



Meeting Call

The Central Committee of the Iron County Republican Party will meet at 10:00 am on April 16, 2016 at the Canyon View Middle School, 1865 North Main Street, Cedar City, Utah.

Major order of business will be the selection of an interim County Commissioner to serve through December 2016.

The voting members of the County Central Committee consist of the County Party Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary and Treasurer; the At-large State Central Committee members, the Chair and Vice-Chair of each voting precinct elected at the most recent precinct caucuses and elected Iron County officials who are registered Republicans.

Registration opens at 9:30 with the meeting beginning at 10:00 am.

You will need a valid photo ID to be credentialed. Be on time; credentialing closes at 10:15pm

To be considered proposed resolutions need to be received by an Iron County Republican Party Executive Committee member by midnight on April 8, 2016. Constitution and Bylaws changes will not be addressed at this convention.

The Executive Committee of
The Iron County Republican Party
04/01/16



Proposed IRCC Agenda

- Call to order and welcome
 - Ryan Nelson – County Party Chair
- Prayer
 - By Invitation
- Pledge of Allegiance
 - By Invitation
- Ratification of Election Rules & Agenda
 - Motion for amended rules
 - As Provided in packet
- Credentials report
- Candidate Selection
 - Interim County Commissioner Seat A (resulting from David Millers resignation)
 - Candidate Speeches
 - Voting
- Caucus Report
- Financial report
 - Spencer Grant – Party Treasurer
 - How much raised?
 - What to do with it?
- Voting Results
- Adjournment



Proposed Interim Election Rules

1. Decisions will be governed by the following in order of priority;
 - a. County Party Constitution & Bylaws
 - b. State Party Constitution & Bylaws
 - c. State Law
2. Candidates will have provided written notice of intent to the executive committee on or before April 8th 2016.
3. All voting shall be by secret ballot
4. Voting Method will be multiple rounds
 - a. 1st round will select top 3 candidates
 - b. 2nd round select top 2 candidates
 - c. Final round will identify the nominee
 - d. A candidate that receives 60% of the vote in any round will be declared the nominee.
5. These rules shall be ratified by majority consent of the committee members
6. Results will be announced at the close of the meeting & promptly reported by certified mail to the county clerk.
7. Only duly elected representatives will be credentialed & allowed to participate in the meeting.
8. Candidate speeches will be limited to 3 minutes each for the 1st round. Candidates progressing to subsequent rounds of voting will be allowed 30 seconds each.
9. Roberts Rules of order shall be relied on for any dispute not addressed by these rules or the documents referenced.

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Midterm Vacancy of County Commissioner

Commissioner David Miller resigned Friday, March 25, 2016. Therefore an interim commissioner will be selected by the Iron County Republican Party Central Committee. This committee is comprised of the Iron County Executive Committee, the 2 At-Large State Central Committee Delegates, the newly elected Precinct Chairs and Vice Chairs as well as elected Iron County officials who are registered Republicans.

According to state law referenced below we have 30 days from the official notice to submit the name of an interim commissioner who will serve until January 2017. I received official notice of the vacancy on Friday March 25, 2016. The interim appointment deadline therefore is Sunday April 24, 2016.

Given the expected attendance of central committee members at the Utah State Republican Party Convention on April 23, 2016 we cannot meet effectively that day and since notice of an Iron County Central Committee meeting must be given 2 weeks before the meeting date it seems that the only viable date to meet and select an interim replacement is our Iron County Convention date of April 16, 2016.

Therefore, we will have an Iron County Central Committee meeting at 10:00 am on Saturday April 16, 2016 to select an interim Commissioner (seat A) to serve through the end of the year. We will also have our previously scheduled Iron County Convention where we will select ballot candidates for both commissioner seats.

Candidates for the interim position need to submit a letter of intent to the Iron County Republican Party Executive Committee by April 8, 2016.

Candidates for the remaining 2 years of Iron County Commissioner Seat A need to file with the Iron County Clerk no later than close of business on April 1, 2016.

So that everyone understands the process and the dictated deadlines, listed below are the applicable sections from Utah State law and the Iron County Republican Party Constitution and Bylaws.

Applicable selections of section 20A-1-508 of Utah Law.

http://le.utah.gov/xcode/Title20A/Chapter1/C20A-1-S508_1800010118000101.pdf

(2)

(a) Until a replacement is selected as provided in this section and has qualified, the county legislative body shall appoint an interim replacement to fill the vacant office by following the procedures and requirements of this Subsection (2).

