

Kossuth County Republication Convention 2024  
CONVENTION AGENDA AND MINUTES

1. 9:00AM – 9:30 AM Sign-In and receive credentials
2. 9:30 – Introduction and overview (informal), including introduction of Jessica Emswiler as Chair, Betsy Becker as parliamentarian and Jodie White as Secretary.
3. Prior to convening, Lyle Prunty, Precinct 18, presented the Secretary with written and digital forms of proposed amendments to the Constitution of the Republican Party of Kossuth County
4. Formal Call to Order and Greeting by Jessica Emswiler, Precinct 15.
5. Invocation and Presentation of Colors by Sergeant at Arms John Emswiler and followed by Pledge of Allegiance
6. Election of County Convention Chairperson and Secretary  
Jessica Emswiler was nominated to serve as Convention Chair. Motion was seconded and delegates VOTED to accept.  
Jodie White, District 4, was nominated to serve as Convention Secretary. Motion was seconded and delegates VOTED to accept.
7. Report by Credentials Committee – presented by Dennis Swanson, Precinct 1  
Mr. Swanson reported that 54 delegates and 8 alternates were checked in and that 60 delegates were seated at the Convention. Motion and second to certify totals. Delegates VOTED to certify.
8. Report from Rules Committee given by Lyle Prunty, Precinct 18.  
Rules were presented and reviewed by attendees. A motion and second were received to adopt the Rules as presented and Delegates VOTED to adopt.
9. Consideration of proposed County Constitutional Amendments, if any, and resolutions directed to the Central Committee

The proposed constitutional amendment submitted to the Secretary, as noted in 3 was taken up. The specific portions of the constitution containing the amendments were read and moved for adoption by Lyle Prunty, who named Jon Bond and Natilie Becker as co-sponsors. There was a second. There was discussion of the quorum requirement and the allowance of virtual meeting attendance in Article VI and the majority vote specified in Article IV. There was no discussion of the changes to Article II. Kyle Stecker of Precinct 3 moved to amend the last sentence of Article VI to read: Participation in meetings by remote means is allowed under emergency conditions as approved by the Chair when the member can both hear and be heard. The motion was seconded and approved. An amendment was then introduced and seconded to return to the original wording on remote meeting attendance. The identity of the delegate who made the motion was not recorded and the motion was seconded. The motion passed, which returned the entire constitutional amendment to the original wording. The main motion to adopt the constitutional amendments was then approved by vote for adoption.

10. Election of District/State Delegates, Alternate Delegates and Junior Delegates  
Nominees for DELEGATES from the floor, all seconded and VOTED to accept:  
**Patty Berte, Vicki Nelson, John Bond, Barbara Black, Caroline Wildin, Paul Stalder, Kyle Stecker, Lyle Prunty, Josh Kohlhaas, Valerie Ell, Nicholas Bronk**  
Nominees for ALTERNATES from floor, all seconded and VOTED to accept:  
**Isaac Hillesland, Clinton Tammen, Kent Madison, Pam Madison, Michelle Owen, Annette Valvick**  
Nominees for JUNIOR DELEGATES  
Nomination from floor, seconded and all VOTED to accept:  
**Genevieve Hammond**
  
11. Election of District Standing Committee Members  
(Platform, Rules, Credentialing and Organization – one each)  
PLATFORM – Two nominations received from floor (Paul Stalder and Valerie Ell)  
Delegates VOTED and Paul Stalder, District 1, elected by a vote of 43 to 13 for Ms. Ell, District 2  
RULES – (committee meets virtually) Nomination of Lyle Prunty received from the floor and delegates VOTED to accept.  
CREDENTIALING – (committee meets virtually) Nomination of Caroline Wildin, District 15, was received from the floor and delegates VOTED to accept.  
ORGANIZATION – (committee meets virtually) Nomination of Josh Kohlhaas, District 20, was received from the floor and delegates VOTED to accept.
  
12. Introduction and brief talks given by Legislators, County Officers, Candidates for such offices and dignitaries:  
Roger Fisher, Kyle Stecker, Brian Runneberg, Willie Struecker, Dave Rawley, Kevin Virgil, Randy Feenstra, Henry Stone
  
13. Report from Platform Committee given by Clinton Tammen, District 10, with discussion, amendments and adoption: The Platform presented for consideration drew from the 2020 State Platform, the 2022 Kossuth County Platform and ultimately contained proposed changes/additions for the 2024 Platform. With the presentation by the committee chair, it carries with it an implied second. The document as a whole was presented for a VOTE and the majority voted NOT to accept it as presented.

The Chairman and Parliamentarian proceeded to guide the delegates through a section by section review of the Platform.

The sections of Life, Liberty and Property received motions and seconds and delegates VOTED to accept these three sections as presented.

When discussion of the Commerce section was set to begin, a motion was made from the floor to suspend the Rules which were voted in under Item 6 of this agenda and item 8 of these minutes. Motion seconded and VOTED to approve. A second motion was made to allow a maximum of 5 minutes/30 seconds per person to discussing said section PRIOR to a vote. This motion was seconded and vote was 32 FOR and 13 AGAINST.

Commerce section was reviewed, motion made & seconded and delegates VOTED to approve. Government section brought up several points of discussion and a majority vote DID NOT approve this section as written.

Section 1f - much discussion and various forms of amendments presented; ultimately it was moved and seconded and delegates VOTED to change the word “voluntary” to “mandatory”.

Section 1i – Motion and second to strike this from inclusion and delegates VOTED by majority to strike.

Section 2 – Government – motion & second to approve as is passed 37-1.  
Section 2g – motion to amend language failed by majority vote of 5 for amending and 40 against.  
Motion & second to approve as is passed with majority.  
Section 3 – Government – motion & second to approve as is passed 42-0  
Section 4 – Government – motion & second to approve as is passed 42-0  
Section 5 – Government – motion & second to approve as is passed 42-0  
Section 6 – Government – motion & second to approve as is passed with majority  
Section 7 – Government – motion & second to approve as is passed with majority  
Section 8 – Government – motion & second to approve as is passed with majority  
Section 9 – Government – motion & second to approve as is passed with majority  
Section 10 – Government – discussion regarding 10c – motion & second to approve as is passed 42-1  
Section 11 – Government – motion & second to approve as is passed with majority  
Section 12 – Government – motion & second to approve as is passed with majority  
Section 13 – Government – motion & second to approve as is passed with majority  
Section 14 – Government – motion & second to approve as is passed with majority  
Section 15 – Government – motion & second to approve as is passed with majority  
Section 16 – Government – motion & second to approve as is passed with majority  
Section 17 – Government – motion & second to approve as is passed with majority  
Section 18 – Government – motion & second to approve as is passed 47-0  
Section 19 – Government – motion & second to approve as is passed with majority  
Section 20 – Government – motion & second to approve as is passed with majority  
Section 21 – Government – motion & second to approve as is passed with majority  
Section 22 – Government – motion & second to approve as is passed with majority  
Section 23 – Government – motion to strike died lacking a second – motion & second to approve as is passed with majority  
Section 24 – Government – some discussion – motion & second to approve as is passed 30-14

14. Presentation of Resolution 1 to Platform – motion & second to approve as is passed with majority.  
Presentation of Resolution 2 to Platform – motion & second to approve as is passed with majority.
15. No report from Junior Delegates
16. No other business was presented to attendees.
17. Motion to adjourn and second received. Delegates VOTED to adjourn at 1:00 p.m.  
(The Grace of God didn't hold up at noon!!!)

MINUTES PRESENTED BY -  
Convention Secretary Jodie A. White, District 4