

# SCC Meeting (via Zoom) Minutes

## August 8, 2024

**Call to Order:** Chairman Pearce at 6:15 p.m.

**Prayer** -Amy Barela, 1st Vice Chair

**Pledge** - Marcus Smith, Curry County Chair

**Timekeeper** - Kim Skaggs, Dona Ana County

**Reading of the Call** - Kathleen Apodaca, RPNM Secretary; SCC Meeting Secretary

Participants could not hear Kathleen on Zoom. Chairman asked Leticia to post the call on Zoom screen. Call was posted and visible on screen.

**Officer's Report** - per Chairman, will dispense with all Officer reports except Chairman's report.

Chairman's Report - Chairman Pearce

Recap of RNC - Was really stunning - start to finish, everything was good.

- President Trump was there Mon, Tues, Wed and Thursday night.
- Presenters from the first night - saw different face of Republican Party
- Thinks the Republican Party is beginning to look like exactly like America.
- Minority voters flocking to the Republican Party.
- Most powerful engaging speech was Vivek Ramaswamy, 2nd was DeSantis.
- JD Vance spoke on Wednesday; came across as common sense. Transparency - talked about mother's addiction (she was in the audience). Spoke directly to supporting the workers. He's going after the blue-collar worker.
- Trump addressed the group with detailed description of the assassination attempt. Declared providential intervention saved his life.

NM Statewide -

- Nella Domenici running really strong. Martin Heinrich is out with aggressive ads; KOAT called him out on false advertising last week.
- Yvette Herrell and Gabe Vasquez - running neck and neck.
- Presidential Race - 20% favorable/70% unfavorable with Harris. New Mexico is available if Trump runs the right race.

**Tonight's Plan Recap - Chairman Pearce**

- First motion tonight will be if we continue meeting on Zoom.
- If Zoom meeting proceeds, we will hear from Officers from Roosevelt County and Cathrynn Brown, member from Rules Committee. Opening statement 5 minutes each for Cathrynn Brown and each of the Roosevelt County Officers.
  - Floor Managers - Angie will manage the floor for the Roosevelt County team; Cathrynn Brown will manage for the Rules team. Alternate 3 minutes back-and-forth.
  - Roosevelt County Officers can go multiple times; recognized for 3 minutes per side, alternating one side to the other.
  - Anyone else recognized can speak once, 3 minutes.

- No yielding of time back-an -forth.
  - Have set aside 90-minutes for the debate; 45-minutes per side.
  - If enough time, will go to questions from the floor. The questioner will have 2 minutes and only ask 1 question.
  - If time allows, we will line up again and allow 2nd question to be asked.
  - If either side has something to add to the question addressed, that side has 1 minute to speak.
- Vote: Motion will be quite simple; e.g. Do you agree with the Advisory State Rules Committee (ASRC) report finding rules violations; or, do you disagree with the ASRC report findings?
    - If the majority not agreeing with the report, that will be the end of the question.
    - If there is a finding that rules were violated, will proceed to an open discussion with the body and figure out what the response should be. What we want to come out with is as many operating functions as we can get with as little disruptions as possible. Purpose of the CCCs and SCCs to allow the body to make these very important judgement calls.

#### **Credentials Committee Report - John Billingsley**

- 176 registered for the Zoom meeting.
- 142 participants at the moment.
- Of the 142 participants, this Includes 3 working this meeting and do not have a vote.
- 139 potential votes available
- Chairman - votes will be by secret ballot.

#### **Motion #1 -**

- Motion to continue meeting on Zoom - Rhonda Billings, Grant County
- 2nd by Marcus Smith, Curry County
- Chairman Pearce - Motion has been made and 2nd that we continue this meeting via Zoom
- Discussion on the Motion:
  - Tanya Watkins - should not continue the meeting via Zoom because it does violate a rule in and of itself that only Zoom meetings are to be held in case of an emergency. There is no emergency that would preclude anyone from traveling and participating in an in-person meeting. Therefore, this meeting being in violation of a rule while we address violation of rules, seems like it should not move forward. Chairman advised that a lot of people bailed out of the 2nd required conventions held in Albuquerque earlier this year simply due to costs and rising inflation. We are sensitive to that and offering to do this meeting tonight on Zoom.
  - Sherry Morrison - mistakenly raised hand. Did indicate she is in favor of going ahead with the meeting.
  - David Knowles - meant to vote in favor or proceeding
  - Alan Carter - votes to not have this meeting tonight. Within the last 8 hours, not certain if we are officers or not. We may not have our CCC in order and never filed; unclear on that. May give us some time to work with the State, the 1st Vice Chair Amy Barela. He is still unclear if they are officers or not. Chairman Pearce responded that he has not seen evidence that they all might not be officers. Cathrynn Brown will show later this evening a resignation letter received from the Chair, that does affect things. However, no question of the 2 officers. Chairman Pearce yielded to John Billingsley who confirmed to all that 1st and 2nd Vice Chairs are still officers. The Chairman of that party did step down via email.

- Gary Person - this meeting should not be held. This meeting is in violation of rules. When we are discussing rules and other rules, the State Party supersedes. Follow the rule completely or just not following rule at all.
- Freddie Lopez - favors meeting to continue over Zoom. This meeting is very important and pertinent matter.
- Taylor Locker - referenced how government proceeds. In person is always better, but on Zoom is acceptable if unable to meet in person.
- Diane Taylor - in favor of proceeding with Zoom meeting. We need to move forward, reach resolution and conclude the matter tonight.
- Henry Young - Did his own research via independent calls to Roosevelt County. All indicated there was no meeting in 2022 or Jan 2023 to vote in CCC contingent. Therefore, if no CCC there is cannot be any officers. Guilty of poor judgement, but not guilty of breaking rules.
- Todd Hathorn - question called, feels we are beginning to repeat the information.

Proceed to Vote - 10 minutes and tabulation will be computed.

**At approximately 6:41 p.m. - proceeded to Vote.**

Point of Information - Julianne Stroup has her hand raised. Julianne commented that should this meeting continue this evening, requests everyone speak loudly into their microphone.

Point of Information - Question put into chat, if 2 people are sharing a computer how is the vote considered? Chairman responded they would need to contact Leticia(via text and vote).

6:52 Leticia indicated waiting for 5 more people that have not voted, though in Zoom. 6:53 Leticia announced 1 minute remaining. 6:54 Leticia indicated polls closed.

**Vote 1 Results**

65% = Continue SCC meeting via zoom

35% = Do not continue with SCC meeting via zoom

Text responses = 1 continue meeting, 1 abstain, 1 do not continue. Chairman Pearce indicated the texts received would not change the results of the vote overall; the meeting will continue.

Chairman's comments - He has developed operational requirements to move items forward. RPNM is here to make stronger counties, not to run them. We've only gotten involved once when a county set up an alternate CCC and alternate group of officers.

3 preconditions required before RPNM gets involved.

- First, fairly clear abuse of rule(s) exists. RPNM makes good faith efforts to help correct the problem.
- Second, there must be a written formal signed complaint.
- Third, RPNM will work with the local CCC to adjudicate. In this instance, no CCC was stood up in Roosevelt. There was an election of officers, however no CCC created.

**Discussions - 90 minutes.** Kim (Skaggs) will be timekeeper. Rules Committee - Cathryn Brown presenting, recognized for 5 minutes.

Chairman Pearce - Need motion before we start discussion

Kimberly Skaggs - Motion to approve ASRC findings that Roosevelt County officers did in fact violate USR 1-4-3.

2nd - Antony Aemisegger

Tanya Watkins - motion to amend the motion. Chairman Pearce - with respect, Chair will decline to hear the motion.

Technical difficulties on Cathrynn Brown's end. Leticia asked everyone to please mute.

Chairman deferred to Angie Smith for discussion. Angie inquired about the timekeeping process.

Chairman indicated Kim Skaggs will be the timekeeper and notify speaker when 1 minute remaining.

