

As Chairman of the Washington County Republican Committee, and pursuant to the Plan of Organization and as recommended and directed by the Committee, I, Bruce Harold Russell, II, do hereby issue this call for a Party Canvass to be held at Virginia Highlands Small Business Incubator, 851 French Moore, Jr. Blvd., Abingdon, VA 24210 from 10am to 2pm local time on Saturday, April 6, 2024 for the following purposes:

1. To elect a unit chairman and members to the unit committee,
2. Electing Delegates and Alternates to the Republican Party of Virginia State Convention, to be held on Friday, May 31, 2024, and Saturday, June 1, 2024, at Hampton Roads Convention Center, 1610 Coliseum Dr., Hampton, VA 23666, or it's alternate site, opening at 2:30 pm on May 31 for the purpose of:
 - a. electing a State Chairman,
 - b. Nominating a National Committeeman and National Committeewoman,
 - c. nominating 2 electors at-large to serve in the 2024 Electoral College and
 - d. 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 Washington County is entitled to 156 Delegate Votes.

3. Electing Delegates and Alternates to the Ninth Congressional District Republican Convention, to be held on Saturday, May 18, 2024, at Wytheville Meeting Center, 333 Community Blvd., Wytheville, VA 24382, or its alternate site, beginning at 10 am (with registration from 8:00 am to 10:15 am) for the purpose of:
 - a. electing a District Chairman
 - b. electing 3 members to the State Central Committee,
 - c. nominating 1(one) elector to serve in the 2024 Electoral College, and
 - d. The transaction of other business as may properly come before the Convention.

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Qualifications for Participation

All legal and qualified voters of Washington 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 of Virginia in its mass meeting, 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, to support the nominees 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.

Filing Requirement

Candidates for election for Unit Chairman, Members of the Washington County Republican Committee, or as a delegate or alternate delegate to the Ninth Congressional District Republican Convention at said party canvass shall file a written statement by mail or in person, to Mary Ann Compton, 14146 Willow Lane, Bristol, VA 24202, which must be received not later than Saturday, March 23, 2024 by 5:00 pm and accompanied by any fees required. Postmarks shall not govern.

Official filing forms are available by contacting Bruce H. Russell, 851 French Moore Jr., Blvd, Abingdon, VA 24210, phone (276) 202-6589 email- washingtoncountygopchairman@gmail.com

Candidacy filing fees are as follows:

- Unit Chairman \$100.00 filing fee
- Unit Committee Member - \$25.00 dues for 1 year (to be paid with pre-filing).
- Delegate/Alternate Delegate to the Republican Party of Virginia State Convention - \$45.00 registration fee (mandatory).
- Delegate/Alternate Delegate to the Ninth District Republican Convention - \$10.00 registration fee (mandatory).

Uncontested Offices/Cancellation of Party Canvass

If no more than one candidate files for election to any office to be voted upon at the party canvass, that candidate will be declared elected. If fewer than the maximum number of unit committee members that Washington County Republican Committee has established pre-file, all properly pre-filed candidates shall be declared elected to the Washington County unit committee membership position. If fewer than the maximum number of Delegates that Washington County is entitled to at any convention pre-file, all properly pre-filed candidates shall be declared elected, if there are not contested offices to be voted upon at the party canvass then no party canvass will be held.

Registration Fees

There is a mandatory registration fee of \$45.00 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 Washington County Republican Committee, which will forward the registration fee to the Ninth Congressional District Republican Convention.

Paid for and authorized by the Washington County Republican Committee

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