

Adams County Exec Committee Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, June 7, 2016
O'Meara Ford, Northglenn

Chairman Anil Mathai called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. after which JoAnn Windholz opened with prayer and Phil Covarrubias led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Anil opened the meeting by recognizing media guests Chuck Bonniwell (710 KNUS radio, Cherry Creek Chronicle).

Because treasurer Julie Duerr was ill, Anil presented her report. At the close of May we had \$29,193.54 in the bank with outstanding checks totaling \$1169.77. Funds will be distributed to candidates in July or August.

Jeanne Woody was called on to read the minutes of the May meeting. Matt Dudley moved we suspend the reading of the minutes since we had paper copies to read. Neal Mancuso seconded the motion which passed with no objections. John Sampson then moved we accept the minutes as presented and Meaghan Croghan seconded the motion. Minutes were approved unanimously.

John Sampson was called on to address election integrity. He reported that the Secretary of State had decided that the entire state would use Dominion software and scanners for the elections going forward. AdCo clerk and recorder, Stan Martin, argued for Clear Ballot which we used in November but the SoS overruled it. In spite of this, John feels confident in the security and integrity of our elections. Jim Schindler mentioned the report of large cost savings in the clerk and recorder's office since Stan has taken office and suggested he be invited to address the exec committee as he had done at the Reagan Club.

Cierra Bayers gave a brief update on the state party work. There will be a training session Saturday, June 11, from 8:30am to 12:30pm at Amazing Grace Church. It will cover all the resources available for our use.

Chairman Anil began his update with the announcement that Maggie Cailouette will be moving out of state and asked that we recognize her for all her hard work on the county party's behalf. He also thanked former Adams County Commissioner Alice Nichol and current Commerce City Mayor Sean Ford for donations of their unused campaign funds of approximately \$3400. Additionally, he thanked Matt Dudley, Gary Mikes, the Reagan Club and all who participated in the Commerce City Memorial Day parade. Also Skinny Winkler was recognized for providing the sound system for the parade.

Regarding the training of PCPs, Anil reported that only 20% of DCs and 30% of PCPs showed up for training offered in May. He indicated that our PCPs are our most important people and that DCs and officers need to be more committed to attending meetings and training. With respect to the upcoming training on Saturday, Mary Tuneberg suggested that we have a phone team to call PCPs to invite them to the training. Kaarl Hoopes offered to do a robocall for the training. No action was taken.

Anil mentioned the numerous upcoming events for the summer which can be found on the county website and on our Facebook page. He also gave a tentative date of September 9th for the Lincoln/Reagan Day Dinner. He suggested Tim Donnelly, former gubernatorial candidate in California, as the speaker. Mr. Donnelly is strong on second amendment rights and a solid conservative. Anil will reach out to him regarding the possibility of his speaking.

The chairman also reported on a meeting of the executive officers and area coordinators held on May 28 in order to keep communication open in an effort to maintain transparency and keep everyone on the same page.

Because Matt Zielinski, chair of SD 21, had been absent at the May meeting, he was asked to report on the situation involving the lack of a candidate for SD 21. According to Matt he had worked with William Ingram to get his paperwork turned in to run as a write in since the deadline had passed to be on the primary ballot. Matt said he had tried to have a meeting before the deadline but it turned out to be on the same night as the CD 7 assembly so the attendance was less than the quorum required by their bylaws (50% of the 72 delegates to the most recent county assembly). According to Anil, Mr. Ingram felt he had no support from the leadership and has withdrawn as a write in candidate. Anil said the candidate had filed on April 4th but the letter to the SD vacancy members did not go

out until 5 or 6 days prior to the deadline. Matt remarked that he had paid for the postage and the venue out of his own pocket and that Mr. Ingram did not bother to run at the assembly when the delegates would have been present to vote to put him on the ballot.

Because SD 21 now has no candidate, the money Democrats would have earmarked for the SD 21 race will now be used to campaign against JoAnn Windholz and others, John Sampson moved we censure the chairman and ask him to resign. Matt Dudley seconded the motion. During discussion Meaghan Croghan suggested we ask to see the paper trail before asking for Matt's resignation. Nancy Thompson reported that according to the candidate, the chair suggested to Mr. Ingram that they back date the paperwork but he refused to cheat. After the discussion, John withdrew his motion in order to allow for the paper trail to be reviewed and Gary Mikes suggested we concentrate on other things rather than the lack of a candidate.

Elected officials present gave updates:

- JoAnn Windholz, HD 30, reported on the Amendment 69 which if passed will add a 10% tax onto every source of income you have. She will have a "Fun-raiser" on Sunday, July 10, from 4-8 pm at Adams County fairgrounds. Tickets are \$50 each and can be purchased online or at the door.
- Bruce Baker, Westminster city council, mentioned the Democrats in control of the council voted to subsidize the apartment buildings on the old Westminster Mall in the amount of \$25 million even though the developer is a billionaire. The city continues to deal with a "protestor" who claims to have had his civil right of free speech violated
- Neal Mancuso, Bennett town council, is also on the Parks and Recreation board. He says things are positive and they are redoing the streets with excess material being used for parking lot at the rec center. He mentioned a kick off for Phil Covarrubias.
- John Sampson, Strasburg school board, reported a builder is putting in a development with homes, a senior center, and an apartment complex which will negatively affect their schools. They have busses and buildings in need of repair or replacement and the additional students from this development will over populate the aging schools.

Candidates present gave 2 minute updates on their campaign:

- John Sampson spoke for George Athanasopoulos, CD 7
- Al Jacobson, HD 32, asked for much needed campaign money (several made donations to keep him going)
- Phil Covarrubias, HD 56, is campaigning on truth, honesty and integrity
- Emily Voss, running in HD 35, reported her kick off on Saturday, June 4 was a success. Her walk plan is in place
- Skinny Alexander, running for County Commissioner District 1, is focusing on the "fun" of campaigning rather than the hard work. Planning a kick off event that will be family friendly.
- Meaghan Croghan spoke for Darryl Glenn, US Senate, his priorities are God, guns and babies

Ben Nicholas addressed the fundraiser candy campaign, reporting we have only 77 bags left. We have many opportunities coming up this summer at which we can sell the bags. Matt Dudley moved we order another 208 bags at \$1354. Meaghan seconded it. There is a 2 week lead time. We were reminded to be sure to get the purchaser's employer and occupation to satisfy the campaign finance requirements. Matt Zielinski offered an amendment to earmark the profits to Al Jacobson's campaign but there was no second and Matt Dudley refused the amendment. Gary Mikes called for the vote which passed.

Announcements:

- Mary Tuneberg mentioned American for Prosperity has a petition to not have a special session for the hospital bill
- Sharon Croghan announced Laura Woods has a citizen's opinion survey
- Matt Dudley stated everyone can do a little and we can each do better work for the party.

The executive committee was suspended for the vacancy committee to convene. There was a nomination for the following PCP:

- Anil nominated Johnette Baxter, precinct 182 as PCP. Josh Bastion moved she be accepted; Meaghan seconded and the motion carried.

The exec committee reconvened and Chuck Bonniwell spoke for a few minutes and encouraged many at the meeting.

Nancy Wenlock moved we adjourn at 8:51 pm. Motion carried after second by Meaghan Croghan.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Woody
Secretary