- Serving as Chair of Roosevelt County Republican Party since 2021.
- She has emailed everyone a thorough explanation. Will focus on main points, due to time constraints tonight.
- Did I (Angie) publicly endorse candidate in violation of 1-4-3? She did give \$50 cash donation with note of encouragement privately to one candidate. 2 people were aware of this - the person who delivered the donation to the fundraiser and the person who prepared the CFIS report. The only reason she made the donation was because she believed God was asking her to make the donation; she obeyed.
- Gave endorsements to 2 candidates as President of Right to Life Committee of New Mexico. Never mentioned her Roosevelt County Chair position and kept the endorsement to the issue of life only. She did this endorsement as these 2 people have gone above and beyond for the unborn and deserve the endorsement.
- Should not be able to tell someone what they can/can not do while working in capacity of an officer for a different organization. Anyone should be free to conduct themselves as they see fit for any position they hold in any organization.
- Never posted anything publicly on the party's Facebook page or her own, because of the rules.
- Has proof as Chair she treated all 3 District 27 candidates equally. Communicated equally on anything offered or any information that would be helpful to them.
- CCC - since 2021 when elected, tried to figure out what CCC was. No one seemed to have a list of a CCC for Roosevelt County. Heard in Amy Barela's training, if doing a mass meeting then the certified Republicans that come to that meeting will serve as your CCC. Angie thought the CCC had a function every other year. She did not elect a CCC in 2023. In February 2023 attended a statewide meeting, obtained a full understanding of a CCC and understood that they did not have an SCC for Roosevelt County. Amy advised her to hold onto the sign-in sheet from the election and they will serve as the CCC. Amy requested the sign-in sheet and Angie got busy and forgot to send.
- Angie is pleased with all they have accomplished thus far.
- Angie is OK if you vote to remove her. If I'm removed, I'm removed. She fights so people have the freedom to do what they believe is right.
- We need to have better, clearer rules in the future.
- Ready to get back to getting good people elected to office.
- Angie concluded at 7:09 p.m.

Chairman Pearce recognized 1st Vice Chair of Roosevelt County Misty Kanmore to speak for 5 minutes.

- Misty wanted to note the hypocrisy by going through with this meeting while violating USR rules.

- Never endorsed anybody as 1st Chair of the Republican Party.
- She did write something on her personal Facebook page for personal friends and family. It wasn't supposed to be shared; whoever screen-shotted it and decided to share it - that was not her. That is not her problem because she is not the one who did it.
- Giving 5 minutes to go over rules and things that are so vague is a difficult thing to do. These rules seem to go one way for one county or other people, even on the state level, but then are being pointed at them.
- Personally feels this is a vendetta. Feels this is retribution for Nibert not getting elected.
- The same people that are accusing us of ethics violations should be brought up on ethics violations themselves. How do you bring up John Billingsley on an ethics complaint? These are the same people who attacked other Republicans through pacs because their names are not on the front page; but then you go and see who runs the pac and then step down, Mr. Billingsley, it's hilarious. Whose ethics are better than anybody else's, in this case?
- All the money that used to come into the Republican Party isn't anymore. It's all being swept into the pacs.
- We need a public meeting. Our USRs actually states this is the way it has to be. Steve, you deciding that we are going ahead with this (meeting) is wrong.
- We are not following the rules completely through. It's the rules for thee, but not for me.
- There are trails - paper trails, and everybody should be aware of that.
- Misty concluded at 7:14 p.m.

Chairman Pearce recognized 2nd Vice Chair of Roosevelt County Alan Carter (began at 7:15 p.m.)

- This has been an emotional roller coaster for Roosevelt County.
- Looks at the ruling on 1-4-3 differently. I absolutely posted.
- We, in Roosevelt County, feel Stuart Ingle resigning with only 3 months to go, with no health issues, no communications with county commissioners or with our party, we feel Mr. Nibert got out ahead. Other issues with the Governor, that they had some contracts. There is a whole lot of web weaving there.
- Felt like Roosevelt County got their votes taken away. We had a good candidate in Pat. Pat had talked to Senator Ingalls about running in the past 5 years.
- Feels like they were set up.
- He reads the rule different. Hard to understand that rule 1-4-3 goes against our constitutional rights. It takes away my voice.
- Those posts on Facebook were not put on as 2nd Vice Chair of Roosevelt County. Did I endorse Pat Boone? I did. I fought hard. I thought that is what primaries are for.
- I read that rule differently. I thought we could voice our opinion, as citizens.
- Takes full responsibility for what he posted.
- If Stuart (Ingalls) had remained a Senator for the remainder of his term, none of this would happen.
- All this was done for Roosevelt County and he doesn't regret that.
- Accomplished a lot this year. Raised \$54K this year. Gathered data from a variety of candidates in order to make decisions for this money to be good stewards of the money.
- 7:20 p.m. Kim indicated over time allotment. Kim asked Alan to finish thought.
- Not in any way trying to disregard rules.
- Basically eliminated Democrats in Roosevelt County; have 3 in City Council remaining. Working diligently. We have to get back to Fabian Munoz - the one we are trying to get in, we have got to get on this.
- Yes, we made mistakes and yes, we fought to save our Senator in Roosevelt County.

- Alan Carter concluded @ 7:22 p.m.

Chairman Pearce commented: Point of clarification. Mr. Carter mentioned the decision has already made its decision. Wants to point out that the Rules Committee is only Advisory. They have their opinion. It came to the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee does decide these sorts of things. The decision has not been made. It will be made tonight by the people on this call.

Chairman Pearce recognized Advisory State Rules Committee member Cathrynn Brown (7:24 p.m.)

- Cathrynn apologized for technical difficulties earlier this evening.
- Formal complaint filed stating violations of USRR 1-4-3 by some Officers of Roosevelt County. This rule explicitly prohibits party officers endorsing one candidate over another in a primary election. We need to show fairness and respect for all our candidates.
- Complaint originally sent to RPNM. RPNM referred to ASRC for consideration of the violations.
- ASRC (22 members) reviewed and unanimously concluded that in their opinion violations were committed. ASRC agreed that there were violations of the rule made by 3 officers of Roosevelt County.
- The ASRC report was subsequently sent to the RPNM Chairman with the recommendation that this matter be reviewed and brought before the RPNM Executive Committee.
- The RPNM Executive Committee agreed with ASRC's recommendation and scheduled the matter to convene the SCC for final decision.
- The complaint was filed by Eric Coll, Chairman of Republican Party of Chaves County. He will speak momentarily.
- Also, many examples brought to ASRC for review.
  - Roosevelt County Chair Smith acknowledged in November 2023 at a county commission meeting that she is not publicly allowed to endorse anybody in a primary election. Acknowledging that in 2023, and yet, the violation went forward.
  - Additionally, an example of a public demonstration of support by Chair Smith was documented as a result of a donation made to candidate Larry Marker. The documentation via NM Campaign Finance System is considered public support as these records are publicly available.
  - Ms Kanmore, also an Officer, did several posts on Facebook endorsing one particular candidate and made a statement, "We need Larry Marker as Senator for our District." This is a public demonstration of support.
  - For Mr. Carter, also an officer, ASRC has evidence of 9 or 10 instances where he said, "Let's vote in Pat Boone for Senate District 27" and other statements along those lines.
    - Cathrynn concluded remarks at 7:28 p.m.

Chairman Pearce reviewed the timekeeping for the next phase of the discussion. Timer is now reset at 3 minutes. If Cathrynn makes reference to Amy or Leticia they can help with material information; they can speak more than once. If Angie refers to Mr. Carter or Ms. Kanmore, either one of them may speak multiple times.

Cathrynn Brown calls on Eric Coll, Chair of Republican Party Chaves County (7:29 p.m.)

- Factual distinction needs to be made. The complaint was filed prior to the election. There was some indication that this was filed with regard to retribution or revenge, somehow after the election.

- Referenced 5/31/2024 email to ASRC Chair John Billingsley after Eric became aware on 5/28/2024 of public endorsements, public statements having been made specifically about the Senate race which included Larry Marker, Greg Nibert and Pat Boone.
  - After consideration by the Chaves County officers, after reviewing the instances and uncovering further instances, the complaint was sent in.
  - The complaint cited clear violation of USR 1-4-3 of public endorsements made by officers of the Republican Party of Roosevelt County. Such public endorsements are prohibited.
  - The complaint also cited the USR glossary #13 says "publicly perceived or existing in open view." Of note, discussions prior reference private messages on Facebook. Such messages are not private messages if they are being publicized.
  - Chaves County Officers concluded rules violations occurred. Therefore, filed this particular complaint. The complaint asked the ASRC to look into the violations and action taken by the committee and state party.
  - Asked Rules Committee to look into the rules violations. No malice, no reason to go after anybody.
  - Eric did provide personal thoughts in the written complaint.
  - 7:32 p.m. concluded remarks.

Angie Smith speaks (7:33 p.m.)

- The word "intuitively" is ambiguous as referenced by Ms. Brown's in her remarks previously. What is intuitive to one person can be different to someone else. Ambiguity and confusion exists with regard to the rule. We are being held to rules that we don't really know.
- "Public view" with regard to her donation - Angie thinks "public view" is ambiguous; to her "public view" means in the newspaper. The donation was recorded in a CFIS report; Angie believes a CFIS report to not be super-public. One has to know how to look that up.
- Why did no one reach out to help us? I received 2 very angry phone calls. Felt like I was given demands and intimidated to do what somebody else wanted me to do. No one called and explained the issue; if that had been done and we continued to make those decisions, then if the SCC wants to say you "had it".
- In her opinion, she believes it was stated as "do this". She also asked for help. She would ask state officers and others how to do it and get differing opinions. She would actually try to do both. She was trying to help her County and do what was best. She trusted her officers.
- Concluded remarks at 7:36 p.m.

