

BYLAWS  
OF THE DAWSON COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY

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## **ARTICLE I: NAME, PURPOSE, AND FUNCTION**

- A. **NAME:** This organization shall be known and referred to as the Dawson County Republican Party.
- B. **PURPOSE:** The purpose of the Dawson County Republican Party shall be to develop, foster, advance, and perpetuate the principles of the Republican Party, to support and otherwise do all within its power to insure the election of all Republican nominees for public office whose names appear on the general election and any special election or other regular election ballots in Dawson County, to fill such vacancies as may occur by virtue of the death or inability of any Republican nominee to serve as such nominee or as an official of the Republican Party, to manage the affairs of the Republican Party, and to engage in such other activities and perform such functions and services as may from time to time be necessary to further the cause of the Republican Party, its principles and its candidates.
- C. **FUNCTION:** The Dawson County Republican Party, consisting of its members shall serve as the central and unified authority and representative body of the Republican platform and policies within Dawson County. It shall function to assist and endeavor to develop, implement, encourage, educate, and create Republican principles within Dawson County; and it shall strive to recruit and elect qualified Republican candidates to every available public office.
- D. **GUIDING PRINCIPLES:**
1. Individual Freedom
  2. Limited Government
  3. The Rule of Law
  4. Peace Through Strength
  5. Fiscal Responsibility
  6. Free Markets
  7. Human Dignity

## **ARTICLE II: PARTY MEMBERSHIP**

- A. **QUALIFICATION:** All legal and qualified voters residing within Dawson County, Georgia, who are in accord with the principles of the Republican Party, believe in its declaration of policies, are in sympathy with its aims and purposes and who support its candidates are eligible to be members of the Dawson County Republican Party.
- B. **HONORARY MEMBERSHIP:** Upon approval of the County Committee, individuals who are interested in supporting the Dawson County Republican Party and its aims and purposes, may be extended honorary membership in the Dawson County Republican Party. For honorary membership, it is not necessary to fulfill residency or voter qualification requirements.
- C. **PARTICIPATION:**
1. Any person thus eligible shall be admitted to membership in the Dawson County Republican Party upon payment of annual dues of an amount determined by the County Committee.
  2. Such qualified members are encouraged to participate in the primary and general elections of the Republican Party in Dawson County, and to attend Mass and General Membership Meetings, and Conventions, pursuant to the rules of conduct thereof, held under the auspices of the Dawson County Republican Party.

## **ARTICLE III: ORGANIZATION OF THE COUNTY COMMITTEE**

- A. **MEMBERSHIP:** The County Committee shall be the general governing body of the Dawson County Republican Party between conventions. It shall consist of:
1. County Chairman
  2. First Vice Chairman
  3. Second Vice Chairman
  4. Secretary
  5. Treasurer
  6. Chairman of each Voting Precinct

7. Two Republican representatives from the Elections and Registration Board
8. Immediate past party chairman

B. **VOTING PRIVILEGES:** All members of The County Committee shall have voting privileges except the Chairman shall vote only in case of a tie.

C. **QUORUMS:**

1. A quorum for the transaction of business for the County Committee will constitute presence in person or by proxy of five members.
2. Details about how proxies are issued and submitted are described in Article X.

D. **DUTIES:**

1. The County Committee has the duty to enhance the prestige and reputation and to build the voting and financial strength of the Dawson County Republican Party.
2. The County Committee may cooperate with the State Committee and with its Districts in conducting elections within its boundaries.
3. The County Committee shall be the sole judge and take disciplinary action of County and Executive Committee Members if a controversy arises.
4. The County Committee may cooperate with the State Committee in conducting all statewide campaigns within the County for National and State causes, and otherwise aids the State Committee in other efforts, where practical.
5. The County Committee shall be responsible for fulfilling officer vacancies as prescribed in Article VI.

6. The County Committee shall have the authority to allocate and to contribute funds of the Dawson County Republican Party. Per Article VI, Section A, the County Chairman may designate a committee to raise funds and make recommended allocations to be approved by the County Committee.
7. In accordance with the State Call, the County Committee shall implement County Conventions, Mass Meetings and General Membership Meetings, secure a meeting location, and shall make other arrangements for such meetings.
8. Any member who makes a purchase with prior approval and wishes to be reimbursed must provide a written document or receipt for all monies spent before reimbursement is made.

