



1st Congressional District Committee Meeting Agenda September 18, 2021

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| I. Call to Order | Chair Sarah Dunklin |
| II. Invocation | Lawrence County Chair Brent Powell |
| III. Pledge of Allegiance | RPA Chair Jonelle Fulmer |
| IV. Star Spangled Banner | Hensley Bennett, St Francis County |
| V. Welcome | Independence Co Chair Charles Fuqua |
| VI. Guest Speaker | Secretary of State John Thurston |
| VII. Approval of Minutes | Secretary Darren Waddles |
| VIII. Treasurer's Report | Treasurer Matt Hodges |
| IX. Election of 1 st District Representative to the Appointee Recommendations Committee | |
| X. Special Guest | MLK Commission DuShun Scarbrough |
| XI. Business | |
| a. Party Building Fund Spending Decision | |
| b. Decision as to Whether to Have the Option to Hold District Meetings Online in the Event of Covid or Other Closures | |



- c. Decision to Elect 4 District Representatives to the State Committee (elected by entire body and serve in addition to County Chairs and State Committeemen/women) OR 4 Regional Chairs (elected by region within the District) - Elections to be held in March
 - i. If Decide to Elect 4 Regional Chairs
 - 1. Decision whether the Regional Chairs will also represent the District (in addition to current votes by County and District) on the State Committee
 - 2. Decision on Regional Districts within the Congressional District - Recommendation to Postpone this Decision until after Redistricting
 - ii. If Decide to Elect 4 District Representatives to the State Committee
 - 1. No further action is necessary until March

XII. Resolutions	By Presenting Member
XIII.1 st District Officer Reports	District Officers
XIV.County Chairmen's Reports	County Chairs
XV. God Bless America	Hensley Bennett, St Francis County
XVI.Benediction	Minority Chair Ricky Lattimore
XVII.Adjournment	Chair Sarah Dunklin

*Elected officials will speak as they arrive.

**Boxed lunch served at noon in Nucor Room - THANK YOU to Senator Ron Caldwell, State Representative Dwight Tosh and State Representative Jack Ladyman for providing lunch.

Arkansas' First Congressional District Republican Party Committee Minutes
March 13th, 2021

I. Call to Order:

- a. Committee called to order by Chairwoman Julie Feil, at 10:16am.

II. Welcome:

- a. Chair recognized Lonoke County Chairwoman Darlene Byrd to welcome the body to Cabot, AR.
- b. Byrd welcomed and recognized local officials.

III. Invocation:

- a. Chair recognized Bobby Long (Craighead) for the Invocation.

IV. Pledge of Allegiance:

- a. Chair recognized Lonoke County Judge Doug Erwin to lead the body in the Pledge of Allegiance.

V. Elections:

- a. Chair posed the question of temporarily leading the committee for the duration of business, relieving their duty to the new Chairman prior to adjournment.
 - i. Motion made by Congressman Rick Crawford (Craighead), and seconded. Motion voted on and passed.
- b. Chairman:
 - i. Chair opened the floor to nominations for the position of Chairman.
 - ii. Chair recognized Congressman Crawford (Craighead) for the nomination of Chad Neil (Craighead), and seconded.
 - iii. Chair recognized Anita Wells (Greene) for the nomination of Sarah Dunklin (Desha), and seconded.
 - iv. Chair recognized "Stubby" Stumbaugh (Lonoke) for a motion to "cease nominations" and allow the candidates to speak in the order as nominated, and seconded. Motion voted and passed.
 - v. Candidates spoke in order of their nominations.
 - vi. Chair appointed Cleburne County Assessor Judy Land, Chairwoman Darlene Byrd (Lonoke), Cleburne County Circuit Clerk Heather Smith, and Chairman Martin Rawls (Phillips) to pass out and count the ballots.
 - vii. Chair recognized nominees to select a representative to act as their official poll watchers as the ballots are counted.
 - viii. Ballots were distributed and collected.
 - ix. Chair recognized Darren Waddles' (Stone) motion to make set an official credential of 134 present voting members, and seconded. Motion voted on and passed.
 - x. Chair recognized Cong. Rick Crawford, who addressed the committee on his new role as Ranking Chair of the House Agricultural Committee, the overreach of Congressional Democrats, redistricting, and how the District helped elect 15 new Republican members to the Congress.
 - xi. Chair announced the results, declaring Sarah Dunklin (Desha) the winner.
 - xii. Chair recognized Darren Waddles (Stone) for the motion to destroy the ballots, and to have the winner declared unanimously, seconded, and passed.
 - xiii. Chair then recognized Republican Party of Arkansas State Chairwoman Jonelle Fulmer, who addressed the committee on upcoming events, the RNC's efforts to prevent 2020 election fraud, her unexpected phone call with President Donald J. Trump, the will of God, and Party Unity.
- c. First Vice Chairman:
 - i. Chair opened the floor to nominations for the position of First Vice Chairman.
 - ii. Chair recognized Anita Wells (Greene) for the nomination of Richard Caster (Baxter), and seconded.
 - iii. Chair recognized Matt Hodges (Cross) for the motion too cease nominations and have Caster be elected by acclamation, seconded, voted on and passed.
- d. Second Vice Chairman:
 - i. Chair opened the floor to nominations for the position of Second Vice Chairman.
 - ii. Chair recognized Tom Wiktorek (Mississippi) for the nomination of Kylie Crosskno (Mississippi), and seconded.
 - iii. Chair recognized Benny Speaks (Baxter) for the motion too cease nominations and have Crosskno be elected by acclamation, seconded, voted on and passed.
- e. Secretary:
 - i. Chair opened the floor to nominations for the position of Secretary.
 - ii. Chair recognized Randle Tuggle (Chicot) for the nomination of Darren Ray Waddles (Stone), and seconded.
 - iii. Chair recognized Luke Erwin (Lonoke) for the motion too cease nominations and have Waddles be elected by acclamation, seconded, voted on and passed.
 - iv. Chair recognized Chairman Steve Smith (Cleburne) for serving as the day's acting secretary upon the transition of power.