Cathrynn Brown recognizes Amy Barela (7:36 p.m.) who conducts the trainings in this area.

- Amy shared screen. Referenced an Excel tracking spreadsheet of Trainings conducted and also attendees.
- Angie attended the 12/22/2022 training via Zoom re: Biennial conventions and how to conduct meetings. We review packets and how to conduct your convention.
- Angie attended the trainings conducted 12/29/2022 and 1/4/2023 regarding Conventions. This was before all conventions began.
- Angie attended the in-person Officer Training Summit conducted on 2/4/2023. In that training Angie received the Chairman's manual which has guidelines and rules and the USRs. All chairs received binders for that.
- CSR trainings 3/6/2023; Angie attended. It came to light the next day that Roosevelt County had not elected a County Central. Angie phoned Amy to let her know this. Amy requested Angie

email the sign-in sheet and that this attendance list would serve as her operating county central at the time. In the training, when you have an at large meeting, everyone who is an approved Republican and in attendance at the meeting is considered your voting contingency.

- Amy showed an example of a spreadsheet contained in the training packets demonstrating how to determine the allocation of CCC members to specifically elect during your convention. Also shown on screen from the training, were PowerPoint slides defining State Central member vs County Central member so people understand the different roles.
- Angie also attended 7/22/2023 Lincoln Day breakout session regarding Leadership.
- Amy spoke with Angie during the last Albuquerque SCC meeting in-person at check-in. This was after some of the violations had occurred. Angie was advised to not make public comments about candidates.
- 7:40 p.m. Amy concluded.

Angie Smith recognized (7:40 p.m.).

- Angie stated she did attend all the trainings as Amy indicated.
- What Angie says she heard in the training was that when a mass meeting is held, the certified Republicans in attendance will serve as your CCC that night. Clearly I was wrong. "I was mistaken. There was no attempt to do something we weren't supposed to do. As soon as I recognized the mistake I made, I tried to correct it."
- First attempt to correction was to get the sign-in sheet; 6 people were eligible on that list. The first 2 people she called were hesitant when asked to be part of the CCC. Neither of them agreed on the spot and indicated they would get back to her.
- Angie didn't really know what to do at this point. Things got quiet. So, they went on and tried to win elections.
- Later, Angie visited with another state officer on the phone. She was advised to call a CCC meeting and start filling all of those open positions. Angie did. Roosevelt County ended up with 19 out of 22 people in one evening.
- Angie was trying to follow the advice that she was seeking from state party officials. I trusted it. If they were wrong, then I was wrong.
- 7:43 p.m. Chairman Pearce asked Angie to name person she is referring to and be more precise. Angie indicated it was Leticia in early July who advised Angie how to establish a CCC and filling the seats.

Leticia Munoz-Kaminski was recognized by Cathrynn Brown (7:45 p.m.) Cathrynn asked Leticia to address those topics and explain why there has not been a valid CCC in Roosevelt County for some time.

- Leticia and Angie spoke via phone on June 25, 2024. Leticia returned Angie's call; she was inquiring how to obtain Trump signs and merchandise. During that conversation, Angie mentioned some of the things she was still doing in her capacity of Chair. Leticia asked her to clarify if she resigned or not, as that was in question at the time.
- Angie mentioned that she did resign, then changed her mind and took back her resignation.
- We talked about her CCC. Leticia explained, basically confirming, the conversations with Amy over several months regarding how to build her CCC.
- Again, it was in question, had she resigned or not resigned. That was where the conversation started.
- Cathrynn asked Leticia to explain to whom Ms. Smith conveyed the resignation and date. Leticia shared screen of email dated June 4, 2024 to John Billingsley, with cc: to Amy Barela in which Angie Smith on June 3, 2024 indicated her decision to resign. An additional note was added on June 4, 2023 indicating we (Roosevelt County) "will not call the CCC."

- Cathryn confirmed with Leticia the significance of not having a functional CCC is that the CCC entity would be the entity to deal with complaints such as the ones filed regarding 1-4-3.

Angie Smith recognized (7:48 p.m.)

- Re: resignation Her first conversation was with John Billingsley. He said there are only 2 choices - either be removed or resign. Angie thought the CCC is the body responsible for removing or adding duly elected officers of the County. Then, if CCC were to be convened and they agree to retain the officers, then is the matter settled. John Billingsley advised no, explaining that if the CCC does not follow the USB rules, then the SCC will come in and remove you.
- Angie trusted his response, but still questioned it. Angie felt best to not draw anymore distraction and needed to get past this; she decided to resign.
- The next email Angie received from John Billingsley requested Angie send a copy of her resignation to Tina Dziuk to present to the CCC. At that point, Angie did not realize that Mr. Billingsley was not aware that there was no CCC. She did not think to bring it up at that time.
- Angie thought maybe the resignation was not the best course of action. She simply did not send a copy of her resignation to anyone after that. By not doing so, Angie considered that the resignation was not official. Now we have this issue of is the resignation legit or not.
- Mr. Billingsley's follow-up text indicated she would be held to the resignation. She is considered as resigned.
- Angie continued on believing there is question there. As far as the resignation, Angie questions that if she is being held to a resigned status, why is she facing removal by the SCC?
- 7:50 p.m. concluded.

Chairman Pearce - Answering Angie's last question . . . There will not be a vote to remove you tonight. Clarified that the vote tonight and that which we are discussing right now is simply, did a violation occur? Then the body here, not the Rules Committee nor anyone else, will decide tonight how to proceed forward. I think everyone here is of the opinion we need to figure this out on how to move forward. In his view, Angie falls into a separate category and it may not even apply, depending on the vote. This vote is simply about did a violation occur? Chairman Pearce expressed appreciation for Angie's concerns and her input.

Cathrynn Brown introduced the next area of review. The focus tonight should be on the rules.

- Asked Leticia to show on-screen supporting documentation of what the Rules Committee deemed clear violations of endorsing one candidate over another in a contested primary.
  - 1st slide - Leticia showed 1st Vice Chair Misty Kanmore's Facebook posts up on screen and read from the highlighted area of the post: "I hope you will, too. My vote will be going to Larry Marker. A true man of action. A man who is honest, fair and cares about the direction this state is going in. " The date on the Facebook post is May 11, 2024, during the primary period.
  - 2nd slide - 2nd Vice Chair Alan Carter Facebook post on May 8, 2024 - "Its go time Roosevelt County. Let's vote in Pat Boone for Senate District 27 and keep our Senate Seat here!"
  - 3rd slide - Angie Smith's CFIS report - showing the giving of \$50 to Pat Boone.
  - 4th slide - Letter dated 11/14/2023 sent by Angie Smith to County Commissioners regarding Larry Marker - "In closing, one of the reasons I support Larry marker - flaws and all - so much is because to me he best represents what an American used to be. "
  - 7:55 p.m. time exceeded and Leticia concluded.

Angie Smith recognized Alan Carter for 3 minutes (7:55 p.m.)

- Can't defend the passion he has for Roosevelt County.
- Basically with the way the Senator race went, its politics. With politics, sometimes it's tough.
- Alan is going to defend Angie and Misty. Having a hard time defending himself because of all the infractions.
- To be clear Mr. Billingsley was after me. We all know that he wanted me to shut up. Angie could not shut me up; I was too passionate about our voice in Roosevelt County.
- If there is any punishment, Alan would be glad to take the punishment for both the other officers. He would be glad to take the punishment for the other 2 officers because they are too important to Roosevelt County. " I don't have to be an officer. I can still do what I do and continue to fight the Democrats and continue to fight for quality candidates."
- Remarks concluded 7:58 p.m.

Chairman Pearce checked with timekeeper Kimberly Skaggs regarding the 90-minute discussion period. Kim indicated we are currently at 87 minutes used. Chairman Pearce, hearing no objections, extends the time with discretion by the Chair as many are still waiting to speak.

Chairman recognizes Cathrynn Brown (7:59 p.m.)

- Cathryn reviewed the CFIS program (Campaign Finance Information System). Every candidate in New Mexico have to disclose who gave money to their campaign and so forth. It really is a public record. Not hard to locate; just Google it. You'll get there.
- Many people use CFIS to inform themselves as far as who is giving money to whom. Sometimes newspapers will pick up on that topic of campaign donations and will report.
- This is really, truly public information.
- The word endorsement is defined as an act of giving one's public approval or support to someone
- Re: Ms. Smith's letters sent to County Commissioners, those are public record and can be accessed as well.

