

BYLAWS OF THE RHEA COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY 2019 - 2020

Article I Name and Purpose

Section 1. This organization is the Rhea County Republican Party and will be referred to as the RCRP throughout this document.

Section 2. The purpose of the RCRP include, but are not limited to, the following:

- A. Electing Republican candidates to office on the national, state, and local levels.
- B. Recruiting Republican candidates to run for office.
- C. Assisting the Tennessee Republican Party and the Republican National Committee.
- D. Recruiting membership in the Republican Party at all levels.
- E. Promoting public awareness of the Republican position on public issues and fostering good citizenship in general.
- F. Increasing the effectiveness of our members in the cause of good government through active political participation.
- G. Raising funds for Republican election campaigns and for promoting Republican ideals.

Article II County Executive Committee

Section 1. The affairs of the RCRP shall be governed by the County Executive Committee in accordance with the bylaws of the Tennessee Republican Party and the bylaws herein.

Section 2. The County Executive Committee shall consist of Chair, Vice-Chair (opposite sex as Chair), Secretary, Treasurer, Vice-Treasurer, immediate Past Chair, Chairs of the Republican Women's Organization (when such exists) and the Young Republicans (when such exists) and all State Executive Committee members representing the county. These constitute voting members.

- A. The Vice-Chair will automatically assume the duties of the Chair in his/her absence.
- B. In addition to the voting members named in this section, the Executive Committee can appoint a Parliamentarian, a Sergeant-at-Arms, and Legal Counsel, but these latter three will not be voting members.

Section 3. Neither the County Executive Committee as a body, nor the County Chair, shall endorse any Republican candidate in a contested primary election for local, state, or national elections.

If the County Chair runs for public office in a contested Republican primary, he/she shall resign as County Chair within 10 days after the filing deadline.

Section 4. Members of the County Executive Committee are expected to attend every meeting.

Three successive absences without a valid reason are grounds for removal from the County Executive Committee by a majority vote of the Committee, provided that a quorum of at least five (5) members are present.

Section 5. Any member of the County Executive Committee can be removed by a simple majority of those present, provided that a quorum of at least five (5) members are present.

Article III Election of Officers

Section 1. Election of officers to the County Executive Committee shall be made in accordance with the State ByLaws, see Article VIII Rule E. (Copies available from the County Chair or State Executive Committee members.) General officers are elected at county reorganizations held between January 15 and April 15 of each odd numbered year. In the event of death, resignation, or moving out of the county by an officer, the County Executive Committee shall immediately elect a replacement to serve until the next reorganization.

Section 2. All officers of the County Executive Committee are elected for two-year terms and are limited to two consecutive full terms in the same office. An exception is the County Chair can be elected to a 3rd term in counties with fewer than 50,000 population, as per the state bylaws.

Article IV Meetings

Section 1. The County Executive Committee shall set its schedule at the beginning of each year. This will enhance the committee's ability to plan effective strategies and meetings.

Section 2. The County Executive Committee shall meet at least quarterly and shall meet monthly during election years.

Section 3. Special meetings may be called by the Chair or by any two members of the County Executive Committee in the absence of the Chair with five (5) days written notice to the membership.

Article V Officer's Duties

Section 1. The County Chair shall be the chief executive of the RCRP and of the County Executive Committee. He/she shall be responsible for the management and administration of the affairs of the County Executive Committee and shall coordinate the political activities of the RCRP. He/she shall preserve order and decorum at all meetings.

The County Chair shall have the right to approve all special committee chairs.

Section 2. The Vice-Chair shall perform the duties of the County Chair in his/her absence. If both the County Chair and Vice-Chair are absent from a County Executive Committee meeting, the County Executive Committee shall elect a temporary County Chair to preside at the meeting.

Section 3. The Secretary shall take the minutes of each meeting of the County Executive Committee. If the Secretary must be absent from such a meeting, the Secretary shall be responsible for obtaining a replacement. The Secretary shall perform such other duties as may be assigned by the County Chair or the County Executive Committee.

Section 4. The Treasurer shall be responsible for implementing an internal system of financial controls. He/she shall be responsible for reconciling the checking account to the bank statement and shall be responsible for counting and depositing moneys received by the RCRP. The Treasurer shall report at each regular or special meeting of the County Executive Committee all receipts and disbursements since the previous meeting. All records of the Treasurer shall be and remain the property of the County Executive Committee.

The Treasurer shall submit a Treasurer's report to the Tennessee Republican Party on or before the first Monday of April, and the second Monday of September.

Article VI Membership

Section 1. A person shall be a voting member of the RCRP if he/she is a "bona-fide" Republican. The term "bona-fide" means a registered voter residing in the county who is any of the following:

- A. A citizen who is actively involved in the RCRP or the State Republican Party.
- B. A citizen who has voted in at least two (2) of the four (4) most recent state and/or local Republican Primary elections, or
- C. A citizen who upon challenge, signs a public, written affirmation of allegiance to the Republican Party.

Section 2. Only persons who have voted in the last three (3) state primaries as a Republican are qualified to hold County Party Leadership positions including the Rhea County Executive Committee.

Article VII ByLaws

Section 1. Every four (4) years the newly elected County Executive Committee will evaluate it's bylaws to ensure they provide for operation of the County Republican Party and that they do not conflict with the State Republican Bylaws.

Section 2. These bylaws may be amended.

These bylaws may be amended by a majority of the full voting membership of the County Executive Committee at any meeting, provided that notice of the meeting at which the vote is to be taken includes a copy of the proposed amendment. Any amendment is subject to approval by the Chair of the Tennessee Republican Party.

Article VIII Conformity

These bylaws are intended to be in conformity with all bylaws, rules, and regulations of the Tennessee Republican Party including the Republican National Committee, governing federal and Tennessee statutes, rules, and regulations.

Article IX
Robert's Rules

The most recent revised edition of Robert's Rules of Order shall govern all proceedings of matters not specifically covered by these bylaws.

Elizabeth C. Snyder
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