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REPUBLICAN COUNTY CHAIR REMARKS



A big thank you to Sharon Henson, Precinct 3B Chair and the GOP Publicity Chair for compiling the following information.

Dear Rockwall Republicans,

We would like to share with you some updates on local response to the Coronavirus situation, as well as a great way for all of us to help our healthcare community and first responders in Rockwall County.

As you know, the Coronavirus situation is constantly changing so please look to social media and local online newspaper pages for updates. See the Facebook page of Rockwall County Office of Emergency Management for official information.

Many people really want to help others during these uncertain times, but aren't quite sure how to do it during shelter-in-place orders. We found a way that we can help - and still stay safe!

We know that our local healthcare system is in need of surgical masks and n95 surgical masks. Kudos to The Rockwall County Office

of Emergency Management (OEM) for setting up a network of drop locations throughout all the Rockwall County cities where we can take the needed items!

If you are able to donate any items, please reply to this email and tell us what you dropped off. We'd love to know how Rockwall Republicans are contributing to these efforts, as well as any other 'good neighbor' efforts of which you may personally be involved. If you have personal protection equipment(PPE) from that home project you never got around to, your healthcare provider needs it!

If your business has a stockpile that has been sitting in a warehouse for a year, your first responders need it!

The County OEM is working with the State to get resources, but the shortage is real and all help will be appreciated..Eight secure donation boxes are set up at the following locations throughout Rockwall County:

- Fate DPS Station (128 E. Fate Main Pl Fate, TX 75087)
- Heath Public Safety Building (200 Laurence Drive Heath, TX
- McLendon-Chisholm Fire Station 1 (1250 S. Hwy 205

McLendon-Chisholm, TX 75032)

- Royse City City Hall (305 N. Arch Street Royse City, TX 75189)
- Rockwall FD Station 1 (305 E. Boydston Ave Rockwall, TX 75087)
- Rockwall FD Station 2 (920 Rockwall Pkwy Rockwall, TX 75087)
- Rockwall FD Station 3 (191 E. Quail Run Road Rockwall, TX 75087)
- Rockwall FD Station 4 (2915 S. Goliad St. Rockwall, TX 75032)

If you have a large quantity of PPE that will not fit in a donations box, please contact (972) 204-7080

- Items accepted:**
- N95 masks
 - Surgical masks
 - Surgical gloves
 - Isolation gowns
 - Hand sanitizers
 - Face shields
 - Goggles (Clear, protective, not swim goggles)
 - * Sanitizing/Disinfecting Supplies (find a complete list at <https://www.epa.gov/.../list-n-disinfectants-use-against-sars...>)

All donated supplies will be distributed to first responders and medical personnel on the front lines, risking their lives more than ever to keep our community safe. Please donate if possible, otherwise stay home and stay well. Until we are able to all gather again, stay safe!

Synopsis of Special SREC Meeting on April 4, 2020

Via Zoom

Jason Ross & Jerry Fisher, SREC SD2

The meeting began shortly after 9:30 am on Saturday, April 4, 2020. Both Jerry and Jason were present on Zoom to represent SD2. This was the first time the SREC has met via Zoom, and it went INCREDIBLY well. So well, in fact, that the meeting itself served as an encouragement for the efficacy of conducting emergency meetings in the future using the very new rules being considered for adoption. While Zoom may not be the particular virtual platform we will use for future emergency meetings, yesterday's meeting demonstrated that an SREC meeting can be successfully conducted virtually.

Prior to calling the meeting to order, Chairman Dickey gave a financial report, which highlighted the record-breaking fundraising from 2019 and 2020. Even in the midst of this statewide stay-at-home order, **RPT currently has an all-time record of \$4.7 Million cash on hand.**

The first order of business was to consider amending the SREC rules to allow electronic / virtual meetings instead of in-person meetings. Here are the two rules changes discussed and approved:

Added Article V, Section 6 Electronic Meetings: Section 6. Meeting Held Electronically. In the event of a stated emergency, as declared by the Officials Committee or the Chairman, meetings of the SREC may be conducted through use of electronic meeting services designated by the Chairman.

Amended Article V, Section 2 regarding Notice of a meeting. Paraphrased as follows: An electronic meeting can be called on 24 hours' notice via email and text message to each SREC member, including the agenda.

These rules changes must still be ratified at the next in-person SREC meeting, in order to be formally adopted. Based on how well things went yesterday, we have every reason to believe these rules will be ratified.

NOTE: These rules changes are only to the SREC rules and do not in any way alter any County or SD rules. The RPT is working on a potential guide for counties to adopt similar changes to your county rules for your CEC meetings.

Next, Chairman Dickey and Executive Director Kyle Whatley gave an update on the status of negotiations with the convention center in Houston and adjacent hotels. After some discussion, the SREC approved moving our State Convention from May 14-16 to **July 16-18**. RPT will be sending detailed information to the County Chairs.

NOTE: Anyone who already booked a room will be receiving an email from RPT confirming that your reservation will automatically be moved to the new dates. Be on the lookout for that email. Reach out to Katie at RPT, who is the Housing Coordinator, if you don't see an email.