Cathrynn Brown recognizes Jim Townsend with remarks regarding following the rules. (8:00 p.m.)

- He understands passion in politics as good as anyone and probably better than most.
- We have 33 counties and 32 have been operating within the rules and there has not been a misunderstanding what an officer can do.
- We have to stand for the rule of law. The rules stand for them self.
- He does not know any of the 3 from Roosevelt County. For the group, 32 counties are operating good.
- If there is a problem operating by the rules. We have to stand and run by the rules, every one of us.
- 8:03 p.m. Jim concluded remarks.

Angie Smith recognizes Ms. Kanmore. (8:03 p.m.)

- Misty pointed out that on her FB post shared previously with everyone, the sentence before that said "I hope that everyone else will find someone, not my guy, but someone that they feel adamant about. Do the research and actually vote their conscience, not mine. I wasn't telling anybody I hope you will too vote who I was because I put that after, not before."
- Alan is a passionate man. He is speaking his truth and what research proved. We are supposed to research each candidate and help educate those that voted us in as officers.

- If USR 1-4-3 is as everyone is stating, then John Billingsley is also in violation because he was the head of our values pac. He was attacking another Republican in a primary and giving money to other Republicans other than the one he did not want to support. Google it! If the rule is we couldn't do that, the same goes for our values pac. He barely stepped down in March. All of that that happened mostly prior to March when he stepped down.
- 8:06 p.m. Misty concluded remarks.

Cathrynn Brown recognized by Chairman Pearce (8:06 p.m.) Cathrynn has 3 more presenters to speak.

Chairman asked of Angie Smith how many more presenters? (8:07 p.m.) Angie indicated her understanding was that could have more speakers than the 3 officers. She also mentioned she was unaware that they could screen-share (documents) during this meeting.

Cathrynn Brown adds remarks (8:08 p.m.)

- Rule 1-4-3 is part of the Uniform State Rules of the Republican Party of New Mexico.
- That section deals with officers of the party. It does not deal with pac members, legislators, etc.
- The rule does not apply to people outside the Republican Party of New Mexico.

Cathrynn Brown recognizes Antony Aemisegger (8:08 p.m.)

- Purpose of Rule 1-4-3 is to avoid having "kingmakers" in the county.
- Put in place for contested races to keep county and state executive boards from endorsing one candidate over another in a contested race.
- We don't want to unfairly bias one candidate over another.
- When an elected chair of any kind, you are wearing that hat 24/7 for the 2 years you are elected to serve. You might want to make a donation on a Saturday from your personal bank account to a candidate in a contested race, you are still wearing that hat.
- 8:10 p.m. concluded remarks.

Angie Smith recognizes Patsy Runyon, Treasurer Roosevelt County to speak (8:10 p.m.).

- We are fortunate to have this group of individuals to keep this party even alive.
- Little money in the account for years running when she came to office.
- Because of the success with the Freedom Gala event, a first in Roosevelt County. The party has been able to purchase banners for GOTV and many banners in support of statewide candidates who we believe will make a difference in Santa Fe and Washington, DC.
- Mr. Billingsley called her the day of the Primary election. He advised Patsy that he had received a complaint, mentioning our 3 officers. He was aware of the money we had earned. Patsy was admonished to keep that money safe and secure.
- Patsy called Kim Skaggs to see if they could continue paying operational expenses (rent, purchase items to be offered at headquarters, etc.). Kim advised yes, Patsy could continue to pay for such items. Kim did not believe that the State party could freeze our bank account.
- We all have our own opinions and that cannot be taken from us.
- The points that each of these brought up about this election are all true and need to be addressed. Someone has to step forward and uncover situations and educate the people of a possible conflict of interest.
- A legislator cannot represent a Democrat Governor of New Mexico and also feel like he is representing the people of New Mexico at the same time. There must be a clear group that a legislator represents.
- 8:14 p.m. Patsy concludes.

Cathrynn Brown recognizes John Billingsley, Chair of the Advisory State Rules Committee. (8:14 p.m.)

- Re: John being in a pac. In 2023, the OurValues Pac spent a considerable amount in Texas and that was the only place they played in 2023. In 2024 early on (trying to remember the date), John stepped out of OurValues Pac and turned it over to about 4 or 5 very good Republicans in the State of New Mexico and let them handle it.
- John is not an elected or appointed officer of the County or the State. He is on the Rules Committee and as such Rule 1-4-3 does not pertain to him. He has maintained the thought that even as a Rules Committee member he does not want to step over that boundary, even though he has the right to do so.
- When Alan Carter said (earlier) that I was after him and when I talked to Angie Smith over the probably 3 calls I had with her on this matter, I didn't know Alan, Angie Smith or Misty.
- 8:17 p.m. John concluded remarks.

Angie Smith recognizes Henry Young, Dona Ana County. (8:17 p.m.)

- As an SCC, we are being asked to adjudicate as a jury would to figure out what's right or what's wrong.
- Doing that sequentially to the beginning when it started, this started in either Dec 2022 or Jan 2023 whenever there was supposed to be a biennial convention held. That convention was not held properly. That's where the first mistake was made. There was not a seated CCC voted in at that meeting. Therefore, if no CCC voted in there are no legal officers. There are no legal SCC members from Roosevelt.
- Asks the SCC to dismiss this matter because it's all moot.
- They are guilty of bad judgement, but they are not guilty of breaking Rule 1-4-3.
- 8:19 p.m. concluded.

Cathrynn Brown remarks that by consensus, there has not been a valid CCC. However, people assumed roles as officers and the public perception was that they were officers of the party that was known. Therefore, they are beholden to Rule 1-4-3. 8:20 p.m. concluded.

Cathrynn Brown recognizes Andrea Goff (8:20 p.m.)

- On 2/29/2024 she noted an attack on Senator Greg Nibert on Facebook, directly from Roosevelt County. It was written by Alan Carter, 2nd Vice Chair.
- The quote said "we need our own Senator, not one that's appointed."
- It was posted then tagged on the Roosevelt County page. It was also posted directly on the Portales community page as well. That has thousands and thousands of followers.
- On 5/30/2024 another post that said "Vote for Pat Boone. We don't need a politician or a lawyer. We have enough of those." It was posted by Alan Carter and tagged by Roosevelt County Republicans.
- On 5/23/2024 I sent a Facebook post to who I thought was Angie Smith telling her these posts went way out of line and way out of rules for chairs of the party. The tone I received back in the Facebook Messenger was rude. I found out it was actually Misty I was talking to, and not Angie. She did not declare who she was until I stated I was going to call her. She told me she was in charge of posting the Facebook. I explained the role of the party and that it wasn't their decision to try to make voters decide on candidates. She did remove several of the tagged posts at the time of the discussion, but then they went right back up and they continued until election day."

- I think Roosevelt County served as a positive platform for Boone and Marker, but also to run a negative campaign against Senator Nibert.
- Basically, they were completely against Greg Nibert.
- Andrea spoke with Angie Smith about 2 hours last evening. Angie told Andrea they would not have gotten involved in this race, had it been only Pat Boone and Larry Marker running. The leadership was bound together on who they were against - that was Senator Greg Nibert.
- Greg Nibert lost the election by 114 votes. Andrea believes that their actions could have cost him this election with the 114 votes.
- 8:23 p.m. concluded remarks.

Angie Smith indicates she has several speakers on their behalf that want to speak. Chairman Pearce advises that when we finish one more round then we will go to statements from the floor. Cathrynn Brown has one more presenter and Angie Smith has 1 more presenter. That will be a different section and he will recognize them then. Timekeeper Kimberly Skaggs advised Chairman Pearce that Sandra Hammock and Kristen Wade have been waiting a long time. Chairman Pearce understands. Iterated will go to those comments after presenters are done. Chairman Pearce asked to keep the order of when they were posted up.

Angie Smith recognizes Misty Kanmore to speak (8:24 p.m.)

- Misty would like Andrea Goff to provide the text in the messages of their conversations because she is lying.
- Misty says she was not rude to Angie until she was being condescending.
- Andrea is lying about things being taken down and then put back up. They did not. Alan mistakenly posted on the FB page, until he realized he was actually on our FB page. He was removed from the page so he could not make that same mistake again.
- Andrea thought she could bully someone into doing something that they weren't even doing in the first place. On our page there is a clearly pinned post that said "if you would like for us to show anything on our page from your campaign, please get in touch with Misty Kanmore" along with my phone number or message the page. Only 2 candidates used that, phone number or the page. They were Larry Marker and his campaign and Pat Boone and his campaign. Nibert never reached out to us, his campaign never asked us to post anything to our page.
- Misty is the admin for the Portales Community Page.
- Misty expressed she thinks Andrea should have to support her claims through their messages that can be read.
- Concluded remarks at 8:27 p.m.

