

RULES - KOSSUTH COUNTY REPUBLICAN CONVENTION 12 MARCH 2016

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 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.
8. To vote on any issue, there must be present thirty-five percent (35%) of the certified and authorized delegates. 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 or b) approval of the junior delegate report (the last two agenda items), the convention is adjourned. The platform planks shall be forwarded as they stood at adjournment and the report of the junior delegates shall be accepted.
9. As the Constitution of the Republican Party of Kossuth County allows the County Convention to amend it, 'Constitutional Amendments' will be an agenda item. 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. Amendment proposals when submitted must be designated one of two types: 'hard' type must be voted up or down at the convention; 'soft' type may be voted up, down, or sent to the Central Committee for timely consideration.
10. The agenda as in the Call to Convention 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 Permanent Organization. Nominations shall be no longer than thirty (30) seconds. A second is required but no speech is allowed. District and State Convention delegate positions not filled by the convention or that may come open due to a vacancy after the convention may be filled with a Kossuth County registered Republican by vote of the Central Committee.
13. Rules 14 and higher apply specifically to the report of the County Platform Committee.
14. The Platform Committee Report will be debated and approved by a vote on each section. After a section has been voted upon, a motion to reconsider will be out of order.
15. Each section of the platform will be read by the Platform Committee chair before the debate begins. Motions from the floor to amend existing planks or delete planks in their entirety will be in order. Motions to consider new planks must be accompanied by written text. If possible, submit new plank proposals typed and preferably also as a text file on a memory stick before debate.
16. In debate, the debate on each motion (new plank, amendmend, or delete) 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, which is one (1) more than half of the number of delegates present and voting.