Finally, the SREC discussed and adopted an RPT Rules change to modify the National Convention delegate allocation process, which RPT General Counsel Wade Emmert explained is needed because our State Convention will not take place before current deadlines to submit delegates to the RNC. RPT has to get waivers from the RNC to ensure Texas retains its full delegate strength. RPT Rule 38 Section 9 was amended by the SREC to smooth the process of getting waivers from the RNC to protect the Texas delegation to be full strength to the National Convention. Both Dr. Robin Armstrong and Toni Anne Dashielle spoke in support of this change and believe the RNC will quickly approve our waiver request. It was also noted that the change mirrors a statewide delegate allocation process actually used previously due to redistricting challenges. In short, the change moves 38 of our 155 delegates from a "winner-take-all" group and combines them with the 6 delegates known as "Convention Statewide Proportional delegates" under (RPT Rule 38, Section 9(b) so that we will now have 44 delegates selected as Statewide Proportional Allocation delegates. The majority of other delegates will still come from the 36 congressional caucuses (3 per caucus).

IMPORTANT REQUEST: Please reply back to Jason and Jerry to let us know the date/time/location for when your county plans to reconvene its County Convention. Once we know those details, we will evaluate the feasibility for a potential SD2 State Delegate Training event between the County Conventions and the State Convention.

QUESTION: Chairman Dickey has offered to do a Facebook Live event for each Senate District, which would enable a grassroots discussion directly with the Chairman via Facebook. Please let Jason/Jerry know if you would like us to set this up with the Chairman for SD2.

In closing, we would like to thank RPT Staff, the special working group, and Chairman Dickey for all of their INCREDIBLE work to navigate our party through these unprecedented events. Yesterday's SREC meeting was a fantastic example of the Chairman's leadership and the diligent planning, preparation, and efforts by the RPT team and the working group.

New Date for Rockwall County Convention



DATE: May 23, 2020
TIME: 9:00 AM (Registration and breakfast will be open at 8:15 AM)
LOCATION: Liberty Hall, 1111 E. Yellowjacket, Suite 100, Rockwall

Breakfast and Lunch will be served.

PLEASE NOTE: Any Republican that voted in the 2020 Republican Primary is eligible to attend and become a delegate/alternate.



You can be a delegate to the Republican State Convention!

What is the Republican State Convention? It's a place for people who vote in the Republican Primary election to define our shared beliefs and to determine how we will promote them. We do this by creating a platform and by setting rules and electing people to run the party between conventions.

Who can attend the Republican State Convention? Anyone who is a registered voter, who has affiliated with the Republican Party, either by voting in the Party Primary or by taking an oath of affiliation and has been duly elected by the lower level conventions. You can affiliate with the Republican Party by voting in the Republican Primary Election or by taking an oath of affiliation. You can only affiliate with one party during each election year.

What is a delegate? Delegates are grassroots Republicans who participate in the shaping of the Republican Party, its role, and its direction regarding public policy. They volunteer and are chosen by their districts to attend the party's conventions in each even-numbered year.

Step 1: Precinct Conventions When and where: Your 2020 Precinct Convention will be held sometime after the polls close on Primary Election Day (March 3, 2020) and before the start of the County/Senate District Conventions (May 23, 2020). Please check with your local Republican County Chair for the most up to date information. (See https://www.texasgop.org/county_chairs/) **What to expect:** If you are a registered voter and affiliate with the Republican Party, you can participate in this convention. You can introduce and vote on resolutions. Then elect delegates and alternates to the next convention level.

Step 2: County / Senate District Conventions when and where: Your County or SD Convention will be held on May 23, 2020, at Liberty Hall, 1111 E. Yellowjacket Lane, Rockwall, Texas. Arrive at 8:15 am to register and have breakfast. Convention starts at 9:00 am. **What to expect:** In the days or weeks before the convention, you can visit committee meetings and let them know what issues are important to you. At the convention, you'll set the rules by which the convention will operate. You will be able to vote on resolutions the committees have worked on. Then you'll elect delegates and alternates to the state convention level.

Step 3: State Convention When and where: This convention will be held in Houston from July 16 to 18. Committees will meet May 11th-13th. General Session and Caucuses will meet July 16-18. Please check www.texasgop.org for convention details. **What to expect:** You will be able to testify before the committees on issues you care about, vote on the platform that will state the beliefs of the Party, vote on the rules that will steer the Party, and elect people to run the Party for the next two years.

Why become a delegate to the Republican State Convention? Because you will have an instrumental role in shaping the beliefs of the Party and determining the methods of implementation in public policy.

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ALL GOP ACTIVITIES FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL HAVE BEEN CANCELLED.



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	<p>Face Book: https://www.facebook.com/rockwallgopmen President: Grand DuBois wdubois@live.com (479)544-4856 Meets: Second Saturday of each month at Harry Myers Community Center at 8:00 am. New speakers each month. Breakfast is \$9.</p>
	<p>Website: https://www.rcrw.org/; Face Book: https://www.facebook.com/RCRWTX President: Tiffany Miller tiff_miller@hotmail.com (972)977-3321 Meets: Second Monday of each month at Liberty Hall at 6:30 pm. New speakers each month. Free food prepared by members. Happy hour at various locations (see facebook)</p>
	<p>Face Book: https://www.facebook.com/RockwallCountyYoungRepublicans/ President: Kari Tucker Kari.tucker223g@mail.com (940)736-3946 Meets: See Face book</p>
	<p>President: Contact County Chair if interested</p>

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