

# Coryell County GOP Meeting

3/22/2023 at J & M Hill Country BBQ, 6:30pm

Tony Smith, Coryell County GOP Chairman, discussed several bills being considered by the Texas Legislature and encouraged study and support for them:

Senate Bill 8: Relating to public education, including parental rights and public school responsibilities regarding instructional materials and the establishment of an education savings account program.

Senate Bill 22: Relating to the establishment of grant programs to provide financial assistance to qualified sheriff's departments, district attorney's offices, and county attorney's offices in rural counties.

HB 1487: Relating to the creation of a rural county law enforcement grant program.

Senate Bill 34: Relating to the establishment of the Texas Promise Grant Program for certain students at public institutions of higher education.

Senate Bill 35: Relating to the establishment of the Texas Promise Grant Program for certain students at two-year public institutions of higher education.

## Announcements:

- Coryell County GOP Executive Board Meeting will be held at Seol Garden in Cove on April 10, 6:30pm.
- 2023 Reagan Dinner is scheduled for April 22, 2023 at Copperas Cove VFW

Speakers: Senator Pete Flores, Congressman John Carter

- Tony has moved CC GOP storage from the storage company which raised the rate from \$55 to \$190 and asked for approval for reimbursement for the costs associated with the new location. Approved.

Members of the newly established Coryell County Republican Women club were present, introduced themselves and said they plan to be officially federated by the Texas Federation of Republican Women soon. Membership is \$36/year, most of which goes to

the TFRW, while an affiliate membership (15-17 years of age) is \$20/year. The club members will be "having fun and working hard" to keep Texas red. Anyone interested joining and helping, please contact them.

Kyle Matthews, County Commissioner, spoke on several subjects:

A Tax Note has been done for a 48-bed Expansion of the Jail. This expansion is very important because of the current overcrowding. A deal has been made with Johnson County to help with some overcrowding temporarily.

A Tax Note to build a new Justice Center has been done as well.

In response a question Kyle said that the MHMR building demolition was paid for by an insurance claim.

The Commissioner's Court has been working on catching unscrupulous developers who have been setting up sub-standard subdivisions in the County without proper permits or infrastructure. So far, most set up already do not have houses on them. This is a concern as the small local schools could easily be overwhelmed by a large number of new students from these subdivisions.

Abhiram Garapati, running against John Carter for US Congress, spoke briefly.

Tony Smith ended the meeting with a request for prayers for Ray Ashby who has been in a motorcycle accident and adjourned at 7:33pm.