- f. Treasurer:
 - i. Chair opened the floor to nominations for the position of Treasurer.
 - ii. Chair recognized Darren Waddles (Stone) for the nomination of Matt Hodges (Cross), and seconded.
 - iii. Chair recognized Richard Castor (Baxter) for the motion too cease nominations and have Hodges be elected by acclimation, seconded, voted on and passed.
 - iv. Chair recognized Chairman Steve Smith (Cleburne) for serving as the day's acting secretary upon the transition of power.
- g. District Representative to the State Executive Committee:
 - i. Chair opened the floor to nominations for the position of District Representative to the State Executive Committee.
 - ii. Chair recognized Skip Kelly (Craighead) for the nomination of Benny Speaks (Baxter), and seconded.
 - iii. Chair recognized Sharron Lawson (Cross) for the nomination of Kevin Jumper (Cross), and seconded.
 - iv. Chair recognized "Stubby" Stumbaugh (Lonoke) for a motion to "cease nominations" and allow the candidates to speak in the order as nominated, and seconded. Motion voted and passed.
 - v. Candidates spoke in order of their nominations.
 - vi. Ballots were pass out and counted.
 - vii. Chair recognized nominees to select a representative to act as their official poll watchers as the ballots are counted.
 - viii. Ballots where distributed and collected.
 - ix. Chair recognized Commissioner of State Lands Tommy Land (Cleburne), who spoke on the office, commended Chairwoman Feil for her hard work, and announced his re-election in 2022.
 - x. Chair recognized RPA Chairman Emeritus Doyle Webb, who addressed the committee on his role in the state's reapportionment through the Attorney General's Office and the greatness of the First District.
 - xi. Chair recognized Supreme Court Justice Barbra Webb, who expressed her thanks for the Districts hard work to elect her and shared details about here role on the court.
 - xii. Chair announced the results, declaring Benny Speaks (Baxter) the winner.
 - xiii. Chair recognized Darren Waddles (Stone) for the motion to destroy the ballots, and to have the winner declared unanimously, seconded, and passed.
- h. District Minority Representative:
 - i. Chair opened the floor to nominations for the position of District Minority Representative.
 - ii. Chair recognized Sarah Dunklin (Desha) for the nomination of Chair Ricky Lattimore (Cross), and seconded.
 - iii. Chair recognized Matt Hodges (Cross) for the motion too cease nominations and have Hodges be elected by acclimation, seconded, voted on and passed.

VI. Minutes & Reports:

- a. Chair recognized all the counties who helped contribute to alleviating the cost of the building: Baxter, Chicot, Cleburne, Craighead, Izard, and Stone.
- b. Chair recognized Bill Lucas (Baxter) for the motion to accept the October 2020 minutes, seconded, voted on and passed.
- c. Newly elected Treasurer Matt Hodges reported on behalf of Bill Hendrix.
 - i. Chair recognized "Stubby" Stumbaugh (Lonoke) for the motion to accept the report, seconded, voted and passed.

