

Republican Texas State Convention June 14-16, 2018 in San Antonio, Texas for Wise County People

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This is a report about the 2018 Republican Party of Texas Convention June 14-16 in San Antonio for your information. It is being sent to my friends as Republicans in Wise County or Republicans who have a connection or interest in Wise County.



It was our honor to attend the 14th out of the previous 16 biannual State Conventions as Delegates since 1988 for Suzanne and me. It comes as my personal report, and is not an official communication from the Wise Republican Party, etc.

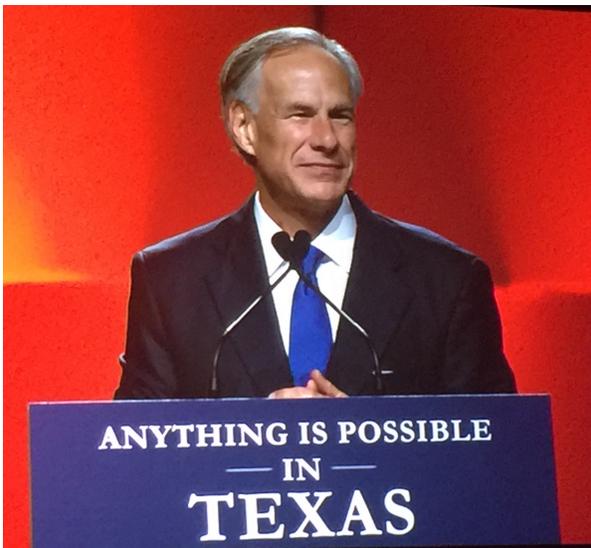
The State Convention had Delegates and Alternate Delegates from all 254 Texas Counties, spread among the

31 State Senatorial Districts. Our SD Dist. 30 covers all of 12 counties and parts of two more counties, spread from Denton to Wichita Falls, along the Red River. Our SD30 was eligible to have up to 427 Delegates. Our Wise County Delegation was eligible to have up to 33.

At our Wise County Republican Party Convention held on Saturday, March 24, there were elected 32 Delegates to go to the State Convention.

Unfortunately, only 11 attended. It's understandable to some can have later time demands preventing

attendance, but having 21 of 32 who originally indicated an interest and willingness to represent Wise County at the State Convention falls far short of what we would hope to see. I was aware of three absent for professional or serious family matters, but wonder where the rest were.



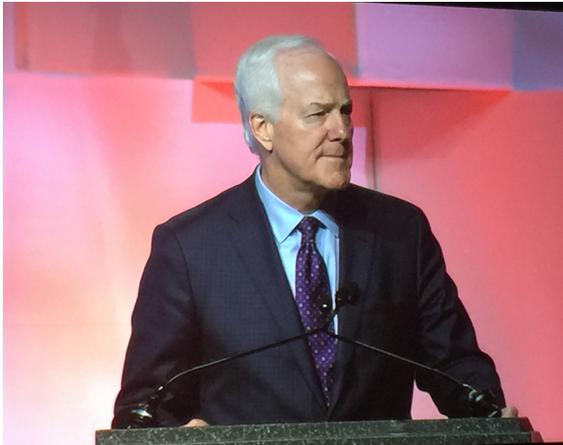
The Convention met in Senatorial District Caucuses early in the agenda. We re-elected Deon Starnes of Denton County as our SD30 Committeewoman serving on the State Republican Executive Committee (SREC). We elected Britton

