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Bootheel Conservative Republican Club Meeting Minutes

JULY 05TH 2016 BY DEE LOFLIN

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Sikeston, Missouri - Below are the Official Minutes of the Bootheel Conservative Republican Club Meeting held on June 2, 2016 at the Grecian Steakhouse in Sikeston, Missouri received in our office today, July 5, 2016 at 9:23 a.m.

Meeting was called to order by Chair Anna Voelker at 6:30 pm.

Secretary's Report: The following were in attendance: Anna Voelker, Chair, John McMillen, VP, Alan Pendergrass, Secretary, Carrie Yanson, Betty McMillen, John Chadd, Ann Rolwing, Jim Rolwing,, Ray Rehder, Frank Tatum, Shirley Young, Myrna Cheek, Margaret Anderson, Susan Werner, Myrt Kellett. Ron McCormick, Steve Sullivan, Lynette Shirrell, Darlene Felts, Mary T Pelczynski, Wes Drury, Connie Drury, Cory Hutchenson, Bridget Hutchenson, Jeff Shawan and Dan Hutton.

Minutes of 5/5/16 were approved as read by Alan Pendergrass. John McMillin made motion to approve, 2nd by Margaret Anderson and passed.

Treasurer's Report: No report

Earl Morris, one of Scott County's delegates at State Caucus, suddenly passed

away immediately after the end of the caucus. Earl had been involved with the Redmand and Ruth Dunham Memorial Scholarship and those closest to him have asked us to support this scholarship in lieu of any other memorial. Alan Pendergrass made a motion to donate \$100.00 in memory of Earl Morris to the scholarship. Seconded by John Chadd and passed. We are also encouraging others to make private donations to the scholarship. Please make your checks to Redmand and Ruth Dunham Memorial Scholarship. They can be sent directly to SEMO Foundation, C/O Trudy Lee, One University Plaza, MS7300, Cape Girardeau MO 63701

Committee Reports:

Headquarters: Still looking. There was discussion about several different locations but nothing yet agreed upon. Alan Pendergrass will open a Chaffee HQ.

Fundraising: Lynette Shirrell reported that we need money! There will be a Yard sale at Lynette Shirrell's home at 1204 Fairfield, Sikeston MO mid July to early August. If you have yard sale items please bring them to Lynette's home and she'll store until the sale.

Dr Ben Carson Scholarship: Carrie Yanson announced that on 6/3/16 at 2:30 at Suzie's in Sikeston, there will be an award ceremony recognizing the 9 local students that will be sharing the \$17,000 scholarship fund. This will complete the funds from the event.

Candidates:

Jeff Shawan spoke on behalf of John Brunner. He also mentioned that John Brunner will be in Dexter on 6/13/16 at the Stoddard County Republican Club meeting held at the Hickory Log. Meeting starts at 6:30.

Cory Hutchinson is a Republican candidate for Sherriff in Mississippi County and is running unopposed in the primary. He told us about his experiences and asked for our support.

Wes Drury is a Republican Candidate for Sherriff in Scott County. He asked for our support. He is running Opposed in the Republican Primary.

Myrna Cheek spoke briefly on behalf of Bev Randles for Lt Governor.

OLD BUSINESS:

State Caucus; Anna Voelker spoke about some of the platform resolutions that were passed as well as the delegates that were elected.

NEW BUSINESS:

Events:

Dr Ben Carson Event Scholarship Award: Suzie's in Sikeston, 2:30pm on 6/3/16.

Meet and Greet for Mark Parson, Candidate for Lt Governor at Cheers in Sikeston at 5:30 on 6/15/16. Hosted by Ellen Brandom.

Next meeting: July 7th, 2016 , 6:30 at the Grecian Steakhouse in Sikeston.

John McMillin made a motion to adjourn, 2nded by Carrie Yanson and passed.

