

2015 FLOYD COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY CANVASS
RULES FOR CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION

SECTION 1 – DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY AND PETITIONS: The 2015 Floyd County Republican Party Canvass shall be held on **Saturday, May 16, 2015, from 6 a.m. to 1 p.m.** All persons wishing to have their names placed on the canvass ballot as candidates for the position of: Commissioner of Revenue, Sheriff, Treasurer, Commonwealth’s Attorney, Clerk of Circuit Court, or Supervisor for Districts A-101 (Locust Grove), B-201 (Little River), and D-401 (Burks Fork) for Floyd County, Virginia, shall serve a Declaration of Candidacy on Gene Bishop, Chairman of the Floyd County Republican Committee, or his designee, who resides at 194 Indian Creek Road NW, Willis, VA 24380, **not earlier than noon on Monday, March 9, 2015, and not later than 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 26, 2015.** Such Declaration of Candidacy must be accompanied by Petitions containing the names of **50 qualified voters** of Floyd County for those individuals who seek the position of Supervisor for Districts A-101 (Locust Grove), B-201 (Little River), and D-401 (Burks Fork). In the case of those persons seeking the office of Commissioner of Revenue, Sheriff, Treasurer, Commonwealth’s Attorney, or Clerk of Circuit Court, such Declaration of Candidacy must be accompanied by Petitions containing the names of **125 qualified voters** of Floyd County. Such Petitions may only be gathered **between January 23, 2015, and March 26, 2015.** Form Declarations of Candidacy and Petitions may be obtained from Chairman Bishop. Chairman Bishop or his designee will be at the Jessie Peterman Library community room, 321 W. Main Street, Floyd, Virginia, on the first day of filing, **Monday, March 9, 2015, from noon until 5:00 p.m.** and on the last day of filing, **Thursday, March 26, 2015, from 2:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m.** Candidates who wish to file petitions and forms on any other day between those dates may contact Chairman Bishop for an appointment at (540) 789-4282 or (540) 629-0769 or e-mail at floydgop@yahoo.com.

SECTION 2 – FILING FEE: Candidates for the offices of Commissioner of Revenue, Sheriff, Treasurer, Commonwealth’s Attorney, or Supervisor shall pay a filing fee of **one percent (1%)** of one year's salary for the office being sought, which shall be payable to the “Floyd County Republican Party” and delivered to Gene Bishop, Chairman of the Floyd County Republican Committee, or his designee, at the time the candidate’s Declaration of Candidacy and Petitions are filed. Candidates for the office of Clerk of Circuit Court shall pay a filing fee of **two percent (2%)** of one year's salary for the office being sought, which shall be payable to the “Floyd County Republican Party” and delivered to Gene Bishop, Chairman of the Floyd County Republican Committee, or his designee, at the time the candidate’s Declaration of Candidacy and Petitions are filed.

SECTION 3 – OATH: All candidates shall be required to sign an oath at the time their Declaration of Candidacy and Petitions are filed. Such oath shall be as follows: "I, _____, do certify that I believe in the principles and goals of the Floyd County Republican Party, that I have and will continue to support candidates of the Republican Party, and that I will run as a Republican. If not selected by my party for the office of _____, I shall support the Republican candidate for that office and shall not seek the office in November as an independent candidate."

SECTION 4 – CERTIFICATION OF CANDIDATES: The Secretary of the Floyd County Republican Party shall certify to the Vice-Chairman of the Floyd County Republican Party, after consultation with the General Counsel, the persons who have qualified for the canvass. The Vice-Chairman shall then prepare ballots reflecting the Secretary’s report. Any candidate failing to be so certified shall be notified by phone and in writing of such failure.

SECTION 5 – PLACEMENT OF CANDIDATES’ NAMES ON BALLOTS: The names of candidates in contested races will be placed on the ballot in the order of the candidate or the candidate’s representative turning in the Declaration of Candidacy, Petitions, Oath, and filing fee.

SECTION 6 – RULES: The Floyd County Republican Party Committee may from time to time establish rules by which to determine candidates as the need arises. The following shall be made a part of any advertisement of the rules: "The Floyd County Republican Party does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, sex, natural origin, or handicap. Any persons wishing to run and who meets the qualifications for candidates shall have their name placed on the ballot."

SECTION 7 – VOTER ELIGIBILITY: Voters who are registered as of April 16, 2015, and prior thereto, are eligible to vote in the canvass.

SECTION 8 – WRITE-IN CANDIDATES: Write-in candidates will not be allowed in the canvass and any vote for a write-in candidate will not be recognized.

SECTION 9 – EARLY VOTING:

a. Those persons who will be unable to vote on the day of the canvass may vote during the period **from May 4, 2015, through May 15, 2015**, on such days and at such times and places as the Executive Committee may determine, which shall be published in the Floyd Press prior to May 4, 2015.

b. Those who, because of infirmity, illness, or the need to care for an ill or infirm relative and cannot leave their homes, may contact their local district chairman who will arrange for the ballot to be marked in the voter’s home and be witnessed by the district chairman or a designated district committee member.

c. Ballots will be first marked, then placed into a small plain envelope. This envelope will be then placed into a larger envelope and the name of the voter and the witness will be signed and printed thereon. The voter’s district will be marked on the outer envelope. These envelopes will be delivered to the proper voting places on the day of the canvass. After the polls close, the envelopes will be checked against the list of those who have voted. If the name of the voter appears on both the envelope and the list of those who have voted in the canvass, the envelope will be marked “rejected” and set aside. Otherwise, the outer envelope will be opened and the inner envelope will be placed in the ballot box. A person other than the one who placed the envelopes in the box will open the envelopes in the box without looking at them. The ballots will remain, unseen, in the box with the other ballots cast that day until counted with the other ballots.

SECTION 10 – ABSENTEE BALLOTS: Those who will be on active duty with the United States military on the day of the canvass may vote via absentee ballot on such form as the Executive Committee may determine. Requests for absentee ballots must be made in writing to Chairman Bishop at 194 Indian Creek Road NW, Willis, VA 24380 or via his e-mail address floydgop@yahoo.com, and such requests must be received by Chairman Bishop no later than April 1, 2015. To be counted, voted absentee ballots must be received by Chairman Bishop at 194 Indian Creek Road NW, Willis, VA 24380, on or before May 15, 2015.

SECTION 11 – VOTE REQUIRED TO NOMINATE: Any candidate for party nomination to any office who receives a plurality of the votes cast in the canvass shall be the nominee of the Floyd County Republican Party for that office in the election for which the canvass was held.

SECTION 12 – RECOUNTS: Any candidate may request a recount within two hours after Chairman Bishop has posted the final results at a central location to be announced by the Chairman. When the results reflect that a candidate is defeated by not more than two percent (2%) of the votes cast for the office, an automatic recount shall be held. Any such recount shall be conducted the same day of the canvass.

Paid for by Cheryl Whitlock Allen, Treasurer, Floyd County Republican Committee