

# 2026 Candidates Filed for Office

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**1/20/2026**

Name	Office	Party	Incumbent	Date Filed
COUNTY TICKET (All 4 Year Terms)				
Filing deadline for incumbents Feb 17, All others March 2				
Janelle Heikes	Assessor	Republican	Y	1/5/2026
Jean Wiebelhaus	Treasurer	Republican	Y	1/6/2026
Ron Temple	Attorney	Republican	Y	1/6/2026
Jessica Schmit	Clerk/ROD	Republican	Y	1/5/2026
Dick Donner	Commissioner District 1	Republican	Y	1/14/2026
David McGregor	Commissioner District 3	Republican	Y	NOT FILING
Larry D. Koranda	Sheriff	Republican	Y	1/6/2026
Janet Wiechelman	Clerk District Court	Republican	Y	1/5/2026
Tim Gobel	Surveyor	Republican	Y	

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<b>SCHOOL TICKET</b>			
<b>SD 54 Laurel-Concord-Coleridge (Vote for up to 4)</b>			
Jay Hall	4 Years	Y	1/8/2026
Scott Taylor	4 Years	Y	
Grant Settje	4 Years	Y	
Bryan Pippitt	4 Years	Y	
Paul Garcia	4 Years	N	1/15/2026
<b>SD 8 Hartington-Newcastle (Vote for up to 3)</b>			
Jason Dendinger	4 Years	Y	
Candice Climer	4 Years	Y	1/5/2026
Ian Lange	4 Years	Y	
<b>SD 45 Randolph (Vote for up to 3)</b>			
Lucas Miller	4 Years	Y	1/13/2026
Sandy Owens	4 Years	Y	
Paul Schmit	4 Years	Y	
<b>SD 101 Wynot (Vote for up to 3)</b>			
Laurie Schulte	4 Years	Y	
Todd Pinkelman	4 Years	Y	
Sue Lenzen	4 Years	Y	

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**Hartington (Council vote for 2, Mayor)**

Cody Christensen	Council	4	Y	
Colin Kathol	Council	4	Y	
Mark Becker	Mayor	4	Y	

**Laurel (Council vote for 2)**

June Koester	Council	4	Y	
Jeff Erwin	Council	4	Y	

**Randolph (Council vote for 2, Mayor)**

Aaron Nielsen	Council	4	Y	
Daniel Korth	Council	4	Y	
Dwayne Schutt	Mayor	4	Y	

**Hartington Airport Authority (Vote for up to 3)**

Karma Schulte	Director	6	Y	1/20/2026
Tom Becker	Director	6	Y	
Isaac Creamer	Director	6	Y	

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<b>VILLAGES</b>				

Filing deadline for incumbents July 15, All others August 3

**Belden**

Jancie Wobbenhorst	Board Member	4	Y	
Chris Aldrich	Board Member	4	Y	
Robert Patefield	Board Member	4	Y	

**Coleridge**

George R. Hefner	Trustee	4	Y	
Chad Frerichs	Trustee	4	Y	

**Fordyce**

Charles Kramer	Board Member	4	Y	
Allen Eickhoff	Board Member	4	Y	
Mikenna Kleinschmit	Board Member	4	Y	

**Wynot**

Terry Pinkelman	Trustee	4	Y	
James Hans	Trustee	4	Y	

**St. Helena**

Clair Wieseler	Trustee	4	Y	
Carmon Tramp	Trustee	4	Y	
Josh Haberman	Trustee	4	Y	

**Magnet**