Cathrynn Brown noted a lot of back-and-forth, allegations being made and a lot of assumptions that certain individuals who run for office have the wrong background or motive, or whatever. We must remember that when an officer or officers make public endorsements of a particular Republican candidate in a contest primary, we are actually making the situation worse and actually keeping people who would like to get involved, but actually don't want to be a part of that back-and-forth. Much of what happened here in this race was all over social media and was a turnoff, not wanting to get involved in this. We all believe in the 1st amendment; but, for good reasons, in a contested primary we need to draw a line in the sand and say no public endorsements.

Cathrynn Brown recognizes Tina Dzuik for closing observations. (8:28 p.m.)

- Tina is a resident of Roosevelt County. Tina was the one who encouraged Angie Smith to run for the position.

- Tina called Angie on May 31st to tell her she would no longer support her and she would support her removal. The reason for that was not just the donation issue but that over the last year Tina and others have been talking with her about her bad behavior. Most disturbing is use of the word passionate as an excuse for poor behavior, with the sometimes misrepresentation of facts. Seems that there are times when she understands and times when she doesn't.
- There were abuses that were allowed to continue over and over. Candidates were not treated fair.
- An event was set up where 5 counties were invited to it. Elected officials that attended the event said it was a set-up to attack Greg Nibert. When I asked Angie who invited 4 other counties to the Republican Party meeting, she did not know how they got invited.
- Multiple complaints received. One of our Representatives, a former District Attorney, had a post on her Facebook account from one of the officers threatening because he thought she was tied in with the Hinkle Law Firm. She contacted Angie; Angie told her she would call her, then texted Tina. It took weeks for Angie to call the Legislator back.
- Tina agrees that there was confusion about County Central. To Henry's point, they did hold a biennial and officers were elected. They just didn't vote in a permanent County Central.
- Tina feels that Angie allowed bad behavior to continue because it served Angie you with her support of Larry Marker as much as it served Alan Carter and his support of Pat Boone.
- Remarks concluded at 8:32 p.m.

Angie Smith recognized (8:32 p.m.)

- Angie shared that she was told to get Alan under control. I wasn't sure that was my place. Quoted Ephesians 4:2. What she has been guilty of is making allowance for other people's faults.
- Angie did her best to not favor Larry Marker and remain neutral. He is his own person, I did explain it to our committee, we discussed it.
- Re: The CCC - I was under the impression that I had the list Amy Barela told me to hold onto. So that if we ever needed it, we could use that list. Angie was disappointed that people were talking to Tina but not coming to her to discuss it.
- Angie concluded remarks at 8:34 p.m..

Chairman Pearce's remarks: That concludes the 90-minute back-and-forth discussion. We went considerably over the 90 minutes. Chairman Pearce thinks it's all been productive. Appreciates the presenters. Will move into a brief 2minutes to ask questions. If you ask a question, you can only ask one. We are going to work through this cycle very quickly and then go to 5-minute closing from each Angie and Cathrynn.

Andrea Goff recognized (8:36 p.m.)

- re: remarks in FB messenger. She is not a liar. She submitted the entire Facebook Messenger conversation to Cathrynn Brown, John Billingsley, Amy Barela and Kim Skaggs.
- Andrea takes offense to Misty's remarks that she is a liar. We were all witness to her tone and the way she acted. You can make judgement for yourselves.
- Concluded remarks at 8:37 p.m.

Sandra Hammack recognized (8:37 p.m.)

- They've admitted they were wrong.
- Up to the State party to go in and help them learn the rules. Maybe reprimand them a little bit, but guide them through the process.

- Knows that if she did not have Rosie and Don Tripp to guide her through all this, she would be in the same boat.
- Concluded remarks at 8:38 p.m.

Cynthia Pearce recognized (8:38 p.m.)

- Wants to express her sadness that we are having to going through this as an SCC group. But, that's part of the responsibility we take on whenever the counties aren't able to handle questions within themselves.
- Cynthia thinks all of us would praise each of these people for the individual passion and activism. Doesn't think any of us see any negativism.
- Personal observation from past experience is our leadership absolutely has to non-partisan and unbiased, welcoming all people through the doors.
- Knows from personal experience that being a spouse or spokesperson of a candidate in a contested race that she always looked to the leadership to make her feel welcomed.
- If you lived in Roosevelt County and you knew that the opposition was being supported, it would be very difficult to have that sense of confidence or comfort walking in, and being able to state your case or represent the candidate you were either speaking for or if you were the candidate themselves.
- Concluded remarks 8:41 p.m.

Gary Person recognized (8:41 p.m.)

- We understand that Rules matter . . . All rules matter.
- 2nd Vice Chair in violation of Rule 1-4-4; Executive Committee sweeps it under the rug. Corrective training should be taken.
- Concluded remarks at 8:41 p.m.

Kristin Waide recognized (8:41 p.m.)

- Feels we have gotten way off track this evening. Purpose of the meeting is to determine if rules were violated by the 3 Roosevelt county officers.
- Rules were clear.
- We've heard a lot of excuses. If the rules were not clear to the officers, it was their responsibility to find out about the rules when they take on their position.
- Doesn't feel Angie and Misty were malicious in their public endorsements.
- Does feel Alan Carter's public endorsements were malicious. She has seen him do it with many candidates in the past.
- Remarks concluded 8:43 p.m.

Todd Hathorne recognized (8:44 p.m.)

- Todd withdrew his raised hand/place in line.

Freddie Lopez recognized (8:44 p.m.)

- What Roosevelt County has done as a whole for the Republican Party is truly impressive.
- Rule 1-4-3 is not clear to him.
- Proposes an amendment to this rule to clarify.
- Can not leave this county open, then this will be a free-for-all for Democrats.
- Doesn't believe we should punish Roosevelt County. Acknowledge mistakes were made and amend the rule.
- Remarks concluded 8:46 p.m.

Luke Kirk recognized (8:46 p.m)

- Was on the same training call as Angie was conducted by Amy.
- A lot of confusion and ambiguity for precinct caucus counties around mass meetings. Originally stated we could go straight to CCC. We followed up with several emails to County Support.
- Angie was not alone in that.
- Concluded remarks 8:47 p.m.

Marilyn Standefer recognized (8:47 p.m.)

- We have made mistakes in Roosevelt County.
- Realize that each of these officers serving are first time officers.
- Angie has done a tremendous job. Angie did an excellent job of keeping her preferences covered.
- As far as she knows, there has never been an active CCC in Roosevelt County.
- In Angie's defense, she didn't have a good example, nothing really in place for her to step into.

Lost internet during Marilyn's remarks. Chairman Pearce asked Marilyn if she would care to repeat her comments. Marilyn yields her time.

- Concluded remarks 8:49 p.m.

Susanna Vasquez recognized (8:49 p.m.)

- Commends Roosevelt County for growing their party and being able to raise the money they did.
- Having the list, this was their CCC member. Convening it together to have the governing body make a decision was the right thing.
- Referenced what happened in Sandoval County with Dave Heil. Convened the CCC with the governing body to vote on the same infraction of supporting a candidate in a primary. Even though he stepped down, the governing body voted him back in.
- Doesn't see the difference in this for what happened in Roosevelt County.
- Understands there was a list that represented CCC in Roosevelt County. If they convened, they actually decided on a ruling. If not mistaken, they decided to keep their executive board members on.
- Remarks concluded 8:51 p.m.

Chairman Pearce's remarks:

- Early on as State Chair he established the principal that if the Chair does not resign in writing, then it doesn't exist.
- Second half of that, and not in the rule just his interpretation, once resigned, the only way an officer can get put back in is by the CCC.
- The establishment of the CCC is so critical and never accomplished in Roosevelt County.
- The call was invalid because Roosevelt County did not have a sitting Chair. The 1st Vice Chair could have called, but they would have had to go through the State Chair to do it. I would have expressed these concerns and not written off on it. A lot of technicality.
- Chairman heard over the last 3 years that they don't have a CCC. Approach is work with them, get it in place. We always want to accommodate, not accelerate (pour gasoline on it).
- Explains again. There will be 2 votes tonight. One is: Did violations occur? Are we agreeing with what the Rules Committee did? No action, a decision.
- Then we be opening up the floor and decide how we are going to handle it. Seeing very strong sentiments in the comments. As SCC you will determine both courses, but they are separate. One vote is simply yes or no. One is where we determine our heart.

