



2024 June 12 – Chairman's Update

OCRCP Members,
Happy morning after our SC Statewide Primary!

Whether an incumbent or newly elected to their position, I congratulate all who emerged victorious in their individual campaigns for public office. It's now your responsibility to serve the people of our county well, and with integrity!

I want to thank all our candidates for their courage, fortitude, and endurance to run for office, all the volunteers who helped on their campaigns, and all the members of our various countywide Republican groups.

On behalf of OCRCP, OCRM, and OCRW leadership, we greatly appreciate those individuals who worked diligently to broaden the opportunities for candidates to engage voters and present their platforms.

I would like to offer a couple of quick observations specific to Oconee County from this election cycle.

- Voter turnout for Oconee was **21.5%**, which is **8%** higher than the state average
 - Of the county's **52,441** register voters, **11,265** made the effort to cast a ballot.
- The average margin of victory was **7%**, with the closest race being **1.2%** for SC State House Dist 2
 - The SC State House Dist 2 race was decided by just 59 votes.
- **4.9%** (2583) of registered voters or **3.2%** of the county population reelected SC State House Dist 2
- **6.4%** (3360) of registered voters or **4.1%** of the county population moved the needle to firmly set the direction for future County Council business
- **10.4%** (5375) of registered voters or **6.6%** of the population selected our new county treasurer
- *See referenced data on the following page from the SC Election Commission and US Census Bureau*

Whatever way you slice it, the fact remains that a small percentage of voters are determining our county's direction, taxing authority, and spending power. Unfortunately, this is what happens when most of our citizens don't fulfill their civic duty to vote, further undermining the function of the Constitutional Republic envisioned by our forefathers. From the SC GOP Platform:

*We enjoy a government of the people, by the people and for the people such that
"the people" must not abrogate their responsibilities to government officials.*

... and neither should the people abrogate their responsibility to vote, effectively giving away that fundamental right to fellow citizens who display more so-called concern. Somehow, I as chairman and we as the OCRCP have missed the goal of accomplishing our intended purpose – to promote and elect candidates who will support the SC Republican Party Platform.

After reflecting on the results from yesterday's elections, I would ask everyone to pray for God's intervention within the affairs of our county, state, and country to solely accomplish His purposes.

Respectfully,
Jim Mann, OCRCP Chair

(see data referenced on the following page from the SC Election Commission & US Census Bureau)

Statewide Voters

VOTER TURNOUT

TOTAL	13.55%
Ballots Cast	438,676
Registered Voters	3,236,875

Oconee Voters

VOTER TURNOUT

TOTAL	21.48%
Ballots Cast	11,265
Registered Voters	52,441

Oconee Election Results

★ State House of Representatives, District 2 - REP (Vote For 1)		
Precincts Reporting	Percentage	Votes
100%		
REP Adam Duncan	50.58%	2,583
REP Bill Sandifer	49.42%	2,524
		5,107
★ County Council District 2 - REP (Vote For 1)		
Precincts Reporting	Percentage	Votes
100%		
REP Matthew Durham	56.92%	1,262
REP India Lancaster	43.08%	955
		2,217
★ County Council District 4 - REP (Vote For 1)		
Precincts Reporting	Percentage	Votes
100%		
REP Julian W Davis III	48.96%	920
REP Tommy James	51.04%	959
		1,879
★ County Council District 5 - REP (Vote For 1)		
Precincts Reporting	Percentage	Votes
100%		
REP Glenn Hart	55.62%	1,139
REP Gwen McPhail	44.38%	909
		2,048
★ County Treasurer - REP (Vote For 1)		
Precincts Reporting	Percentage	Votes
100%		
REP Gena Acree	53.41%	5,375
REP Tonya Y Keller	46.59%	4,688
		10,063