



2026 General Election Candidates Filing deadline for incumbents is July 15th, 2026 by 5pm. Filing deadline for non incumbents is August 3rd, 2026 by 5pm. 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. **GENERAL ELECTION DATE: NOVEMBER 3, 2026**

Office	Term	Party	Name	Phone/Email
<b>For County Clerk</b>	<b>4</b>			
		Republican	Lisa Chlopek	Nonincumbent 402-270-9269
<b>For Sheriff</b>	<b>4</b>	This contest will automatically advance to the General election		
		Republican	Ed Wemhoff	Incumbent 402-276-3784
<b>For County Attorney</b>	<b>4</b>	This contest will automatically advance to the General election		
		Republican	Emilee Higgins	Nonincumbent 402-563-4346
<b>For Register of Deeds</b>	<b>4</b>	This contest will automatically advance to the General election		
		Republican	Sigrid Parker	Incumbent 530-949-1558
<b>For Assessor</b>	<b>4</b>	This contest will automatically advance to the General election		
		Republican	Kari Urkoski	Incumbent 402-563-4925
<b>For Treasurer</b>	<b>4</b>	This contest will automatically advance to the General election		
		Republican	Jennifer Reppert	Incumbent 402-276-0113
<b>For Clerk of the District Court</b>	<b>4</b>			
		Republican	Kate McKay	Nonincumbent 402-920-2412
<b>For Surveyor</b>	<b>4</b>			

Republican

Thomas A. Tremel

Incumbent

402-276-3690

**For County Supervisor 4**  
**District 1**

Republican

John R. Harms

Incumbent

402-276-4816

**District 3**

Republican

Kim Kwapnioski

Incumbent

402-649-5309

**District 5**

Republican

Bob Lloyd

Incumbent

402-276-3023

**District 7**

Republican

Gene Trouba

Incumbent

402-276-8751

**For School Board Member 4**

**Nonpartisan office**

***Columbus Public Schools***

**District 1**

Douglas Molczyk

Incumbent

402-276-4033

Mike Jeffryes

Incumbent

402-276-3597

Douglas Kluth

Nonincumbent

402-270-4028

***Lakeview Community Schools***

**District 5**

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

***Humphrey Public Schools***

**District 67**

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**

John D. Nelson	Incumbent	402-649-2747
Michael Jacobi	Nonincumbent	

**Madison Public Schools**  
Certifies with Madison County  
**District Madison 1**

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**

Debra Brabec	Incumbent
Megan Folken	Incumbent
Nate Higby	Incumbent
Ryan J. Hoffman	Incumbent

**Newman Grove Public Schools**  
Certifies with Madison County  
**District Madison 13**

Ben Nelson	Nonincumbent	402-741-1369
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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**

Brent Beekman	Nonincumbent
Lindsay K. Christman	Nonincumbent
Sherri Cruise	Nonincumbent
Shayla L. Cruise	Nonincumbent

**For City Council Member of Columbus**

**4 Nonpartisan office**

**Ward 1**

Cynthia Alarcón	Incumbent	402-661-0952
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**Ward 2**

Katherine Lopez	Incumbent	402-606-9059
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**Ward 3**

Richard E. Jablonski	Incumbent	402-270-1702
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**Ward 4**

Joseph P. (Prent) Roth

Incumbent

402-710-2810

**For City Council Member of Humphrey**

**4 Nonpartisan office**

**At Large**

Ken Leifeld

Incumbent

402-651-7789

Mindy Stock

Incumbent

402-367-2231

**For City Council Member of Newman Grove**

**4 Nonpartisan office**

**Mayor**

David C. Johnson

Incumbent

402-750-9994

**At Large**

Thomas P. Bagley

Incumbent

402-741-1154

James P. O'Brien Jr.

Incumbent

402-560-1667

**For Village Board of Trustees**

**4 Nonpartisan office**

Village of Cornlea

Tom Harding

Incumbent

402-920-1591

Kenneth A Schnitzler

Incumbent

402-920-0503

Gary Raymond Bender

Incumbent

402-923-1674

Village of Creston

Derek Korth

Incumbent

402-920-0407

Village of Duncan

Village of Lindsay

Village of Monroe

Village of Platte Center

Village of Tarnov

Ruth Mausbach

Incumbent

402-246-2421

**For Township Board**

**4 Nonpartisan office**

Columbus Township

Creston Township

Bismark Township

Burrows Township

John R. Schure

Incumbent

308-539-2602

Ken Classen

Incumbent

402-970-2153

Nick Olmer

Incumbent

402-920-0485

Butler Township

Grand Prairie Township

Mark Fittje

Incumbent

402-910-3571

Granville Township

Humphrey Township

Steve Albracht

Incumbent

402-270-7035

Joliet Township

Lost Creek Township

Monroe Township

Douglas Nelson  
Glen A. Micek

Incumbent  
Incumbent

402-993-8209  
402-270-3473

Oconee Township

Susan Fricke

Incumbent

402-910-7322

Fred Frickie

Incumbent

402-276-0486

Shell Creek Township

Jamie Meyer

Incumbent

402-276-7501

Sherman Township

St. Bernard Township

Walker Township

Tyson Jorgensen  
Kenneth Nelson

Incumbent  
Incumbent

402-429-1595  
402-741-2094

Woodville Township

Bill Benson

Incumbent

402-920-1677