

## KING: elected to be 'king' of NC delegates at Republican National Convention



WAYNE KING

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policies of the Republican Party and the far-left extremist views of President Obama and his liberal cronies."

King will be succeeding United States Senator Richard Burr as Chairman of the Delegation. Burr chaired the delegation to the 2008 Republican National Convention in Minneapolis / St. Paul.

King is also succeeding Burr on the Platform Committee. The Platform Committee, whose purpose is to construct the Party Platform which outlines the Party's core beliefs and the Party's stance on key issues facing our nation, is traditionally comprised of some of the top Republican leaders from around the nation.

In addition to Senator Richard Burr, 2008 Platform Committee members included Senator Conrad Burns, Governor Haley Barbour, Governor Robert Bentley, Congressman Kevin McCarthy, Congresswoman Michele Bachmann, Congressman Heather Wilson, and RNC Chairman Mike Duncan.

"I want to thank everyone at the Convention

who supported my selection as a delegate," King concluded, "And I want to thank my fellow delegates for selecting me to chair the delegation and to represent North Carolina on the Platform Committee. I am humbled by their support, and I will work tirelessly on their behalf."

King, considered one of the "young guns" of the Republican Party, unseated the state GOP's incumbent vice chair last year at the state convention. At 30 years old, he was perhaps the youngest man in the country to take the second most-high position in a state Republican party.

At 27, in 2007, he was well on his way beating out two opponents for chairman of the Cleveland County Republican Party. Two years later, he was elected chairman of the 10th Congressional District. And now, in his service as NCGOP vice chair, King continues to fight for the Party he loves.

As vice chair, he helped organize a North Carolina tour for then-presidential candidate Newt Gingrich, which brought the candidate to King's hometown of Kings Mountain. His three-year-old son, Noah, sat beside him as Gingrich addressed a packed house at 238 Cherokee Street Tavern April 25.

In a speech to delegates last year, King said that Republicans must actively recruit young people into their party.

"We have the opportunity to impact an entire generation of new Republicans," he told The Herald in 2011. "Our message is right, but we have to have leaders in our party who understand how to

package it and deliver it to young people."

This will be King's third time attending a Republican National Convention, but his first time serving on the prestigious platform committee. One male and one female delegate from each state are chosen to serve on the committee.

## CCGOP to meet Monday

"Time for Cleveland County Republicans to pull together for an 'all in' effort for our campaign to re-gain our government," says Thomas Tanguay of the Cleveland County GOP.

The local Republican Party will meet, for that purpose, Monday, June 11th, at the County Administration Building, 311 E. Marion St., Shelby at 7:00 p.m.

This Monday's meeting will be the first of two "sign up" meetings. August 13th will be the second.

During these two meetings the party will bring together the people who will run the organizations that ultimately will "Get Out The Vote". The party will have posted the committee organizations designated to do that throughout the campaign cycle through to Election Day. Some of the committees will be in charge of running Party headquarters, county Fair operations, telephone support, candidate field support, poll information activity, lawn sign processing, and various fundraising projects.

The first 25 people who sign up to help will receive a miniature US flag with pedestal with the party's gratitude.

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Austin said that one of the original businesses dropped out of the program before the funds were spent on that business in 2011. The city submitted an amended application to NC Department of Community Investment and Assistance to replace that business with four additional businesses for a total of six local businesses to receive assistance. The four replacement businesses were selected after the city advertised and received applications

from existing businesses willing to create jobs required of this program. All funds were obligated no later than March 21, 2012.

Austin said that on March 28 one of the four replacement businesses also withdrew from the program. No grant funds were spent on that business, he said, and when that happened the city asked NCDC if funds could be used for one of the remaining businesses or another replacement business. They were told no extensions would be granted and the city must proceed with the close

out of the grant and return the \$30,000 allocated to the sixth business. The five local businesses receiving grants were AFAB Promotions, \$50,000 for the purchase of embroidery machines and two jobs created; Hometown Hardware, \$25,000, facade renovations and one job created; Center Street Tavern, \$45,000 for purchase of kitchen and bar equipment and two jobs created; X-Stream Car Wash, \$30,000 for purchase of one truck and two jobs created; and Bridges Hardware, \$45,000 for building renovations and two jobs created.

