

Montrose County Republican Central Committee
Thursday, January 11, 2018
Minutes of the Meeting

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Call to Order: Acting Chairman Spencer Hamner called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

Invocation: Cat Fellabaum gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance: Kay Heinschel led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Welcome Elected Officials, Attendees & Guests: All were welcomed to the meeting and attending elected officials were invited to do a report as they were recognized by the acting chairman.

Elected Official Reports:

Commissioner Glen Davis reported that currently things were quiet.

Commissioner Keith Caddy reported they were involved in getting county needs known as legislators were beginning the new year session at the State Capitol.

Commissioner Roger Rash reported on the settling of the legal issue with the hospital and Board of Trustees; the help going to the west end of the county, and the good new year budget.

Clerk and Recorder Tressa Guynes reported on the number of vehicle registrations in the county. A new type of audit was implemented for the election and their office audit was 100% successful. With regard to Vital Statistics her office once again received a 5 Star Award.

Treasurer Rosemary Murphy reported 2017 was a great year for the office; foreclosures were the lowest in 17 years and that 99.8% of property taxes had been collected.

Assessor Brad Hughes spoke about the valuation increases newly assessed; the amount and impact of senior exemptions, and that it would be something the legislature would be looking at due to expansion.

Chief Investigator Rick Fellabaum for **Coroner Canfield** spoke briefly about the current case of death and how unusual it was.

Welcomed Guest, **Justin Westbrook**, stepped forward to announce his candidacy for County Sheriff and spoke briefly about his history in Montrose County.

Minutes Approval: Acting Chairman Hamner asked for a motion for approval of the November 9th, 2017 Minutes. Jim Dittmar made a motion to approve; it was seconded by Ray Langston and passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Deb Hunter gave a report of the current balance, checks written, and still outstanding checks.

New Business:

a) Election of new officers

Acting Chairman Spencer Hamner asked for nominations from the credentialed committee for chairman. Jim Dittmar nominated Dave Laursen who asked to have his name withdrawn.

Ray Langston nominated Spencer Hamner who accepted. Glen Davis made a motion that the nominations cease; seconded by Jim Dittmar. Dave Laursen made a motion to elect by acclamation. A voice vote was taken on the motion and it was pronounced unanimous.

Chairman Hamner asked for nominations for 1st Vice Chairman. Jim Dittmar nominated Dave Laursen who accepted. Kay Heinschel nominated Ray Langston who also accepted the nomination. Jim Dittmar made a motion to close the nominations and it was seconded by Bill Kennedy. Paper ballots were collected by the Teller Committee appointed by County Treasurer Rosemary Murphy and tallied in another room.

Chairman Hamner reported on the League of Women Voters forum he previously participated in on the question of campaign reform.

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Treasurer Murphy announced the election results from the Teller Committee and pronounced Dave Laursen elected as 1st Vice Chairman.

Chairman Hamner called for nominations for 2nd Vice Chairman. Dennis Mitchell nominated Ray Langston and Gene Lillard seconded the nomination. Rosemary Murphy nominated Rick Fellabaum and Jim Dittmar seconded that nomination. Jim Dittmar made a motion to close the nominations and it was seconded by Ray Langston. Paper ballots were collected by the Teller Committee and tallied. Rick Fellabaum was elected 2nd Vice Chairman.

b) March 6th Caucus

All but the four west end precincts will caucus at the Olathe Middle/High School the evening of March 6th. The west end will caucus at the Naturita Library. Website hosting and funding means to connect these precincts for participation was discussed and will be looked into further.

Caucus training will take place the evening of Thursday, February 22nd at 7:00 p.m., and 10:00 a.m. the morning of Saturday, February 24th. Location is still yet to be confirmed.

c) March 17th County Assembly

The Assembly will be held in the Montrose High School Cafeteria on the morning of Saturday, March 17th. More details on both events will be forthcoming.

Ongoing Business:

a) District Captain and PCP vacancies was discussed, as well as who would help run the caucuses.

Committee Chair/Affiliation Reports:

No Committee Chairpersons were in attendance.

Closing Remarks/Announcements:

The acquisition of a permanent portable phone and number for the Montrose GOP was discussed and will be purchased and implemented soon.

Issues with gmail and the database are requiring more discussion of possible new means to convert to for more reliable contact results.

Adjournment:

Chairman Hamner thanked the Committee for their participation in the elections and called for a motion to adjourn. Jim Dittmar made the motion and it was seconded by Ray Langston.

The meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

— *Minutes submitted by Charli Oswald, Secretary*