

# 2026 Elections - York County Political Subdivisions

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Candidate filing begins Monday, January 5, 2026.

**Primary election filing deadlines:** Incumbents is February 17, 2026 Non-incumbents is March 2, 2026  
**\*General election filing deadlines:** Incumbents is July 15, 2026 Non-incumbents is August 3, 2026

Some races may not appear on the primary election ballot if the number of candidates filing for office did not exceed twice the number of vacancies. For example, a "Vote for one" office with one or two candidates will not appear on the primary election ballot. However, if three candidates are running for a "Vote for one" office, all three will be on the primary ballot because there are more than two times the number of candidates than vacancies. The Election Commissioner shall place the names of such automatically nominated candidates on the general election ballot as provided.

\*General election deadline only applicable to village board filings.

Check your polling place, political subdivisions, and voter registration status at <https://www.votercheck.necvr.ne.gov/voterview>

Please note: ALL candidate filing inquiries for federal and state level offices are directed to the Secretary of State's office in Lincoln.

Office (4 Year Terms)	Incumbent(s)	Candidate Filings (in order of filing)	Filing date and time	Political Party (if applicable)
<b>COUNTY TICKET</b>				
<b>Commissioner District 1</b> <i>One vacancy</i>	Daniel Grotz	Daniel K. Grotz	February 13 @ 1:15 p.m.	Republican
<b>Commissioner District 3</b> <i>One vacancy</i>	Andy Bowman (appointed)	Andrew Bowman Willard Peterson	February 12 @ 9:56 a.m. February 27 @ 11:56 p.m.	Republican Republican
<b>Commissioner District 4</b> <i>One vacancy</i>	Randy Obermier	Randy Obermier	February 13 @ 10:58 a.m.	Republican
<b>County Assessor</b> <i>One vacancy</i>	Kurt Bulgrin	Kurt Bulgrin	February 13 @ 2:07 p.m.	Republican
<b>County Attorney</b> <i>One vacancy</i>	Gary Olson	Gary D. Olson	February 10 @ 1:43 p.m.	Republican
<b>County Clerk (Register of Deeds &amp; Election Comm.)</b> <i>One vacancy</i>	Mary Melby (appointed)	Mary Melby	January 29 @ 10:25 a.m.	Republican
<b>County Clerk of the District Court</b> <i>One vacancy</i>	Sharilyn Steube	Sharilyn Steube	January 5 @ 12:20 p.m.	Republican
<b>County Public Defender</b> <i>One vacancy</i>	David Michel	Timothy P. Matas	February 13 @ 1:29 p.m.	Republican
<b>County Surveyor</b> <i>One vacancy</i>	Rex Heiden			
<b>County Sheriff</b> <i>One vacancy</i>	Paul Vrbka	Joshua Gillespie	January 6 @ 4:45 p.m.	Republican
<b>County Treasurer</b> <i>One vacancy</i>	Megan Williams	Megan Williams	January 30 @ 8:17 a.m.	Republican
<b>SCHOOL TICKET</b>				
<b>Heartland Community Schools - Board Member</b> <i>Three vacancies</i>	Jennifer Hiebner Ryan Goertzen Tammy Ott	Ryan Goertzen Tiffanee Ogorzolkka Brad Janzen Erik Friesen Lance Peters Curt Friesen Jaydon Janzen	February 11 @ 2:50 p.m. February 23 @ 3:15 p.m. March 2 @ 8:07 a.m. March 2 @ 8:39 a.m. March 2 @ 8:46 a.m. March 2 @ 8:47 a.m. March 2 @ 1:59 p.m.	<i>Nonpartisan Race</i>
<b>McCool Junction Public School - Board Member</b> <i>Three vacancies</i>	Alysia Clark Krystal Rasmussen Matt Clark	Alysia Clark Krystal Rasmussen Matthew J. Clark	January 22 @ 3:45 p.m. January 26 @ 2:25 p.m. February 4 @ 10:15 a.m.	<i>Nonpartisan Race</i>
<b>York Public Schools - Board Member</b> <i>Three vacancies</i>	Alex Hildebrand (appointed) Alison L. North Pepper Papineau	Alison North Alex Hildebrand Pepper Papineau	January 5 @ 8:49 a.m. January 5 @ 10:03 a.m. January 28 @ 1:55 p.m.	<i>Nonpartisan Race</i>
<b>CITY TICKET</b>				
<b>Henderson City Council - Council Member</b> <i>Three vacancies</i>	Brian Hiebner Jordan Hiebner (appointed) Teri Pollet	Jordan Hiebner Teri Pollet April Prusia Tanner Steingard	February 4 @ 2:00 p.m. February 17 @ 3:36 p.m. February 25 @ 1:23 p.m. March 3 @ 4:27 p.m.	<i>Nonpartisan Race</i>
<b>York City Council - Council Member</b> <i>Four vacancies</i>	Jeff Pieper Scott Van Esch Stephen Postier Doreen Lopez (appointed)	Stephen R. Postier Doreen Lopez Scott Van Esch Richard McDougall Amy Lehman	January 5 @ 3:32 p.m. February 6 @ 1:38 p.m. February 12 @ 4:20 p.m. February 17 @ 9:28 a.m. March 2 @ 3:51 p.m.	<i>Nonpartisan Race</i>
<b>VILLAGE TICKET - General Election ONLY</b>				
<b>Village of Benedict - Board of Trustees</b>				<i>Nonpartisan Race</i>
<b>Village of Bradshaw - Board of Trustees</b> <i>Two vacancies</i>	LJ McCormick Terrence Werth	Terrence Werth	February 17 @ 3:26 p.m.	<i>Nonpartisan Race</i>
<b>Village of Gresham - Board of Trustees</b> <i>Two vacancies</i>	Conner Luettel Kim Sheehan	Kim Sheehan	February 4 @ 4:47 p.m.	<i>Nonpartisan Race</i>
<b>Village of Lushton - Board of Trustees</b> <i>Two vacancies</i>	Caleb Weisheit Kathy Hall			<i>Nonpartisan Race</i>
<b>Village of McCool - Board of Trustees</b> <i>Two vacancies</i>	Tom Hoarty Sandra Browitt	Sandra L. Browitt	January 27 @ 1:08 p.m.	<i>Nonpartisan Race</i>
<b>Village of Thayer - Board of Trustees</b> <i>Two vacancies</i>	Dustin Drake Daryl Foutz	Dustin Drake	January 28 @ 4:12 p.m.	<i>Nonpartisan Race</i>
<b>Village of Waco - Board of Trustees</b> <i>Two vacancies</i>	Rick Pfeifer Don Copeland (appointed)	Don Copeland Rick Pfeifer	January 9 @ 11:31 a.m. January 12 @ 9:46 a.m.	<i>Nonpartisan Race</i>

\*Highlighted subdivisions have yet to submit an election certification to the County Clerk. Villages have until June 15, 2026, to submit a certification per state statute 32-404.

Per state statute 32-532 village board races will not appear on the primary ballot, as they automatically advance to the general election.