

BYLAWS OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY OF WILSON COUNTY TENNESSEE

MISSION STATEMENT

We expect our Republican Candidates to uphold the National Republican Party platform and principles.

ARTICLE I - Name

The name of this organization shall be the Wilson County Republican Executive Committee of the Republican Party of Wilson County, hereinafter referred to as the "COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE".

ARTICLE II - Purpose

The purpose and objective of the County Executive Committee shall be to adopt such rules and measures as may best promote the success and broaden the base of the Republican Party of Wilson County; and to cause the precincts in Wilson County to be organized for political purposes; and to solicit and encourage the citizens of Wilson County to actively participate in, and support the Republican Party in any way possible, including providing a campaign headquarters.

ARTICLE III - Membership

Section 1. Members

Members of the County Executive Committee shall be those elected officers and ex-officio members provided for under the Rules for Electing and Reorganizing County Executive Committees of the Republican Party of Tennessee, and these Bylaws. State Legislators, the sitting Governor, state judges, as well as their paid staff and employees, shall not be eligible to serve on the County Executive Committee.

Section 2. Attendance and Removal of Officers

Members of the County Executive Committee are expected to attend all meetings of the County Executive Committee. Non-attendance of three (3) meetings in any twelve (12) month period shall be grounds for automatic removal from the Executive Committee. See Rule F "Removal of County Officers" of the Tennessee Republican Party Bylaws & Rules for further information regarding grounds for removal of elected members of the County Executive Committee.

By a majority vote, the County Executive Committee (CEC) may remove for cause any member of the CEC, excluding the Chairman. Sections 3-8 of Rule F of the Tennessee Republican Party Bylaws and

Rules shall be applicable as to the procedures to be followed for a “for cause” removal, except that the required vote shall be a majority vote of the County Executive Committee.

By a majority vote, the County Executive Committee may remove any member based on i) a change of place of voter registration to be outside the County in which he serves, ii) upon finding that the member is not a bona fide resident of the county in which he serves, or iii) if the member holds an elected state office, including any constitutional office or judicial office. See Rule F of the Tennessee Republican Party Bylaws and Rules, Section 2.

ARTICLE IV - Officers

Section 1. Officers

The County Executive Committee shall consist of: the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman, the Secretary, the Vice Secretary, the Treasurer, the Vice-Treasurer, the Immediate Past Chairman, the members of the Tennessee Republican Party Executive Committee whose districts are entirely or partly in Wilson County, a single President of the Republican Women’s Federation (*If a county has more than one Tennessee Federated Republican Women’s club, a president shall be chosen to serve for one year on the CEC, at the beginning of each year, by the officers of those clubs*), and the Chairman of the Wilson County Young Republicans. Legal Counsel, Parliamentarian and the Chairman of the Cumberland College Republicans shall serve as ex-officio, non-voting members of the County Executive Committee. In the event a seat on the County Executive Committee is held based upon an official position in another organization, the individual is not eligible to hold office as a County Executive Committee member under the Tennessee Republican Party Bylaws and Rules and/or these bylaws, the seat shall remain vacant.

Section 2. Duties

The members of the County Executive Committee shall perform the duties as specified in the Standing Rules and by the parliamentary authority adopted by the County Executive Committee.

ARTICLE V - Meetings

Section 1. Meetings.

Meetings of the County Executive Committee shall be held from time to time upon the call of the Chairman or three (3) voting members of the County Executive Committee, notice of the time and the place of the meeting shall be given as specified in the Standing Rules. No more than three months shall elapse between meetings. All meetings of the Executive Committee shall be open to the public. The exception can be for disciplinary action against an officer or sensitive financial matters.

Section 2. Quorum.

A quorum at any meeting shall consist of half (50%) of the voting members of the Executive Committee. If the State Committee Man or Woman is not present, then the voting membership will be reduced before calculating if a quorum is present.

ARTICLE VI - Governing Body

The governing body of the Republican Party of Wilson County shall be the County Executive Committee. The County Executive Committee may adopt Standing Rules as needed to effectively conduct the affairs of the Republican Party of Wilson County: and shall perform their duties as specified in the Standing Rules.

ARTICLE VII - Committees

Section 1. Standing Committees.

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The Standing Committees shall consist of those committees along with their responsibilities as contained in the State Bylaws.

Section 2. Special Committees.

All other Committees shall be created and dissolved as required by the County Executive Committee.

