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Fw: Agenda for Upcoming Executive Committee Meeting

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Good evening. I originally put together a letter to correct the gross inaccuracies shared with you earlier today by one of our elected officials. That letter is attached. However, I have since been informed of the blatantly illegal and unethical actions of the Secretary of the Ottawa County GOP in sending out a Zoom meeting notice *purporting to represent* the Ottawa GOP in the same.

With our constitutional republic on the brink of collapse, our best defense is arming the politically active with knowledge of what our constitution and laws require. The attached letter explains that although it was argued that "Meetings of the executive committees of county political parties do not fall under the . . . Open Meetings Act, as they are not public bodies," that is simply not true. Executive committees of county political parties ARE public bodies under the requirements of the Open Meetings Act. Also, state law recognizes precinct delegates as officials "of a governmental unit of this state." Moreover, precinct delegates swear under penalty of perjury - just like virtually all other candidates for public office - that they are US citizens and meet the "constitutional and statutory qualifications" of the office. MCL 168.558. If that alone does not demonstrate the "public" nature of the office of precinct delegate, and the body which they together comprise, not much else would. But, quite frankly, aside from all the constitutional and statutory provisions involved, it is absurd to assert that an organization which has its membership determined by a ballot of qualified voters in a government election would be categorized as "private" for the purpose of determining if its meetings should be open to the public.

The Open Meetings Act has now been modified to attempt to allow public bodies to meet by video conferencing methods, but certain conditions have to be met. The Ottawa County GOP has not met these conditions. Further, holding traditional, in-person, public meetings is the only way to respect our republican form of government; respect both the enumerated and unenumerated rights of the people; protect the right of the people to peaceably assemble, to consult for the common good, to instruct their representatives and to petition the government for redress of grievances; and avoid due process and equal protection violations. Thus, as each of you takes an oath to uphold the US and Michigan Constitutions, you have no choice but to conduct public meetings in a manner that is truly open to the public.

With that being said, the notice was sent out on November 25th of the upcoming meeting to elect officers of the executive committee in person from 6-8pm in Hudsonville. In Article 10 of the Ottawa GOP Bylaws, it clearly states that the various meetings are to be "determined by the Chair," "indicated by the Chair," "designated by the Chair," and "called by the Chair." Moreover, the Chair is responsible for observing and enforcing correct rules of procedure, pursuant to Article 14. Also, the Secretary "shall see that all notices are duly given **as required by law and by these Bylaws**," according to Article 7 (3)(b). The Chair (David) did not determine or call for the meeting on Thursday to be done by Zoom, knowing it was illegal. So, while the original notice sent on November 25th by the Secretary complied with the Constitution, state law, and the Bylaws, today's subsequent "notice" of a zoom meeting violates the Constitution, the OMA, and multiple articles of the Bylaws. Further, setting up the meeting in an account other than the Ottawa GOP account includes several other ethical issues, as well.

Consequently, the meeting to be held this Thursday will not be held by Zoom, but in person as indicated by the Chair on November 25th, at the location updated by the Chair on November 29th.

I, myself, am a duly-elected Ottawa County Precinct Delegate, and someone who's sworn to uphold the Constitution on many occasions. With this perspective, I **urge you to take these Constitutional duties seriously**.

Sincerely,

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Good Evening Executive Committee Members - Please see the attached agenda for Thursday's 6pm Zoom meeting. The Zoom information and links are on the agenda.

Apologies to those who are receiving this for a second time, I missed some emails on the first send. Thank you for your understanding!

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