

FRANKLIN COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE BY-LAWS
REPUBLICAN PARTIES OF KANSAS

ARTICLE I
Purpose and Objectives

Section 1. The aims and purposes of the Republican Central Committee of Franklin County shall be:

(a) To support the Constitution and laws of the United States of America and the Constitution and laws of the State of Kansas to the end that government shall be truly and in fact “a government of the people, by the people, and for the people.”

(b) To support the principles, objectives, and platforms of the Republican Party of the United States of America and of the State of Kansas.

(c) To develop and maintain a strong, effective, and informed Republican Party in Franklin County.

(d) To encourage able and qualified Republicans to seek office at all levels of government, particularly in Franklin County.

(e) To elect Republican candidates to offices at all levels of government.

(f) To develop viewpoints and positions on local, district, and state issues and to seek implementations of the viewpoints.

ARTICLE II
Membership

Section 1. The whole number of the Republican Party precinct committeemen and committeewomen of Franklin County, Kansas, shall constitute the Franklin County Republican Central Committee.

Section 2. As provided in K. S. A. 25-3802, all persons elected to the office of precinct committeeman or precinct committeewoman shall continue as members of the county central committee to the end of the term to which they were elected when their precinct designation [sic] is eliminated by consolidation of precincts or changes in precinct boundaries.

ARTICLE III
Officers

Section 1. OFFICERS OF THE COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE

At the organizational meeting of the County Central Committee, the County Central Committee shall elect these statutory officers:

- (a) Chairman
- (b) Vice Chairman
- (c) Secretary
- (d) Treasurer

Section 2. TERMS OF STATUTORY OFFICERS OF THE COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Officers elected at the organizational meeting shall hold office until the next organizational meeting; they shall take office immediately upon being elected and shall hold office until their duly elected successors are qualified with the exception of the Treasurer who shall continue in office until the audit of his office is completed. Such audit shall be completed in not to exceed forty-five days after the date of the organizational meeting.

Section 3. The aforesaid officers who need not be members of the County Central Committee shall be elected at the biennial organizational meeting of the County Central Committee.

Section 4. REMOVAL OF ELECTED OR APPOINTED OFFICERS

Any elected or appointed officer of the County Central Committee may be removed from office for cause at any time by a majority vote of the membership of the County Central Committee provided

(1) that such meetings may be called by a petition signed by thirty (30) percent of the members of the County Central Committee and

(2) that a notice in writing giving the date, time, place and purpose of the meeting is put into the mail to every member of the County Central Committee two weeks before date of the meeting. The action of the County Central Committee shall be final. However, should any officer of the Central Committee publicly endorse or publicly support a candidate of another political party, said officer shall be immediately disqualified from holding party office, and the County Executive Committee must promptly fill the vacancy as provided in Section 5 of this article.

(a) An officer of the Central Committee upon being notified of disqualification to hold office as provided herein and/or having been suspended and relieved from the duties prescribed for his office, may, not later than five days subsequent receiving his official notice of disqualification, request a hearing before the Executive Committee. The judgment of the Executive Committee shall be final.

(b) A meeting for conducting the hearing as provided in paragraph (a) of this Section shall be promptly called by the ranking officer of the Central Committee not accused of dereliction of his office as provided in Section 4 of this Article by sending a notice in writing to each member of the Executive Committee, giving the date, time, and place of the hearing, and said notice must be put into the mail ten days before the date of the hearing. A majority of the members of the Executive Committee must be in attendance at the hearing which shall be informal in nature, and legal procedures regarding the presentation of evidence need not be applicable. Both the officer charged and the Executive Committee may call witnesses to appear at the hearing.

Section 5. VACANCIES

In case of a vacancy in the office of Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, or Treasurer of the County Central Committee through death, resignation, removal, or other cause, the Executive Committee, by majority vote of members at a meeting of the committee, at which a quorum is present, shall elect a successor to hold office of the unexpired term of the office left vacant.

Section 6. DUTIES OF COUNTY CENTRAL CHAIRMAN

The duties of the County Central Chairman shall include but not be limited to the following:

(a) The County Central Chairman shall be the chief executive officer of the County Central Committee. He shall issue the call and preside at all meetings of the committee and shall observe and enforce the rules and regulations prescribed by the committee.

(b) The County Central Chairman shall be the custodian of all the books, papers, records, and proceedings of the County Central Committee.

Section 7. DUTIES OF COUNTY CENTRAL VICE CHAIRMAN

The duties of the county Central Vice Chairman shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

(a) The Vice Chairman shall exercise the functions of the Chairman, as set forth in Section 6 of this Article, during the temporary absence from the state or temporary disability of the Chairman.

(b) The Vice Chairman shall perform such other duties as shall be prescribed by the County Central Committee.

Section 8. DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY

The duties of the Secretary shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

(a) The Secretary shall be the chief clerical officer of the County Central Committee and shall make a complete record of all the proceedings of said committee and the Executive Committee.

(b) The Secretary shall perform such other duties as shall be prescribed by the County Central Committee.

(c) The Secretary will file and preserve all permanent records of the County Central Committee.

