



Whereas, the Williamson County Republican Party supports and promotes all Republican candidates in general elections.

Whereas, the bylaws of the TN GOP and the Williamson County Republican Party state clearly that “Neither the SEC nor a County Republican Party or CEC as a body or individual member, shall endorse, or assist in any manner, a Democrat or other non-Republican in an election or primary election in which a Republican is a candidate or has filed as a candidate.”

Whereas, the Williamson County Republican Party believes that when an elected official runs as a Republican, raises money as a Republican, and is elected as a Republican, that these officials have entered into a covenant with the Republican Party and its members. The Williamson County Republican Party expects these elected Republican officials to hold themselves to the same standard to which Party officials are held – thus to refrain from actively working against the Party and its candidates is the minimum duty of an elected Republican. Therefore, any endorsement of non-Republicans constitutes a breach of trust with the Party and its members.

Whereas, in the August 1 Williamson County School Board general election for the District 7 seat, the Republican candidate, Angela Beaton, faced a non-Republican challenger whose many political donations to Joe Biden for President and the progressive fundraising platform Act Blue stand in stark opposition to Republican values.

Whereas, in the August 1 Williamson County School Board general election, Republican School Board Members Jay Galbreath and Sheila Cleveland publicly endorsed and supported the non-Republican candidate, against Mrs. Beaton, the Republican candidate.

Whereas, Mr. Galbreath and Ms. Cleveland actively worked on social media to encourage voters to support the non-Republican candidate, and Mr. Galbreath made a specific effort to defend his endorsement when criticized, choosing to tarnish the Republican candidate.

Whereas, on August 13, bona fide Republican voters in District 10 selected Bill Petty as their candidate for the County Commission general election to be held in November.

Whereas, Republican School Board member Eric Welch, and Republican Cheryl Brown (interim appointed D10 County Commissioner, Immediate Past Chair of the WCRP and elected officer of the TN Federation of Republican Women) have both publicly announced support for the non-Republican candidate running against Mr. Petty in the November general election.

Be it resolved that the Williamson County Republican Party denounces the actions of Mr. Galbreath, Ms. Cleveland, Mr. Welch and Mrs. Brown.

Be it resolved that the Williamson County Republican Party will encourage and support bona fide voters who seek to challenge the bona fide status of any candidate who has, by their endorsement, actively worked against the Republican Party and its candidates. We will support and encourage such challenges to remove their bona fide status should they attempt to run for office as a Republican or should they attempt to engage in any intra-party activity where bona fide status is required.

Be it resolved that the Williamson County Republican Party will remain steadfast in its duty to protect the Republican Party, its candidates, and its members.

Passed unanimously on September 3, 2024