E. **MEETINGS:**

1. At the call of the County Chairman, the County Committee shall hold a minimum of four (4) meetings annually. The County Chairman shall determine the specific time and date of said meetings. The County Chairman can call additional meetings, as needed, to conduct the business of the Dawson County Republican Party.
2. Additional County Committee meetings, or general membership meetings may be called by the County Chairman, or upon written notice requesting a meeting, presented to the Secretary by forty percent (40%) of the members of the County Committee.
3. All County Committee meeting notices shall be written, digital, by phone, DCRP website, social media sites and/or by publication in the County Legal Newspaper noting the meeting place, date, time, and business agenda.

The notice shall be sent by the Secretary (according to Article XIII, Notice) to members of the Dawson County Republican Party County Committee not less than five (5) days prior to the date of the meeting.

F. **TERM OF OFFICE:** The officers and members of the County Committee shall be elected by the County Convention. Their term of office shall begin upon adjournment of the County Convention except for officers and members elected between conventions to fill vacancies, in which case the term shall begin at the time of election. All terms of office shall extend until the convening of the next odd year County Convention unless sooner removed in accordance with these Rules.

G. **REMOVAL FROM OFFICE:**

1. Any member of the County Committee may be removed from the County Committee for cause by a majority vote of a quorum present at any duly called meeting of the County Committee. However, such individual must be given written notice (according to Article XII, Notice of these rules) of such meeting, sent at least twenty (20) days in advance thereof, setting forth the grounds and such individual must be given the opportunity to be present, and to be heard in person and/or by any representative of his choice. "Cause" as used herein shall include:
  - a. Failure to perform duties of his office for period of three (3) successive duly called meetings.
  - b. Failure to participate in the affairs of the Party.
  - c. Conduct detrimental to the best interest of the Party.
  - d. All members of the County Committee are expected to support the official qualified candidates of the Republican Party in all contested general elections and uncontested Republican primary elections. Public support of any candidate in opposition to the official Republican candidate in a general election by an elected officer of the County Committee shall constitute conduct detrimental to the best interest of the party.
  - e. Any other such causes as may be determined by the County Committee.
  - f. Any member who is not in good standing according to these Rules (Article V) shall automatically lose his membership on the County Committee.
2. If any member of the County Committee of the Dawson County Republican Party qualifies to run in an opposed primary for a public office, such member shall be deemed to have resigned such office upon being elected to public office. An

officer who qualifies as a candidate for an elected public office for which no other Republican has also qualified shall be deemed to have resigned immediately upon being elected to office. As soon as an officer for elected office qualifies as a Democrat, he shall be deemed to have resigned all positions in the DCRP.

H. **Recruitment:** The County Committee, through the Chairman, designee, or sub-committee, has a responsibility for recognizing and recruiting potential candidates for elected office in Dawson County. The process will include:

- a. Identification
- b. Interview, discussing the "Party Guiding Principles"
- c. Verification of party membership in good standing
- d. Party attendance
- e. Party leadership positions held
- f. Written published report to the County Committee

I. **Endorsements:** The County Committee will not indorse any primary candidate.

#### **ARTICLE IV: ORGANIZATION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

A. **MEMBERSHIP:** The Executive Committee shall consist of the following County Committee officers:

1. Chairman
2. First Vice Chairman
3. Second Vice Chairman
4. Secretary
5. Treasurer

B. **DUTIES:**

1. The Executive Committee of the Dawson County Republican Party shall have the duty, responsibility, power, and authority to conduct the affairs of the Republican Party of Dawson County between meetings of the County Committee.

2. The Executive Committee shall have the authority to allocate and distribute funds of the Dawson County Republican Party limited to One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) between County Meetings.
3. Any member who makes a purchase with prior approval according to Article IV, Section C, Number 3 on behalf of the Dawson County Republican Party and wishes to be reimbursed must provide a written document or receipt for all moneys spent before reimbursement is made.