VII. Business:

- a. Chair expressed the need to remove the former Chair and Treasurer from the accounts and adopt the new one.
 - i. Chair recognized Marvin Day (Craighead) on the motion to remove the former officials – Julie Feil and Bill Hendrix -- and add the new officials – Sarah Dunklin and Matt Hodges, seconded, voted on and passed.
- b. Doyle Webb was recognized briefly to pass out the RNC 2020 delegate medallions to those elected from the First District.

VIII. County Chairman's Reports: Chairs gave reports one minute each in the order as they appeared at the podium.

IX. Recognition of the New Chair:

- a. Chair relinquished the gavel and recognized the new Chairwoman Sarah Dunklin, who then thanked and addressed the Committee.

X. Benediction:

- a. By request of the Chair, a Benediction was added to the agenda and was led by Ricky Lattimore (Desha).
- b. Chair then briefly recognized June Wood, candidate for RPA National Committeewoman.

XI. Adjournment:

- a. The Chair recognized Darren Waddles (Stone) for the motion to adjourn, seconded, voted on, and passed.
- b. Meeting adjourned at 12:39pm.

Secretary of State John Thurston



Arkansas Secretary of State John Thurston, was first elected as Secretary in November of 2018, after serving eight years as Arkansas Commissioner of State Lands. John is the past chairman of the Arkansas Natural and Cultural Resources Council. He is also the past president of the Western States Land Commissioners Association. John was born in Little Rock, Arkansas and was raised in Saline County, attending and graduating from Sheridan High School in 1991. He attended Henderson State

University in Arkadelphia, Arkansas before graduating from Agape College in Little Rock with a diploma in Biblical Studies. John was a licensed minister and was a Certified Religious Assistant in the Arkansas state prison system.

By law, the Secretary of State serves as Chair of the Capitol Arts and Grounds Commission and the State Board of Election Commissioners, as well as a member of the Capitol Zoning District Commission, the Capitol Parking Control Committee, and the Information Network of Arkansas Board. He is also a member of the Board of Apportionment, which oversees the redistricting of legislative districts.

As Secretary of State, Secretary Thurston is also member of the National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS). He serves on the Elections, Business Services, International Relations, and Cyber Security Committees of that body.

John now resides in East End, Arkansas with his wife Joanna and their five children. He is also an avid outdoorsman.

John's vision for the future is that the Secretary of State along with Arkansas government will lead the nation in the area of ethics and accountability.



**Bio of DuShun L. Scarbrough, Sr.
Executive Director of the
Arkansas Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission**

DuShun L. Scarbrough, Sr. is a native of Little Rock, Arkansas, who was educated in the Little Rock School District. At the young age of fifteen, Scarbrough began his community involvement in a youth speak-out conference entitled "Death of a Race." Thereafter, he continued his zealous quest by participating in youth seminars and preventive programs. Reared by his grandmother and aunts, it was instilled in him that he could achieve anything if he kept God first. After graduating from high school, he went on to acquire a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Psychology from Philander Smith College. During his studies at Philander Smith College, he was a recipient of the JTPA Scholarship. Eager to acquire an astute blend of practical and theoretical skills, Scarbrough left Little Rock in 1999 to further his edification, desiring to someday return to Little Rock and continue serving his community.

Scarbrough currently holds a Master of Business Administration Degree from Webster University in Orlando, Florida, and a Master of Counselor Education Degree from Florida A&M University. He holds a J.D., Juris Doctorate Law Degree from Western Michigan University School of Law. He is also a Class of 2011 recipient of the Harvard Kennedy School of Government's Driving Government Performance and a Class of 2014 recipient of the Harvard Kennedy School of Government's Leaders of the 21st Century Certification. He was also a member of the Delta Regional Authority Leadership class of 2013.

Scarbrough's goal as Executive Director is to cooperatively, keep Commissioners informed of staff progress and community unification, in accordance with the views of the Governor of Arkansas. Scarbrough believes in the organization's mission and vision of promoting racial harmony, multicultural diversity, and social justice for the improvement and equality of all Arkansans. Scarbrough's personal vision for the Arkansas Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission is for Arkansans of all ethnic groups and economic levels to unite and work together on various issues of the community. "With the help and support of Arkansas businesses and residents, we can serve as agents of change. We need not only utilize Dr. King's tenants but also teach his legacy. We must solidify our youth's intellectualism, and elevate our effectiveness as parents, educators, and role models. We, as the community, must impart knowledge of nonviolence and racial harmony to our new generation so that they are equipped to forever promote the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr."

