Seneca County Republican Central Committee

Debora J Wilkinson, Secretary
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May 27th, 2026

Linda Davis called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Since Harvey Yocom passing Linda Davis led us in prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Judge Rhonda Best swore in the committee members present.

The new members were welcomed and outgoing ones were thanked for their service.

Nominations were opened for Chair for Central and Executive committee.
Cary Theis nominated Dian West for Chair Susan Platt 2nd
Deb Wilkinson nominated Linda Davis for Chair Ron Burns 2nd
Jim Ehrman motioned to close nominations Rich Findley 2nd Motion Passed
Each candidate was allowed to speak about themselves. Linda Davis then read the By-Laws description of the Chair of the Committees. Vote results Dian West 25 Linda Davis 17

Nominations were opened for Secretary for Central and Executive committee.
Linda Davis nominated Debora Wilkinson for Secretary Mike Oberlander 2nd
Susan Platt nominated Steven Heal for Secretary Cary Theis 2nd
Larry Durst nominated Jeff Clagg for Secretary Glenn Ardner 2nd Jeff Clagg declined nomination
Linda Davis motioned to close nominations Ron Burns 2nd Motion Passed
Dian West then read the By-Laws description of the Secretary Each candidate was allowed to speak about themselves.
Vote results Deb Wilkinson 21 Steven Heal 21
Tyler Shuff motioned to change the By-Laws to have the Secretary position share duties Rich Findley 2nd
Tyler Shuff rescinded his motion to change the By-Laws to have the Secretary position share duties Larry Durst 2nd
Ron Burns Called the Question Clay Wolph 2nd
2nd Vote results Deb Wilkinson 22 Steven Heal 20

Nominations were opened for 1st Chair Central and Executive committee
Dian West then read the By-Laws description of the 1st Chair
Susan Platt nominated Clay Wolph for 1st Chair Patricia Woods 2nd
Jim Ehrman nominated Tyler Shuff for 1st Chair Rich Findley 2nd
Clay Wolph declined the position Tyler Shuff accepted the position
Patricia Woods nominated Jeff Clagg for 1st Chair Cary Theis 2nd
Susan Platt motioned the nominations closed Linda Davis 2nd Motion Passed
Each candidate was allowed to speak about themselves.
Linda Davis Called the Question Jim Ehrman 2nd
Vote results Tyler Shuff 28 Jeff Clagg 13 Abstain 1

Nominations were opened for 2nd Chair Central and Executive committee
Rich Findlay nominated Jeff Clagg for 2nd Chair Larry Durst 2nd Motion Passed
Dian West then read the By-Laws description of the 2nd Chair Central and Executive committee
Adams Engle nominated Linda Davis for 2nd Chair Deb Wilkinson 2nd
Linda Davis motioned the nominations closed Rich Findley 2nd Motion Passed
Vote results Jeff Clagg 22 Linda Davis 20

Nominations were opened for Treasurer Central and Executive committee
Chris Englehart nominated Robin Reaves for Treasurer. Cary Theis 2nd
Susan Platt motioned the nominations closed Larry Durst 2nd Motion Passed
Robin Reaves spoke about herself
A voice vote was taken. Motion Passed.

Nominations were opened for Chair Woman Central and Executive committee
Clay Wolph nominated Susan Platt for Chair Woman Chris Englehart 2nd
Rich Findley motioned the nominations closed Cary Theis 2nd
Susan Platt spoke about herself
A voice vote was taken. Motion Passed.

Mike Oberlander requested to continue to be chair of the monthly luncheon. Dian West granted him the position.

Minutes: Jim Ehrman made a motion to approve the minutes of Feb 10th 2026. Linda Davis 2nd Motion Passed.
Noted under Elected Officials Duane Alt should have been Damon Alt. At the last meeting a roll call vote was not taken before going into Executive Committee then Executive Session. Under Fundraising Dian Wise was wrote not Dian West

Elected Officials Update:

Annette Everhart: Treasurer	Getting ready for second half tax collection. Hopefully goes as well as first half.
Rhonda Best: Judge	Had a probation office leave, but was hired by the police dept. A former probation officer called and asked for the job and was rehired. Still working on hiring a Magistrate. Still working with Pivot every Thursday. A Supreme Court rep will be observing in relation to their recertification. Judge Best is now a proud grandma of a little girl.
Julie Adkins: Auditor	Thank you for the support she received during the primary. This is a tri annual tax year. This is a tax year taxes are subject to change. Every 3 three years they change. 2023 was a revalue for all properties. 2026 the State of Ohio looks at all sales and then orders her to make an increase. She might have to take them to court because they are asking her to increase an amount she feels is unfair. Her job is to establish Market Value.
Bill Frankart: Commissioner	Appreciates the support in the primary and looking forward to November. Just accepted a bid for Calvert Parking lot for more parking for downtown. Thompson Twp is now in their EMS system and they are working on their 3 building. In the Green Spring/Republic area. The old Advertiser building is going to be the new AG building. This will house the Soil & Water Conservation service, USDA, and OSU. The Fair will have a new building instead of the tent. Thank Mike & Marylou Bordner for their help. He has a signup sheet for working. Fair dates July 27-Aug 2, 2026. He also has his Barn for any fundraising events we have.
Fred Stevens: Sheriff	Appreciates everyone's support. Work crew is doing a lot of stuff for the fair. A lot of projects going on, but will keep it short.
Susan Platt: State Central	Club America is doing great they have 25 members. Of the seven counties she goes to Seneca Co has the most money. Most have around 20 thousand. On June 6th there is a fundraiser at Frankart's Barn to honor the Vet's with a car show, food trucks and vendors. It is 10:00 till 4:00. She is in her second term.
Ken Clason: Magistrate	We started a violence prevention task force. They meet once a month. It has pick up a lot of attention. They are planning to bring Elizabeth Smart to Seneca Co. as an awareness speaker for violence prevention. They are fundraising right now and still need $11,000.00
Zachary West: Coroner	Our county is re-enrolled in a grant funding program from the State and Federal level. So they are getting reimbursement from toxicology studies. Just attended second assn meeting. They have made memorandums understandings and mutual aid agreements.

Mike Oberlander invited everyone to the monthly luncheon. He has several speakers lined up. He would like to increase attendance.

Treasurer's Report: Duane Alt on the County web page is the correct treasurer's report. The balance is $51,463.69 in the Executive checking account. The Judicial checking account has $608.22 There has been now activity from the Century Club.
The treasurer's report was emailed correctly. It is just the copies received tonight that was wrong. It was a struggle to get the new members emails. The correct report will be emailed when I get the new email addresses.
Linda Davis made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as given. Susan Platt 2nd Motion Passed.

New Members:

Old Business:

New Business: In the past it has been asked for the Elected Officials to donate monies for the fair. Since we do not have to pay to rent the tent they are asking for funds to cover the popcorn and any other expenses. We still have to pay for the "space" but not tent rental. Duane said costs were about $800.00 Space was about 300 to 400 including electricity. He put $100.00 deposit. Ron Burns made a motion to spend up to $1,500.00 as a budget for the fair. Linda Davis 2nd Motion Passed.

Susan Platt questioned if we could increase our meetings to meet more often. It was stated that our By-Laws state we meet quarterly. Dian would put that on the next agenda for discussion.

Adjournment: Tyley Shuff made a motion to adjourn Rick Findley 2nd Motion Passed.

Respectfully submitted
Debora Wilkinson
Secretary of Seneca County Republican Party