Section 3. Committee Chairmen.

The Wilson County Republican Party Chairman shall appoint all committee members with the advice and approval of the executive committee.

ARTICLE VIII - Funds and Finance

Each County Party Treasurer shall be required to submit a Treasurer's Report to the TRP on the first Monday of April and the first Monday of September.

ARTICLE IX - Parliamentary Authority

For procedures not covered in these Bylaws or the Standing Rules of the County Executive Committee or the Bylaws and Rules of the Republican State Executive Committee of Tennessee, "Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised" shall be the authority.

ARTICLE X - Amendments

These bylaws may be amended at any meeting of the County Executive Committee a quorum being present, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote, provided that the amendment has been submitted in, and received, by written mail or by e-mail, at least thirty (30) days in advance of said meetings.

Adopted, July 8th, 2019

**STANDING RULES OF COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE REPUBLICAN
PARTY OF WILSON COUNTY TENNESSEE**

1.00 STANDING RULES

1.01.1 Standing Rules are adopted to implement provisions of the Bylaws and to furnish guidelines for procedures for officers and committees in the performance of their respective duties and activities.

1.02.1 The Bylaws, Article VI, authorizes the County Executive Committee to adopt such rules of procedure as are needed to direct the affairs of the Republican Party of Wilson County.

1.03.1 Standing Rules may be:

(A) Adopted by the County Executive Committee of the Republican Party of Wilson County by a majority vote of those present and voting.

(B) Amended or rescinded by 2/3 vote without previous notice, or by a majority vote after thirty (30) days previous notice.

(C) Suspended temporarily by a majority vote, provided the affirmative vote is no fewer than five (5).

2.00 OFFICERS

2.01.1 Term of office for all elected members of the County Executive Committee shall be for a period of two (2) Years.

2.02 The Chairman shall:

2.02.1 Preside at all meetings and shall have general supervisory authority over all affairs of the Republican Party of Wilson County and serve as Chairman of the Executive Committee.

2.02.2 The Chairman shall appoint all members of all Standing Committees, with the approval of the Executive Committee.

2.02.3 Have the power to act in emergencies requiring immediate attention but shall not authorize expenditures in excess of \$250.00.

2.02.4 Have the Secretary notify all members of the County Executive Committee, by written mail or by e-mail, at least seven (days) in advance of said meetings.

2.02.5 Appoint a Parliamentarian, who is not a voting member of the County Executive Committee.

2.02.6 Appoint vacant Precinct Officer Positions, with the approval of the Executive Committee.

2.02.7 Be an ex-officio member of all committees.

2.02.8 Appoint and engage legal counsel for the County Executive Committee

2.03 The Vice-Chairman shall:

2.03.1 Automatically assume the office of Chairman should the office of Chairman for any reason become vacant and shall perform such other duties as may be required. Should the position of Chairman become vacant, the Vice-Chair shall call a meeting to fill the position of the Chairman within 30 days.

2.04 The Secretary shall:

2.04.1 Keep an accurate record of all meetings, including attendance of executive members for monthly executive committee meetings. Further, he/she will address to the County Executive Committee the name of any board member who has been absent for three meetings within the past 12 months.

2.04.2 Keep and maintain a file of minutes of all past meetings, to be available at all meetings of the County Executive Committee.

2.04.3 Keep a current set of Bylaws and Standing Rules of the County Executive Committee; and the Bylaws and Rules of the Republican State Executive Committee of Tennessee; and a copy of the latest edition of Robert's Rules of Orders, Newly revised and have them available at all meetings of the County Executive Committee.

2.05 The Treasurer shall:

2.05.1 Receive and disburse all moneys of the County Executive Committee and the Republican Party of Wilson County with the approval of the County Executive Committee.

2.05.2 May be bonded at the expense of the Republican Party of Wilson County for an amount determined by the County Executive Committee.

2.05.3 Present a current financial summary at each meeting of the County Executive Committee.

2.05.4 Keep proper books of all receipts and disbursements and make them available for inspection to any member of the County Executive Committee at reasonable times.

2.06 The Vice-Treasurer shall:

2.06.1 Automatically assume the office of Treasurer should the office of Treasurer for any reason become vacant and shall perform such other duties as may be required.

2.07 The Vice-Secretary shall:

2.07.1 Automatically assume the office of Secretary should the office of Secretary for any reason become vacant and shall perform such other duties as may be required.

