

Benton County Dems' World

David Bernstein, Editor

Upcoming Events

Mon., Nov. 23

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM Meeting

Will Be Held Online

There will be no general group meeting in December.

The President's Memo

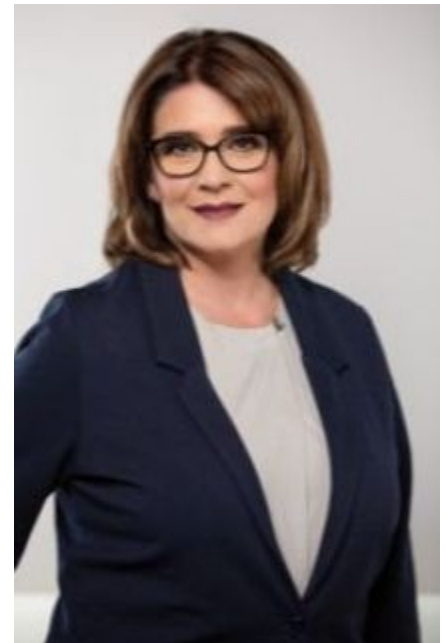
Dear Members,

Never in my wildest dreams did I think I would bring my public health training to the leadership role of BC Dems in 2020. Yet once again we are reminded how our lives are directly affected by how well politicians' policies and practices take public health seriously.

We are hopeful that our national political life will soon be restored by qualified, caring leadership that listens to science, promotes truth, and responds competently to the suffering of Americans rather than sow lies, fear, and division. Benton County politics is another matter. Throughout 2021, BC Dems will continue to build support for future Democratic candidates who strive to hold county and state government and political life more accountable and representative.

As we enter the holiday season with a continuing onslaught of record breaking COVID-19 infection rates, please take care of yourself and your loved ones. And let's move into 2021 restored by hope and a common sense of purpose.

Onwards,
 Julia K Bailey



It's That Time of the Year Again

You know it's here when there are more leaves on the ground than on your trees, the family is trying to figure out how to get together while maintaining social distancing, and you can't tell if you should put on a sweater,

jacket, or nothing.

It is also that time when we ask you to pay your annual dues to BC Dems. We recognize that times are difficult for a lot of people and if you are in the category, let us know. But, if you could include BC Dems in your annual giving, that will be very helpful.

Click on following link to Renew or Join Now
[\\$20 for an individual or \\$30 per couple](#)

Here's the bottom line. Our mission is to support local Democratic candidates in their bid for political office. And the need does not stop when the election is over. BC Dems keeps costs to a bare minimum while staying true to our purpose and mission.

Please renew or join us right now so we can start 2021 on the right foot.

Virtual General Meetings Hosted on Zoom Until Further Notice.

Topic: BC Dems General Meeting

Date & Time: **Nov 23, 2020, 12:00 PM** Central Time (US and Canada)

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 912 9853 2388

Password: 711872

Join Zoom Meeting by clicking the URL from your device, or
dialing into the call number below.

(312) 626-6799

This Month's Speakers

Janine Parry, Ph.D.



Professor Parry earned her degree in Political Science from Washington State University. She has spent a number of years focusing her research and scholarship in the areas of voter behavior; gender, politics, and policy; and women in politics. All of which makes a very appropriate speaker at this time.

Among her many her many accomplishments is her role as the founder and director of The Arkansas Poll at the University of Arkansas. The poll's mission "is to supply timely,

accurate, and impartial public opinion information on matters of policy and politics to public officials, researchers, students, and the public.” She will have some analysis of the election, why the polls were off, and the effect of the unusually large turnout. .

Billy Cook & Micah Wallace

Young Democrats of AR

Our two speakers are both involved in the leadership of Young Democrats of Arkansas.

Billy Cook serves as the Vice President of Colleges for the Young Democrats of Arkansas and President of the University of Arkansas Young Democrats. He is a student of history and political science. A life-long native of Arkansas, he has had firsthand experience with some of the social issues currently at the forefront of the party's priorities.

Micah Wallace is the current Executive Vice President for the Young Democrats of Arkansas and the former President of the University of Arkansas Young Democrats. She has a long history of participating with the Democratic Party from her high school to committees at the state level. Though not a native to this part of the state, she reports her relocation was a good thing. Wallace is concerned with several important issues; resources for public education, income disparity, the criminal justice system, and climate change.