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Jason Smith Initiates Congressional Delegation - Subject Transgender Bathroom Guidance

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Congressman Jason Smith Initiates Congressional Delegation calling on Attorney General Chris Koster to Join Multistate lawsuit against Obama's transgender bathroom guidance

Washington, D.C.- Today, Congressman Smith led the Missouri Congressional Delegation in calling on Attorney General Chris Koster to join the 11-state federal lawsuit against the Obama Administration's transgender bathroom guidance in order to protect students in Missouri. The Obama administration and Departments of Education and Justice recently issued a guidance that directs public schools to allow transgender students to use bathrooms that match their gender identity. If a state fails to comply with this bathroom directive, it will risk losing federal education funding.?

Upon sending the letter, Rep Smith stated, "The Obama Administration's attempt to intimidate Missouri public schools by threatening to pull funding if they don't comply with this ridiculous and unsafe new executive action is unconstitutional and outrageous. Something must be done to protect children of our public schools across Missouri."

Smith continued, "It is imperative that Attorney General Koster join in filing the 11- state federal lawsuit, he has already stated that the President was "wrong to dictate a national policy so quickly and unilaterally", now is the time to act."

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The lawsuit brought by officials from 11 states asks the court to block the federal government from "implementing, applying or enforcing the new rules, regulations and guidance interpretations." This is the first suit filed against the Obama administration in response to its controversial transgender bathroom directive. States in the suit include Texas, Alabama, Wisconsin, West Virginia, Tennessee, Arizona, Maine, Oklahoma,

Louisiana, Utah and Georgia.

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Congressman Smith Introduces Bills to Rein in Unaccountable Federal Agency Spending

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Smith Bill's would no longer allow Agencies to Spend the fines, levies, penalties they are assessing taxpayers

Washington, D.C.- Today, Congressman Jason Smith introduced two pieces of legislation to rein in government federal agencies ability to spend fines, fees, settlements and penalties they are levying on American taxpayers.

H.R. 5551, the End EPA Rouge Spending Act, introduced by Rep Smith prevents the Environmental Protection Agency from spending any fine, private settlement, penalty or fee they collect. Rep Smith introduced the bill in response to the fact that while Congress has decreased the EPA's budget by 21% since 2010, the EPA continues to find other avenues to generate new resources to spend, namely by attacking hardworking taxpayers with new and more aggressive penalties. This bill continues Smith's fight against harmful EPA regulations. In 2015 Smith introduced the END EPA Advertising Act to stop the EPA from using taxpayer money to hire public relations contractors. He also lead a bi-partisan letter in 2014 sent to the EPA's Administrator Gina McCarthy asking for an extension for people affected by the EPA's new rule on emission standards for existing power plants. Additionally, Smith has worked to defund harmful regulations the EPA has authored such as the burdensome and costly Waters of the United States rule.

“The EPA is an agency out of control. They profit off the lives of hardworking folks in Missouri through outrageous fines and fees. These fees then sit in a slush fund where unelected bureaucrats can spend the money how they see fit,” Smith said. “My bill would help rein in this agency and restore the true power of the purse to the people's representatives in Congress.”

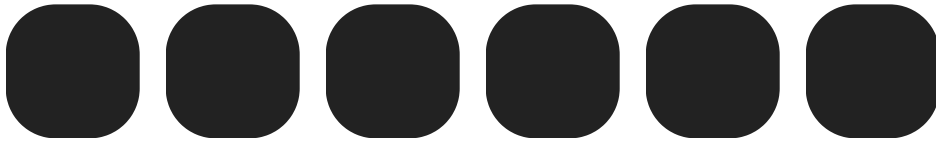
Congressman Smith, along with his colleague Congressman Gary Palmer of Alabama, also co-introduced H.R. 5499, the Agency Accountability Act. Like the EPA many other agencies have the authority to collect fines, fees, and other revenues outside of appropriated funds. These funds are then used to offset cuts in these agencies' budgets which Congress has made. According to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), the federal government collected \$516 billion in user fees alone in 2015. This has led to many agencies being unaccountable for certain acts and has substantially limited congressional oversight.

The Agency Accountability Act would remove the incentive for agencies to continue to increase fines, fees, penalties and other assessments and put the control back in the hands of elected representatives and the American taxpayer.

