

**OFFICIAL CALL FOR THE 2017 CLARKE COUNTY REPUBLICAN
CONVENTION AND MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT PARTY CANVASSES**

**County Convention — Saturday, April 29, 2017
Magisterial District Canvasses — Wednesday, April 26, 2017**

I, Matt Leeds, 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 Commonwealth Attorney, and the Credentials Committee approves said candidate, then the candidate shall be deemed elected and the Convention and Canvass to elect Delegates and Alternates shall be cancelled.

Provided the Convention is not cancelled and not more than maximum number of Delegates and Alternate Delegates to the Clarke County Republican Committee Convention allowed file, and the Credentials Committee approves said candidates, then all candidates will be deemed elected and the Canvass shall be cancelled.

CLARKE COUNTY REPUBLICAN CONVENTION

The Clarke County Republican Convention shall be held at the **Old Court House, 104 North Church St, Berryville, VA 22611**.

Doors will open at 10:00 AM and Registration will begin at 10:15 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 10:30 AM. Voting will begin no earlier than 10:45 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 Clarke County Commonwealth Attorney;
- (2) To transact other such business as may properly come before the Convention.

BALLOTING AT THE COUNTY CONVENTION

Election for the Republican nomination for Clarke County Commonwealth Attorney shall be by majority vote and weighted by Magisterial District according to the methodology stipulated in the Plan of Organization, Republican Party of Virginia (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 for Commonwealth Attorney, the candidate receiving the lowest number of votes on each succeeding ballot shall be required to withdraw from consideration.

COMPOSITION OF COUNTY CONVENTION

The Clarke County Convention shall be composed of Delegates and Alternate Delegates of the respective Magisterial Districts they represent. Representation shall be based on one (1) Delegate vote per 500 of the total number of Republican votes cast in each Magisterial District in the last gubernatorial and presidential elections combined. The Delegate votes shall be as follows:

<u>Magisterial District</u>	<u>Voting Strength</u>	<u>Max # Delegates</u>
Berryville	3	3
Buckmarsh	3	3
Millwood	3	3
Russell	4	4
<u>White Post</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>
TOTAL	16	16

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT REPUBLICAN PARTY CANVASSES

The Clarke County Magisterial District Party Canvasses will be held on Wednesday, April 26, 2017 at The Old Court House located at 104 North Church St., Berryville, VA 22611. Doors will open at 7:00 PM with Registration commencing at 7:15 PM. Voting will begin no earlier than 7:45 PM. It is anticipated that voting will begin at, or shortly after, that time.

PURPOSES OF THE MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT CANVASSES

The purpose of the Magisterial District Canvasses shall be to elect Delegates and Alternates to the County Convention as follows:

- To elect Magisterial District members of the Clarke County Republican Committee, in accordance with the membership allotments stated below in this Call.

<u>Magisterial District</u>	<u>Delegate</u>	<u>Alternates</u>
Berryville	3	3
Buckmarsh	3	3
Millwood	3	3
Russell	4	4
<u>White Post</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>

ELECTION OF DELEGATES TO CONVENTIONS

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

Wherever over-filing(s) for the County Convention to the Clarke County Republican Committee from any Magisterial District shall exist in a Magisterial District, separate paper ballots shall be used in that Magisterial District Party Canvass for each class of positions 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.

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 or the County Convention 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.

FILINGS REQUIREMENTS

Candidates for election to the position of Commonwealth Attorney (April 29, 2017 Convention) or Delegate/Alternate (April 26, 2017 Canvass) shall file a written statement of intent to the Chairman, Mr. Matt Leeds, stating their intent to seek election for each Commonwealth Attorney, Delegate, or Alternate Delegate using the form provided by the Committee for this purpose. No nominations for the above office or Delegates/Alternates will be accepted from the floor. All forms must be received no later than 12:00 noon on Saturday April 15, 2017, either in person or by mail (postmarks do not govern) at the following address:

Mr. Matt Leeds, Chairman
Clarke County Republican Committee
497 Kinsky Ln.
Berryville, Virginia 22611

Pre-filing forms are available on the Republican Party of Virginia website, www.rpv.org and the Committee website, www.clarkegov.com, or by calling the Chairman at 540-336-1900.

All filing forms must be reasonably legible and contain all mandatory information requested therein. All noncompliant forms shall be subject to rejection.

APPLICABLE FEES

There will be no registration or filing fee charged for, or associated with, participation in the Magisterial District Party Canvasses or Clarke County Republican Committee Convention.

A voluntary registration fee of Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25.00) is requested of each Delegate or Alternate Delegate and One Hundred Dollar (\$100.00) for each candidate for Commonwealth Attorney. Checks should be made payable to the: Clarke County Republican Committee.

CONVENTION AND CANVASS COMMITTEES/RULES

Members of the Temporary Convention, Credentials, Nominations/Elections Committees shall be appointed by the County Chairman, and shall meet prior to the start of the Canvass or Convention. 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 day 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.

This Call, shall be published on the Republican Party of Virginia website, and the Clarke County Republican Committee website at least seven (7) days prior to the earliest filing deadline proposed herein.

ADOPTED THIS 29th DAY OF MARCH BY THE CLAKE COUNTY REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE

Attest,

Matt Leeds
Chairman

Stacey Smith
Secretary

Paid for and authorized by the Clarke County Republican Committee