The following is a list of candidates and races for Cedar County. Please note that NOT all candidates or races will appear on your specific ballot. THE GENERAL ELECTION DATE IS NOVEMBER 3, 2026.

2026 Candidates Filed for Office

UPDATED **10/5/2026**

Name	Office	Party	Incumbent	Date Filed
	COUNTY TICKET (4 Year Terms, Vote for ONE)			
Janelle Heikes	Asssessor	Replublican	Y	1/5/2026
Jean Wiebelhaus	Treasurer	Republican	Y	1/6/2026
Ronald E. 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
Ed Lammers	Commissioner District 1	By Petition	N	7/16/2026
Justin R Heikes	Commissioner District 3	Republican	N	2/27/2026
Larry D. Koranda	Sheriff	Republican	Y	1/6/2026
Janet R. Wiechelman	Clerk District Court	Republican	Y	1/5/2026
Timothy L. Gobel	Surveyor	Republican	Y	1/20/2026

Name	Term	Incumbent		Date Filed
SCHOOL TICKET				
SD 54 Laurel-Concord-Coleridge (Vote for up to 4)				
Jay Hall	4 Years	Y		1/8/2026
Bryan Pippitt	4 Years	Y		1/26/2026
Paul Garcia	4 Years	N		1/15/2026
SD 8 Hartington-Newcastle (Vote for up to 3)				
Candice Climer	4 Years	Y		1/5/2026
Jason Dendinger	4 Years	Y		1/23/2026
Ian T. Lange	4 Years	Y		2/12/2026
Brice Grutsch	4 Years	N		2/19/2026
SD 45 Randolph (Vote for up to 3)				
Lucas Miller	4 Years	Y		1/13/2026
Sandra R. Owens	4 Years	Y		1/22/2026
Ryan Brodersen	4 Years	N		3/2/2026
Corby Robinson	4 Years	N		3/2/2026
SD 101 Wynot (Vote for up to 3)				
Laurie Schulte	4 Years	Y		2/10/2026
Todd M Pinkelman	4 Years	Y	2	2/13/2026
Susan Lenzen	4 Years	Y	1	2/13/2026
Shasta Hans	4 Years	N		1/29/2026
Michael Klug	4 Years	N		2/9/2026
Steve Wieseler	4 Years	N		Withdrew 3/2/26
Ryan Boeckman	4 years	N		2/12/2026

Name	Office	Term	Incumbent	Date Filed
	CITY			
	Hartington (Council vote for 2, Mayor)			
Cody W Christensen	Council	4	Y	1/27/2026
Colin Kathol	Council	4	Y	2/17/2026
Mark Becker	Mayor	4	Y	1/29/2026
	Laurel (Council vote for 2)			
Alesia G. Barker	Council	4	N	2/24/2026
Cade Sohler	Council	4	N	2/25/2026
Britney Hart	Council	4	N	3/2/2026
	Randolph (Council vote for 2, Mayor)			
Aaron Nielsen	Council	4	Y	1/30/2026
Daniel Korth	Council	4	Y	2/13/2026
Janelle Biernbaum	Council	4	N	withdrew 7/31/26
Alicia VanDeWalle	Council	4	N	2/5/2026
Dwayne Schutt	Mayor	4	Y	1/27/2026
Ben Benton	Mayor	4	N	2/27/2026
Sheila Korth-Focken	Mayor (Write-In Candidate)	4	N	**10/5/2026**
	Hartington Airport Authority (Six Year Term, Vote for up to 3)			
Karma Schulte	Director	6	Y	1/20/2026
Thomas J Becker	Director	6	Y	2/2/2026
Isaac Creamer	Director	6	Y	1/29/2026

Name	Office	Term	Incumbent	Date Filed
	VILLAGES			
	Filing deadline for incumbents July 15, All others August 3			
	Belden (Vote for Up to 3)			
Janice Wobbenhorst	Board Member	4	Y	6/1/2026
Savanah Capatch	Board Member	4	N	7/24/2026
	Coleridge (Vote for up to 2)			
Steve Slattery	Trustee		N	7/31/2026
Jessie Jackson	Trustee (Write-In Candidate)		N	**8/5/2026**
Patsy Harlan	Trustee (Write-In Candidate)		N	**8/18/2026**
Brent Hinspeter	Trustee (Write-In Candidate)		N	**10/21/2026**
	Fordyce (Vote for Up to 3)			
Cade Bailey	Board Member	4	N	5/22/2026
Mikenna Kleinschmit	Board Member	4	Y	6/17/2026
David Henderson	Board Member (Write-In Candidate)		N	**8/19/2026**
Daryl Lambert	Board Member (Write-In Candidate)		N	**9/1/2026**
	Wynot (Vote for Up to 2)			
Terry Pinkelman	Trustee	4	Y	7/7/2026
	St. Helena (Vote for Up to 3)			
	Magnet (Vote for up to 2)			
Chris Albrecht	Member	4	Y	2/2/2026
Miriam Albrecht	Member	4	Y	2/10/2026