After it was uncovered that the IRS was using a slush fund of \$500 million of taxpayer dollars without Congressional approval, Smith introduced his IRS OWES Act in April that was passed by the House with bi-partisan support that gives the Article I power back to Congress. Article I of the U.S. Constitution grants the people, through their elected representatives in Congress, the power of the purse, not federal agencies.

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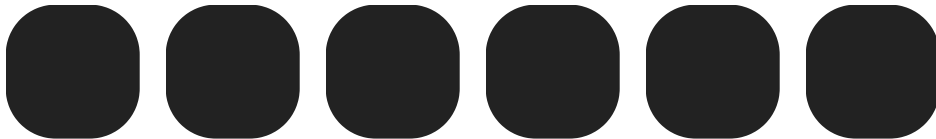
Good Fathers Make Good Citizens from John Brunner

Being a father was one of my most important jobs. Good fathers make good citizens and help keep the fabric of our nation intact. As Governor, I will never lose focus on the fact that the family is the fundamental unit of our society.

Enjoy this special day, and tomorrow, let's work.

John Brunner

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Jason Smith's Capitol Report - Friday, June 17, 2016

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Why did this happen? June 17, 2016

Disbelief, horror, devastation, sorrow. As we saw the images and news unfold from Orlando, Florida this week it was hard not to feel some of these emotions. For me, I wanted answers, but I understand we don't always have the answers, and the answers given by those in Washington, DC often trying to rally partisans are hard to accept. However, it is hard to find a reasonable answer when someone so consumed by hate believes the murder of defenseless party goers, those out to dinner, or people taking in a sporting event is a way to make a societal or religious statement. The behavior defies reason and is rooted in evil. In the coming weeks and months we will learn more about who shooter Omar Mateen was, who he had communications with, who may have helped him and where he traveled and why - but what is clear already is that those who inspired

him have a deep loathing for our country, our democracy, and our freedoms and liberties. We do know that Mateen was an American citizen, the son of an Afghan immigrant, born in New York City. However, there are thousands more like Mateen currently residing outside the U.S., many in the Middle East, wanting to do equal harm to those who live in the big cities, small towns and rural communities which make up our great nation.

That is what we know, but to me these are still incomplete answers because if we cannot feel safe here at home, other basic functions of our society and economy cease to matter or exist.

Admittedly, my own judgement is fueled by events of just the past year - the release of Guantanamo detainees back to the front lines to kill American soldiers, a dangerous nuclear deal with Iran, a spectacle of our own sailors forced to their knees, the failure to permanently dismantle and remove the threat ISIS poses, and a refusal to call the terror attacks from this week the actions of Radical Islamists. It is clear to me that the actions or 'inactions', of this President has made us less safe here at home and I firmly believe that. However, a rush to assign blame does not provide the strength that the families and community of Orlando need to move forward and that is what I believe we need most.

Our country is a great one, we believe in equal treatment under the law, in undeniable freedoms such as speech and religious liberty, we don't appoint our leaders we elect them, and while we may disagree with one another, we can do so without violence. Because of this there are people out there who wish to cause American's harm.

Those who inflict such terror direct their actions so that we see ourselves as they want us to be seen - weak, scared, inferior, and ultimately intimidated. Our partisan fighting only leads to the divide and allows the intimidation to continue, but standing strong in the face of tragedy, standing together as Americans, and supporting one another in communities across the country defies the terrorists of the intimidation they seek. Obviously it will not replace the pain, anguish, anger, or anxiety but it is an important reminder that we sometimes forget – we are all Americans and we have much to be proud of and a great deal worth fighting for, particular each other.

We need not let the acts of cowards like Omar Mateen intimidate us or change our day to day lives. But we are naive to think that this threat is simply going to go away without action on our behalf and without leadership prepared to do what is necessary to wipe those who inspire these actions from the face of the earth.

America is home to many great things, but it doesn't need to be home to radicalized Islamic terrorists inspired by those who freely spew hatred for our country, cut of the heads of their enemies and target innocents for murder. We are the greatest nation on earth, founded on the grandest principles, and we should not be intimidated by those who want us to see ourselves as anything less.

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