Official Notice

Recommendations of 2021 Nominating Committee

The following slate of officers will be voted on at our next general meeting scheduled for 12:00 PM on Monday, November 23.

PRESIDENT: Julia K. Bailey
VICE-PRESIDENT: David Bernstein
RECORDING SECRETARY: Deb Ostas.
TREASURER: Tim Boyer

The Nominating Committee recommends the above candidates for the BC Dems 2021 Executive Committee. As it is expected BC Dems will hold fewer meetings in 2021 due to the on-going pandemic and it is a non-election year, three officers have agreed to extend their time serving into next year.

Q: Who or What is BC Dems?

A:

Benton County Democrats (BC Dems) promotes fellowship among members and furthers activities that will benefit the Democratic Party. We are also a registered Political Action Committee (PAC) which provides support for the activities and events of both the BC Dems and Democratic Party of Benton County (DPBC). A key goal is to provide and contribute to the election of Democratic candidates in Benton County and the state of Arkansas.

BC Dems is an informational organization that shares common goals with the Democratic Party, but this organization itself does not represent or serve as an agent of either the Democratic Party of Benton County or the Democratic Party of Arkansas.

BC Dems projects include various fundraisers and cooperating with the DPBC in sponsoring the annual Little Flock Picnic. We are a registered PAC which lends support to the activities and events of both the BC Dems and DPBC to provide and contribute to the election of Democratic Candidates in Benton County and the state of Arkansas.

The BC Dems normally meet every 4th Monday of the month, except for December, for a luncheon and speaker. However, our meeting plan for 2021 will differ in order to accommodate coronavirus safety protocols and guest speaker's schedules. Details will be announced as soon as they are finalized.

If you are a Democrat residing in Benton County, Arkansas, you may join the BC Dems for a membership fee of \$20 per calendar year for a single membership or \$30 per year for a couple. Join or renew your membership today to find out more about our 2021 calendar of events and speaker series!

Election Results

This table shares results for Benton County candidates and state issues as of Monday 11/16.. For a complete list of election results please [follow this link](#).

Benton County

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, DISTRICT 2

Ken Farmer (R)	2,425
Elizabeth Cisneros (D)	2,010

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, DISTRICT 3

Lupe Martinez (D)	3,094
Richard McKeehan (R)	4,104

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, DISTRICT 4

Tom Allen * (R)	9,014
Jennifer Smith (D)	4,235

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, DISTRICT 5	
Carrie Perrien Smith* (R)	2,760
Shey Bland (D)	2,170
JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, DISTRICT 8	
Joel Jones (R)	3,137
Sam Slaton (D)	2,749
JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, DISTRICT 10	
Renona Crowden (R)	7,349
Kelley Boyd (D)	3,447
JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, DISTRICT 13	
Kurt S. Moore * (R)	4,718
Haley Emerick (D)	1,341
JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, DISTRICT 15	
Joel Edwards * (R)	6,265
Julia K. Bailey (D)	3,699
CONSTABLE TOWNSHIP 1	
Rob Deal (R)	10,890
Bryan Aguiar (L)	5,989
CONSTABLE TOWNSHIP 5	
David S. Humphrey (L)	2,625
Michael J. Savage Jr. * (R)	8,915
AR TRANSPORTATION SALES TAX (Issue 1)	
FOR	653,706
AGAINST	528,816
AR TERM LIMITS AMENDMENT (Issue 2)	
FOR	641,844
AGAINST	517,833
AR AMEND BALLOT ISSUES PROCESS (Issue 3)	
FOR	498,742
AGAINST	632,769

If 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.