In April of 2014, Mr. Scarbrough initiated and garnered the participation of Arkansans to assist in healing race relations in Harrison, Arkansas, a nationally renowned city that carries the stigma of racism and the national headquarters of the Ku Klux Klan. While in Harrison, Mr. Scarbrough hosted a peace march, unity concert, and a mock funeral to bury hatred and racism. In January, Gannett affiliate "Today's THV" announced that the Arkansas Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission hosted the largest day of service in the nation at the Benton Event Center. The Arkansas Martin Luther King Jr. Commission made the event focus around volunteering, encouraging people to engage in their communities, not just today, but for the entire year.

Under Mr. Scarbrough's leadership, The Arkansas Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission proudly announced Arkansas' first commemorative license plate dedicated to the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The commemorative license plate is available at local revenue offices throughout the state of Arkansas. Arkansas is one of five states in the nation that now offers a license plate commemorating the legacy of Dr. King.

On Sunday, March 8, 2015, Mr. Scarbrough joined thousands who crossed the Edmund Pettus Bridge to commemorate the historic "Bloody Sunday" march as marchers set out to march from Selma to capital City Montgomery, Alabama to convince Governor George Wallace to consider extending voting rights to African-Americans.

The Arkansas State Employees Association recognized Mr. Scarbrough as one of five finalists in the coveted Arkansas State Employee of the Year Award in August 2015 for his tenure, hard work, and diligence in serving the great people of Arkansas.

Considering the recent tension between law enforcement and civilians in the summer of 2016, Mr. Scarbrough decided to take a positive, proactive approach to encourage community engagement and dialogue. "As an agency dedicated to promoting the life and legacy of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., we along with so many others have been shaken by the recent tragedies that have rocked our country. Mr. Scarbrough crafted public service announcements and initiatives that the Commission will undertake to move forward towards community involvement, healing, and mutual understanding. The purpose of the public service announcements was to show that as a community we must stand together with our law enforcement officials and that there can be a positive interaction between the two. Mr. Scarbrough strongly believes in Dr. King's teachings "What affects one directly, affects us all indirectly and Life's most persistent and urgent question is what are you doing for others?"

Mr. Scarbrough is married to Angela Scarbrough and the couple shares three children DuShun Scarbrough, Jr., Kennedy Scarbrough, and Braxton Scarbrough.

Special Awards and Acknowledgements

2012, 2014, Nominee, 2015, Finalist, Arkansas State Employee of the Year

2017 Silent Hero Finalist, National Award for Government Employees

2018 Drum Major for Leadership Award, United States Department of Education

Little Rock Air Force Base Community Council

Daisy Gatson Bates and singer Johnny Cash Statuary Hall Steering Committee

US Congressman Rick Crawford Biography



Growing up in an Air Force family, Rick lived all over the United States and in England. Rick's parents taught him devotion to service from a young age. Those simple life lessons have remained with Rick, and are at the forefront of his mind when working on creating a more prosperous America for generations to come.

Upon graduating from high school, Rick enlisted in the United States Army where he served as an Explosive Ordnance Disposal Technician. He completed four years of service, advancing to the rank of Sergeant, and earned numerous medals for service at home and in Southwest Asia.

After completion of his military service, Rick matriculated to Jonesboro, Arkansas, to attend Arkansas State University and graduated in 1996 with a degree in Agriculture Business and Economics.

Once he completed college, Rick started competing in rodeos across the country and discovered his talent in announcing and producing. He then began his own announcing company, which led to a career in agri-news reporting and broadcasting. Rick also served as marketing manager for one of the largest John Deere dealer groups in North America.

Wanting to create a better and brighter future for Arkansas's First District, Rick decided to run for Congress in 2010. In his five terms in Congress, Rick has voiced the concerns of his district while bringing solutions to the national table. He is on the Agriculture Committee, serving on the Subcommittees on Commodity Exchanges, Energy, and Credit, and General Farm Commodities and Risk Management. Rick has played a critical role in passing two Farm Bills, having served on the Conference Committees in 2014 and 2018. He views agriculture as a national security issue - a nation that cannot feed itself is a nation that is not secure.

National security is one of Rick's top priorities and he was appointed in 2017 to serve on the the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence (HPSCI), the first and only Arkansas representative to do so. He is currently the Ranking Member of the Counterterrorism, Counterintelligence, and Counterproliferation Subcommittee.

Rick also serves on the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee where he has worked to create safer and more reliable highways, waterways, railroads, and runways. His most significant accomplishment for the First District was the interstate designation of I-555, a vital corridor for Northeast Arkansas. He currently serves on the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit and as the Ranking Member of the Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials. In this leadership role, Rick influences decisions on the economic and safety regulation of railroads and the safety oversight of pipelines and pipeline facilities.