- Remarks concluded 8:56 p.m.

Tanya Watkins recognized (8:56 p.m.)

- She is a stickler for rules. Has seen a lot of rules violations coming from the very top. Not OK with any violation of rules. They are in place in order to keep us from experiencing chaos.
- There should be no bending or breaking of the rules.
- There is no written consequence for violation of this particular rule whereas there are consequences for other rules.
- Because we, the SCC, do not have as much of a vested interest in local efforts as Roosevelt County citizens do.
- Believes it is imperative we consider only confirming that CCC that seems to be in question at this point.
- That CCC has, in fact, reappointed or decided to keep in power the current EC to represent them.
- Feels strongly this needs to happen to allow Roosevelt County the opportunity to resolve the situation themselves.
- They need training, we all need training. We all need to be helping one another. We all need to be allowing each other the grace and mercy that we have been offered at one time.
- Concluded remarks 8:58 concluded.

Chairman Pearce reviewed what a *Yes* vote means. Yes = We agree with the Rules Committee that the rules were violated. A *No* vote = that we do not agree that rules were violated. We're going to figure out how to work our way forward in this if people say that there was a rules violation.

Cathrynn Brown requested the phone number for those on a cell phone Leticia: 505)385-8181 please state name and your vote.

Angie Smith's closing remarks 9:01 p.m.

- Recapped the Fugitive Slave Law. During that day we had courts of justice, not courts of law. Back then members of the jury had to know the Constitution and the law. They had to be able to recognize that the law had been broken, but they also sat in judgement of the law itself. These juries declared that yes, the underground railroaders broke the law, but it was not a moral or constitutional law. Therefore, they would set the conductors free.
- Laws are meant to protect the good people from those who wish to do harm. They're meant to give order and guidance. Never should they be used as a hammer or a means of control.
- She is going to set the endorsement aside. We talked about that.
- Great deal of confusion across our State about these rules as being vague and ambiguous. Much room for interpretation.
- Rule 1-4-3 causes people to lose their 1st amendment right of freedom of speech. Where do we draw the line between being officers of the Republican Party and being American citizens, too?
- As an American citizen, I should be able to give money to anyone I choose. If it must be done privately and not broadcast it, so be it.
- We need to come together as Republicans who want to be unified and want to do the right and honorable things. We must have a big discussion together about what it means to be involved in primaries. We must strive to make these rules something we can work freely under.
- If change doesn't happen we must be upfront with those willing to serve as officers and be sure that they are ready to live by these rules before they are elected.
- Matthew 23:24

- Remarks concluded 9:04 p.m.

Cathrynn Brown's closing remarks (9:04 p.m.)

- Former County Chairman, served several terms. Understands the volume of work involved. One of the first things Cathrynn did was familiarize herself with the rules.
- We are expected to follow the rules. Again, those rules exist for a good reason.
- The Republican Party of Roosevelt County has some supplementary rules. One section says . . . "the rules and regulations for the basic organization and government of the RPRC shall be the Uniform State Rules of the Republican Party of New Mexico."
- Commends all the volunteers in Roosevelt County who've done such a good job of raising money and involving themselves in the political process.
- If we don't follow the rules we have, we basically discourage people from people getting involved.
- Here there were 3 Republican candidates for a Senate seat. The rule (1-4-3) actually protects each one of those candidates.
- Officers have a higher profile. What they say can carry great weight. It can create an imbalance. Officers, in general, are expected to be neutral in a contested primary.
- Concerned that if we do not reign this in now we will be guilty of not dealing with an issue that has been popping up here and there. The place we start is acknowledging rules were violated.
- The next question is what do we do about it?
- Should not have heir apparent in primaries. It is up to the voters . . . the candidates to make their case(s) and the voters to select.
- Believes 1-4-3 is in plain English. The word endorsement is defined at the end of the rules.
- We are doing our duty as Rules Committee Members to deal with this complaint.
- Remarks concluded 9:08 p.m.

Chairman requested Leticia open the vote 9:08 p.m.

Angie Smith (?) inquired if she was allowed to vote.

Elizabeth Munoz-Hamilton - requested clarification of what we are voting on specifically.

Chairman shared importance of notification of any changes at the County level. Governance is toward the objective. ZOOM ZOOM ZOOM

Luke Kirk inquired: asked Chairman to see number of votes cast instead of strictly a percentage. Chair agrees.

Angie Smith inquired: Heard earlier in the meeting that she would not be allowed to vote because of her position as a floor leader. Is that correct? Chairman Pearce indicated that everyone who signed up as a representative of the County can vote. You are a voting member.

Elizabeth Munoz-Hamilton inquired: If I vote to accept ASRC findings, what does that mean? Chairman Pearce responded that you're simply agreeing that rules were violated. No implication from that. Just yes or no. Rules are violated; rules are not violated.

Chairman Pearce's commentary: Be very aware of the importance of the structure. Being Chair, he has come to understand the rules much different. One reason our prime mission this 2 year period has been training, training, training. If there's deficiencies people can call me directly and I'll direct

resources or whatever. Both sides of the discussion tonight have been very articulate, clearer. He appreciates the With the restraint in tones because these things can be very emotional. Basically everybody has been pretty careful. That's so, so critical. Thank you all for that. As you go back to your counties, be tightening up your CCC. Report them to the State because, literally, they're not legal until they're listed at the State. Otherwise people can change the membership randomly if we don't know who's on them. Then that can change and people in the county say "I used to be on the State Central, and now they pulled me off." We've got to adjudicate that . If there's no written record, then it becomes very difficult. Minutes of the meetings are very critical when we go to assess. We had somebody here who wanted to be part of this call. Said, "Hey, we had somebody that passed away or moved out of state and I was appointed in their spot. But, I'm not on the State Central list." If your County Chair doesn't record it and it's not reported, it doesn't exist. Always go back and have your county officers tighten up the process. Let's sit down. Let's have our county central meetings. Talk about things. Understand that this is governance. This State Central meeting looking over things - not the Chair, not the Rules Committee - this is governance. That's what should exist in the counties, too. Help us spread that word. Keep us fighting toward the objective, not fighting each other. The objective is to defeat Democrats. That's the reason we've emphasized training. It's the reason we've said OK, let's let people know their jobs and they're running in the lane, then we're going to be more effective against Democrats. If they don't know, then sit with them, solve it, work it out. We don't want to escalate problems. We've got many examples where we've throttled things down. The thing in Sandoval, was that beautiful? No, it wasn't beautiful. But, it also was a county with a legitimate County Central dealing with it. County Centrals are so, so key in the process as is membership in the State Central. We're going to figure our way through this.

Leticia indicates missing 2 people. (9:15 p.m.)

Alan Carter speaks 9:16 p.m.

- Appreciates being given an opportunity to speak. It wasn't until last night that we tonight, we weren't even sure we were going to be able to speak.
- Couple shout outs:
  - 1) to Amy Barela. She has done an outstanding job trying to educate a bunch of greenhorns. She took over a party that was dead. She worked tirelessly and with outstanding leadership.
  - 2) A shout out to Carol Parish - she's kind of been our mentor, our go-to person. How to raise funds, bouncing off ideas, etc..
  - 3) a shout out Rebecca Dow - she gave us some data of very close races in New Mexico. We were able to send out checks to 18 different candidates throughout the state that we could flip or save.
- Alan concluded remarks at 9:17 p.m.

Leticia waiting on vote from John Billingsley. Requested he text her. Wants to have permanent record of votes. (9:19 p.m.)

### **Vote 2 Results - Vote to accept ASRC Findings**

68% = Yes, I vote to accept the ASRC Findings.

32% = No, I vote to not accept the ASRC Findings.

VOTES VIA PHONE:

7 – To Accept

## 2 – To Not Accept

### FINAL VOTE:

87 – To Continue

40 – To Not Continue

Leticia Munoz-Kaminski provided actual vote breakdown: 118 of 124 voted on Zoom; the other 7 voted via text. Total of 131 participants, votes

Chairman's remarks based on vote outcome: Basically, what this is saying is people should know the rules and the rules are fairly straightforward. I want us to go in now and figure our way forward.

Todd Hathorne recognized (9:22 p.m.)

- Whole lot of wisdom demonstrated in comments tonight.
- Acknowledged that a county party does not have the right to supersede the rules.
- Suggests the 3 officers be removed from office, but be put on Exec Committee for potential for running at next biennial cycle. Also, we accept the last roster provided by the county for the members of that Central Committee with their first order of business to be the election of officers.

John Rockwell recognized (9:24 p.m.)