General Meeting Minutes

Benton County Dems Monday, October 26, 2020

I. Call to order by President Julia Kilbourne Bailey at 12:05

II. ZOOM Manners and Etiquette

A. Members are asked to mute their microphones to avoid dogs' barking, side conversations, and other home noises interrupting the speakers

B. Send questions via the chat icon

III. Business

A. Welcome

B. We are accepting membership renewals for 2020 – Find the payment link at the BC Dems Website

C. BC Dems are still supporting candidates so Blue Bowl Contributions are still important—donate online at the webpage or by mail

D. Some Biden-Harris merchandise is still available – let Julia know

E. Treasurer's Report – Joel Ewing moved to accept/ Eunice VanTuyl seconded/passed unanimously

F. Nominating Committee Report -- Richard Bland announced the Nomination Committee Officer Slate for 2021:

1. Julia K. Bailey for President

2. David Bernstein for Vice President

3. Tim Boyer for Treasurer

4. Deb Ostay for Secretary

5. Floor nominations are welcome—Let Richard Bland know before the November meeting

6. We will vote on the proposed slate for officers at the November General Meeting

IV. Speakers

A. Walter Hinojosa introduced Sam Slaton

1. Running for JP I District 8, Benton County (Downtown Bentonville)

2. Slaton's primary issues

a. Bentonville needs opposing voices to stimulate the discussion and to find alternative answers to Bentonville issues

b. Better inform Bentonville constituents of the role of Justice of the Peace

c. Better connect constituency to the Quorum Court – engage the constituency in the discussion of their community

d. Believes in accessible housing and would like to discuss exclusionary zoning for Bentonville

B. Walter Hinojosa introduced Michael Bennett Spears

1. Running for State Representative for District 87

2. Spoke for the Arkansas Stonewall Democrats—Politically speaking to support LBGQT Democrats in Arkansas
 - a. Arkansas has 8 groups in Arkansas
 - b. Group is working to pass Hate Crime Legislation – Arkansas is 1 of 3 states with no current Hate Crime Legislation in place
 - c. Group is working to gain legislation to ban Conversion Therapy in Arkansas

C. Walter Hinojosa introduced John Comstock

1. Running for Arkansas House of Representatives, District 96 (Beaver Lake District)
2. Spoke to inform voters about a voting irregularity
 - a. On the actual ballot, Jill Bryant is listed on one ballot, although she has been appointed
 - b. Voters must go to the next ballot page to find the actual contest for State Representative— John Comstock vs. Jill Bryant’s husband
 - c. This is causing serious confusion for new voters
 - d. This also is breaking several voting statutes
 - e. Benton County Election Office has printed corrections and instructions in both English and Spanish to correct the issue (starts a precedent for Spanish translations)
 - f. Benton County Election Office said publicly they were not sure how to handle the Jill Bryant situation
3. Comstock and his staff will watch carefully, and wait until after the election to decide what further action to pursue

D. Walter Hinojosa introduced Jene Huffman-Gilbreath

1. Running for Arkansas of Representatives, District 94
2. Primary issue today—Get out and vote
 - a. Vote early
 - b. Check that your mailed in ballot was accepted
 - c. Take friends with you when you go to vote
 - d. Her election team sent out 21,000 pieces of mail trying to get out the vote

E. Walter Hinojosa introduced Kristen Webb

1. Campaign Manager for Celeste Williams Campaign— Arkansas House of Representatives, District 3
2. Presented a slide presentation comparing early voting numbers in 2020 to previous elections
 - a. Numbers show Democrats may have a good chance at winning
 - b. Remember that this may not compensate for heavy Republican voting on election day

V. Meeting adjourned 1:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Ostas

(Minutes taken from Zoom Meeting recording)

Treasurer's Summary

October 2020

by Timothy Boyer, Treasurer



Beginning Balance:	\$1,186.57		
INCOME:		EXPENSES:	
Dues	\$40.00	Biden Harris purchased	\$12.50
Blue Bowls	\$15.00	Deluxe Checks printed	\$17.75
Biden Harris Merch Sales	\$90.56	deposit slips	
Total Income:	\$145.56	Total Expenses:	\$30.25
Ending Balance:	\$1,301.88		

2020 Benton County Dems Officers & Committee Chairs

Position	Name
President	Julia K. Bailey
Vice-President	Walter Hinojosa
Treasurer	Tim Boyer
Recording Secretary	Deb Ostas
Past President	Eunice Van Tuyl
Membership Chair	David Bernstein
Social Media Chair	Joel Ewing
Newsletter / Publicity Chair	David Bernstein
Corresponding Secretary	Deb Ostas
Reservations Chair	Betty Cauldwell
Publicity Chair	Catherine Deeley