



## **Wagoner County Republican Party**

### **2023 Convention Rules**

**(as adopted by the Wagoner County Republican Party Convention held on February 25, 2023)**

Rules Committee members:

Rules Chairperson – Sandy Hodges

Committee members –Mary Ann Colston and Terri Coulter

Clarification: Traditionally the County Chairperson opens the convention, makes a few welcoming comments, we have the flag salute, prayer, keynote speaker, and then the convention is handed over to the Convention Chairperson who opens the official business meeting with a call for the delegate report, the adoption of Convention Rules, followed by the rest of the business to be addressed.

# Wagoner County GOP Convention Rules

## I. COUNTY CONVENTION PRESIDING OFFICIAL

The County Chairperson has the option to preside over the County Convention or choose another individual who will serve as the Convention Chairperson to preside over the Convention meeting. Should the Convention Chairperson be unable to fulfill his or her duties then the County Chairperson will preside over the Convention. In the event the Convention Chairperson or the County Chairperson are unable to serve in the capacity of Convention Chair the responsibility would fall to the County Vice Chairperson.

- A. Chairperson or their designated alternate shall call the Convention to order.
- B. Prior to the conduct of any official Party Business, the County Chairperson shall introduce the presiding official who shall assume control of the proceedings. The presiding official shall appoint a recorder, a parliamentarian and/or a master of arms if any are deemed to be necessary. The parliamentarian or master of arms has the authority to remove from the meeting any individual who refuses to follow parliamentary procedure or the adopted rules of the convention.

## II. DELEGATE CREDENTIALS

Individuals participating in the proceedings of the Wagoner County Republican Party Convention must:

- A. Be a registered Republican voter in Wagoner County, OK. Their name must appear on the Wagoner County Election Board Roll by January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current convention year and must be identified on that roll as a Republican; **and** have had his/her attendance at the precinct meeting duly recorded and reported to the County Party Chairperson.

OR

- B. have contacted his/her precinct chair within one week of the precinct meeting to ask to be added to the County Convention delegate list. Precinct Chair must then contact County Chairperson to request the addition to that precinct's delegate list; **and** has been confirmed by the Wagoner County Election Board Roll as a registered Republican voter of Wagoner County, by January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year, and be in attendance at the County Convention. Proxy votes are not allowed.
- C. a certified voting delegate to the Wagoner County Convention: must be a registered Republican voter of Wagoner County, be identified and approved as a Convention Delegate, and be in attendance.
- D. The report of the Credential Committee of certified convention delegates shall be presented to the convention for adoption by voice vote.
- E. **Guests and visitors:** Individuals who are in attendance at the convention but do not meet the qualifications to be certified as delegates to the convention may observe the proceeding but will not be seated among the voting delegate nor may they participate in convention proceedings, discussion, debate or voting of the convention.

## III. COMPOSITION OF COUNTY CONVENTION RULES COMMITTEE

The County Rules Committee is selected by the County Chairperson and will consist of individuals who are registered Republican voters of Wagoner County.

- A. The Rules Committee shall present the Convention Rules to the certified delegates, for adoption by voice vote. If the Convention Chairperson is unable to make a determination by voice vote, the chairperson may call for a show of hands or call for division.

#### **IV. ELECTION OF COUNTY OFFICERS.**

The County Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, State Committee Persons (2), District Committee Persons (2) per U.S. Congressional District, shall be elected by the regular biennial County Convention, by roll call vote or secret ballot if more than one candidate is nominated for any of the offices: provided, however, that if for any reason no such County Convention is assembled within the time required, or the County Convention fails to elect the officers or any particular office, they shall be elected by the County Committee at a special meeting called for such purpose pursuant to not less than five (5) days written or electronic notice sent to all members of said committee stating such purpose.

#### **V. PROCESS OF SELECTING COUNTY DELEGATES TO THE DISTRICT CONVENTION.**

##### **In Presidential Election years.**

- A. County party elected officers (Chair, Vice Chair, District Committee Persons, State Committee Persons) are automatically delegates to the District Convention by virtue of their position in the County Party.
- B. All qualified delegates in attendance at the County Convention are eligible to be delegates to the District Convention.
- C. Provided that the delegation is OPEN; any registered Republican voter of Wagoner County, January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current convention year with the approval of the County Chairperson, may request to be added to the County delegation within one week of the County Convention.

