

**Montrose County Republican Central Committee**  
**Thursday, September 13, 2018**  
Minutes of the Meeting

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**Call to Order:** 1st Vice Chairman, Rick Fellabaum, conducting the meeting for Chairman Hamner, unable to attend, called it to order at 6:41 p.m.

**Invocation:** Commissioner Keith Caddy gave the invocation.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Ed Ulibarri led the Attendees in the Pledge.

**Welcome Elected Officials, Attendees & Guests:** Rick Fellabaum welcomed the attendees.

**Elected Official's Report:**

**County Commissioner Keith Caddy** reported on efforts to get ready for the new session; and the airport tribute to take place this coming weekend.

**Clerk and Recorder Tressa Guynes** reported her office staff has been working state-wide on the new program being installed and getting ballot content certified. She passed out sample ballots and explained the order of printing.

**Treasurer Rosemary Murphy** reported a smaller number of delinquent properties are for public sale this year.

**Representative Marc Catlin** spoke about the need to get out the vote; yard signs are available.

**Senator Don Coram** reported on the huge ballot to expect; the recent Club 20 debates, and available Get-Out-The-Vote technology.

**Deputy Coroner Rick Fellabaum** spoke on behalf of the busy Coroner's office and gave a brief update on local incidents and investigated deaths.

**Chairman's Report:** Rick spoke about Get-Out-The-Vote efforts, and gave a descriptive report on the emergency training recently held at the airport.

**Minutes Approval:** Jim Dittmar made a motion to approve the August 9, 2018 Minutes; seconded by Ray Langston and declared approved by voice vote.

**Treasurer's Report:** Deb Hunter reported "square" money is helping to bring in funds for county party expenditures; on the Luau proceeds, current expenditures and account balance.

**Unfinished/Ongoing Business:**

**Lincoln/Reagan Dinner:** Cat Fellabaum agreed to head up the auction team and will pick up any donated items. Guidelines for submittals will be forth coming. Kerri Catlin announced that the FFA will again provide their services at the event. Deb Hunter is providing the tickets and instructions for purchase. Ray Langston is working on a raffle license. Rick Fellabaum reported on the caterer and food details. Lt. Governor Candidate Lang Sias will be guest speaker.

**Office - scheduling - voter registration:** Volunteers are needed to establish set office hours. Sandy Martin talked about ways to reach out and help register Hispanic voters.

Kay Heinschel spoke about the upcoming canvassing effort and meeting to put this together next week. Kerri Catlin talked about the phone banking strategy.

**GOP Posse:** Kerri and Rick talked about plans for the Posse - a sign up email will go out soon.

**New Business: 2nd Vice Chairman Election**

Ray Langston and Steve Hughes were identified as interested candidates. Steve Hughes spoke first indicating his interest to help the county party, then explained why and withdrew his name from consideration.

Ray then spoke to the Committee on his ideas and willingness to fill the position.

1st Vice Chairman, Rick Fellabaum, asked if there were any further nominations. Hearing none, Ray Langston was declared elected to the position of 2nd Vice Chairman by acclamation.

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**Committee Chair/Affiliation Reports:**

**Strategy & Planning: Chairman, Tricia Joy** gave a report on the Club 20 debates, and the League of Women Voters' meeting addressing efforts to register young voters.

**Public Relations: Chairman, Kerri Catlin** spoke about the LWV schedule for voter registration and the upcoming debates. "Popcorn and Politics" on the evening of October 4th will be moved to the City Council Building to participate in those debates. Stumping party and candidate support ideas were presented.

**Treasurer Deb Hunter** made a motion to open discussion on monetary donations to candidates. Ray Langston seconded the motion. After Committee discussion she then made a motion that each candidate receive one thousand dollars, and it was seconded by Allan Miller.

Kay Heinschel asked to amend the motion to include state candidates. After Committee discussion Jim Dittmar made a motion that donated funds to state and local candidates not exceed four thousand dollars to be directed by the Executive Committee. Allan Miller seconded the motion. First Vice Chairman Fellabaum asked for clarification on how distribution would be determined and after discussion Jim Dittmar asked to rescind the motion. He then made a motion for one thousand dollars to be given each to Representative Catlin and Senator Coram, and it was seconded by Ray Langston. Rick Fellabaum asked for any further discussion and hearing none, the motion was declared passed by voice vote.

Deb Hunter then brought up providing advertising as a way to contribute to all candidates and made a motion to spend up to two thousand dollars on multi-media for all candidates, to be determined by the Executive Committee. It was seconded by Jim Dittmar, and declared passed by voice vote.

Tricia Joy then nominated Steve Hughes for the position of Candidate Support and Kerri Catlin seconded the nomination. Steve indicated his willingness to fill the position; his nomination was approved by voice vote, and he was declared appointed to the position.

**Republican Women: Chairman, Dianna Coram** reported that the Cory Gardner event was a success; RW will help do Get-Out-The-Vote calling. Fire Chief, Tad Rowan, will be guest speaker at the next meeting; Congressman Tipton will be back in October, and the November meeting will be a "giving thanks" event.

**Closing Remarks/Announcements:**

Rick announced that ballots would be coming out on October 15th and all members will be needed for candidate support.

**Adjournment:**

Jim Dittmar made a motion to adjourn the meeting; it was seconded by Kay Heinschel, and the meeting was declared adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

— *Minutes submitted by Charli Oswald, Secretary*