C. **MEETINGS:**

1. The Executive Committee shall meet at the call of the Chairman, or upon written notice requesting a meeting to the Secretary by three (3) members of the Executive Committee.
2. A full report of all Executive Committee Meetings will be given by the Chairman at the next scheduled County Committee Meeting.

D. **QUORUM:**

1. The presence in person or by proxy of three (3) of the voting members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business of the Committee.
2. Details about how proxies are issued and practiced are described in Article 10.

- E. **TERM OF OFFICE:** Members of the Executive Committee shall be elected by the County Convention. Their term of office shall begin upon adjournment of the County Convention except for members elected between conventions to fill vacancies, in which case the term shall begin at the time of election. All terms of office shall extend until the convening of the next odd year County Convention unless sooner removed in accordance with these Rules.



- F. **REMOVAL FROM OFFICE:** See (Article III, Section G, Number 1)

## **ARTICLE V: GOOD STANDING**

- A. Good standing refers to any member who resides in the county and has paid dues.
- B. Any newly elected office holder of the Dawson County Republican Party must pay his dues within thirty (30) days of election thereto or must relinquish the office.
- C. Any member who is not in good standing who wishes to return to good standing may do so by paying his dues and forfeiting his voting rights at the next two (2) duly called meetings.
- D. Any member or office holder who moves out of the county forfeits his position and voting rights.

## **ARTICLE VI: VACANCIES IN OFFICE**

- A. Should the office of Chairman become vacant for any reason, the First Vice Chairman and then the Second Vice Chairman shall automatically and immediately become Acting Chairman and shall serve with all the duties, powers, and prerogatives of the County Chairman until the County Committee shall fill such vacancy, at its next regular or special meeting, by a majority vote. The intention to fill such vacancy shall be set forth in a written notice and the meeting announcement shall be sent to the County Committee at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting.
- B. Should the office of First Vice Chairman, Second Vice Chairman, Secretary or Treasurer become vacant for any reason, including death, resignation, termination of residence in Dawson County, removal according to these Rules (Article III, Section G), then the County Committee shall fill such vacancy, at its next regular or special meeting, by a majority vote. The intention to fill such vacancy shall be set forth in the written notice (according to Article XIII, Section E of these rules) of the meeting sent to each member at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting.

- C. Should the office of any Precinct Chairman become vacant for any reason, including death, resignation, failure to act, termination of residence of said Precinct, removal according to these Rules (Article III, Section G), then the Precinct Vice Chairman of said Precinct shall move to the Precinct Chairman position. In the event that both the Precinct Chairman and the Precinct Vice Chairman cannot serve, or the office is vacant due to lack of representation at the last Mass Meeting, the County Chairman shall appoint a new Precinct Chairman for said Precinct.
- D. Vacancies in a Precinct Committee, other than that of Precinct Chairman, caused by death, resignation, continued failure to perform or termination of residence within the Precinct, shall be filled by the Precinct Chairman.

## **ARTICLE VII: RESPONSIBILITIES OF OFFICERS**

### **A. CHAIRMAN:**

1. The County Chairman shall be the chief executive officer of the County Committee and of the Executive Committee, shall preside at all meetings thereof, shall have general supervision of the affairs of the County Committee and of the Executive Committee, shall convene County Conventions, and shall be the official spokesman for the County Committee and for the Executive Committee. The County Chairman shall be responsible for procurement of the County Committee and the Executive Committee meeting location and necessary information, and shall oversee the administration of the office(s) of the County Committee, including the supervision of and the right to employ and dismiss any employees. The County Chairman shall be an ex-officio member of all committees excluding the Nominating Committee.
2. The County Chairman sets the strategic direction and priorities with the approval of the County Committee and guides the organization toward its stated goals.

3. The County Chairman may appoint permanent or special committees and their chairmen as he deems desirable, and he may dissolve such committees. Appointments by the Chairman shall require approval by a majority of the County Committee. The County Chairman shall appoint temporary County Convention Committees and their respective chairmen, subject to approval by a majority of the County Committee, not less than twenty (20) days before a County Convention.
4. The County Chairman may issue checks in accordance with these Rules (Article III, Section D, Number 6)
5. The County Chairman, in an official capacity, may not endorse any contested primary Republican candidate.
6. The County Chairman shall be responsible for coordinating the Dawson County Republican Party with the State and District Committees. These duties shall include but are not limited to coordinating details involved with Mass Meetings and the County Convention.

