

Minutes for September 2003 Meeting
of the Aiken County Republican Party
by Vicki L. Simons

The regular monthly meeting of the Aiken County Republican Party was held on Thursday, September 11, 2003, at the Aiken County Council Chambers. The following officers were present:

- * Chairman, David Nix,
- * Treasurer, Jan Carpenter, and
- * Secretary, Vicki Simons.

Chairman David Nix called the meeting to order, offered the invocation and led in the Pledge of Allegiance. He stated that the Precinct Reorganization forms had changed completely.

Chairman David Nix:

* Asked if there were comments about the July 2003 meeting minutes. Hearing none, Chairman Nix asked for a motion to approve the minutes. A motion and second were made. Those in the Executive Committee who were present voted unanimously to approve the minutes as sent. Therefore, the reading of the minutes was dispensed with.

* Referred to the Treasurer's Report which showed expenses for the period July 1, 2003 through August 31, 2003, and a balance of \$3,566.78. He commented that the increase was due to the filing fees for the Aiken City Council election. He said that there is no formula for calculating these fees for primary and runoff elections, but that the fees had been upped.

* The results of the District 3 Aiken City Council election were as follows:

- * 1186 votes total (over 25% turnout, which is good),
- * 709 votes cast for Don Sprawls and
- * 477 votes cast for Ed Giobbe.

Chairman Nix dedicated the remainder of the meeting to instructing precinct organizers about Precinct Reorganization scheduled for Tuesday, September 23. Each organizer present received a packet containing

- * An American flag;
- * A letter from Katon Dawson, Chairman of the South Carolina Republican Party;
- * A sample agenda for the meeting;
- * South Carolina Republican Party Precinct Reorganization Guide (including Action Items, Guidelines for Conducting Precinct Club Meetings, Follow-up Guidelines for Precinct Club Meetings, Guidelines for Returning Forms to State Party, Parliamentary Procedure Samples and Description of Precinct Officers);
- * A printed voter list of people in that precinct who had been selected based on having voted in two of the last three general primary elections (1998, 2000 and 2002), which also served as a list upon which attendees could initial their presence at the Precinct Reorganization meeting;
- * A number of copies of "Form A" that people whose contact information appeared on the printed voter list could use to mark attendance, election as delegate or alternate to the County Party Convention, election as Precinct Officer and desire to be considered as delegate to the District and State Republican Party Conventions; and
- * Form B, to be filled out by people whose contact information does not appear on the printed voter list.

Chairman Nix reminded attendees that voters must bring their voter registration cards with them to the meeting. The printed voter list contains a list of voters most likely to show up at a Precinct Reorganization meeting. The voter list does not contain any phone numbers because it is not a phone list. Form A is to be turned in; Form B is to stay in the precinct. He indicated that this system was "hopefully simpler" than the system used in the past. Chairman Nix addressed various questions raised by members of the audience, including one from Bea Peyser about how names get on the printed voter list, one from Arthur Shealy about how many delegates from each precinct are allowed to go to the State Convention (which is shown on the outside of each packet), one from Scott Singer about 7:00 p.m. being the start time for precinct meetings (which will also be shown on the mailing that everyone on the list will receive from the State Party), one from Jim Sutherland about the location of the meetings, one from Gary Bunker about announcing the event in the county party newsletter (to which Chairman Nix said "probably not" but that he would get it in the newspaper), and one from Tom Coones about rules (covered by info in packets). He encouraged those with questions to call him.

With no other business to address, Chairman Nix adjourned the meeting.

Minutes approved by: _____

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Chairman: _____

Secretary: _____