- Want to make sure we consider even application of these rules.
- Spoke to Leticia running for office.
- Thinks our Rules Committee may have had some bias.
- Contested race in Bernalillo County. Leticia ran for that office. He considers that an endorsement. That was during the primary and she's still our vice chairman. She's maintained her office the whole time and John Billingsley decided that wasn't important.

Gary Person recognized (9:25 p.m.)

- 1-1-4 and 1-1-3 hold equal same weight.
- If the 2nd Vice Chair can hold her office, these folks ought to be able to hold their office with contingencies they run a CCC meeting within the next 30 days.
- After the 30 days, they get themselves re-elected, even though we only have 3 months.
- If we're going to have rules, lets follow them. Everyone. Not even the State Executive Committee should be able to bypass.

Jim Townsend recognized (9:26 p.m.)

- 2nd Todd's motion, if made.
- Another comment, twice tonight Misty has flipped off this group and "thrown the finger". I have a picture of the 2nd time and both are recorded. That describes to me the issue before this group - Maturity. Heard Andrea Goff called a liar and I take great exception to that. That is absolutely unfounded. I know her character and I've worked with her for years.
- Roosevelt County is very important to the State as a whole and we need to protect it. By removing these people we are protecting Roosevelt County. We have to remember that 32 of the 33 counties are operating correctly.
- Appreciates Alan's candor and forthrightness on his passion and why he fights so hard for Roosevelt County. . You can't do that when you're an officer.

- Angie is a very bright lady. She knows the rules, she can read them and she can weave her way through the process. But, the process she used was not correct.
- I will stand and argue for the rule of the Party and the way that we conduct ourselves among each other.
- Remarks conclude 9:28 p.m.

Tanya Watkins recognized (9:28 p.m.)

- Suggests the CCC within Roosevelt County be required to hold a CCC meeting within the next 30 days in order to either elect new officers or confirm the officers that they have in place.
- Amend with a confirmation of an existing CCC, she 2nds Mr. Person's suggestion.

Chairman Pearce indicates the Chair is not accepting motion at this time. We are accepting suggestions at this time. When I get a sense of where we are with the body, I'm going to ask for a motion. Right now its just a little bit in the feeling out.

Sherry Morrison recognized (9:30 p.m.)

- Going along with Mr. Person's suggestion of removing these officers.
- Also, we might want to consider the Central Committee for Roosevelt County to determine if they want these officers back on the Board.

Eric Coll recognized (9:31 p.m.)

- Glad to come full circle now after having filed a complaint and we're now to the process of meeting as a State Central Committee, having found that there was a rule violation and figuring out a remedy.
- Prior rules violations for 1-4-3 have been handled in many different ways. There has been no precedent set as to how the SCC fashions a remedy for the rule violation. So, we are charged with doing that.
- We in Chaves County have an interest in preserving good relations amongst the counties, county chairs and the county officers.
- If we decide to impose some remedy with some teeth to it, that's not going to be acceptable to enforcing our rules.
- I like the suggestion and concur that anytime local governing bodies are making decisions for their local governing party or local government - that's the best spot!
- These folks, Angie and others, live in community. If they are going to do community well and community well as a Republican Party of Roosevelt County, then they need to be solving these problems.
- There was some lack of a structural organization that would allow them to do just that to solve this, long before we got to this point.
- I concur this needs to go back down to them, if that is possible.
- I do think there has to be some remedy that calls on the carpet these particular officers, having violated the rules. If they come back into a position of leadership, so be it.
- Remarks concluded at 9:34 p.m.

Misty Kanmore recognized (9:34 p.m.)

- Flipping off the finger may be uncouth, but Misty was doing that to her 28-year old son.
- As far as Andrea Goff goes, she stands by what she said. Misty has the texts, the messages, and knows what the phone calls were. Misty can show every single one of them.

- She will not be called out on something that is true and she can prove it. When somebody lies against you and you have proof that they are doing it, you absolutely speak up.
- Our entire group has been bullied through John Billingsley and Andrea this entire time. John has never reached out to Misty or Alan about this, just Angie.
- Remarks concluded 9:36 p.m.

Chairman Pearce asked Misty to forward the screenshots and they will be post all information available from both side so other SCC members that are not on tonights' call may review.

Henry Young recognized (9:36 p.m.)

- Agrees more with the way Todd presented a solution.
- All 3 need to realize there are consequences now that the vote has gone against them.
- Tending to say that Todd Hathorne's suggestion would be the better.
- Remarks concluded 9:37 p.m.

Freddie Lopez recognized (9:37 p.m.)

- Best outcome for whole situation is simple. We just keep it down to the CCC and let Roosevelt County decide what needs to be done.
- However, failed to mention in the consensus is amending of the rules. The rules need to be absolutely 100% clear where there is no room for interpretation except what it means and what it says and no further discussion needs to be had.
- We need to amend the rules to make sure this never happens again. We need to be focused on winning elections, turning the state red and that this drama does not occur again.
- Remarks concluded 9:39 p.m.

Diane Taylor recognized (9:39 p.m.)

- Thanks Chairman for honesty, integrity and leadership. Thanks John Billingsley for leadership on the Rules Committee.
- Proven tonight was a violation of the rules and consequences were laid on more than just the ones who broke the rules. We have a candidate who paid the consequence.
- Thanks the integrity of Andrea Goff. Thanks the leadership of the State Party.
- Concluded remarks 9:40 p.m.

Mona Kirk recognized (9:40 p.m.)

- Doing the right thing is always the right thing to do.
- Case in point: Chaves County had an officer whose husband was running for County Commissioner. She stepped off the Board to support her husband because he was in a contested race.
- Thinks the rules are abundantly clear.
- We have to have consequences for our action.

Chairman Pearce closed off the debate. Directed to Todd Hathorne for a motion. Chairman asked to state initial motion but fold in what Mr. Person said including 30 day organization. Asked the motion to state RPNM will go and stand up the CCC and begin to move with them making the decisions then.

Tanya Watkins Point of Information (9:43 p.m.)

- Do we have anyone to put forward into these positions in the interim? By this motion, we're removing the leadership in this county and leaving them without any leadership by going forward with this motion? Is that what we are doing?

Chairman Pearce concurred this was a valid point. The organizational meeting within 30 days means we could do that tomorrow, frankly. Just saying 30 days to schedule and let people in the county know.

Tanya Watkins Point of Information

- Does an official call have to be 5 days' notice for a CCC meeting?

Todd Hathorne Point of Order (9:43 p.m.)

- He would like to make the motion before we begin debating the motion that has not been made. Chairman Pearce recognized Mr. Hathorne.
- We should set 30 day time limit from this day to allow the existing executive board to be the facilitator of any meetings necessary to find leadership with the support of the State Executive and any other volunteers that would show up.
- Provision #1 - Current Officers can serve on the executive board, but cannot vote. This would be the penalty for the mistake that was made. They can offer opinions and guidance. They're there to help and support.
- Provision #2 - At the end of 30 days, if there isn't elected leadership from that body, we would allow the State Board to appoint for the remainder of the terms of the officers.
- Provision #3 - We would accept the last written document provided by Roosevelt County either membership list or sign-in list, etc. Recognize that list and use for this meeting to do that.

Chairman Pearce indicates this is a very complex motion. Calls upon Secretary Kathleen Apodaca to determine if she has enough of Todd's motion and do we need to clarify? Heather Curtis begins to speak and Chairman Pearce asks her to standby. Chairman indicates we've got to have our minutes correct. Kathleen Apodaca asks for the motion to be restated for clarification. Chairman Pearce asks Todd Hathorne to restate the 3 provisions.

Todd Hathorne recognized (9:44 p.m.) and restated:

- 1st Provision - The 3 officers would be allowed to serve on the executive committee without voting privileges and they would be removed from office.
- 2nd Provision - The Executive Board would be used as a facilitator to find new leadership. Whatever it takes, picking up the phone, calling people, asking who will or won't serve and bringing that to central committee. They would have the authority to call a central committee meeting in order to elect leadership.
- 3rd Provision - Todd asked what he said?

Richard Lopez interjects and adds that to allow the 3 an opportunity to vote.

Heather Curtis interjects that the 3rd provision was to allow whoever attended the meeting would be the county central.

Sadie Boyer interjects. The 3rd one was that if within 30 days they didn't come to that, then the Executive Committee of Republican Party of New Mexico would appoint and fill those vacancies. Then, the 4th one was to accept last written document as their committee.

Chairman Pearce then asks Secretary Kathleen Apodaca if she has that? Kathleen asks to go over that again. Chairman Pearce requests Kathleen get with Sadie Boyer.