## STATE: of Community 'looking good', according to leaders at breakfast

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"We're excited about the future of Kings Mountain," said Fletcher, noting that this community is home to one of the largest data center structures in the state and possibly in the country. She noted that three other users are projected for the T-5 Data Center Park, a \$1.3 billion dollar capital investment with 5-7 users and three others projected.

"We expect to add a new one in the next several months," said Fletcher. She said the data centers are expected to hire 2700 workers for construction jobs. "We're marketing green energy," she said, mentioning the Dixon Dairy Road solar farm and Southern Power in Kings Mountain.

Murphrey announced that a new Kings Mountain Walgreens plans a mid-July opening. In a power point presentation, he pointed to the 2012-2013 budget which calls for no increases in property tax or service fees to city customers. He added that Kings Mountain is one of eight cities in the state that sells all four utilities.

Murphrey illustrated electric, water, gas and sewer department projects focusing on the city's completion of two phases of a new 36-inch water line from Moss Lake into town, one of three big water and sewer high ticket projects totaling \$33.7 million. He said the goal is to be shovel ready by May 2013.

The Electric Department, under the direction of Nick Hendricks, is working on two pilot projects: to install fiber optics to all municipal buildings and vital infrastructure with estimated completion December 2012 resulting, said the mayor, in Network speed and reliability and reduction of monthly

costs.

The second project, Smart Grid technology, takes customer service to a higher level and is expected to be available on 1500 meters with a November 2012 projected completion date. This technology would give customers real time information about their utility consumption. Another new project and a state EPA-mandated program, storm water management has a five-year timeline. Money is in the budget for the first year for public education, staff training, system evaluation and ordinance implementation. The mayor also included pictures of a beautification project proposed on the Battleground side of the railroad downtown.

Bringing jobs to Cleveland County remains a major goal of county commissioners, said Hutchins. His power point presentation displayed pictures of new and expanded industries, the number of jobs and investments. He said that Phase I of Southern Power, a \$400 million dollar industry near Kings Mountain, will go on

line in late 2012.

The state-of-the art Legrand Center at Cleveland Community College is expected to be up and running by July with its first event in August. He said the county has recently seen an increase in the number of residential building permits and county leaders hope that's the start of a positive trend. He also noted that renovations are complete in the Earl Scruggs Center in Shelby and Phase 3 of Gateway Trails has been completed.

"This has been our toughest budget," said Hutchins, but he added there has been no layoff of employees and the county maintains its same level of service with no tax increase.

Hamrick said that the Cleveland County Schools budget is facing \$5 million in discretionary reductions, passed along from state government, this year alone. "We've worked hard to control spending," he said.

A 10% supplementary increase to certified personnel and a 1% increase to non-certified personnel is included in the budget.

Renovations are underway at the former Shelby Middle school building which will become the new Central Services Facility and the home of Turning Point Academy. The Central Services facility is scheduled for completion in early 2013 and will be a one-stop location for parents as all administrative offices will be housed there. Turning Point Academy should be ready for students by fall 2013.

Central School in Kings Mountain will house the parent center and maintenance departments for the school system. He noted that Shelby Middle School is the first new school built in Cleveland County in nearly 10 years and will complete its first year of operation this month. He said commencement exercises are being held at all schools this week and Turning Point Academy will hold its first graduation ceremony Friday.

Hamrick, in his power point presentation, prefaced his remarks with "did you know," relating facts about accomplishments of students. He said that Cleveland

Early college graduated 24 students this spring. Kings Mountain High School led in educational scholarships by 226 athletes and 18 teams and both the KMHS Band and KMHS Chorus had another record year in achievement.

Would you believe, he said, there are Kindles, iPods, iPads in kindergarten, 139 fewer dropouts this past year than five years ago and over 60% of students are economically disadvantaged? Cleveland County is the 23rd largest district in the state.

Ken Mooney described his job as "customer after care." That means being visible, engaging existing industry and listening to them. Making 149 site visits over the past 17 months, an industrial survey, and industry roundtable meetings are just a few of the ways that existing industry works.

He noted that 583 new jobs, 12 projects, \$74 million in capital investment, and 11 plants in Cleveland County tout a diversity of manufacturing in Cleveland County.



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