

OFFICIAL CALL
2019 CLARKE COUNTY REPUBLICAN
MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT PARTY CANVASSES
AND
NOMINATING CONVENTION

Magisterial District/Legislative District Committee Canvasses — Saturday, April 13, 2019
County Nominating Convention — Saturday, April 27, 2019

I, Matt Leeds, Chairman of the Clarke County Republican Committee, in accordance with the Plan of Organization of the Republican Party of Virginia, Inc., hereby issue this Call for a Convention of the Clarke County Republican Party and a Republican Party Canvass for each Clarke County Magisterial District.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR PARTICIPATION

All legal and qualified voters of Clarke County, under the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia, regardless of race, religion, national origin or sex, who are in accord with the principles of the Republican Party and who, if requested, express in open meeting either orally or in writing as may be required, their intent to support all of its nominees for public office in the ensuing election, may participate as members of the Republican Party of Virginia in its mass meetings, party canvasses, conventions or primaries encompassing their respective election districts. In addition to the foregoing, to be in accord with the principles of the Republican Party, a person otherwise qualified hereunder shall not have participated in Virginia in the nomination process of a party other than the Republican Party in the last five years. A single exception to the above shall be approved for a voter that renounces affiliation with any other party in writing, and who expresses in writing that he/she is in accord with the principles of the Republican Party and intends, at the time of the writing, to support the nominees of the Republican Party in the future. A voter that utilizes the foregoing exception, and thereafter participates in the nomination process of a Party other than the Republican Party, shall not have the benefit of the exception as identified in this paragraph thereafter.

In order to be eligible for election as a Delegate or Alternate Delegate to any convention, an individual must be registered to vote no later than the pre-filing deadline established by the Official Committee or, if pre-filing is not a requirement, no later than the date of election as a Delegate. A person who has made application for registration and meets all other requirements herein, but whose name does not appear on the local registration books solely because of the books having been closed in connection with a local election, will nevertheless be deemed a legal and qualified voter.

If not more than one candidate files for a Constitutional Office or Board Of Supervisor Office in any given magisterial district, and the Credentials Committee approves said candidate, then the candidate shall be deemed elected and the nomination process for that specific office will be cancelled and removed from the Clarke County Republican Committee Convention agenda and from the Clarke County Republican Committee Delegate Canvass Agenda.

Provided there is one or no candidate for each Constitutional Office and Board Of Supervisor Office the Clarke County Republican Committee Convention and Magisterial District Party Canvasses shall be cancelled.

Military Provision

Declaration. Otherwise Qualified Military Members who seek to be represented at this Convention, and who **because of the obligations of their official military orders**, are unable to attend their respective Unit mass meeting, canvass or convention called for the purpose of selecting delegates to this Convention, and that in lieu of selecting delegates to represent them from their respective Unit they instead wish to be represented by the Military Delegation, shall send an e-mail declaration to secretary@clarkegop.com not later than 12:00 pm (noon) Eastern Time, Saturday, April 6, 2019. Such Declaration email shall include attached; a signed statement of intent to support all Republican Nominees in the General Election, an affirmation of their official military orders precluding their attendance, and their email address for correspondence. The Chairman or his designee shall email respond to each Military Member to confirm the receipt of each email declaration.

Candidate Preference Ballot. Subsequent to the receipt of the Declaration, Qualifying Military Members will be sent a Ballot Preference Form to be returned by email. Qualifying Military Members shall be entitled to cast a Candidate Preference Ballot to convey their ordered candidate preferences for each public office (first choice, second choice, third choice, etc.). The Ballot shall be available at the RPV website (and at the Official Committee website if one exists). The Ballot Preference Form shall be returned to Matt Leeds at chairman@clarkegop.com not later than 5:00 pm Eastern Time, Thursday, April 25, 2019. The Chairman or his designee shall email respond to each Military Member to confirm the receipt of each emailed returned ballot.

Over-filing. In the event that more candidates for Delegate to the Military Delegation have pre-filed than are allowed, Delegates shall be selected by the respective candidates for the highest public office in proportion to the first-choice results of the Candidate Preference Ballot. (e.g. If Candidate A for Governor receives 50% of the votes cast for first choice on the Candidate Preference Ballot for Governor, Candidate A shall select 50% Delegates allowed from the pool of pre-filed Delegates). In this case, candidates for the highest office shall select their Delegates at least seven (7) days prior to the Certification deadline of the Call.

Military Delegation Voting at Convention. The Military Delegation shall be instructed to vote in proportion to the Candidate Preference Ballot results of all Military Members. Unless the Call or the Convention Rules specify otherwise, Military Delegates shall be free to cast their vote as they wish for votes other than votes for a nomination for public office.

CLARKE COUNTY REPUBLICAN CONVENTION

The Clarke County Republican Convention shall be held at the Old Court House located at 104 N. Church St., Berryville, VA 22611.

