

# MINUTES

Beaufort County Republican Party  
Executive Committee Meeting 6:30 pm, Thursday, August 10, 2023  
Republican Headquarters, 844 Washington Plaza, Washington, NC

<i>Members</i>	<i>Present</i>	<i>Excused</i>	<i>Members</i>	<i>Present</i>	<i>Excused</i>	<i>Visitors</i>
Gail Breed	Yes		Danny Roe	No	No	
Nancy Brickhouse	Yes		Scarlet Stokes	Yes		William Leary
Ruth Cauvin	Yes		Jackie Vanessendelft	Yes		Diane Ahearn
Joyce Coward	Yes		Paul Varcoe	No	Excused	Dallas Dawson
Kelly Cox	No	Excused	Frankie Waters	Yes		David Knight
Sheri Elks	Yes		Kathy Waters	Yes		Andrew Melton
Joanne Forrest	Yes		Jimmie Whichard	Yes		Greg Doherty
David French	Yes		Donna Wortman	Yes		Sheriff Sam Page
Carolyn Garris	Yes		Jeffrey Trueblood	Yes		Gracie O'Neal
Patricia Garrison	No	Excused				Bill Cook
Donna Henderson	No	Excused	Ex-officio Members			
April Holloway	Yes		Steve Rader, Precinct Chair	Yes		
Jeffrey Johnson	No	Excused	Randy Walker	Yes		
Keith Kidwell	Yes		Carolyn Walker	Yes		
Al Klemm	Yes		Sheriff Scott Hammonds	Yes		
Janet Knight	Yes					
Joseph Knox	No	Excused				
John Rebholz	Yes					

1. Call to Order - Carolyn Garris
2. Roll Call - JoAnne Forrest
3. Invocation - Donna Wortman
4. Pledge of Allegiance - Steve Radar
5. Approval of July Minutes - Motion by John Rebholz. Second by Nancy Brickhouse
6. Treasurer's Report
  - Building Fund - \$3545.48
  - Campaign Fund - \$2,725.44
  - Balance- \$6270.92
  - Golf donations/sponsors are not reflected
7. The breakfast event with Chairman Micheal Whatley was a success. Heartland Catering did a fantastic job.
8. Steve Rader - Path to Victory Committee has set a meeting for August 29 at 7:00 p.m. with the precinct chairman. Mr. Rader laid out stats and strategy for the next election. We are also seeking judges.
9. John Rebholz - The Annual Golf Fundraiser is 5 weeks away. Things are going well. Volunteers are needed.
10. JoAnn Forrest - Trump Bingo Night- a successful event. \$110. Enjoyed by all. October will feature Bingo and Pizza

11. Guest Speaker- Sheriff Sam Page - Candidate NC Lt. Governor
  - 40 years of service in law enforcement
  - Opened churches during the pandemic
  - Law and order
  - ONE PILL CAN KILL
  - Visited the southern border
  - Drugs kill more than gun violence
  - Human trafficking
  - Casino
  - Public Safety
12. Elected officials Reporting
  - Rep. Keith Kidwell - NC House reported that we may not get a budget until September. He voiced his opposition to the casinos. Updates on the drone airfield and progress of the program. Invitation extended to September 2 cookout.
  - Commissioner Frankie Waters - Pleased to report \$200,000 from the NC Dept. of Commerce for Aurora. BTW Limited was come to the Industrial Park and is bringing 42 jobs. Agriculture and seafood opportunities for economic development are possible. The county lost 3,000 people in 10 years.
  - Carolyn Walker- Board of Education reported that Issac Lister has taken over as principal at Washington High. All of our schools are ready to open. We have 15 openings. Our plan is to grow our own workforce and encourage our students to remain local. She spoke on the lateral entry programs, volunteers, and the difference between the PTA and PTO.
  - Carolyn Garriss, Register of Deeds- pleased to report processes are being updated and streamlined in the office. Recording processes have been updated and are more efficient. Online ordering of vitals was launched on July 31 and is working exceptionally well. Customers are very happy with the new service. We are currently cleaning out obsolete equipment and supplies or repurposing them.
  - Scott Hammonds, Sheriff Beaufort Co reported a bust that took over 50,000 doses of fentanyl off our streets. He's implementing aggressive enforcement action. He will continue his Town Halls.
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13. Joyce Coward - provided the committee with information regarding the smart meters and what their impact would be if installed in our homes. Handouts were provided as well as information regarding public hearings in our area. Terra Power is a Bill Gates holding company. Please govern your awareness of the information.
14. 2nd Amendment Shootout Event on Saturday, November 11 (if range is available this day) was announced by Carolyn Garriss. More details to follow.
15. Adjourned.

Recorded by:  
April Holloway, BCGOP Secretary