

2018 Craven County Democratic Party Convention

March 17, 2018 - 10:00AM

Craven County Courthouse

Meeting was called to order 10:10AM by chair Richard Friend.

Opening invocation was delivered by Rev. John Robinson.

Precinct roll call occurred. Per the sign-in sheet, all precincts that elected delegates to the convention had at least one delegate present, meaning that we had a quorum to conduct convention business.

Chair Richard Friend recognized elected officials & 2018 candidates in attendance:

Jameesha Harris, New Bern Alderman, Ward 2
Sherry Richard, Craven County Register of Deeds
Terri Sharp, Clerk of Court (incumbent, running for reelection)
Eric Smith, candidate for Craven County Sheriff
Charles Dudley, candidate for NC House District 3
Barbara Lee, candidate for NC House District 3
Bryson Jones, candidate for NC House District 79
Jerry Langley, candidate for NC House District 79
Dorothea White, candidate for NC Senate District 2
Toby Hansen, candidate for NC Court of Appeals
Jeff O'Neill, candidate for Craven County Board of Commissioners, District 1

A letter from NCDP Chair Wayne Goodwin was read by chair Richard Friend.

Former NC State Representative Alice Underhill delivered the keynote address.

Elections for the District and State Conventions:

Bryson Jones moved that all names from the county delegate check-in list who had indicated their willingness to serve as district convention delegates be accepted as delegates to the district convention, and Charles Dudley seconded.

Discussion occurred, wherein some individuals indicated concern that their precincts were under-represented in the delegate list.

Antoinette Boskey moved to amend the previous motion, to empower the officers to compile a slate of 59 delegates from the list of delegates indicated at sign-in, for purposes of equity among the precincts. Wray Simpson seconded. Amendment carried unanimously by voice vote.

Chair Richard Friend called the question on Bryson Jones's motion as amended. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Antoinette Boskey moved that the same procedure be followed for state convention delegates, Chan Wilson seconded. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Elections for District Executive Committees:

District Attorney, District 4: Chair Richard Friend announced that Kelly Greene and Terri Sharp had agreed to have their names placed in nomination for the DA District 4

Executive Committee. Chair Richard Friend called for additional nominations from the floor, none were put forward. John Robinson moved nominations be closed and accept the two nominees presented, and Bob Costanzo seconded. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

NC House District 79: Chair Richard Friend announced that Scott Thomas had agreed to have his name placed in nomination for the NC House District 79 Executive Committee, and called for additional nominations from the floor, noting that we need to elect two people to this Executive Committee. Helen Robinson nominated Richard Friend, and he agreed to be placed in nomination. Bob Costanzo moved to close nominations and accept the two nominees presented, and Marilyn Simmon seconded. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

NC Senate District 2: Chair Richard Friend announced that Bob Costanzo and James Gilmore had agreed to have their names placed in nomination for the NC Senate District 2 Executive Committee. Chair Richard Friend called for additional nominations from the floor, none were put forward. Marilyn Simmon moved to close nominations and accept the two nominees presented, and Wray Simpson seconded. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Other New Business

County party secretary: Chair Richard Friend announced that party secretary Amber Harmon had resigned her position and that Linda Moore had volunteered to be placed in nomination for the position. Chair Richard Friend called for additional nominations from the floor, none were put forward.

John Robinson moved that nominations be closed and that Linda Moore be approved as the county party secretary. Emily Scoppe seconded. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote, and Ms. Moore was sworn in immediately by Terri Sharp, Craven County Clerk of Superior Court.

Resolutions: The party considered the resolution on the Equal Rights Amendment put forward by the River Bend precinct at their convention.

James Gilmore moved to amend the resolution as follows: editing the 2nd-to-last and last paragraph to indicate that the CCDP is asking NCDP District 3 to call on all members of the NC General Assembly and US House to pass the ERA, rather than CCDP calling on members directly. Mr. Gilmore indicated that the purpose of this minor change was to properly format the resolution for consideration at the district convention. Wray Simpson seconded the motion to amend, and the motion to amend carried unanimously by voice vote.

Charles Bryan moved to approve the resolution as amended, and Antoinette Boskey seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Announcements of upcoming events were made, and New Bern Alderman Jameesha Harris delivered closing remarks.

James Gilmore moved to adjourn, and John Robinson seconded. Motion to adjourn carried unanimously, and the convention was adjourned at 11:40AM.