**B. FIRST VICE CHAIRMAN**

1. The First Vice Chairman shall, during the temporary absence of the Chairman, become Chairman Pro Tempore, and shall act in all capacities of the Chairman during his absence, and shall hold all such duties, powers and prerogatives as the Chairman.
2. The First Vice Chairman shall perform such duties as assigned by the County Committee

**C. SECOND VICE CHAIRMAN**

1. The Second Vice Chairman shall during the temporary absence of the Chairman and the First Vice Chairman, become Chairman Pro Tempore, and shall act in all capacities of the Chairman and First Vice Chairman during his absence, and shall hold all such duties, powers and prerogatives as the Chairman and Second Vice Chairman.
2. The Second Vice Chairman shall perform such duties as assigned by The County Committee.

E. **SECRETARY:**

1. The Secretary shall be the official record keeper of the Dawson County Republican Party. The Secretary shall be the custodian of Party records and Membership records. The Secretary shall call the roll when it is required, and keep attendance.
2. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all County Committees and Executive Committee meetings on file and make them available upon request.
3. The Secretary shall perform other duties the County Chairman may assign.

E. **TREASURER:**

1. The Treasurer shall be the Chief Financial Officer of the Dawson County Republican Party.
2. The Treasurer shall assess and collect all money due maintain all bank statements and financial records, and make payments for all due just debts in accordance with these rules. (See Article III, Section D, Number 6).
3. The Treasurer shall render a written report at each County Committee Meeting listing all receipts, disbursements, and balances of accounts.
4. The Treasurer shall perform other duties the County Chairman may assign.

F. **ELECTION BOARD MEMBERS:**

The Two Election Board Members shall be appointed by the Chairman and approved by the County Committee. Duties of the Election Board Members shall be governed by the State Election Code, State Laws, and the State Election Board. The Election Board Members shall provide the Chairman with a written report of all meetings.

- G. **PRECINCT OFFICERS:** A Precinct Chairman and Precinct Vice Chairman shall be elected by those qualified persons participating in each precinct mass meeting election in accordance with the State Call. They shall preside over all meetings and caucuses of their precinct during their term of office. Their duties shall include:

1. Membership development and recruitment
2. Communication
3. Voter registration
4. Citizen Party involvement
5. Implementing Party strategy
6. Voter turnout
7. Election activities, i.e. poll watchers

H. **DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBERS:** Upon request of the Chairman, the District Committee Members representing Dawson County in Congressional District Committees will provide a written report of the District Committee Meetings.

I. **STATE COMMITTEE MEMBERS:** Upon request by the Chairman, the State Committee Members representing Dawson County on the State Committee will provide a written report of the State Committee meetings.

## **ARTICLE VIII: COUNTY CONVENTIONS AND MASS MEETINGS**

A. **MEETING DATES:** Pursuant to an official call of the Georgia Republican State Committee, County Conventions and Precinct Mass Meetings shall be held in each odd-numbered year to conduct business including, but not limited to, electing party leadership. Subject to a call from the Georgia Republican State Committee, additional County Conventions and Precinct Mass Meetings shall be held each presidential election year to conduct business including, but not limited to, electing delegates and alternates to the District and State Republican Conventions.

B. **ELECTION OF DELEGATES:** Delegates and alternates to the County Convention shall be elected at Mass Meetings held in accordance with the Call of the Georgia Republican State Committee. In conformity with the Rules of the Georgia Republican Party, only delegates and alternates elected at a Precinct Mass Meeting may participate in a County Convention.

Persons not so elected at a Mass Meeting held in compliance with the specified procedures and at the officially published time and place shall not be seated at a County Convention as delegates or alternates, but may be seated at a designated visitors' area.

- C. **COMMITTEES IN SESSION:** No official business may be transacted at any Convention or Mass Meeting while any of its temporary or permanent committees are in session.
- D. **RULES OF ORDER:** Robert's Rules of Order shall govern all deliberations of County Conventions and Precinct-Mass Meetings, and their respective committees, except to the extent that they are modified by the Georgia Republican State Committee, by these Rules or by a majority vote of said Convention, Mass Meeting or committee in session, a quorum being present.