3.00 COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

3.01 The County Executive Committee shall:

(A) Meet when necessary to effectively conduct and Coordinate all of the activities of the Republican Party of Wilson County and to perform such other duties, from time to time, as specified in the Rules of the Republican State Executive Committee.

(B) Fill all vacancies of the County Executive Committee which from time to time may occur between elections, consistent with the Rules of the Republican State Executive Committee.

(C) Approve all operating or administrative expenses of the County Executive Committee and the Republican Party of Wilson County.

(D) Approve all funds used in the name of or given to qualified Republican Party candidates running for any office of which Wilson County is a Part.

4.00 FILLING VACANCIES

4.0.1 Fill all vacancies on the County Executive Committee which from time to time may occur between County Conventions, consistent with the Bylaws and Rules of the Tennessee Republican Party. The CEC shall proceed to elect a new Chairman or Treasurer, as the case may be, and fill any other office which becomes vacant, by majority vote, at a duly called meeting within thirty (30) days after such vacancy occurs. An officer elected to fill a vacancy shall serve until the next County Party reorganization, and until his successor is duly elected and takes office. These officers must also qualify as bona fide Republican County Party Officers (See Article VIII, Section 5). A vacancy in a County office occurs if an Officer dies, resigns, changes his residence out of the County, is removed from office, or otherwise becomes disqualified or unable to serve his complete term. No County Chairman shall serve more than two (2) full consecutive terms, except in counties with a population of less than 50,000. The CEC may request a waiver from the State Bylaws Subcommittee if necessary.

5.00 STANDING COMMITTEES

5.01.1 The standing committees of the Republican Party of Wilson County shall be: Bylaws, Finance & Budget, Communications, Membership, and Political.

5.02.1 The Communications Committee shall be responsible for publishing the Republican Party of Wilson County's newsletter, maintain the internet website, all social media, blogging, news releases and shall perform such other duties as may be required by the Chairman or the County Executive Committee. All content shall require prior approval by the Executive Committee.

5.02.2 Issues & Government Relations Committee shall be responsible for recruiting Republican candidates to run for elected offices in Wilson County and for developing and coordinating the Republican Party of Wilson County's campaign plans and activities. The Committee shall be responsible for maintaining communication between elected officials and the Party. The Committee shall be responsible for proposing the Party's platform and issues. The Issues & Government Relations Committee shall perform such other duties as may be required by the Chairman or the County Executive Committee. All committee actions require prior approval by the Executive Committee.

5.02.3 The Special Events Committee shall be responsible for coordinating the Republican Party of Wilson County's annual Reagan Day Dinner, Republican Picnic, Golf Tournament and Christmas Dinner and such other events as may from time to time be approved by the County Executive Committee. Separate fundraising receptions shall come under the authority of the Fundraising Committee unless otherwise directed by the Executive Committee. The Special Events Committee shall perform such other duties as may be required by the Chairman or the County Executive Committee. All committee actions require prior approval by the Executive Committee.

5.02.4 Fundraising & Membership Committee shall be responsible for coordination of the Republican Party of Wilson County's direct and targeted fundraising efforts. Including, but not limited to membership recruitment and dues/donation solicitation programs. The Fundraising Committee shall perform such other duties as may be required by the Chairman or the County Executive Committee. All committee actions require prior approval by the Executive Committee.

6.00 NON-ENDORSEMENT POLICY

6.01.1 This Executive Committee as a whole will not endorse candidates in the Republican primary elections nor otherwise take sides in the Republican Party's selection of candidates.

6.01.2 It shall not take part in or in any way support candidate forums during a contested Republican Primary.

6.01.3 Nothing herein prohibits the Executive Committee as a whole, however, from supporting fully the Republican candidates in uncontested primaries or in any general election.

6.01.4 No elected officer of the County Executive Committee may use their title to endorse a candidate in a Republican Primary or support a non-Republican candidate.

7.00 COUNTY PARTY POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE

7.01.1 The Republican Party of Wilson County may establish and maintain a Political Action Committee (PAC) for the purpose of conforming to state and federal finance laws and regulations, when making donations to or in support political candidates. The name of the PAC is to be determined by the Executive Committee.

7.02.2 The PAC Board of Directors are to be appointed by the Party Chairman with the approval of the Executive Committee. All PAC actions and donations require prior approval by the Executive Committee.

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