

2026 Primary Election Candidates' filing deadline for incumbents is February 17, 2026 by 5:00 p.m. Filing deadline for non-incumbents is March 2, 2026 by 5:00 p.m. Some races will not appear on the primary election ballots as the number of candidates filing for office did not exceed twice the number of vacancies. Names of automatically nominated candidates will appear on the general election ballot as provided. 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 PRIMARY ELECTION DATE IS MAY 12, 2026.

## 2026 Candidates Filed for Office

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9/3/2026

| Name                                       | Office                  | Party       | Incumbent | Date Filed |
|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------|-----------|------------|
| COUNTY TICKET (4 Year Terms, Vote for ONE) |                         |             |           |            |
| Janelle Heikes                             | Assessor                | Republican  | 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  |
| Kelly Hammer                               | Commissioner District 3 | Republican  | N         | 1/21/2026  |
| Timothy D Burbach                          | Commissioner District 3 | Republican  | N         | 1/26/2026  |
| 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  |

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## 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       |

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**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        |

**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 |

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| 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 |

**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 |
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**St. Helena (Vote for Up to 3)**

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**Magnet (Vote for up to 2)**

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|-----------------|--------|---|---|-----------|
| Chris Albrecht  | Member | 4 | Y | 2/2/2026  |
| Miriam Albrecht | Member | 4 | Y | 2/10/2026 |