

Wilson County Democratic Party
P. O. Box 7034 Wilson, North Carolina 27895
Virtual County Executive Committee (CEC) Meeting
August 8, 2020 at 10:00 am

This virtual meeting was hosted on ZOOM by Senator Don Davis, Chair of the First Congressional District of North Carolina, which includes Wilson County.

Acting Chair Jim Hawley welcome everyone who logged in, called the meeting to order.

Dorothy Evans, Chair of Precinct B, offered the Inspiration and Moment of Silence.

The meeting began with a roll call by Senator Don Davis, which was completed in order to determine if the required quorum for this business meeting was established. After completion of the roll call, Senator Davis announced that at least 26 members of the CEC had logged in and responded, which was more than enough to meet the requirement of at least forty percent of CEC members being present.

Jim Hawley proceeded with the Agenda items.

George Revis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Our newly-elected House of Representatives member Linda Cooper-Suggs reminded us of her resignation as Party Chair. She will continue to fight for Wilson County in areas for education, opioid addiction, and agriculture. She ended her speech with: WHEN WE FIGHT, WE WIN!!!

Former Governor Jim Hunt spoke with us on his former work with Linda Cooper-Suggs and the fight ahead of us to "Stand Up For America"! We need to connect our efforts to create jobs and a better educational system.

Acting Chair Jim Hawley read the letter from our Honorable G.K. Butterfield with great words of encouragement. Our treasurer, Tom Sallenger gave the financial status of the WDP.

Chairman's report was given with the introduction of our new WDP manager, Cynthia Ellis. Our HQ location is being set up at this time.

Auxiliary Reports included information from the Democratic Women of Wilson (DWWC) about their upcoming event for Women of Wilson County Commemorative 2021 Calendar Presentation.

New Business consisted of proceeding with the report of Willie Williams, the Chair of the Nominating Committee. On being recognized by Acting Chairman Hawley, Mr. Williams reported that there were three vacancies of Wilson County Democratic Party officers to fill. He noted that the first item was to recommend a nominee to fill the remaining term for Party Chair, since Former Chair Linda Cooper-Suggs had recently resigned. He reported that the Committee wished to place in nomination for Chair the name of Jim Hawley, current First Vice Chair. Upon hearing that nomination committee recommendation, Acting Chair Hawley stepped aside as moderator, and called upon Second Vice Chair Ann Y. Barnes to take over.

Second Vice Chair Barnes then announced the Nominating Committee's recommendation, and in accordance with the requirements of the Plan of Organization, asked for any other nominations from the floor. Hearing none, she repeated the call two more times. With no other nominations from the floor, Steve Beaman moved to close nominations. There was some discussion about amending the motion to include the wording "close

nominations, and elect by acclamation.” Mr. Beaman accepted the suggestion and so amended his motion to close nominations and declare Jim Hawley the winner by acclamation. Lori Oxendine seconded the motion.

Second Vice Chair Barnes then called for a vote on the motion, and since this was a virtual meeting, stated that without objection, the motion would be declared carried. There were no objections, and Mr. Hawley was declared the winner by acclamation. Second Vice Chair Barnes then turned the meeting back over to Chairman Hawley.

Chairman Hawley then reiterated the Nominating Committee’s recommendation that Angela Toney be elected as Party Secretary. He then opened the floor for nominations. After multiple calls, and no other nominations, Beth Punte moved to close nominations and elect Angela Toney by acclamation. Linda Cooper-Suggs seconded. Chairman Hawley called for the vote, and again since this was a virtual meeting, stated that without objection, the motion would be considered carried. There were no objections, and Angela Toney was declared Party Secretary by acclamation.

Next, the Nominating Committee’s recommendation for filling the SEC vacancy was addressed. The committee’s recommendation was that Nancy Hawley be elected to the SEC vacancy. Chairman Hawley opened the floor for further nominations. After multiple calls and hearing no further nominations, Rob Boyette moved to close nominations and elect Nancy Hawley by acclamation. Lori Oxendine seconded. Chairman Hawley called for the vote, and again since this was a virtual meeting, stated that without objection, the motion would be considered carried. There were no objections, and Nancy Hawley was declared SEC representative of the Wilson County Democratic Party by acclamation.

Chairman Hawley noted that there was now a vacancy for First Vice Chair, and deferred to Mr. Williams, who recommended that filling that vacancy be delayed, and another meeting called within 30 days to carry out that election. There was consensus to follow that plan.

The last items of business included a report and update on the GET OUT THE VOTE (GOTV). Former Chair Linda Cooper-Suggs reported on virtual phone banking plans that had been implemented, and noted that some new staff from the State party office had just been named to work with Wilson County. There was also brief mention of a FALL FLING as our WDP fundraiser.

With no further business and the agenda completed, the meeting was declared adjourned at 11:27 AM.