During his tenure in Congress, Rick has been honored for his legislative efforts by:

- USA Rice Federation Friend of the Rice Industry Award
- AgriBank & AgriBank District Farm Credit Council Friend of Farm Credit Award
- National Federation of Independent Businesses, Guardian of Small Business Award
- Retire Safe, Standing Up for American Seniors Award
- Arkansas State University College of Agriculture and Technology Outstanding Alumnus Award
- Farm Bureau Federation, Friend of Farm Bureau Award
- National Association of Manufacturing, Award for Manufacturing Legislative Excellence
- Rural Community Alliance, Champion of Rural Arkansas Award
- National Association of Mutual Insurance Companies Benjamin Franklin Public Policy Award
- International Foodservice Distributors Association Thomas Jefferson Award
- Associated Builders & Contractors Champion of the Merit Shop Award

Rick and his wife Stacy, also an ASU graduate, live in Jonesboro with their two children, two dogs, four chickens, and two rabbits. In his spare time he enjoys spending time with his family, cooking chili, watching old western films, and playing guitar and singing for his band, Triple Nickel.

**FIRST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE
REPUBLICAN PARTY OF ARKANSAS
ELECTION INTEGRITY RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, free and fair elections are essential to preserving our Constitutional Republic and the inherent and inalienable rights endowed to us individually by our Creator; and

WHEREAS, the right to vote is fundamental to assuming responsibility as citizens in a free society; and

WHEREAS, honest weights and measures are a foundational precept of free society; and

WHEREAS, transparency in all government is a cornerstone of free society; and

WHEREAS, millions of American citizens have reasonable cause for considerable doubt about the accuracy of the 2020 General Election results amid mounting evidence of irregularities in multiple States; and

WHEREAS, we SUPPORT the Arkansas 92nd General Assembly for enacting 2019 Act 888 authorizing the State Board of Election Commissioners to randomly audit the vote in Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, we SUPPORT the Arkansas 93rd General Assembly for enacting 2021 Act 249 requiring Voter ID and Provisional Ballot Verification; and

WHEREAS, we SUPPORT the Arkansas 93rd General Assembly for enacting legislation in 2021, to prevent on the ground issues such as those which occurred in Pulaski County from recurring in Arkansas in the future; and

WHEREAS, we SUPPORT the Arkansas Secretary of State for tightening cyber security measures and making electronic security a priority; and

WHEREAS, we SUPPORT the Arkansas State Board of Election Commissioners, including the Secretary of State, for completing a first time Post-Election recount style audit of 6%-10% of the vote in randomly selected White, Pope, Lincoln, Faulkner and Madison counties; and

WHEREAS, we stand in SUPPORT of the State Board of Election Commissioners for issuing sanctions in Pulaski County for the certification of inaccurate election results and for not de-certifying insubordinate election workers amidst election fraud;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Committee stands in opposition to HR1, the passing of which would legalize much of the swing state election fraud seen in 2020; stands in support of the Arkansas Legislature enacting stronger cyber security legislation including forensic imaging of all voting equipment and stronger voting transparency sunshine legislation; stands in solidarity with States seeking transparency in elections; and requests an order of a full, independent forensic audit of the Pulaski County, Arkansas, 2020 General Election, with all urgency due the integrity and legitimacy of the governance of this Independent State of Arkansas, with the contingency that if any significant fraudulent irregularities be found, further inquiry will be sought in other Counties as needed. The completion of these procedures will reaffirm the commitment needed to defend the precepts of justice and honor in our government and the confidence needed by the electorate of Arkansas which requires transparency in elections pursuant to the preservations of law and liberty.

ADOPTED this 18th day of September, 2021, by the First Congressional District Committee.

First Congressional District Chair

First Congressional District Secretary

Republican Party of Arkansas Platform Excerpts on Election Integrity

Honest elections are the foundation of our republican form of limited government, and we strongly applaud every effort Arkansas Republicans have previously taken to ensure our ballot is protected and that access is guaranteed for all authorized voters, including the elderly, the military, and young voters.

**EVERY TIME THAT A FRAUDULENT VOTE IS CAST,
IT EFFECTIVELY CANCELS OUT THE VOTE OF A LEGITIMATE VOTER!**

As Republicans, we believe **providing photo identification** to vote protects the sanctity and security of the ballot box, and we support requiring proof of citizenship at the time of voter registration. We also **strongly encourage all members of our party to participate in the election process through working at polling sites.**

Reform of government begins with the election of **trustworthy and qualified Arkansas Republicans** to office at every level of government.