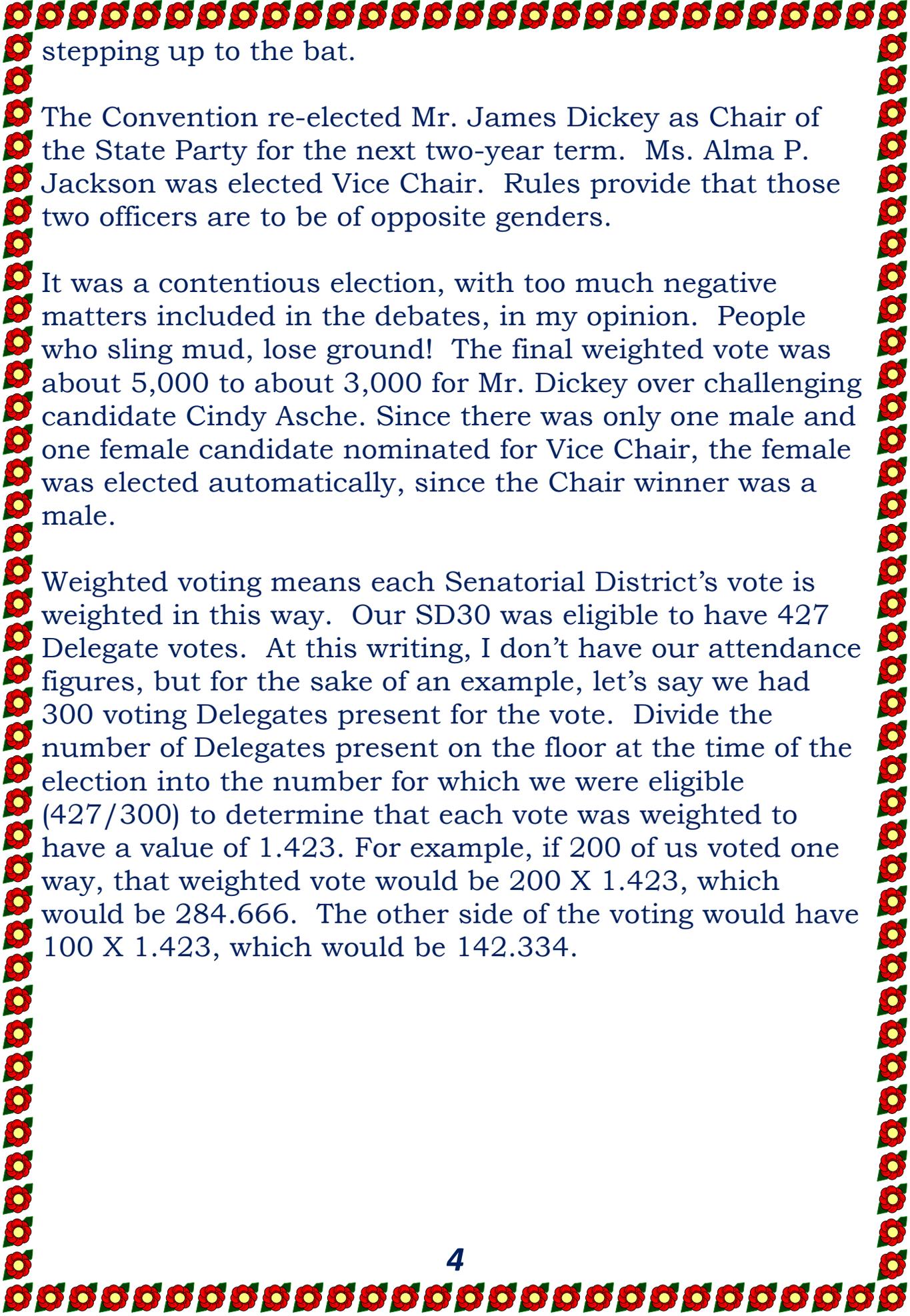
Brooks of Grayson County as our SREC Committeeman, replacing the faithful service of Paul Braswell of Montague County. The SREC is who governs the Texas Republican Party between the biannual State Conventions. It is composed of one man and one woman from each Senatorial District, making a managing body of 62 members, plus the Chair and the Vice Chair of the State Republican Party.

This is an alphabetical list of the honored Delegates from Wise County who attended and helped make a success of the Convention:

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| Darla Bailey | Betty Parker |
| Todd Bailey | D. A. Sharpe |
| Connie Forbes | Suzanne Sharpe |
| Gary Forbes | Holly Spraggins |
| Helen Maldonado | Jeff Spraggins |
| Diane Lacina | |

Wise County Chair Eric Marney was absent due to the death and funeral of his Mother, Marieta Marney, a long time original organizer of the WCRP in the 1990s. Immediate former WCRP Chair Allen Williamson had a trial go over to this week in which his duties as a trial lawyer were required. Our County Judge, J. D. Clark, had to miss to accept a new appointment as Vice President of the North Central Texas Council of Governments. Therefore, the leaders of our Wise County Delegation appointed by Eric were Darla Bailey, President of the Wise Republican Women, and Betty Parker, Vice President of the WRW. They did a fine job, and we are thankful for them





stepping up to the bat.

The Convention re-elected Mr. James Dickey as Chair of the State Party for the next two-year term. Ms. Alma P. Jackson was elected Vice Chair. Rules provide that those two officers are to be of opposite genders.

