

*Barry
County
Republican
Party*

*December
Newsletter
2023*





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Chair's Corner

Looking back on this past year I have an overwhelming feeling of pride. The Barry County Republican Party at its very core is an organization that calls for the most convicted persons to get together to help ensure a better community. The party calls those with strong opinions, philosophies, and abilities to come together in order to refine and put out the best possible solutions in the political realm. But at the same time they must have the ability to stick together in unity throughout the entirety of the process. And in my belief, this has been accomplished.

There is no doubt that this has been a transformative year as most of the party is made up of first time members which naturally created an opportunity for maturity in many areas. And yet through this process we've seen massive growth in so many areas. One of the most important areas that I saw solidified was the party's core values. Among other ways, this was done with the adoption of our mission statement and new by-laws. By doing this we have a clear understanding of our purpose which ultimately, is to serve, worship, and glorify God.

What's more, our party understands that without connecting and soliciting real change with the people of our community then we are ultimately missing the mark. We have been engaged in as many community events as possible while also diligently working privately to help those that we see in need. Our members have shown that we understand how vital it is us to gain the trust of those in our community.

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Of course it's not always flowers and butterflies. Politics by nature is abrasive, offensive, and emotional so to see our members not only embrace the hard issues, but also handle them with integrity gives testament to the commitment to our purpose.

Although the road is filled with curves, turns, and potholes (thanks Whitmer) we have achieved so much and have so much to be proud of this past year. I'm beyond grateful for all of our members and the contributions made to our movement and I can only imagine what will be accomplished in this coming year.

May we all have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Phillip Joseph

Barry County Chairman

The cheat code for getting what you want is being grateful for what you already have. Prayers hit different when you start with "thank you" instead of "please."

**2024 Republican
Presidential Primary
February 27, 2024**

**We need you to
GO VOTE!!**

**2024 Republican
Presidential Caucus
March 2, 2024**



Committee Meeting Summary

October 2023

After approval and corrections of the September minutes the Barry County EC proceeded to new business which included setting the schedule for the upcoming year's meetings, on the 4th Thursday of each month, and adding a meeting in July. As this is an election year not only was this felt warranted, but as we are trying to grow the Party, Shelly Lake, our Secretary has requested the names and emails of any like minded people to add to our distribution list. (barrycountygopsecretary@gmail.com)

Work continues on fighting the overreach by the state government concerning the expansion and seizure of property relating to the solar field projects. For questions, expression of concerns, or how you can help please contact Jim McManus at Jmcmamus@barrycounty.org

The Party will be hosting a U.S. Senate Candidate Forum on February 3, 2024 at

the Barry County Fairgrounds. More information to follow.

Jon Rocha is continuing to pursue criminal complaint efforts to target unconstitutional laws that are being passed both at the State and Federal level.

John Lake has encouraged the attendance to township board meetings and requesting that they adopt resolutions declaring the townships Second Amendment Sanctuaries, and to adopt a resolution asking the Barry County Board of Commissioners to adopt a 2A Resolution.

Volunteers are needed to recruit donations and to members to join the Barry County Republican party.

For a full coverage of the approved minutes please reach out to any of the board members or email Shelly Lake at barrycountygopsecretary@gmail.com



County Commissioner Report

December 2023

- **Concluded interviews for the Parks Commission and the Building Authority**
- **Jim Yager presented the Fiscal 2023 Emergency Management Performance Grant Agreement**
- **Approved the 2024 Agreement between Barry County and the MSU Extension programming access**
- **Adopted Resolutions #23-24 for payment of McArthur Drain Drainage District Drain Bonds**
- **Re-appointed Chelsey Foster, Jim McManus and Jennifer Heinzman to the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority**
- **Sheriff Dar Leaf reported stats for October**
- **Interviewd for Community Corrections Advisory Board, the COA Board, and the Solid Waste Oversight Committee**
- **Adopted resolution to approve Ballot Proposal for renewal of County wide E-911 Emergency Answering and Central Dispatch System Millage**
- **Approved replacing three cameras and the Security Video Storage Server at the County Jail**

