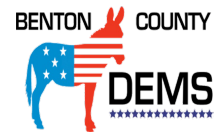


Benton County Dems' World



David Bernstein, Editor

Upcoming Events

In light of the current COVID-19 situation, we recommend you contact each organization prior to the meeting date to confirm it will take place as scheduled.

Mon., July 27 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM Meeting	Will Be Held Online Details in this newsletter. BC Dems Luncheon – (4th Monday)
Mon., Aug 10 6:30 PM Mimi's Cafe	Democratic Party of Benton County Members - watch for an email with the Zoom link. Guests - please email benton@arkdems.org for the link.
Mon., Aug 17 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Mount Sequoyah Center	Check the website for details. https://www.washcodemocrats.com/ Washington County Democrats - (3rd Monday)
Mon., Aug 24 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM Meeting	Will Be Held Online BC Dems' Luncheon

Virtual General Meetings Hosted on Zoom Until Further Notice.

Arkansas State Senate candidate [Ronetta Francis](#) and Representative candidate [Kelly Krout](#) will be speaking at the next BC Dems meeting at 12 PM, Monday, July 27th via ZOOM

Topic: BC Dems General Meeting
Time: July 27, 2020, 12:00 PM Central Time

Join Zoom Meeting: **If you are are a BC Dems member or on the BC Dems emailing list, the version of the July newsletter you received includes the actual Zoom URL and Meeting ID and Password information needed to join the June 22 meeting. Guests may RSVP to request the information needed to join the Zoom meeting by emailing bentoncountyardems@gmail.com with a Subject of "RSVP for Monday's meeting"**

To Connect with audio only:
Dial by your location (they will all work).
+1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)
+1 301 715 8592 US (Maryland)
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This Month's Speakers

Ronetta Francis

Dem Candidate for State Senate
District 1
Incumbent: Bart Hester, (R)



Kelly Krout

Dem Candidate for State House
District 90
Incumbent: Jana Della Rosa (R)



Both candidates will share their vision and campaign activities. They will also be answering your questions so **bring your questions**.

The President's Memo Join Us!

In these days of brutally hot weather combined with mandated mask-wearing and social distancing, it seems like there is nothing we can do to help our party.

But wait a moment. There are actually **three simple** and impactful ways to turn **Benton County Blue** right now:

- Attend the next [BC Dems meeting](#)
- Renew your membership. You can check your membership status with David Bernstein davidabernstein@gmail.com.
- Donate to our [virtual Blue Bowl Fund here](#)



Get the latest information on COVID in Arkansas



[Arkansascovid.com](https://www.arkansascovid.com)

Do you know...

...of a member who is sick or in need of our assistance, please forward requests or information to our corresponding secretary at dao.bcdems@gmail.com.

Remember These? They Are Important.



Surely everybody remembers our blue bowls at our meetings. They are there for a reason.

First, to remind you that our group's function is as a Political Action Committee (PAC). This means we raise money for local democratic candidates to provide financial support to their campaigns. And, of course, we give the exposure and a platform to share their message at our monthly meetings.

Just because we are not having regular meetings in person does not mean we can stop putting money in the Blue Bowls. Consider how much money you have saved by not eating out these past two months and then contribute that amount to our [Virtual Blue Bowl](#).

And did I mention [RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP TODAY?!](#)

Your annual membership dues are what actually keep our organization running so that we can fundraise and bring you wonderful speakers. **Believe it or not, only 1 out of 3 members have renewed for 2020.** A quick click is all it takes to get both of us back on track. Here's a way to determine your renewal date.

If you do not remember the last time you paid your dues... your membership is up for renewal. You can do that right here. [Renew Now!](#)

Thank you for all you do for our group, those running for local office, state-level offices, and at the national level.

General Meeting Minutes

Benton County Dems General Meeting Minutes

ZOOM Virtual Meeting Monday, June 22, 2020

- I. Call to order by Vice President Walter Hinojosa 12:10
- II. ZOOM Matters and Etiquette
 - A. Members, except for David Bernstein and Walter Hinojosa, will be muted (to avoid dogs' barking, side conversations, and other home noises interrupting the speaker)
 - B. Send questions via the chat icon
- III. Business Meeting—Because we fewer than 10 attendees at the Zoom Meeting, no business was discussed
- IV. Speakers
 - A. Walter Hinojosa introduced Lupe Martinez, Democratic candidate running for Justice of the Peace, District 3
 1. Volunteering with community services since 1970
 2. Key issues
 - a. Listening to questions and issues and answering questions is key to success for JP
 - b. Jail expansion and more money for front loading to stop crime
 - c. Road and bridge infrastructure
 - d. Regional transportation increase
 - e. Educating public about the role of Justice of the Peace

- i. Hold purse strings of a district
- ii. Damage road repair
- iii. Emergency services

B. Walter Hinojosa introduced Julia Kilbourne Bailey, Democratic candidate running for Justice of the Peace, District 15

1. Experience in public service includes studying Health Administration, Work in Honduras for 2 ½ years opposing “Poverty Injustice,” Peace Corps volunteer

2. Key issues

- a. Individuals should become an agency of their own life
- b. Lift up the people to give them a voice
- c. Government and business work together to help workers take control of their own lives
- d. Apply skills at local level to bring stronger connection between government and the masses
- e. Work toward a functioning democracy
 - i. Local level politics connect with constituents
 - ii. Financial transparency
 - iii. Planning for the fast growth in Benton County

V. Announcements – Larry Concannon resigned as Chair of the Democratic Party of Benton County. Kellie Boyd will replace him as Acting Chair.

VI. Meeting adjourned 12:59.

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah Ostas

Treasurer's Summary

June 2020



by Timothy Boyer, Treasurer

Beginning Balance:	\$5,195.92		
<u>INCOME:</u>		<u>EXPENSES:</u>	
Dues	\$19.12	Campaign Contributions	\$0
Blue Bowls	\$0	Postage	\$0
		Printing	\$0

Total Income:	\$19.12	Total Expenses:	\$0
Ending Balance:	\$5,215.04		

2020 Benton County Dems Officers & Committee Chairs

President	Julia K. Bailey
Vice-President	Walter Hinojosa
Treasurer	Tim Boyer
Recording Secretary	Deb Ostas
Past President	Eunice Van Tuyl
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