



2024Feb16 – Chairman's Update

Hello Oconee GOP members! Unless you've been asleep at the wheel, you know that...

It's campaign season in South Carolina!!

We had an awesome turnout for our candidate forum last night at our monthly meeting. Our entire state delegation made it back to Oconee just in time for the meeting and provided updates on what's happening in Columbia at both the SC State House and Senate. I greatly appreciated them extending their day and hustling back to spend the evening with us.

In total, we had 17 candidates in attendance from up & down the ballot, including representatives from both the Haley and Trump campaigns. We found out that Pine St. has been a beehive of activity for early voting in the SC Republican Presidential Primary, with votes on the 1st day of the Republican Presidential Primary outnumbering the total votes cast in the county for the Democratic Presidential Primary. It does make you wonder how many Dems waited until the GOP primary to vote?? Below are some key dates to remember:

Election Timeline

- 2/12 - Early voting starts - GOP Presidential Primary
- 2/24 - Election Day - GOP Presidential Primary
- 3/16 - Candidate filing opens (noon)
- 4/1 - Candidate filing closes (noon)
- 4/5 - Candidate certification (noon)
- 5/28 - Early voting starts
- 6/7 - Early voting ends
- 6/11 - Election day - statewide GOP primary

The candidates who participated in last night's forum were:

SC Senate: Senator Thomas Alexander (President of the SC Senate, incumbent)

www.scstatehouse.gov/member.php?code=0013636362

SC House: District 1 Representative - Bill Whitmire (incumbent)

www.scstatehouse.gov/member.php?code=1914204316

SC House: District 2 Representative - Bill Sandifer (incumbent)

www.scstatehouse.gov/member.php?code=1629545259
billsandifer.com

US Congress, District 3

- **Current SC House District 14 Representative - Stewart Jones**
 - www.scstatehouse.gov/member.php?code=0952272613
 - votestewartjones.com
- **Elsbeth Snow Murday**
 - www.linkedin.com/in/elsbethmurday
 - murday4congress.com (coming soon)

Solicitor, Judicial Circuit 10

- **Attorney Micah Black:** www.micahblackforsolicitor.com
- **Attorney Beth Blundy:** bethblundy.com
- **Solicitor Danny Fulmer:** www.dannyfulmerforsolicitor.com

Oconee County Council District 4

- **Gwen McPhail:** gwenmcphail.com

Oconee County Council District 5

- **Julian Davis** (incumbent)

Oconee County Council District 2

- **India Lancaster:** indialancaster.com

Oconee County Treasurer

- **Gena Acree**
- **Tonya Keller**

Oconee County Auditor

- **Christy Hubbard** (incumbent)

Oconee County Coroner

- **Karl Addis** (incumbent)

Oconee County Sheriff

- **Sheriff Mike Crenshaw** (incumbent): www.crenshawforsheriff.com

Get Out and Get Involved with all that's going on this election season! It's exciting!!

Also, a very BIG "Thanks!!" to all who contributed a total of **\$1,188.00** to Corp. Lucas Watts and his family.

Cheers!

Jim Mann, OCRP Chairman