All the agendas and minutes of each meeting are available to look at by going to

www.barrycounty.org

*Committee Meeting Summary
(Unofficial)
November 2024*

- Chairman discussed the upcoming conventions (county and state).
 - February 15, 2024 will be the County Convention: venue to be decided
 - March 2, 2024 is the District Convention and State Committee meeting: Schedule will be distributed
- We will host a U.S. Senate Candidate Forum on February 3, 2024 at the Barry County Fairgrounds. Dinner, drinks, and dancing will be included. Cost is \$40 a ticket.
- January 13, 2024 we will be hosting an appreciation party for the precinct delegates and interested new parties.
- The Barry County Republican Party adopted five families in the county to deliver complete Christmas baskets to.
- Axemitax.org is circulating a referendum to eliminate property taxes in Michigan

Full approved minutes will be covered in January's newsletter or is available after the December meeting by contacting Shelly Lake at barrycountygopsecretary@gmail.com



Barry County Republican Party EC Schedule 2024


Date	Location and time
January 25th	Walldorff 3 rd floor – 7pm
February – 22nd	Walldorff 3 rd floor – 7pm
March 28th - 4 th Thursday	Walldorff 3 rd floor – 7pm
April 25 th – 4 th Thursday	Walldorff 3 rd floor – 7pm
May 23 rd - 4 th Thursday	Walldorff 3 rd floor – 7pm
June 27 th - 4 th Thursday	Walldorff 3 rd floor – 7pm
July 25 th – 4 th Thursday	Walldorff 3 rd floor – 7pm
August 22 nd - 4 th Thursday	Walldorff 3 rd floor – 7pm
September 26 th - 4 th Thursday	Walldorff 3 rd floor – 7pm
October 24 th - 4 th Thursday	Walldorff 3 rd floor – 7pm
November 21 st - 3 rd Thursday	Walldorff 3 rd floor – 7pm - Thanksgiving is 4 th Thursday
December - off	No scheduled meeting – Merry Christmas



**Tentative Date of May 18,
2024**

**Fundraiser to support
Republican Candidates**

Lincoln Day Dinner



*U.S. Senate Candidate Forum
February 3, 2024
Barry County Fairgrounds
\$40 includes Dinner, Drinks,
and Dancing!*



Reserve
your seat
today!



PD Appreciation and Future PD's
Celebration

**COME JOIN US
To celebrate our
accomplishments!!!**

6pm | Jan 13th | 103 w state st

We Need You!

Have you attended a meeting?
Got a hot lead on a story?
Want to make a difference?
Email Publiusbcgop@gmail.com
To become part of the Newsletter team!

*From all of us at the Barry County
Republican Party*

MERRY
Christmas

6 HAPPY NEW YEAR

Looking Forward

-*Publius*

The Republican party has lost its way; we have lost our way. Focusing for far too long on simply beating our opposition, or winning meaningless skirmishes has left us gasping and grasping. Our image is tarnished, our message unclear. We must be willing to face this fact first if we are to rescue the party from the dustbin of history and restore its purpose and its portent. This plank that has so obscured our vision must be excised; that we have for so long been dedicated to establishing what we stand against instead of what we stand for. What is it then that we do stand for? Rather what is it that we should stand for? For this is the way in which we first rescue our townships, our county, our state, and our country, by first saving our communities.

We must be willing to stand for the Ultimate Law Giver from whom all our rights and life flow, for there is no political question that is not at its heart a theological question. If our choices and decisions are not informed by determining their adherence to being examples of His love and truth, then our attempts at changing the hearts of our neighbors will always fall short. We must be willing to stand for Freedom, and its consequent

Responsibility. Our freedom is a right guaranteed by the blessing of the Law Giver, and we have a right, no, a duty to preserve that blessing for each subsequent generation. We must be willing to stand for each other. No greater love has a man than this, not that we die but that we are willing to lay down the best of ourselves for each other. Last, we must be willing to stand for Truth, not your truth or my truth, but Truth. Even when it hurts, even when it damages relationships, memberships, or committees, our fidelity must be to what is True.

These are what we must stand for. Not party, state, country, religion, or ideology. If we stand for those things then our focus will not change and our ambitions will be as an empty voice crying in the darkness. We must take this duty seriously, and reestablish the covenant with our Maker as our forefathers possessed of humility were willing to do. For if we stand for our God, Freedom, Selflessness, and Truth then our message will reflect this, and our neighbors will be drawn to it, and it is by this alone that we stand a chance to save our party, our country, and preserve for our posterity the hope of that nation of the people and by the people.