

Kossuth County Convention March 12, 2022
400 W Teitz St, Algona IA 50511

1) Call to Order (2 pm)

2) Open and Greeting

a. Brent Owen county chair welcomed attendees

3) Invocation

a. Carter Nath Led in opening prayer

4) Pledge of Allegiance

5) Introduction of Guests and Candidates

a. Brent Owen read letter from Mary Ann Hanusa- candidate for state auditor

b. Kyle Stecker, candidate for county supervisor spoke

c. Carter Nath, candidate for county supervisor spoke

d. State Representative John Wills spoke for re-election

e. State Representative Henry Stone spoke for re-election

f. State Senator Dave Rowley spoke for re-election

g. David Dow, Candidate for State Senate spoke

6) Roll Call of Delegates

a. Delegates present include 17 total. Dennis Swanson, Eldon Jorgenson, Diane Jorgenson, Christy Skilling, Nancy Brandt, Connor Olmstead, Brent Owen, James Black, Carter Nath, Dennis Holmes, Evan Deal, Kendall Pals, Abigail Monson, Lyle Prunty, Josh Waechter, Harley Kohlhaas, Josh Kohlhass

7) Rules of Convention (organization)

a. Diane Jorgenson secretary

b. Brent Owen parliamentarian

8) Adopt Agenda (motion)

a. Agenda was adopted unanimously

9) Election of District Convention Delegates and Alternative Delegates (motion)

a. District convention will take place at Carroll High School, Saturday April 23rd Cost: \$75, delegate is responsible for this cost and check can be made out to Kossuth County Republicans, 7 delegates, and 7 alternates to District Convention

i. Kendall Pals spoke of his experience at District Convention

ii. Evan Deal, Josh Waechter, James Black, Dennis Swanson, Nancy Brandt, Marlin Brandt were elected as delegates

1. Unanimously passed

iii. Kyle Stecker to serve as alternate

10) Election of District Convention Standing Committee Members (motion)

a. Carroll High School, Saturday March 26th, 2022 Platform, Rules, Credentialing, and Permanent Organization

i. There were no nominations or volunteers for committee members

11) Discuss County Platform (motion)

a. Discuss existing platform

i. Kossuth county GOP platform from 2020 was reviewed and adjusted by discussion and motions. See Attached 2022 Platform. Individual motions and details available on request.

1. Major changes or additions as below

- a. *Life section: added “support bringing of life to full term and support adoption as an alternative to abortion*
- b. *State and local government: added “if governments pass legislation or regulation it must be funded by same level of government”*
- c. *Property: added “used of eminent domain must be strictly limited and not allowed for projects such as shopping centers, or where by private investors profit or for increased tax revenue, which represent the worst abuse.”*
- d. *Term limits: we support term limit of 6 terms to US house and 4 terms to US senate*
- e. *Education: 1)We believe American history and constitution be taught to all k-12 students 2) Funding should not be tied to federal curriculum and curriculum should under local level control. 3) We believe schools should be allowed to include hunter and gun safety as part of their curriculum*

2. All changes and additions were approved by majority of deligates

b. Discuss proposed planks (motion)

- i. *We support the convening of a convention of States according to Article V of the United States Constitution for the purpose of limiting the Federal Government.*
 - 1. *Plank did not pass by vote, will be dropped from platform*
- ii. *We support making Iowa into a sanctuary state for the 2nd Amendment*
 - 1. *Plank passed will be added to “state and local government” section of platform*
- iii. *We wish to make Kossuth County into a constitutional sanctuary*
 - 1. *Plank amended to: We believe original intent of US constitution. Plant will be added to “state and local government” section of platform*

- iv. *We stand for medical freedom. There should be absolutely no discrimination based on masking or vaccination status.*
 - 1. *Plank passed and will be added to “liberty” section of platform*
- v. *We strongly believe the right for an individual or parent to decline a vaccination or any other medical treatment for themselves or their children as an inalienable right. WE oppose medical treatment requirements and mandates and believe medical decisions should remain private between an individual and their doctor.*
 - 1. *Plank passed and will be added to “liberty” section of platform*
- vi. *We believe for the opportunity to recall elected officials*
 - 1. *Plank passed and will be added to “state and local government” section of platform*

c. Adopt 2022 County platform (motion)

12)Open Discussion/Other Business

- a. *Josh Kohlhass discussed the need for recruiting principled local candidates to elected positions, highlighting county attorney*
- b. *Lyle Prunty discussed the need for better election monitoring and involvement from central committee and for improved voter registration as this has been a weak point in the past few years and participation has been low*

13)Adjournment (motion)

- a. Meeting concluded at 5 pm