Doors will open at 09:00 AM and Registration will begin at 09:15 AM and close when the Convention closes. Registration shall be suspended during any vote that requires a ballot of any kind. The Convention will be called to order at 9:45 AM. Voting will begin no earlier than 10:00 AM. It is anticipated that voting will begin at, or shortly after that time.

Upon commencement of the first ballot for any office and thereafter, no quorum call or point of order regarding the quorum of the Convention or of any committee thereof shall be in order.

PURPOSE OF THE CLARKE COUNTY REPUBLICAN CONVENTION

The purposes of the County Convention shall be:

- (1) To elect a Republican Candidate for each of the following offices:
 - a. Clarke County Commonwealth Attorney;
 - b. Clarke County Sherriff;
 - c. Clarke County Commissioner of the Revenue;
 - d. Clarke County Treasurer;
 - e. Clarke County Board of Supervisor-Berryville;
 - f. Clarke County Board of Supervisor-Buckmarsh;
 - g. Clarke County Board of Supervisor-Millwood;
 - h. Clarke County Board of Supervisor-Russell;
 - i. Clarke County Board of Supervisor-White Post;
- (2) To transact other such business as may properly come before the Convention.

BALLOTING AT THE COUNTY CONVENTION

Election for the Republican nomination for each Constitutional Office and Board of Supervisor Seat shall be by majority vote and weighted by Magisterial District according to the methodology stipulated in the Plan of Organization of the Republican Party of Virginia (the "Party Plan"). In the event, that no candidate receives a majority of the votes cast on the first ballot, it shall be in order to proceed immediately to a second ballot. Subsequent ballots shall be so conducted until a candidate receives a majority vote. In the event, that subsequent ballots are required, if there are more than two (2) duly-filed candidates, the candidate receiving the lowest number of votes on each succeeding ballot shall be required to withdraw from consideration.

Election for Delegate to either Legislative District Convention shall

COMPOSITION OF COUNTY CONVENTION FOR CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICES AND BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

The Clarke County Convention shall be composed of Delegates and Alternate Delegates of the respective Magisterial Districts they represent. Representation shall be based on one (1) Delegate vote per 500 of the total number of Republican votes cast in each Magisterial District in the last gubernatorial and presidential elections combined. The Delegate votes shall be as follows:

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT	VOTING STRENGTH	MAX # DELEGATES	ALTERNATES
BERRYVILLE	2	2	2
BUCKMARSH	3	3	3
MILLWOOD	3	3	3
RUSSELL	3	3	3
WHITE POST	3	3	3
MILITARY	1	1	1
TOTAL	15	15	15

CLARKE COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT CANVASSES

The Clarke County Magisterial District Party Canvasses will be held on April 13, 2019 at the Old Court House, 104 N Church St., Berryville, VA 22611. Doors will open at 9:00 AM with Registration commencing at 9:15 AM. Voting will begin shortly after that time.

PURPOSE OF THE CLARKE COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT CANVASSES

The purposes of the Clarke County Republican Party Magisterial District Canvasses are to:

To elect Magisterial Delegates to the Clarke County Republican Convention for the purpose of Nominating Candidates for each of the following positions:

1. Clarke County Commonwealth Attorney;
2. Clarke County Sherriff;
3. Clarke County Commissioner of the Revenue;
4. Clarke County Treasurer;
5. Clarke County Board of Supervisor-Berryville;
6. Clarke County Board of Supervisor-Buckmarsh;
7. Clarke County Board of Supervisor-Millwood;
8. Clarke County Board of Supervisor-Russell;
9. Clarke County Board of Supervisor-White Post;

ELECTION OF DELEGATES TO CONVENTIONS

Wherever under-filing(s) exist for: County Magisterial District Delegates to the County Convention; all duly filed individuals for the respective positions shall be declared elected and the canvasses shall be cancelled. In the event a canvass is required, all duly-filed Delegates in any over-filed Magisterial District shall be informed in writing by mail or email.

Wherever over-filing(s) for the County Convention to the Clarke County Republican Committee from any Magisterial District shall exist, separate paper ballots shall be used in that Magisterial District Party Canvass for each class of positions being elected. Ballots shall list each duly filed candidate in alphabetical order. Election for all positions shall be by plurality vote. Individuals receiving the highest number of votes, up to the maximum allowed, shall be declared elected.

Candidates must be duly filed in accordance with this Call. There shall be no write-ins and no filings from the floor of the Magisterial District Canvasses or the County Convention for any position whatsoever. Candidates must be registered voters in the Magisterial District from which they file as of the filing date indicated in this Call.

CERTIFIATION OF DELEGATES

The delegates present in a given delegation shall designate which alternate delegates shall vote in the place of an absent delegate except where the electing body electing the delegates has determined another method of alternate delegate selection. The said delegates and alternate delegates to the Convention so elected shall be certified in writing with their respective names and addresses including zip codes over the signatures of the permanent chairman and permanent secretary of the unit mass meeting or convention, or of the unit chairman of the unit committee which may have conducted a party canvass to select the delegates and alternate delegates.

