



January 17, 2026

MEETING MINUTES

Warren County Fiscal Court

IN ATTENDANCE: John Williams, Cathy Adams, Timothy Gilliam, Stephanie Matthews, Semir Nailovic, Tommy Adams, Eric Aldridge, Troy Brooks, Phyllis Causey, Ron Cummings, Mark Doggett, Tommie Driver, Robert Duvall, Jenean Hampton, Brett Hightower, Kevin Jackson, Scott Lasley, Mark Lord, Rex McWhorter, Debby Peebles, Alex Rich, Patti Sawyer, Earnie Smith, Laura Towe, Eric Tuttle, Mary Vitale, Courtney Wiesbrook, Rick Williams, Tahir Zukic

ONLINE: Doug Gorman, Tyler Hopkins, Kevin Modlin, Daniel Tarnagda, Hunter Whittaker

ABSENT: John Downing, David Graham, Brett Guthrie (E), Michael Meredith, Rand Paul (E), Mary Pierce, Jeb Veek (E), Mike Wilson (E)

- I. Welcome.....*Chair*
- II. Invocation.....*Representative Dr. Robert Duvall*
- III. Pledge of Allegiance....*Co-Chair*
- IV. Motion to Approve Agenda.....*Secretary*. Motion to approve made by Troy Brooks, seconded by Mark Doggett.
- V. Reading of Meeting Minutes.....*Secretary*. Motion to approve made by Rex McWhorter, seconded by Taz Zukic.
- VI. Treasurer's Report.....*Treasurer*. There were no new receipts or expenses. Current budget total is \$45,690. Motion to approve made by Brett Hightower, seconded by Rick Williams.
- VII. Updates on Standing Committees
 - A. Finance Committee - Tim Gilliam reported that an approved budget expenditure for Lincoln Day Dinner of \$40/person based upon estimated attendance of 200 people was approved.
 - B. Communications Committee - Stephanie Matthews announced that the Google calendar meeting invitations are now active. The Executive Committee can now RSVP using the calendar links. Communications Committee will meet this week to develop action plan for social media and website. Matthews took responsibility for the lack of social media posting and is seeking

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training and help from the committee to improve. So far, attempts to recruit web developers have been unsuccessful. The Executive Committee was asked for recommendations of trusted vendors with this expertise. Members were also asked to send any event announcements for Republican candidates to the party email: warrencountyrepublican@gmail.com or to John Williams. John Williams reiterated that there is no partiality in our event notices and that it is the candidates responsibility to contact our group to push out announcements.

C. Events Committee. Cathy Adams announced:

1. Andy Barr event, January 23rd from 6-8 p.m. at 331 Kentucky Street venue.
2. Republican Women will host Magistrate candidates on March 9th.
3. Lincoln Day Dinner is set for April. Rick Williams noted that an Orchestra Kentucky event was scheduled April 25th, and others discussed respecting our U.S. congressmen's availability to attend. The need for strategic fundraising with fundraising goals for the party was suggested by Eric Tuttle.

D. Grassroots Committee. John Williams reported that the Precinct Candidate training scheduled for today was cancelled because of sicknesses and lack of time to properly promote the event. Precinct Orientation was rescheduled for two options at Warren County Fiscal Court: January 31st at 9:30 a.m., and Tuesday, February 10th at 6:00 p.m., with zoom options available for each event. Stephanie Matthews suggested having a phone list to contact officers directly to invite to the orientation. She will also create an invitation graphic to email/text to precinct officers. After the orientations, a second training will be scheduled.

VIII. Board of Elections Update.....*Gary Reckart, Republican Representative.* Gary Reckart summarized the board structure. He also stated that thanks to GIS mapping, 50 voters were moved from city voting to county. GIP mapping is more accurate for boundary lines. Of those 50, 5 were Republican, 36 were Democrats, 5 were Independents, and the others were non-partisan. Brett Hightower added that though Democrats push for more city polling locations, for voting convenience—which incentivizes voting—more are needed in the county. Gary Reckart stressed that it is not the Board of Elections responsibility

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to increase voter participation, it's the responsibility of the parties. On the topic of voter confidence it was offered that 1 out of 8-10 voters are concerned about voting machines and how that process is governed. Eric Tuttle informed that watchers are allowed by State law and that our party should offer more watching volunteers. Each candidate can appoint 2 watchers, and perhaps we should get our candidates to do so. Hunter Whittaker shared that the State party has training resources for Voting Watchers and Challengers. Gary Reckart announced that the Board of Elections and the County Clerk has a public meeting on voter integrity and voting machines. The date for that will be sent out via Communications Committee. Voting Challengers must attend that training.

- IX. Legislative Updates.....*Elected Officials*. Robert Duvall, Kevin Jackson, Doug Gorman, Rex McWhorter, Eric Aldridge, Rick Williams, Ron Cummings, Scott Lasley, Brett Hightower, Stephen Harmon, Hunter Whittaker, and Mark Lord all gave updates on their current initiatives.
- X. Meeting Adjourned.....*Chair*. Motion to approve made by Rick Williams and seconded by Brett Hightower.