By the will of Arkansas's citizens, the Republican Party of Arkansas is the **majority party in our state** for the first time since Reconstruction and has therefore been given the responsibility to set policies that reflect this will.

In order to guarantee that our state's election laws are followed, we call for their vigorous enforcement as well as the aggressive prosecution of violations.

We are opposed to any effort by special interests who would thwart the will of the people... We firmly support **transparency and openness at every level of government.**

**FIRST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
REPUBLICAN PARTY OF ARKANSAS
SUPPORTING HEALTHCARE FREEDOM AND CHOICE REGARDING VACCINE MANDATES RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, this Committee believes and affirms healthcare freedom and choice as it concerns vaccine mandates, of the rights of individuals to bodily autonomy of the right to individual healthcare decision making, individual liberty, freedom of association, the right to privacy, and the right to work without being forced by one's employer to receive a vaccine, and the human rights inherent to making healthcare decisions they deem best for themselves, individually, and for their families; and

WHEREAS, this Committee believes competent adult individuals have the right to control their own healthcare decisions and should not be mandated to make healthcare choices required by their employer, government, or any other authority other than themselves;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the First Congressional District Committee hereby advises and requests that our elected State Senate and House Members elected to represent the people of this state, pass legislation directing employers in Arkansas, healthcare authorities and officials, and all other persons holding authority over Arkansas residents and citizens, to:

1. Allow competent adult individuals to make their own decisions as to whether they take the COVID19 vaccine(s);
2. To make it against the laws of any state or local government in Arkansas for an employer (private or government), to require, as a condition of employment, proof of receiving the COVID19 vaccine;
3. To make it against the laws of any state or local government in Arkansas to require as a condition to receiving public services, generally available to all persons, proof of receiving the COVID19 vaccine;
4. To make it against the laws of any state or local government in Arkansas for that government to discriminate against people in any way based on their COVID19 vaccine status;
5. To require employers to protect the privacy of their employees and not to inquire regarding or disclose or cause to be known the COVID19 vaccination status of employees;
6. To prevent an employer from discriminating in favor of or against and treating employees differently because of their COVID19 vaccinated status;
7. Prohibit private and government employers from fining, increasing healthcare premiums, or otherwise causing a negative financial effect on employees or those receiving government services based on their COVID19 vaccinated status; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Committee urges the Republican Party of the State of Arkansas to adopt a similar resolution asking the General Assembly to pass legislation enacting the proposals outlined in this Resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Committee of the First Congressional District Committee expeditiously and in writing, advise the elected officials who are potentially to vote on this matter in the State of Arkansas of this Resolution.

ADOPTED by the members of the First Congressional District Committee of the Republican Party of Arkansas this 18th day of September 2021.

First Congressional District Chair

First Congressional District Secretary

FIRST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
REPUBLICAN PARTY OF ARKANSAS
FAMILY FREEDOM RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Socialism advocates community control and Communism advocates governmental control of that which the individual controls in a free society;

AND WHEREAS, the Principles of the Platform of the Republican Party of Arkansas include the following:

We believe in the power of faith in God Almighty and reaffirm that God is the source of our rights.

Individual Freedom Secured by a Limited Government

Individual Responsibility and Initiative

AND WHEREAS, the Platform of the Republican Party of Arkansas states:

We are created equally with Individual freedoms and liberties.

Our self-evident rights must always continue to be secured at the individual, state, national, and international levels.

We, the Republican Party of Arkansas, believe the United States Constitution is the fundamental framework for our federal government and is a literal document that is as relevant today as it was when our nation's Founders adopted it. We support its precepts and, as patriots, vow to defend the rights of our fellow Arkansans guaranteed by the Bill of Rights generally, and the Ninth and Tenth Amendments specifically.

We strongly believe in the equal and just enforcement of the law, especially as it pertains to an overreaching government threatening...inherent freedoms.

