

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

UPDATED

8/4/2026

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	2/13/2026
Susan Lenzen	4 Years	Y	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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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

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	4	N	7/31/2026

Fordyce (Vote for Up to 3)

Mikenna Kleinschmit	Board Member	4	Y	6/17/2026
Cade Bailey	Board Member	4	N	5/22/2026

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