Richard Lopez interjects, Point of Order - wants to try to simplify what Todd is attempting to say, that is all. If what I simplify is accepted and agreeable to Todd then we can move forward as a motion. Richard asks if this is permissible with Chairman Pearce?

Chairman Pearce agrees as long as we're all in agreement that we're trying to craft language. I don't think anybody's got heartburn towards the people involved. We're trying to figure our way forward here. So, go ahead and make your simplification.

Richard Lopez recognized.

- That a county central committee to elect new officers must be made within 30 days.
- And, the officers brought before us are still on the Executive Committee but not allowed to vote during this next election cycle, that will be called within the next 30 days.

Chairman Pearce adds that the clarification is that they can serve beginning in the biennial in January. Is that correct? Todd Hathorne indicates yes. Chairman Pearce asks Secretary Apodaca to repeat it back to all.

Leticia Munoz-Kaminiski interjects that she is typing it up in a poll. She has #1 and #2.

Secretary Apodaca verbalizes

- A motion that a County Central Committee meeting be held to elect new officers. The meeting to be held within 30 days. The officers brought before us this evening are not allowed to vote in that election cycle. Chairman Pearce added: but they can serve starting in January 2025.

Amy Barela interjects that they can serve in the organizational meeting so that we can elect County Central and elect officers. Chairman Pearce acknowledges that's a key piece to set up the County Central. We have to officially do that. We have to officially set up the County Central. Accommodate the local people getting themselves organized and getting the CCC together. This is a key piece.

Luke Kirk recognized.

- Amy is spot on. Any of these extra provisions that were discussed could potentially violate USRs and Supplementary rules. Just calling it an organizational meeting to elect executive officers, and move forward.

Chairman Pearce advises the motion is being restated. Appreciates everybody's talk on parliamentary procedures.

Todd Hathorne recognized.

- What Luke said is true. Does not want to violate USRs in the process.
- Has to be clear that the removal of these officers carries with it the stipulation of no vote.
- Cynthia Pearce interjects. Can they serve only as a temporary slate and not in an official capacity?
- Todd does not want them serving in an officer position at all.

Tanya Watkins Point of Information - How are they in Roosevelt County to put out an official call if they are removed as Officers? Chairman Pearce answered that we, from the State, can do that in helping with an organizational meeting. We are trying to re-establish the governance body in Roosevelt County. Local people making local decisions. Doesn't want RPNM involved except to help organize and watch over the shoulder, make suggestions and be there to get this organized. Concerned with where we are late in the cycle. We need to act with dispatch. If the call date is 5 days, then Leticia I'm telling you that if this call needs to be made in the morning., then let's call everyone in that needs to be part of it. He really respects many things he has heard tonight. Everybody is tightening this up.

Cynthia Pearce interjects one last things having to do with the list. Recommends using the list that was prior to the first public endorsement because there may be people that had discontinued the meeting out objection to some of the public endorsements. Consider this.

Henry Young recognized.

- Would be willing to drive over there and help with the organizational meeting.
- Chairman Pearce acknowledges Henry's expertise in matters such as this. Asked Leticia to include Henry.

Heather Curtis recognized.

- Would like to propose an amendment to the motion made. She is not in agreement with the 30 days; would like it to be 7 days for the State to go to Roosevelt to help them with their CCC meeting.
- Chairman Pearce wants to leave it at 30 days because we need breathing room on their end. We can manage our end in 7 days. Don't want to have problems locally and have to extend beyond that. We will take your suggestion and move toward it as fast as we can.
- Heather's concern is we are so close to the (general) election. With everything going on, I don't want to leave a void there.

Janice Arnold-Jones recognized (10:00 p.m.)

- Confused. Thought we were trying to lift up Roosevelt County but sounds to me like our goal is to remove all the officers. Simply say that and take a vote.
- Otherwise, let the County folks deal with this. They should not be suspended. If they don't know what the rule is before, they do now.
- It is unreasonable. Thinks the State should help, but thinks the County should build itself.
- Chairman Pearce indicated there is not an operating County Central. Janice noted they are all listed on the quarterly SCC report. Chairman responded that they have SCC members but do not CCC members. Janice says that they clearly have leadership.
- Todd's motion, first and foremost, should be a motion to remove the people that have been acting officers. Make it clear because this is just dancing around it.
- Btw, she disagrees with that.

Chairman Pearce says this is a fairly lighter touch and is sensitive to that. Sense about that, doesn't know how deep the sense is. Wanted the discussion to flow back and forth before we get into the structure of the motions and 2nds, etc. Let's get our minds really straight here. You are all treating this respectfully and thoughtfully.

Gary Person recognized (10:01 p.m.)

- Question: How many members on Executive Committee? If we remove them as officers and its just these 3 people, they're still running the county. We are not clear if they have a full Executive Committee.
- Chairman Pearce deferred to Angie Smith to address the current Executive Committee composition. Angie Smith advises the Executive Committee consists of the 3 of them, Sharon Davis, Secretary, Patsy Runyan Treasurer, and Executive Board Members Marily Standefer, Kay Jilek, Greg Privot (sp?) and Leon Mo (sp?). Chairman Pearce concludes that there is an Executive Committee that would be a part of and can serve well and fill the role of leader in the absence of decisions by the officers.

Tanya Watkins recognized.

- Her understanding at the start of this discussion was started, you stated that instead of making motions that we would be making suggestions about motions and then taking a hand vote in order to see which suggestion was most popular.
- Appreciates the debate. She would like to call the question.

Chairman Pearce commented that we didn't take a 2nd to Todd's motion on purpose, in order to hear comments like Janice's. At this point we can take either one of those motions. Chairman Pearce recognized Janice Arnold-Jones to state her motion.

Janice Arnold-Jones recognized.

- Send a directive that Roosevelt County must have a CCC meeting within 30 days to confirm existing leaders or to elect new leaders with the assistance of RPNM.
- Amy Barela commented that she would like to keep it for 30 days to provide time to advertise in the County to assure sufficient participation from the County. Chairman Pearce requested it be left at 30 days and we will work as much toward 7 days as we can.
- Leticia asked if she could state the motion that she had already typed up. "RPNM to call an organization meeting for Roosevelt County" . . . Janice stopped her right there and offered the following motion: "The Republicans of Roosevelt County are to convene themselves into a meeting" . . . Chairman Pearce stopped Janice right there indicating that they are to work with RPNM to convene an organizational meeting. Please put that in there because right now there is not a structure to convene themselves. Janice adds that there is something there. Chairman Pearce counters with the fact that the Chair has resigned. So they have no one to call, except they go through RPNM. This accommodates their rule and it accommodates trying to help them with what we are trying to do.

Leticia continues with motion: ***RPNM to call an organizational meeting to elect a County Central Committee in Roosevelt County within 30 days.***

Motion 2nd by Heather Curtis.

Chairman Pearce spoke to a question from Kristine Waide on Zoom regarding new leadership. Chairman addressed that the purpose of the establishment of the County Central Committee will address that. The 3 officers are not removed until the local county convenes and decides what to do. They will have the results of this State Central meeting.

Leticia launched poll at 10:11 p.m.

Alan Carter inquired if they need to abstain from the vote. Chairman Pearce said no, we're all family here.

Jim Townsend inquired of other mentioned items in Todd Hathorne's previous motion. Chairman indicated there was not a 2nd on Todd's motion. That was in the discussion phase. If this is voted down, then they will go back to it. Henry was going to 2nd it, but was held off.

Tanya Watkins Point of Information: Is this Central Committee that RPNM helps with the organization of based on a previous existing list. Chairman address that it will not necessarily be based on a list. This (meeting) will be based advertised, a broad-based thing. It will be up to what the people in the County decide.

Leticia Munoz-Kaminski (10:15 p.m.) Waiting for 3 people on Zoom and Tanya Watkins on text to cast vote.

Lorrie Black indicated she did not receive a pop-up to vote. Leticia requested she text her vote to her. 505-385-8181. Lorrie wanted to know what the motion is. Leticia repeated the motion and asked Lorrie to vote for or against. Lorrie sent her vote to Amy.

**Vote 3 Results - RPNM to call an organizational meeting**

83% = Yes, I vote for. (93 votes of 112 via Zoom)

17% = No, I vote against. (19 votes of 112 via Zoom)

VOTES VIA PHONE:

7 – For

2 – Against

FINAL VOTE:

100 – For

21 - Against

Leticia Munoz-Kaminski added actual count: Out of 121 total participants, the vote results are 100 for and 21 against.

Chairman Pearce's review of the results and restatement of actions to follow. Chairman Pearce thanks everyone for their participation.

Closing Prayer - Margarite Jaramillo

Adjourn - Chairman Pearce at 10:22 p.m.