

Mason County Republican Executive Committee Meeting
July 1, 2025

Call to Order – 6:30pm

Invocation – Verna Chavalía

Pledge – Charles Robinson

Roll Call by Tina Shirshun – Present: Prosecutor Beth Hand, Sheriff Kim Cole, Verna Chavalía, Bill Chye, Sheila Genter, Cynthia Johnson, Tom Johnson, Nicole Norton, Charles Robinson, Rebecca Robinson, Tina Shirshun.

Excused Absences: Kirk Chavalía, Pastor Brian Ford, Margaret Greiner, Duane Hobart, Jason Kirkpatrick, Cindy Muzzo, and Shaun Shoemate.

Guests: Lyla McClelland, Tim Muldoon, Randy Williams, Joe Hastings, Peg Hastings, Aldon Maleckas, Loretta Anderson, Emmah Coker, Cathy Ingraham, Daniel Jensen.

Approval of the June 3, 2025 Minutes –

***Motion** made by Bill Chye to approve the June 3, 2025 meeting minutes. Seconded by Nicole Norton. No discussion. Motion carried.

Financial Report – Sheila reported the State Account June BOM balance, income and expenses and then EOM balance. Sheila reported the Admin Account balance, having no activity in June, remains the same.

***Motion** made by Nicole Norton to approve the financial report. Seconded by Verna Chavalía. Discussion. Chair put motion to the floor. Motion carried.

Official Business – Executive Committee Reports from Committee Members –

Unfinished Business:

A1) Charlie reported the Adopt-a-Highway dates are July 12th – 20th. With some discussion among members, Monday, July 14th was agreed to be the best day. Charlie advised everyone to watch video prior to this task.

A2) Sheila shared a pic for this year's theme for July 4th Parade and other decorations in play. Also reviewed the schedule of plans of what, when and where up to parade time.

A3) Sheila confirmed the fair booth is reserved and volunteers are needed for set-up and to man the booth during the week.

New Business:

B1) MONEY FLOW. Billions of dollars are spent on government grants, charities, and other organizations every year. Have you ever wondered where the money is awarded or where it ends up? Sheila provided a website where you can follow the money. The following website is working to connect the dots between government grants, charities, and drawing connections to expose where the money flows: <https://datarepublican.com/>

For information about the creator of the site and updates: <https://x.com/datarepublican>

B2) LegiTrack, is a tool built by True the Vote, it's a bill and regulatory-tracking tool to empower freedom-minded citizens to engage with and influence election integrity through the legislative process. Sheila reported that LegiTrack is currently in beta (test) mode while they work towards launching the full version. Visit LegiTrack.org: <https://legitrack.org>

B3) Many townships along with the City of Ludington & Scottville have upcoming millage elections in August. Most millage elections are for West Shore, schools and rural fire authority. Make sure you do your duty and get out and vote.

Reports from Federal & State Elected Officials –

-Emmah Coker representing John Moolenaar reported the Congressman voted in favor of HR4, the Recession Act of 2025, which sent 9.4 billion dollars to the federal government that was identified as wasteful spending. The Congressman recently introduced the Line-5 Act, which would ensure that Line-5 remains in use and prevents future administrations from shutting down this international pipeline. Emmah gave an update on the TB legislation and the entertained questions from committee members.

-Sheila read report from Senator Jon Bumstead regarding bats and that the Michigan Bat Roost Monitoring Program is asking residents to report roosting activity on their property or on public land. Learn more at www.mi.gov/bats.

Reports from County Elected Officials & D-2 Member –

-Prosecutor Beth Hand reported she hired a new Chief Assistant, Mark Webb, who started June 2nd. Mark has approx 34 years in as a lawyer and 20 years in prosecutions. Beth also shared some salary increases that were approved by the Board of Commissioners.

-Sheriff Kim Cole spoke on his trip to Florida for the National Sheriff's Conference, the 2 hour Border Security meeting with Tom Holman and how 1,400 sheriffs swore in DJ Daniels and deputized him. Sheriff Cole spoke some on the Michigan AG wanting all officer involved shootings to be run through the AG's office. Sheriff Cole shared this will be the last year for him to lead the 4th of July parade.

-Sheila read report sent from County Clerk Cheryl Kelly with info and concerns on "Ranked Choice Voting". This topic led to good discussion.

Announcements –

-Sheila shared a copy of the "Freedom Rally" set for July 25th with Congressman Brian Mast and John Moolenaar.

-Sheila shared the Registration is Open for the 36th Biennial Mackinac Republican Leadership Conference <https://mackinac.michiganrepublicanparty.com>

Public Comments – Randy Williams commented he mainly focused on CO2 and the Green New Deal and chose to side with the Global Climate Intelligence Group for his research and recently hooked up with the CO2 Coalition who also disagrees with the UN; Aldon Maleckas commented on the term referring to Michigianians, not Michiganders (we are not geese); Loretta Anderson commented on global warming and something she saw about China shooting lasers up towards the sun; Daniel Jensen commented on an email he sent out and a meeting he attended regarding fish waste disposal issues.

***Motion** made by Rebecca Robinson to skip the August meeting due to the conflict with the fair and elections. Seconded by Nicole Norton. Some discussion. Chair put motion to the floor. Motion carried.

Adjournment –

***Motion** made by Nicole Norton to adjourn meeting. Seconded by Verna Chavalia. No discussion. Motion carried.

Next meeting to be announced soon.