(b)

(i) To appoint an interim replacement, the county legislative body shall give notice of the vacancy to the party liaison (*County Chair*) of the same political party of the prior office holder and invite that party liaison to submit the name of a person to fill the vacancy.

(ii) That party liaison (*County Chair*) shall, within 30 days, submit the name of the person selected in accordance with the party constitution or bylaws as described in Section 20A-8-401 for the interim replacement to the county legislative body.

(iii) The county legislative body shall no later than five days after the day on which a party liaison submits the name of the person for the interim replacement appoint the person to serve out the unexpired term.

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(3)

(a) The requirements of this Subsection (3) apply to all county offices that become vacant if:

(i) the vacant office has an unexpired term of two years or more; and

(ii) the vacancy occurs after the election at which the person was elected but before April 10 of the next even-numbered year.

(b)

(i) When the conditions established in Subsection (3)(a) are met, the county clerk shall notify the public and each registered political party that the vacancy exists.

(ii) All persons intending to become candidates for the vacant office shall:

(A) file a declaration of candidacy according to the procedures and requirements of Chapter 9, Part 2, Candidate Qualifications and Declarations of Candidacy; and Utah Code Page 2

(B) *if nominated as a party candidate* or qualified as an independent or write-in candidate under Chapter 8, Political Party Formation and Procedures, *run in the regular general election*.

Quoting from our Bylaws as adopted March 21 2013

http://ironcountygop.org/sites/default/files/IRON%20COUNTY%20BYLAWS%20REV2013_0.doc

2.C.4

To ratify the appointments of qualified members to complete the unexpired terms of County Party officers when vacancies occur.

2.C.5

To certify to the County Clerk, the names of qualified replacement candidates when any candidacy or elected public office becomes vacant prior to elections under conditions as specified by law.

2.D

A Central Committee meeting can be called, with at least two weeks notice, by the County Chair, a majority of the Executive Committee, or at the request of 25% of the Central Committee members. Voting by proxy in a Central Committee meeting is expressly prohibited.

8.A

Nominations. Delegates to the Iron County Nominating Convention held on even-numbered years shall ratify all candidates for county or legislative office who are unopposed and send them directly to the general election representing the Republican Party. They shall also elect Republican candidates for county and legislative office. The convention shall place in nomination all declared and qualified candidates for county and legislative office. Balloting shall be on secret ballots.

Motion for amended rules

Submitted by the Iron County Republican Party Executive Committee

Regarding –

Voting for interim County Commissioner Seat “A”

Context –

The County Party Constitution & By Laws indicate that given the timing of Commissioner Millers resignation, the Interim Seat shall be filled by the Central Committee. At the same time they also indicate that the ballot candidate shall be chosen by the delegates at convention. It does not appear that the intention of the C&Bs is for the outcome of either vote to unduly influence the other.

Option 1 –

The Central Committee (IRCC) can choose to select the interim, publicize the results & let the chips fall where they may. This gives maximum opportunity to candidates for both the interim & Ballot position, potentially allowing the interim winner to use your vote of confidence to springboard from one success to another. Knowing the IRCC preference would likely sway the perceptions of the Convention delegates & could be interpreted as disturbing the autonomy of the Convention.

Option 2 – The IRCC can choose to vote now using preferential ballots then keep the results private until they are announced simultaneously with the ballot position at convention. Preferential voting is where each member ranks all candidates by preference from 1-8. Ballots are then tallied in the following manner, round 1 – Rank 1 votes are tallied and all but top 3 vote getters are eliminated. Round 2 - The eliminated candidates names are scratched out on the ballots and then the ballots are re counted with the highest remaining number preference on each individual ballot being used to determine the 2 highest vote getters. Round 3 – The eliminated candidates name is scratched out on all ballots and the ballots are re counted to determine the winner.

This allows the IRCC to express their desire w/o influencing the Convention. All interim and ballot candidates receive equal treatment. The voting process is much faster as only one ballot is cast. The drawback is that we don't know the results until mid afternoon and IRCC members will have to find them online or wait around at convention without being able to participate.

Option 3 – The IRCC can elect to trust the interim selection to the Convention Delegates. We can vote to appoint the highest vote getter at convention as the interim commissioner. The reality is that because of the high likelihood of the Republican ballot candidate being elected in November this method guarantees continuity in the position. The new commissioner begins the learning curve right away and we as a community don't suffer the same curve twice in a year. However we must be perfectly clear, choosing this method eliminates interim only candidates from the race. They lose without being able to address you & explain their reasons for running.