#### OFFICIAL CALL

# Mass Meeting Tazewell County Republican Committee of the Republican Party of Virginia

As Chairman of the Tazewell County Republican Committee, and pursuant to the Plan of Organization and as recommended and directed by the Committee, I, Christopher Ratliff, do hereby issue this call for a Mass Meeting to be held at Tazewell County Board of Supervisors Room, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia 24651 starting at 7:00 pm local time on February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018 for the following purposes:

- 1. To elect a unit chairman, vice-chairman, treasurer, secretary and members to the unit committee;
- 2. Electing up to 470 Delegates and an equal number of Alternates to the Ninth Congressional District Republican Convention, to be held on Saturday, April 21, 2018 at George Wythe High School, #1 Maroon Way, Wytheville, VA 24382, or its alternate site, beginning at 10:00 a.m. (with registration from 8:30 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.) for the purposes of:
  - a. electing a District Chairman, and
  - b. the transaction of other business as may properly come before the Convention.

Each unit is entitled to one (1) Delegate Vote per 250 Republican votes cast for Governor and President at their last election, so that Tazewell County is entitled to 94 Delegate Votes;

3. And for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the mass meeting.

#### **Qualifications for Participation**

All legal and qualified voters of Tazewell 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, unless otherwise stipulated by the appropriate Official Committee, a person otherwise qualified hereunder shall not have participated in Virginia in the nomination process of a party other than the Republican Party within the last five years.

A single exception to this 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 this writing, to support the nominees of the Republican Party in the future. Any voter that utilizes the forgoing exception, and thereafter participates in the nomination process of a party other than the Republican Party, shall not have the benefit of the exception thereafter.

Voters may be required to produce personal identification such as a valid photo ID that is acceptable for voting purposes in order to participate.

### Filing Requirements

Candidates for election for UNIT CHAIRMAN, VICE-CHAIRMAN, TREASURER, SECRETARY, Members of the Tazewell County Republican Committee, or as a delegate or alternate delegate to the Ninth Congressional District Republican Convention at said mass meeting shall file a written statement by mail or in person, to Christopher Ratliff, PO Box 249, Pounding Mill, VA 24637, which must be received not later than 5:00pm February 2, 2018, and accompanied by any fees required. Postmarks shall not govern.

Official filing forms are available online at tazgop.net or by contacting Christopher Ratliff, PO Box 249, Pounding Mill, VA 24637, 276-701-7175, or cratliff@gascodrilling.us.

Candidacy filing fees are as follows:

- Unit Chairman \$150.00 filing fee.
- Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer \$25.00 filing fee.
- Unit Committee Member \$25.00 dues for 1 year membership (To be paid with prefiling.)
- Delegate/Alternate Delegate to the Ninth District Republican Convention \$ 10.00 registration fee (MANDATORY).

Please make checks payable to the Tazewell County Republican Committee.

## **Uncontested Offices/Cancellation of Mass Meeting**

If no more than one candidate files for election to any office to be voted upon at the mass meeting, that candidate will be declared elected. If fewer than the maximum number of unit committee members that Tazewell County Republican Committee has established pre-file, all properly pre-filed candidates shall be declared elected to the applicable unit committee membership position. If fewer than the maximum number of Delegates that Tazewell County is entitled to at any District convention pre-file, all properly pre-filed candidates shall be declared elected. If there are no contested offices to be voted upon at the mass meeting, then no mass meeting will be held.

### Registration Fees for Mass Meeting & Convention

There will be a Mandatory registration fee of \$10.00 to participate in the Tazewell County Republican Committee Mass Meeting. Please make checks payable to the Tazewell County Republican Committee.

There is a MANDATORY registration fee of \$10.00 for each delegate/alternate delegate elected to the Ninth Congressional District Republican Convention. Fees are requested to be paid at the time of filing for election as a Delegate. Please make checks payable to the Tazewell County Republican Committee, which will forward the registration fee to the Ninth Congressional District Republican Convention.

Paid for and authorized by the Tazewell County Republican Committee
Christopher Ratliff, Chairman
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