garris shared that she has eyes/ears on a space to rent for the BCGOP for us to be able to meet and work effectively during Campaign seasons.

Patricia Garrison announced that the BOE meeting is being held on August 24 / 5:30 p.m. / Pierce Street. She also announced the Judicial Picnic being held on September 18<sup>th</sup>. (She has tickets to sell). Chair Garris shared the 21 Guns Raffle to help the Judicial Fund. (1 ticket-\$50, 3 tickets-\$100, 6 tickets-150, 12 tickets-\$200)

Meeting Adjourned 8:01 p.m.