

OFFICIAL CALL
2023 CLARKE COUNTY REPUBLICAN
MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT PARTY CANVASSES
AND
NOMINATING CONVENTION

Magisterial District Committee Canvasses — May 13, 2023
County Nominating Convention — May 20, 2023

I, Mark Tate, 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 only 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

Any Military Member who is otherwise qualified under Article I to participate in Republican Party actions and who complies with the procedures to become a delegate to any Convention as set forth in the Official Call of the Convention, Mass Meeting, or Party Canvass called for the purpose of selecting delegates and alternates to that Convention (other than a national Republican Convention), and who produces valid military identification or other proof of active-duty status shall be certified as a delegate and shall not be required to be elected as a delegate. The number of delegates certified in this manner shall count toward each unit's maximum allowable number of convention delegates.

Military Members who are certified as delegates pursuant to the above paragraph that are unable to attend the convention in person due to obligations of their official military orders, shall have their votes cast within their unit delegation according to candidate preference ballots. Candidate preference ballots shall list the Military Member's rank order preference among candidates (i.e., first choice, second choice, third choice, etc.). Their votes shall be cast for the highest ranked choice candidate who remains eligible to receive a vote in a particular round of voting. Candidate preference ballots shall be made available by the Official Committee calling the convention no less than twenty (20) days prior to the convention and returned to the Chairman of the Official Committee that called the convention not less than three (3) days prior to the convention.

CLARKE COUNTY REPUBLICAN CONVENTION

The Clarke County Republican Convention shall be held on May 20, 2023 at the Old Court House located at 104 N. Church St., Berryville, VA 22611 or alternate site.

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 Sheriff;
 - c. Clarke County Clerk of the Court;
 - d. Clarke County Commissioner of the Revenue;
 - e. Clarke County Treasurer;
 - f. Clarke County Board of Supervisor-Berryville;
 - g. Clarke County Board of Supervisor-Buckmarsh;
 - h. Clarke County Board of Supervisor-Millwood;
 - i. Clarke County Board of Supervisor-Russell;
 - j. 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 non-full vote 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"). Voting for each Board of Supervisor seat shall be by the respective magisterial district only. Proxies are not permitted to the extent it does not conflict with the military provision of this call and 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.

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. Voting Strength shall be based on one vote per 196 of the total number of Republican votes cast in each Magisterial District in the last gubernatorial and presidential elections combined. The voting strength, votes, maximum Delegates and Alternate Delegates for each magisterial district is as follows:

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT	VOTING STRENGTH	VOTES	MAX # DELEGATES	ALTERNATES
BERRYVILLE	0.14	7.01	7	7
BUCKMARSH	0.21	10.73	11	11
MILLWOOD	0.21	10.74	11	11
RUSSELL	0.22	10.80	11	11
WHITE POST	0.22	10.96	11	11
TOTAL	100%	50.24	51	51

CLARKE COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT CANVASSES

The Clarke County Magisterial District Party Canvasses will be held on May 13, 2023 at the Old Court House, 104 N Church St., Berryville, VA 22611 or alternate site. Voting to begin at 8:00 AM and end at 2:00 PM. Those in line at 2:00 PM may vote.

PURPOSE OF THE CLARKE COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT CANVASSES

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

- A. To elect Magisterial Delegates and Alternate 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 Sheriff;
 3. Clarke County Clerk of the Court;
 4. Clarke County Commissioner of the Revenue;
 5. Clarke County Treasurer;
 6. Clarke County Board of Supervisor-Berryville;
 7. Clarke County Board of Supervisor-Buckmarsh;
 8. Clarke County Board of Supervisor-Millwood;
 9. Clarke County Board of Supervisor-Russell;
 10. Clarke County Board of Supervisor-White Post;
- B. To elect the Republican nominee to the Virginia House of Delegates 31st district.

ELECTION OF DELEGATES AND ALTERNATE DELEGATES TO CONVENTION

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

Wherever over-filing(s) for the County Convention from any Magisterial District shall exist, separate paper ballots shall be used in that Magisterial District Party Canvass for each class of position 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. In the event of an under filing of Alternate Delegate candidates for any magisterial district, those candidates for Delegate not selected shall become Alternate Delegates selected in the order of their vote count for any Alternate Delegate positions not otherwise elected or filled.

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 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.

CERTIFICATION OF DELEGATES

The permanent Chairman of the convention shall designate which alternate delegates shall vote in the place of an absent delegate. 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 – Mark Tate, Chairman-PO Box 284, 307 Archer Ct., Berryville, VA 22611
2nd Copy – Mark Griffin Secretary-PO Box 284, 211 Walnut 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-Delegates/Alternates

Candidates for election to a Constitutional Office or Board of Supervisors shall prefile a written statement of intent on an official filing form provided by the party with the Chairman, Mr. Mark Tate, stating their intent to seek election for each Constitutional Office or Board of Supervisor Office. All forms with the nonrefundable filing fee must be received no later than 12:00 PM (noon) on Saturday April 29, 2023, either in person or by mail (postmarks do not govern) at the following address:

Mark Tate, Chairman
Clarke County Republican Committee
307 Archer Ct.
P.O. Box 284
Berryville, VA 22611

Candidates for election as a Delegate or Alternate Delegate shall prefile a written statement of intent on an official form provided by the party with the Chairman, Mr. Mark Tate, stating their intent to seek election as a delegate or alternate delegate. All forms along with a nonrefundable filing fee must be received no later than 12:00 PM (noon) on Saturday April 29, 2023, either in person or by mail (postmarks do not govern) at the following address:

Mark Tate, Chairman
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Berryville, VA 22611

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

Official 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 by emailing the Chairman at Chairman@ClarkeGOP.com.

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

APPLICABLE FEES

There will be no registration or filing fee charged for or associated with voting in the Magisterial District Party Canvass. Delegates and Alternate Delegates to the Clarke County Republican Committee Convention shall pay a nonrefundable filing fee of Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25.00).

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

<u>Office</u>	<u>Filing Fee</u>
Clarke County Commonwealth Attorney	\$200.00
Clarke County Clerk of the Court	\$200.00
Clarke County Sheriff	\$200.00
Clarke County Commissioner of the Revenue	\$200.00
Clarke County Treasurer	\$200.00
Clarke County Board of Supervisor-Berryville	\$100.00

Acceptable forms of payment are check, money order, cashier's check, debit card, and credit card.

CONVENTION AND CANVASS COMMITTEE/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 those 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 days 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 5th DAY OF April 2023 BY THE CLAKE COUNTY REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE

Attest,

**Mark Tate
Chairman**

**Mark Griffin
Secretary**

Paid for and authorized by the Clarke County Republican Committee