

PROPOSED RULES – KOSSUTH COUNTY REPUBLICAN CONVENTION 17 FEBRUARY 2024

1. The Convention shall be guided by Roberts Rules of Order, revised as amended by the following rules.
2. These rules may be suspended or amended only by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the delegates of the Convention who are present and voting. The rulings of the Chair shall be considered final unless upon appeal, such ruling is overturned by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Convention.
3. Convention speakers: Federal, statewide, and county elected officials and candidates or their official representatives may be recognized and allowed three (3) minutes to speak.
4. Those delegates and/or alternates duly certified to the County Central Committee represent the maximum number of votes per precinct throughout the convention.
5. Persons elected to serve on committees for the District Convention must be delegates to the District/State Conventions.
6. Voting by proxy will not be permitted.
7. All roll call votes will be taken in order of the roster of delegates for the convention with the chair and the parliamentarian keeping separate tallies. If the tallies do not match, any delegate may challenge the result and a new vote must be taken.
8. To vote on any issue, there must be present thirty-five percent (35%) of the certified and authorized delegates (delegates seated at the convention per the credentials committee report). At the point a quorum no longer exists, the convention will be suspended until a quorum is present. However, if a quorum fails to be present during a) the debate of the platform (agenda item 11) or b) approval of the junior delegate report, the following applies. The platform planks shall be forwarded as they stood after the last amendment voted on by a quorum. If no amendments were voted by a quorum, the platform submitted by the platform committee stands unchanged.
9. As the Constitution of the Republican Party of Kossuth County allows the County Convention to amend it, 'Constitutional Amendments' will be agenda item 7. Proposed amendments shall be submitted to the Convention Secretary in writing and as a text file on a memory stick before the convention convenes. Only delegates may propose amendments. Agenda item 7 also allows resolutions addressed to the Central Committee.
10. The latest proposed agenda shall be a part of these rules.
11. Debate on any item may be limited to 30 seconds per speaker at the discretion of the Chair.
12. Nominations shall be required for the position of District/State Delegate, Alternate, District Committee on Platform, Rules, Credentials, and Organization. Nominations shall be no longer than thirty (30) seconds. A second is required but no speech is allowed. Delegates elected must be residents of Kossuth County and eligible electors for the November 2024 general election. District and State Convention positions not filled by the convention or that may come open due to a vacancy after the convention may be filled until February 23 with Kossuth County registered Republicans by approval of two Central Committee members witnessed by the Central Committee chair.
13. Rules 14 and higher apply specifically to the report of the County Platform Committee and platform debate.
14. The Platform Committee Report will be voted on first as a whole, without debate. If not approved as a whole, each section will then be voted on, in order, without debate. Then, any sections not approved will be opened for debate. After the platform as a whole or a section has been voted upon, a motion to reconsider will be out of order.
15. Each section of the platform opened for debate (see rule 14) will be read by the Platform Committee chair before the debate begins. Motions from the floor to amend will be in order. If possible, submit proposed amendments typed and preferably also as a text file on a memory stick before debate. [NOTE: Amendments must be clear and substantial since by rule 16 the Platform Committee shall edit the final platform after the convention.]
16. In debate, the debate on each motion shall be limited to 30 seconds per speaker, or as announced by the Chair. The Chair shall alternate time between pro/con speakers, to the extent such speakers exist. The chair may limit the number of speakers, but not to less than two each, pro and con. No delegate may speak more than once during the debate on a motion. Speakers shall identify themselves by name and precinct. The Platform Chair and Committee shall edit the final platform, including all amendments adopted. They may shorten, clarify, and/ or rearrange the order of planks but shall not change the substance or intent of any plank or amendment. The number required to pass an amendment to the report of the County Platform Committee shall be a majority.