AND WHEREAS, we SUPPORT the Arkansas 93rd General Assembly enacting 2021 Act 1002 Ending of Mandatory Face Covering Requirements;

AND WHEREAS, we SUPPORT the Arkansas 93rd General Assembly enacting 2021 Act 1030 No Vaccine Mandates;

AND WHEREAS, we SUPPORT the Arkansas 93rd General Assembly enacting 2021 Act 1100 Prohibiting Propagation of Divisive Concepts such as Critical Race Theory;

BE IT RESOLVED, we OPPOSE the teaching of Socialist, Marxist and Communist ideologies to our children including the teaching of Critical Race Theory;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, we OPPOSE the Socialist ideology that our children belong to the community as well as OPPOSE the Communist ideology that our children belong to the government;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, we SUPPORT the individual freedoms of Arkansas parents to make all decisions effecting the care of, the well being of and the best interests of their own children, including but not limited to educational decisions, philosophical decisions, religious decisions and medical decisions such as whether to mask and vaccinate;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, we OPPOSE judicial overreach and overreach of school boards and other government entities attempting to usurp the inherent freedoms of Arkansas parents to make decisions for their own children;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, we OPPOSE legislation, school board decisions, judicial decisions including case law and other directives which infringe upon the fundamental individual rights of parents and children in the State of Arkansas as provided by God, the US Constitution, the Arkansas Constitution, Bill of Rights and Federal and State Statutes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this Resolution will be immediately forwarded without delay to all members of the State Legislature, members of the Arkansas Judiciary, members of the Quorum Courts, members of City Councils and members of School Boards.

ADOPTED on this 18th Day of September 2021 by the First Congressional District, Republican Party of Arkansas.

First Congressional District Chair

First Congressional District Secretary

**FIRST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE
REPUBLICAN PARTY OF ARKANSAS**

ABORTION-FREE CITIES RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Sanctity of Life is a Principle of the Republican Party of Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, the Arkansas Legislature enacted Act 309 of 2021 and other Sanctity of Life Legislation; and

WHEREAS, Arkansas babies cannot wait on the Legislation passed by the Arkansas Legislature, which has been stayed by the lower court, to go through the lengthy process of passing through the Judicial process;

BE IT RESOLVED that the First Congressional District Committee SUPPORTS Abortion-Free Cities and Counties in Arkansas; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the First Congressional District Committee SUPPORTS Arkansas cities and counties passing Abortion-Free Resolutions and Ordinances such as the following:



City of Jonesboro

300 S. Church Street
Jonesboro, AR 72401

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A RESOLUTION DECLARING JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, A PRO-LIFE CITY

Whereas, the city of Jonesboro, Arkansas, in accordance with Act 392, enacted into Law by the 93rd General Assembly of the State of Arkansas, wishes to affirm and dedicate itself as a "Pro-Life City;"

Whereas, the Declaration of Independence declares that all men are created equal, and that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, including the right to life;

Whereas, the United States Constitution declares in the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments that no person shall be deprived of life without due process and equal protection of the law;

Whereas, the Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 68 declares the policy of the state is to protect the life of every unborn child from conception until birth;

Whereas, it is the duty of local government to protect the unalienable right to life of every person within its jurisdiction, regardless of what higher ranking civil authorities may decree;

Therefore, without hesitation, inhibition, or compromise, The City of Jonesboro, Arkansas resolves to provide equal protection for life at all stages from conception until natural death and will be known in action and deed, recognized, and designated as a "Pro-Life City."

ADOPTED this 18th day of September 2021, by the First Congressional District Committee, Republican Party of Arkansas.

First Congressional District Chair

First Congressional District Secretary

Candidate Recruiting Ideas

Recruiting from the County Committee:

Our party recruits from the County Committee first. The offices that will be available for filing can be presented to the County Committee and ELECTABLE committee members encouraged to run for as many of the positions as possible. Recruiting from your County Committee ensures:

- 1) The candidate is an active Republican with Republican beliefs (in most cases)
- 2) The candidate is more familiar with the Republican Party structure and members than a non-member
- 3) That your County Committee members know the candidate
- 4) That the candidate is accountable to the County Committee after election
- 5) That the County Committee stays relevant or grows more relevant in County and surrounding County politics

Recruiting from the Republican Primary Voter List:

For the positions that are left after recruiting from the County Committee, many counties choose to recruit from the Republican Primary voter list. Recruiting from the Republican Primary voter list ensures:

- 1) That the candidate votes Republican
- 2) That the candidate is willing to request a Republican ballot in a public setting
- 3) That the County Committee has considered all voting Republicans in the county and does not accidentally recruit a democrat. Accidentally recruiting a democrat because they are popular causes problems down the road.

Recruiting from Churches and Political Groups:

Recruiting church members and solid Christians to run for elected positions can be helpful due to the shared beliefs integral to our Party Principles, the first of which is the power of faith in God Almighty.

Other places to think about recruiting candidates are Patriot groups and Constitutional Rights groups that also align with our Party Principles. Patriots and Constitutionlists are looking for ways to make a difference. Running for office certainly accomplishes that goal and provides a way to be in service not only to our communities but also to our country.