(d) The Secretary will have in readiness at all times an up-to-date listing of all members of the County Central Committee, of standing committees, and of all ad hoc committees.

Section 9. DUTIES OF THE TREASURER

The duties of the Treasurer shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

(a) The Treasurer shall be the chief financial officer of the County Central Committee. He shall keep records of all the receipts and disbursements and be responsible for same. He shall assist the officers of the County Central Committee in the preparation of budgets and estimates.

(b) The Treasurer shall not write checks to cover any invoices or accounts which have not been approved in writing by either an officer or a committee chairman either of whom has been delegated this authority in writing by the County Chairman who has the basic fiduciary responsibility for and authority over all financial commitments, obligations and disbursements of the County Committee funds.

(c) The Treasurer shall prepare reports quarterly for the officers and committee chairman, shall prepare special reports as requested and shall make and execute all reports required by the Federal government, the State of Kansas, the Republican National Committee and the Republican State Committee.

(d) No officer of the County Central Committee shall have the authority to borrow any money for the benefit of the County Central Committee without the prior approval of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE IV
Executive Committee

Section 1. The officers of the County Central Committee shall be the officers of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE V
Meetings

Section 1. CALL OF MEETINGS The call of meetings of the County Central Committee shall be in writing and sent by electronic mail to the address of each member on file at least 7 (seven) days prior to the date of the meeting. If the member does not have an electronic mail address on file it will be sent by the regular postal service.

Section 2. TIME AND PLACE OF MEETINGS The call shall specify the date, time, and place of the meeting and the business intended to be conducted at the meeting; provided however, that the call shall not limit the business of the meeting to those items.

Section 3. BIENNIAL ORGANIZATION MEETINGS The organization meeting of the County Central Committee shall be held within [sic] two weeks after each primary election for state offices in accordance with K. S. A. 25-3802.

Section 4. QUORUM A quorum of the Franklin County Central Committee shall be those present after proper notice has been given. A quorum of the Executive Committee shall be fifty percent (50%) of the members.

Section 5. COMMITTEE MEETINGS At no meeting of any standing or ad hoc committee shall any official business be transacted unless a majority of the appointed committee members is present. Minutes of each committee meeting must be carefully kept and copies made for the Chairman and the Vice Chairman.

ARTICLE VI
Voters

Section 1. ELIGIBILITY TO VOTE Only members of the County Central Committee, and its duly elected officers will be eligible to vote at meetings of the committee.

Section 2. WHEN ELECTING OFFICERS Officers shall be elected by secret ballot, provided that voting may be by acclamation when only one person is nominated.

Section 3. VOICE VOTING In the normal transaction of business at meetings of the County Central Committee and its Executive Committee, other than the election of officers, voting on motions shall be by voice vote. Upon proper request, voting shall be by roll call vote.

Section 4. ROBERT'S RULE OF ORDER, NEWLY REVISED, shall govern all voting and parliamentary procedures when not inconsistent with the Constitution and By-Laws of the Republican State Committee, the Kansas Statutes Annotated of Kansas, and with the rules and regulations of the Republican National Committee.

Section 5. PROHIBITION AGAINST UNIT RULE At all meetings of the County Central Committee each member shall be entitled to register his individual vote, and no member shall be bound by any rule requiring all members to vote as a unit. All nominations shall be made individually. Elections by slates shall be prohibited.

ARTICLE VII Committees

Section 1. The chairman of the County Central Committee is vested with the authority to appoint standing committees with the approval of the Executive Committee.

Section 2. The chairman of the County Central Committee is vested with the authority to appoint temporary or ad hoc committees as he deems necessary.

Section 3. The chairman of the County Central Committee shall appoint the chairman and vice chairman and all members of all committees who shall serve at the pleasure of the chairman or until their replacements are appointed by his duly elected successor.

Section 4. Both standing and ad hoc committees shall perform such duties as defined and specified by the chairman.

ARTICLE VIII Vacancies in Membership

Section 1. Vacancies in membership of the County Central Committee shall be filled by appointment by the County Chairman as provided in K. S. A. 25-3801.

ARTICLE IX Fiscal Year

Section 1. The fiscal year of the County Central Committee shall be the same as that observed by the Republican State Committee.

ARTICLE X
Declaration of Policies

Section 1. Member of the County Central Committee, Republican-elected officials and members of any Republican organizations are not authorized to speak for the County Central Committee unless the County Central Committee and/or the Executive Committee has met and approved the matter by majority vote.

ARTICLE XI
Chairman and Vice Chairman of Opposite Sex

Section 1. As provided in K. S. A. 25-3811 the Chairman and Vice of the County Central Committee, its Executive Committee, all standing and ad hoc committees shall be of the opposite sex.

ARTICLE XII
Amendments

Section 1. These By-Laws may be amended by two-thirds majority vote of the County Central Committee provided a written notice of the proposed amendment and a full copy thereof was put into the mail to each member of the County Central Committee seven (7) days in advance of the meeting.

ARTICLE XIII
Effective Date

Section 1. These By-Laws, upon receiving prior approval of the Republican State Committee as to form and content shall become effective immediately upon a two-thirds affirmative vote of the County Central Committee members present and voting at a meeting called for such purpose.