All certifications must be delivered at least 7 days prior to the convention. After the filing deadline of the certifications, no change

may be made except a certified alternate delegate may be made a delegate. A copy of the published call of the convention, mass meeting or party canvass called for the purpose of selecting delegates and alternate delegates to said convention, must accompany the certification with the date of publication included. Certification should be mailed or delivered as follows:

- Original – Matt Leeds, Chairman-PO Box 284, Berryville VA. 22611
- 2nd Copy – Timothy R. Johnson Esq. Secretary-20-B East Main St., Berryville, VA 22611
- 3rd Copy – Unit Records

A delegate or alternate delegate is not certified until his name, address and phone number has been provided on the certification.

FILINGS REQUIREMENTS
Constitutional Office-Board Of Supervisor-Delegate/Alternate

Candidates for election to a Constitutional Office or Board of Supervisors shall file a written statement of intent to the Secretary, Mr. Timothy R. Johnson, stating their intent to seek election for each Constitutional Office or Board of Supervisor Office. All forms must be received no later than 12:00 PM (noon) on Saturday March 9, 2019, either in person or by mail (postmarks do not govern) at the following address:

Timothy R. Johnson Esq., Secretary
Clarke County Republican Committee
20-B East Main St.
P.O. Box 284
Berryville, VA 22611

Candidates for election as a Delegate or Alternate shall file a written statement of intent to the Secretary, Mr. Timothy R. Johnson, stating their intent to seek election for each Constitutional Office or Board of Supervisor Office. All forms must be received no later than 12:00 PM (noon) on Saturday March 30, 2019, either in person or by mail (postmarks do not govern) at the following address:

Timothy R. Johnson Esq., Secretary
Clarke County Republican Committee
20-B East Main St.
P.O. Box 284
Berryville, VA 22611

No nominations for the above Offices or Delegates/Alternates will be accepted from the floor.

Pre-filing forms are available on the Republican Party of Virginia website, www.rpv.org and the Committee website, www.clarkeGOP.com, or by calling the Chairman at 540-216-2171 or emailing the Chairman at Chairman@ClarkeGOP.com.

All filing forms must be reasonably legible and contain all mandatory information requested therein, including filing fee, if applicable. All non-compliant forms shall be subject to rejection.

APPLICABLE FEES

There will be no registration or filing fee charged for, or associated with, participation in the Magisterial District Party Canvasses or as a Delegate or Alternate to the Clarke County Republican Committee Convention. A voluntary registration fee of Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25.00) is requested of each Delegate and Alternate Delegate.

For each candidate for Constitutional Office or Board of Supervisors, the filing fee shall be as specified below for each respective office:

<u>Office</u>	<u>Filing Fee</u>
Clarke County Commonwealth Attorney	\$2,400
Clarke County Sherriff	\$2,800
Clarke County Commissioner of the Revenue	\$2,700
Clarke County Treasurer	\$2,700
Clarke County Board of Supervisor-Berryville	\$100

CONVENTION AND CANVASS COMMITTEES/RULES

Chairmen and Members of the Temporary Convention Committees shall be appointed by the Clarke County Republican Committee Chairman and shall meet prior to the start of the Canvass or Convention. and shall meet in advance on the call of the appointed Temporary Committee Chairmen and/or the Clarke County Republican Committee Chairman to perform their duties subject to ratification by the delegates present and voting at the Convention. These committees shall include Nominations, Credentials, Rules, Resolutions and Tellers and any other committees that the Clarke County Republican Committee Chairman deems necessary. The Canvass and Convention shall be conducted in accordance with the Plan of Organization of the Republican Party of Virginia, Inc., the bylaws of the Clarke County Republican Committee, the Convention/Canvass Call and the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised.

Resolutions proposed for consideration by the Clarke County Republican Convention shall be typed and submitted to the Clarke County Republican Committee by 12:00 NOON 7 Calendar day prior to the Canvass or Convention for which the resolution is proposed. No resolutions received after this deadline shall be accepted and a postmark will not count. No Resolutions will be considered from the floor.

Committees and Rules for Magisterial District Party Canvasses applicable to all Magisterial Districts shall be adopted by the Clarke County Republican Executive Committee within five (5) days of the Close of Delegate filings and thereafter will be available for inspection online at www.ClarkeGOP.com. The Party Canvass shall be conducted in accordance with the Plan of Organization of the Republican Party of Virginia, Inc., the Clarke County Republican Committee By-Laws, this Call, and the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised.

The Clarke County Republican Committee voted to waive the newspaper publication requirement in accordance with the Republican Party of Virginia Plan of Organization.

The Clarke County Republican Committee Chairman is hereby authorized to publish this Call at all times and in all manners necessary to meet all requirements as identified in the RPV Plan of Organization.

ADOPTED THIS 27th DAY OF February 2019 BY THE CLAKE COUNTY REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE

Attest,

**Matt Leeds
Chairman**

**Timothy Johnson
Secretary**

Paid for and authorized by the Clarke County Republican Committee

Clarke County Republican Committee, PO Box 284, Berryville, VA 22611