Successful Candidate Characteristics:

It is best for candidates not only to align with our Party Principles and Platform, but also to be well known, have excellent ethics and have the funds to run or the ability to raise the funds to run.

Verifying the Party of Potential Candidates:

If there is an individual in mind for a position, the Republican Primary voter list can be checked to make sure he or she is a voting Republican. It can even be helpful to check the list of Republican Primary voters

for the most recent 2 or even 3 Republican primaries if extra assurance is needed. This can be especially helpful in the more red counties where Democrats vote in the Republican primary. The fields Calculated Party (Hard R, Weak R, Swing, Hard D, Weak D) and Registered Party (R,I,D) on the Republican Primary voter list can also provide additional assurance that the potential candidate is a solid Republican in most counties. Social media accounts can help verify as well.

If the potential candidate makes it far enough in your vetting efforts, it is a good idea to ask if he or she aligns with our Party Principles and Platform and whether he or she is a Republican for final verification.

Tips - Using the Republican Primary Voter List to Identify Potential Candidates:

When using the Republican Primary voter list to help in identifying potential candidates, it can be helpful to pass a printout of the list around in your meeting for members to highlight the ones they know AND think would be a good candidate for office. Many counties will use only the Hard Rs for this purpose.

When doing this, it is easiest to just have one copy of the list and divide out the pages between the members. Then, as each member finishes pages, he or she just passes them on to the next member. Eventually all members have highlighted names on the entire list.

Once this has been completed, either a small group of members or all members at a working pre-meeting can organize the potential candidates in a separate list under the different offices. Then this group can rank the names under each position in the order of who to call first.

The County Committee can vote to approve these rankings if needed. Voting on rankings does encourage potential candidates to run since they were already voted on once and were high on the list.

The candidates are called in the order of their ranking, normally one at a time since they each have to be allowed time to make a decision as to whether they are willing to run for the position.

Ask the potential candidate if he or she agrees with our Party Principles and give a deadline for making the decision. Two weeks should give enough time for the potential candidate to make the decision and also enough time to move to the next person on the list if the individual does not feel called to run. The wait for potential candidates to decide is why a very early start is needed to secure candidates.

Last Resort:

One option some counties utilize for those currently in office who are very popular solid Conservative Christians but run locally as I (or even D), is to sit down with them and review the Party Principles. This step would be reserved only for those incumbents difficult to beat AND who are truly Republicans. Ask them to run Republican with their principals if this is determined to be the best strategy for a particular position. DO give them a decision deadline and have them make a commitment. Offer to keep their decision confidential if this seems to be important. Have a backup candidate for filing period if you choose this option in case the commitment is not honored. Filing at the last minute as a Republican in typically unopposed races is an option for these candidates.

Happy Recruiting!

Offices Up for Election in 2022

*This is a general list only. Call the Republican Party County Chair, County Election Commissioners or County Clerk to get the specific list for your County.

Offices	Term Length (Years)
State Senate	6
State Legislature	2
County Judge	4
County Sherriff	4
County Clerk	4
County Circuit Clerk	4
County Assessor	4
County Treasurer	4
County Collector	4
County Coroner	4
Justice of the Peace (one per JP District)	2
Constable (one per Precinct/Township)	2
Levee Board (one per Levee Board District)	6
County Surveyor	4
Prosecutor (One per Judicial District)	6
Judge (one per Judicial District)	6
Mayor	2-4
City Clerk	2-4
City Treasurer	2-4
City Attorney	2-4
City Council (one per city district or all city wide)	2-4
School Board (either one per school district zone or one per school district)	2-5+

*Redistricting will redraw the lines for districts for 2022.

**Judge, Prosecutor, Levee Board and School Board are typically staggered positions that are not all up for election at once

Announcements:

September 20th-27th Congressional District Redistricting in Arkansas Legislature

October 2nd Recruiting Training with Leadership Institute in Baxter County - Mountain Home

October 4th - Greene County Lincoln Day Dinner - Sarah Huckabee Sanders

October 12th - Desha County Lincoln Day Dinner - Jan Morgan

October 16th - Randolph and Lawrence Counties Joint Lincoln Day Dinner - Jan Morgan/Iverson Jackson

Mid-Late October Redistricting for State Senate, State House and Judicial Seats Decided in the Arkansas Legislature

October 30th Call with Election Commissioners and Chairs to Discuss JP Redistricting due Dec 31st

November 19th - Tri-County Lincoln Day Dinner Sharp/Izard/Fulton - US Senator Tom Cotton

December 4th - Winter State Meeting, Republican Party of Arkansas

March TBA - Next 1st Congressional District Meeting