It was a contentious election, with too much negative matters included in the debates, in my opinion. People who sling mud, lose ground! The final weighted vote was about 5,000 to about 3,000 for Mr. Dickey over challenging candidate Cindy Ashe. Since there was only one male and one female candidate nominated for Vice Chair, the female was elected automatically, since the Chair winner was a male.

Weighted voting means each Senatorial District's vote is weighted in this way. Our SD30 was eligible to have 427 Delegate votes. At this writing, I don't have our attendance figures, but for the sake of an example, let's say we had 300 voting Delegates present for the vote. Divide the number of Delegates present on the floor at the time of the election into the number for which we were eligible ($427/300$) to determine that each vote was weighted to have a value of 1.423. For example, if 200 of us voted one way, that weighted vote would be 200×1.423 , which would be 284.666. The other side of the voting would have 100×1.423 , which would be 142.334.

The other major issue of debate and examination is the proposed Party Platform to be adopted. This is the document that is to represent the positions for which the Republican Party stands and which it is expected that Republican candidates and office holders are to support in the main.



At a state convention, the preparation for a platform is for the functioning of a Platform Committee, which meets usually for three days prior to the main convention sessions. Main convention sessions are three days.

The Platform Committee considers the previous platform created at the most recent state convention, discussing whether to retain, amend or delete any items. Additionally, they consider written proposals of resolutions coming from county or senatorial district Conventions. Thirdly, the Platform Committee has a scheduled process for State Convention Delegates personally to testify before it to advocate an action regarding any proposed platform matter.

The final work of the Platform Committee is a new recommended platform which is distributed in printed form

to every delegate at the convention to study. Then, the proposed platform is open to discussion and debate on the floor of the whole convention, which usually consumes a major length of time in the last section of the convention.



The decision of whether to adopt the proposed party platform is committed to all the convention delegates to vote in written form on every item in the platform. At the 2018 Republican State Convention, the proposed platform contained 331 items. For an item to be confirmed to remain in the current platform, the item must receive 60% of the vote of the delegates. Delegates vote on every individual platform

item (all 331 of them this time).

The written ballots are collected by the leaders of each of the 31 senatorial districts. Weighted voting is used in this process. Weighted voting enables voting of the full eligible number of delegates, even if all are not present. At this writing, the results are not yet published on the RPT's website, but will be soon.

<https://www.texasgop.org/state-convention-2018/>

In addition to the 331 platform items proposed, a Legislative Committee proposed six items it chose from among the 331 platform items to represent the most pressing items of support from the Convention in advocating to Legislators or Congressional Members, as applicable. Those six were on the voting ballot, with a 60% vote being required before approved for RPT advocacy. The

results may be 275 platform planks, with 4 legislative priorities. Again, those results will be posted on the RPT website within the initial few days after the Convention.

There is security managed for the submission of votes from the Senatorial Districts on the floor of the Convention. The SD Leader, is to be accompanied by at least two other Delegates from that SD to turn in the locked box of written ballots. Here is our leader, Deon Starnes, with me and with her daughter, Sarah, turning in the SD30 ballot box. My friend, Armando Arechiga, a public school teacher from McAllen, Texas, is behind us on the left.



It was an honor and privilege to be Delegates at the State Convention. Suzanne and I thank those of you who voted at the March 24th Wise County Convention to send us to represent you and our Wise County

Republican Party at the State Convention in San Antonio.

My urging to all of you receiving this report consider for the future how you can be involved even further than you have done.

For those of you interested in photographs of our week in San Antonio, is my Facebook Photo Albums page. There are three albums possibly of interest to you about this week:

<https://www.facebook.com/dasharpe>

1. You can open albums about the historic Menger Hotel where we stayed, which is the oldest continuously operating hotel west of the Mississippi River.

The Menger is dear to my heart, because Colonel Teddy Roosevelt, in his pre-Presidential days, established a recruiting station in the bar of the Menger Hotel to recruit soldiers to engage in the Spanish American War and the famous Battle of San Juan Hill down in Cuba in 1898. My grandfather Sharpe was one of those soldiers!

<http://www.dasharpe.com/Genealogy/Roosevelt,Ted.html>

<http://www.dasharpe.com/Genealogy/Sharpe,Henry.html>

2. About being a tourist around San Antonio was good.

3. There are photos from the State Convention.

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