

**OFFICIAL CALL MASS MEETING
BEDFORD COUNTY REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE**

As Chairman of the BEDFORD COUNTY UNIT COMMITTEE of the Republican Party of Virginia, and pursuant to the Plan of Organization and as recommended by the Committee, I, TIMOTHY P. GRIFFIN, do hereby issue this call for a Mass Meeting to be held at the Jefferson Forest High School auditorium, 1 Cavalier Circle, Forest, Virginia 24551 *or alternative location as determined by the Chairman*, starting at 10:00 AM local time on Saturday, March 16, 2024, for the following purposes:

- A) Election of a Bedford County Republican Committee Chairman. Any candidate running for Bedford County Republican Committee Chairman must declare his or her intention to run for Chairman to Mary Katherine Bennett in writing, by mail (1053 Soyer Circle, Forest, VA, 24551), email (marykatherinebennett@gmail.com), or personal delivery, in all cases *received* by February 23, 2024, at 5:00 PM. The candidate's written declaration must demonstrate his or her intention to support all duly nominated Republican candidates, along with a filing fee payable to the Republican Party of Bedford County of \$100.00. The electronic or paper copy of the candidate's intention to run *must be received* by February 23, 2024 at 5:00 PM. Postmarks do not govern;
- B) Election of Bedford County Republican Committee members. Candidates for committee membership at said mass meeting shall pre-file the application for membership to the Bedford County Republican Committee beginning February 15th, 2024, and ending March 8th, 2024 at 5:00 PM. Completed applications along with membership dues of \$20.00 are to be mailed to Mary Katherine Bennett at 1053 Soyer Circle, Forest, VA 24551 or hand delivered to her in-person. Checks need to be made out to the "Republican Party of Bedford," but cash will be accepted. Postmarks do not govern, and it is the responsibility of the prospective member to confirm receipt of application and dues. The membership application is attached to this Call;
- C) Election of up to 1,330 delegates and an equal number of Alternate Delegates to the Virginia Republican Convention to be held from May 31 to June 1 at the Hampton Roads Convention Center, 1610 Coliseum Drive, Hampton, VA 23666, or an alternative site, if necessary, for the following purposes:
 - 1) Election of a State Committee Chair;
 - 2) Election of a National Committeeman or Committeewoman; and
 - 3) Election of two (2) Presidential Electors for the Electoral College

The Republican Party of Virginia is requiring a \$45 filing fee for each person standing for election as a delegate or alternate delegate to the RPV Convention. A separate check needs to be made out to the "Republican Party of Bedford." Cash can be accepted. Delegate forms for the RPV Convention are attached to this Call;

D) Election of up to 610 delegates and an equal number of alternates to the Republican Party of Virginia's 5th Congressional District Convention, to be held Saturday, April 27, 2024 at Drakes Branch Volunteer Fire Department, 4801 Drakes Main Street, Drakes Branch, Virginia or its alternate site, beginning at 10:00 AM for the following purposes:

- 1) Electing a 5th District Chairman for a term of two years;
- 2) Electing three members of the 5th District to the Republican Party of Virginia State Central Committee for a term of four years;
- 3) Nominating one Elector candidate for the Presidential Election on November 5, 2024; and
- 4) For the transaction of any other business as may properly come before the 5th Congressional District Convention.

The 5th Congressional District Republican Committee is requiring a \$20 filing fee from all individuals seeking election as a delegate or alternate delegate to the 5th Congressional District Republican Convention. A separate check needs to be made out to the "Republican Party of Bedford." Cash can be accepted. Delegate forms for the 5th Congressional District Convention are attached to this Call;

E) Election of up to 855 delegates and an equal number of alternates to the Republican Party of Virginia's 9th Congressional District Convention, to be held Saturday, May 18, 2024 at Wytheville Meeting Center, 333 Community Blvd., Wytheville, Virginia or its alternate site, beginning at 10:00 AM for the following purposes:

- 1) Electing a 9th District Chairman for a term of two years;
- 2) Electing three members of the 9th District to the Republican Party of Virginia State Central Committee for a term of four years;
- 3) Nominating one Elector candidate for the Presidential Election on November 5, 2024; and
- 4) For the transaction of any other business as may properly come before the 9th Congressional District Convention.

The 9th Congressional District Republican Committee is requiring a \$10 filing fee from all individuals seeking election as a delegate or alternate delegate to the 9th Congressional District Republican Convention. A separate check needs to be made out to the "Republican Party of Bedford." Cash can be accepted. Delegate forms for the 5th Congressional District Convention are attached to this Call; and

F) Transaction of such other business as may properly come before the Mass Meeting.

Qualifications for Participation

All legal and qualified voters of BEDFORD 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.

Registration Fee

There will be no registration fee to attend the Mass Meeting.

Publication

This call will be published at <https://www.bedfordvagop.org/> and <https://virginia.gov/> . The Bedford County Republican Committee has eliminated the requirement to publish this call in a newspaper of general circulation by a two-thirds vote.

Cancellation

If no more than one candidate files to run for chairman, 1,330 or less persons apply to become delegates from Bedford County to the Republican Party of Virginia Convention, 855 or less persons apply to become delegates from Bedford County in the 9th Congressional District, and 610 or less persons apply to become delegates from Bedford County in the 5th Congressional District, the Mass Meeting may be cancelled at the prerogative of the Bedford County Republican Committee Chairman or Acting Chairman. In the event of a cancellation, all qualified registrants for Bedford County Republican Committee membership, vetted by the Membership Committee, who have timely submitted their application and fee shall be deemed members of the Committee, and the sole candidate who has filed to run for Chairman by timely filing his or her declaration and payment shall be deemed Chairman of the Bedford County Republican Committee.

Paid for and authorized by the Bedford County Republican Committee