#### **VI. PROCESS OF SELECTING COUNTY DELEGATES TO THE STATE CONVENTION.**

- A. County party elected officers (Chair, Vice Chair, District Committee Persons, State Committee Persons) are automatically delegates to the State Convention by virtue of their position in the County Party.
- B. All qualified delegates in attendance at the County Convention are eligible to be delegates to the State Convention.
- C. Each precinct within the County is entitled to at least one delegate. If a precinct is not represented by a qualified delegate at the County Convention that precinct's delegate allocation becomes an "at large" delegate allocation. At large delegates may be selected from any precinct and represent Wagoner County in total at the State Convention.
- D. Provided that the delegation is **OPEN**, any registered Republican voter of Wagoner County, on the Election Board roll by January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current convention year, with the approval of the County Chairperson, may request to be added to the County delegation within one week of the County Convention.
- E. The delegates to the County Convention shall elect whether the County delegation will be an open or delegate/alternate delegation.

**OPEN DELEGATION:** All eligible delegate attendees at the County Convention become eligible delegates to the State Convention and any registered Republican voter of Wagoner County, on the Election Board roll January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current convention year, with the approval of the County Chairperson, may request to be added to the County delegation and will share an equal portion of the County's allotted votes.

**DELEGATE /ALTERNATE DELEGATION:** If there are more potential delegates than authorized by the State Party, the convention chairperson will call for a number of potential delegates to accept the role as alternate delegates to the State Convention. Alternates will only have voting privileges at the State Convention in the event the primary delegate is unable to participate. The same process applies to the County Convention.

Should the process of voluntary acceptance of "alternate delegate" status fail to resolve the overage in the number of delegates, the County Party Elected Officials will choose which of the qualified delegates will serve as delegates and who will serve as alternate delegates to the State Convention.

**VII. ADOPTION OF WAGONER COUNTY PLATFORM: The Platform Committee shall review and revise, as necessary, the last adopted platform, considering the planks approved and submitted by the precincts.**

- A. The platform process begins at the precinct level. Platform planks that are approved at the precinct meetings will be submitted to the Platform Committee.
- B. The Platform Committee will be made up of registered Wagoner County Republican voters, who are eligible to be delegates to the county convention, selected by the County Chairperson.
- C. The Platform Committee will review the planks submitted from each of the precincts and from those planks, compile the County Platform.
- D. The Platform Committee will meet at least twice prior to the County Convention to complete the work of preparing a platform to be submitted to the Convention for approval.
- E. The platform may be approved in its entirety or in part depending on the motion from the floor at the Convention.
- F. The delegates at the convention, by majority vote, may choose to consider additional planks to the platform provided the additional planks to be considered meet the following criteria:
  1. The plank(s) shall be submitted in writing to the presiding official prior to the official commencement of Party business at the Convention; **and** has obtained the signatures of a minimum of 1/3 of the qualified delegates present at the Convention, as reported by the credentials committee, indicating their concurrence with the proposed addition.
  2. Discussion of proposed plank(s) will be limited to one minute pro and one minute con. An up or down voice vote will then be taken.

**VIII. Adoption of Resolutions, Adoption of Amendments of State Party Rules**

- A. The resolution, or an Amendment of State Party Rules process begins at the precinct level. Resolutions or State Party Rule Amendments that are approved at the precinct meetings will be submitted to the County Convention at large, individually.

B. Discussion of proposed resolution(s) or amendment(s) will be limited to one minute pro and one minute con. An up or down vote will then be taken.

## **IX. Guest Speakers and Candidates**

A. Candidates for County Party offices (in odd numbered years)

1. Must notify the County Chairperson of their intent to run for office no later than one week prior to the convention date.
2. Sign in on the "Candidate for office" form at the registration table.
3. Will have a total of three minutes to address the convention delegates, including nomination, second, and address from the candidate.

B. Invited guest speakers, speaking during the Party business portion of the Convention will have five to ten minutes or longer, at the discretion of the Chairperson, to address the convention delegates.

C. State and Federal Republican elected officials who have made time to drop by the convention will be recognized and given a brief time to address the convention delegates not to exceed two minutes.