



2026 Primary Election Candidates Filing deadline for incumbents is February 17th, 2026 by 5pm. Filing deadline for non incumbents is March 2nd, 2026 by 5pm. Some races will not appear on the primary election as the number of candidates filing for office did not exceed twice the number of vacancies. The Election Commissioner shall place the names of such automatically nominated candidates on the general election ballot as provided. The following is a list of all candidates and races for Platte County. Please note that NOT all candidates or races will appear on your specific ballot. **PRIMARY ELECTION DATE: MAY 12TH, 2026**

Office	Term	Party	Name	Phone/Email
For County Clerk	4		This contest will appear on the Primary ballot	
		Republican	Jennifer E. Brown	Incumbent 402-276-4062
		Republican	Lisa Chlopek	Nonincumbent 402-270-9269
For Sheriff	4		This contest will automatically advance to the General election	
		Republican	Ed Wemhoff	Incumbent 402-276-3784
For County Attorney	4		This contest will automatically advance to the General election	
		Republican	Emilee Higgins	Nonincumbent 402-563-4346
For Register of Deeds	4		This contest will automatically advance to the General election	
		Republican	Sigrid Parker	Incumbent 530-949-1558
For Assessor	4		This contest will automatically advance to the General election	
		Republican	Kari Urkoski	Incumbent 402-563-4925
For Treasurer	4		This contest will automatically advance to the General election	
		Republican	Jennifer Reppert	Incumbent 402-276-0113

For Clerk of the District Court	4	This contest will automatically advance to the General election		
	Republican	Kate McKay	Nonincumbent	402-920-2412
For Surveyor	4	This contest will automatically advance to the General election		
	Republican	Thomas A. Tremel	Incumbent	402-276-3690
For County Supervisor District 1	4	This contest will automatically advance to the General election		
	Republican	John R. Harms	Incumbent	402-276-4816
District 3		This contest will automatically advance to the General election		
	Republican	Kim Kwapnioski	Incumbent	402-649-5309
District 5		This contest will automatically advance to the General election		
	Republican	Bob Lloyd	Incumbent	402-276-3023
District 7		This contest will automatically advance to the General election		
	Republican	Gene Trouba	Incumbent	402-276-8751
For School Board Member	4	This contest will automatically advance to the General election		
	Nonpartisan office			
Columbus Public Schools		This contest will automatically advance to the General election		
District 1		This contest will automatically advance to the General election		
		Douglas Molczyk	Incumbent	402-276-4033
		Mike Jeffryes	Incumbent	402-276-3597
		Douglas Kluth	Nonincumbent	402-270-4028

Lakeview Community Schools

District 5

This contest will appear on the Primary ballot

Justin Laudenklos	Nonincumbent	402-276-4496
Joy Escen	Incumbent	402-860-3464
Lucas Mohrman	Nonincumbent	402-730-1352
Mallory Wagoner	Nonincumbent	308-390-3476
Keith A. Runge	Incumbent	402-276-0773
Jon Faltys	Nonincumbent	402-942-3936
Darren Reinhart	Nonincumbent	402-304-2694

Humphrey Public Schools

District 67

This contest will automatically advance to the General election

Julia A. Preister	Incumbent	402-920-0201
Kory Vering	Incumbent	620-491-3644
Kevin Herchenbach	Incumbent	402-920-2504
Jenny Baumgart	Incumbent	402-920-2885
Adam Korth	Nonincumbent	402-920-0738
Todd Gronenthal	Nonincumbent	402-276-5979

Twin River Public Schools

Certifies with Nance County

District 30

This contest will automatically advance to the General election

John D. Nelson

Incumbent

402-649-2747

Michael Jacobi

Nonincumbent

Madison Public Schools

Certifies with Madison County

District Madison 1

This contest will automatically advance to the General election

James Knapp

Incumbent

402-649-7781

Kathleen Ritzmann

Nonincumbent

217-494-5374

Cassandra Fuhs

Nonincumbent

402-750-3779

Joshua M. O'Brien

Nonincumbent

402-750-9101

Leigh Community Schools

Certifies with Colfax County

District Colfax 39

This contest will automatically advance to the General election

Debra Brabec

Incumbent

Megan Folken

Incumbent

Nate Higby

Incumbent

Ryan J. Hoffman

Incumbent

Newman Grove Public Schools

Certifies with Madison County

District Madison 13

This contest will automatically advance to the General election

Ben Nelson

Nonincumbent

402-741-1369

David W. Fowlkes

Incumbent

402-741-1551

Kimberly Wiese

Nonincumbent

402-710-0663

Kevin G. Patzel

Incumbent

402-741-1711

St. Edward Public Schools

Certifies with Boone County

District Boone 17

For City Council Member of Columbus

These contests will automatically advance to the General election

4 Nonpartisan office

Ward 1

Cynthia Alarcón

Incumbent

402-661-0952

Ward 2

Katherine Lopez

Incumbent

402-606-9059

Ward 3

Richard E. Jablonski Incumbent 402-270-1702

Ward 4

Joseph P. (Prent) Roth Incumbent 402-710-2810

For City Council Member of Humphrey

4 Nonpartisan office

At Large

This contest will automatically advance to the General election

Ken Leifeld Incumbent 402-651-7789

Mindy Stock Incumbent 402-367-2231

For City Council Member of Newman Grove

4 Nonpartisan office

Mayor

This contest will automatically advance to the General election

David C. Johnson Incumbent 402-750-9994

At Large

This contest will automatically advance to the General election

Thomas P. Bagley Incumbent 402-741-1154

James P. O'Brien Jr. Incumbent 402-560-1667