#### **ARTICLE IX: ALLOCATION OF DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES TO THE CONGRESSIONAL CONVENTIONS AND TO THE GEORGIA STATE CONVENTION.**

- A. The Delegates and Alternates allocated to Dawson County for the Congressional Districts and the Georgia State Republican Conventions shall be elected at the County Convention.
- B. District and State Delegates and Alternates shall be allocated to and elected from the Congressional District in the same proportion as their respective vote for the Republican presidential candidate in the immediate preceding presidential election.

#### **ARTICLE X: PROXIES**

- A. Proxies shall be substantially in the form prescribed in Addendum (A) attached to these Rules.

- B. A committee member's proxy shall be revoked by said member upon his attendance at the committee meeting for which it was given.
- C. No member shall vote more than one proxy at any single County Committee meeting.
- D. Each member shall be responsible for submitting his own proxy to the representative of his choice.

## **ARTICLE XI: CONFLICT OF RULES**

To the extent that any rule herein, or section thereof, is or becomes in conflict with the Rules of the Georgia Republican Party or the Georgia Election Code; such rule or section thereof is superseded thereby, void and the remainder of these Rules shall not be affected.

## **ARTICLE XII: AMENDMENTS**

- A. These Rules may be amended in following ways:
  - 1. At any County Convention of the Dawson County Republican Party by a majority vote, a quorum being present.
  - 2. At any County Committee meeting of the Dawson County Republican Party by a two-thirds ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) vote, a quorum being present. Each member of the County Committee shall be given written notice, at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting, setting forth the intention to amend the rules, and details of the proposed amendment(s).
- B. Said amendment(s) shall become effective when adopted and recorded with the Board of Elections unless otherwise provided.

## **ARTICLE XIII: DEFINITIONS**

Majority: More than half of the votes cast.

Quorum: The specified number of members required to hold a legal meeting.

Two-thirds: Two-Thirds of the vote cast.

Notice: All notices shall be given in written form and shall either be mailed, faxed, e-mailed or otherwise electronically transmitted.

Term: The term "man", as used in Chairman or Vice Chairman, and the term "he", as used in he, his, or him, does not indicate the sex of the holder of the office.



**ADDENDUM**

**PROXY  
EXAMPLE**

STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY

OF DAWSON PROXY

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DAWSON COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY

I, \_\_\_\_\_ states that he/she is a  
member of the County Committee of the Dawson County  
Republican Party, and he/she does hereby constitute and appoint  
\_\_\_\_\_ as his/her agent and attorney in fact to vote  
his/her individual vote at a called meeting of the County Committee of the Party  
to be held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_  
20\_\_\_\_ and

to vote in my name, place, and stead, upon any question that is properly before the  
Committee, with all the power I possess as if present at such meeting; hereby  
specifically revoking any and all other proxies previously made, if any.

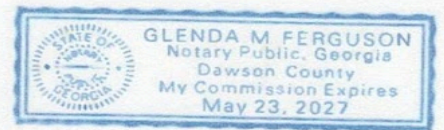
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and seal this

\_\_\_\_\_ day  
of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_

The undersigned officers hereby certify that the above bylaws are a true and correct copy of the Rules of the Dawson County Republican Party as adopted at the 2024 County Convention held in Dawson County, Georgia on March 23, 2024.

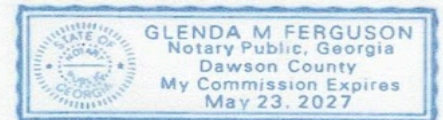
Officers

Mike Berg  
Chairman of the 2024 County Convention



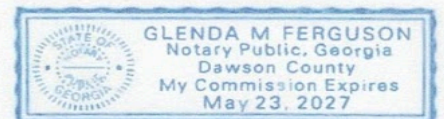
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Robin Maloney  
Secretary of the County Convention



3/27/2024

Dan Pichon  
Board of Election Member



3/27/2024

Signed in the presence of:

Director, Board of Elections  
& Registration

Glenda Ferguson

March 28, 2024

