

Candidates on April election ballot

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JEFFERSON — Voters in Jefferson County will face a full ballot come the April 4 general election.

Candidates for seats on a city council, village board of trustees or town board of supervisors had until 5 p.m. Tuesday to file nomination papers to get their name on the ballot.

Board of education candidates had the same deadline for declaring candidacy.

A primary will be held Tuesday, Feb. 21, to trim the roster for the April ballot in a race for State Superintendent of Public Instruction and the Oconowomoc School District Board of Education.

The following outlines positions slated to appear on the ballot:

STATE

Statewide, voters will be casting ballots for the Wisconsin Supreme Court seat currently held by Justice Annette K. Ziegler. She is unopposed in a bid for a new 10-year term.

Also, the four-year term of state Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Evers will be on the ballot. Evers is seeking re-election and will face a primary on Feb. 21 to narrow the field that includes himself, as well as director of state and federal programs for the Dodgeville School District, John Humphries, and retired superintendent and administrator Lowell Holtz.

COUNTY

Jefferson County Circuit Court Branch IV Judge Randy Koschnick's seat on the bench will be up for election in April.

A term for Jefferson County Circuit Court judge is six years. Jefferson attorney Ben Brantmeier is the lone candidate for the position.

In addition, a seat on the District IV Court of Appeals also is up for election. Judge Paul B. Higginbotham is the incumbent and announced that he will not be seeking re-election. Michael R. Fitzpatrick of Janesville is unopposed in a his bid to fill Higginbotham's seat on the appellate court bench for a six-year term.

CITIES

Fort Atkinson

In the City of Fort Atkinson, three city council seats are up for election.

Seats currently held by council members Paul Kotz, Mason Becker and Davin Lescohier will appear on the April ballot. All three are seeking re-election.

Newcomers Don Bladorn and Tangee Dunn will oppose the incumbents.

All of the seats are two-year terms.

Jefferson

Residents in the City of Jefferson will cast ballots for four seats on the Jefferson Common Council in April.

For common council, positions for the District B, District D and two at-large seats are up for election.

Vincent Krause is the incumbent in District B, which includes Wards 3 and 4. The District D incumbent is Toby Tully Jr.; the district includes Wards 8, 9 and 10.

At-large incumbents are Peg Beyer and Bill Brandel.

All positions are for two-year terms.

Whitewater

There will be four Whitewater Common Council positions up for election in the City of Whitewater on April 4.

They include those in Aldermanic Districts 1, 3 and 5 and an at-large seat.

Patrick Wellnitz is the incumbent in District 1, which includes Wards 1 and 2. He is being challenged for his seat by newcomer Carol McCormick.

In District 3, encompassing Wards 3, 4 and 9, Christopher Grady currently is serving. Also, Stephanie Goettl is on the board in District 5, which includes Wards 10-12.

The incumbent alderperson-at-large whose seat will be on the ballot is Patrick Singer, who is serving as council president.

Grady, Goettl and Singer all are unopposed in bids for re-election.

All terms are for two years.

Lake Mills

Two seats on the Lake Mills City Council will be up for election this spring.

Positions now held by incumbents Diann Hosp Fritsch, District 1, and Rudy Schaar, District 2, will appear on the ballot. Hosp Fritsch represents those in Wards 1, 4, 5 and 8, while Schaar's district includes Wards 2, 3, 6 and 7.

Hosp Fritsch is running unopposed in District 1 for re-election.

In District 2, newcomer Vickie Schmidt filed for candidacy to fill the seat being vacated by Schaar who is not seeking re-election and filed non-candidacy.

Both seats carry three-year terms.

Waterloo

Two seats on the Waterloo Common Council are up for election in April.

Ward 1 Alderperson Matthew Ziaja and Alderperson at-large Angie Stinnett are unopposed in bids for re-election to their respective seats.

Each position is for a four-year term.

Watertown

Five seats on the Watertown Common Council are slated to be on the ballot. Those in the odd-numbered districts of 1, 3, 5, 7 and 9 will be up for election.

Incumbents are Emily McFarland, Ken Berg, Steve Zgonc, Augie Tietz and James Romlein.

All except Romlein are unopposed in bids for re-election to their respective seats. Under city ordinance related to term limits, Romlein, who is completing his third term in office, is required to step down for a term before being eligible to run again.

Newcomers Linda Kilps and John A. Smith are vying for the District 9 seat being vacated by Romlein.

Interim Municipal Judge Mark S. Sweet has filed papers to retain his position as municipal judge.

All terms are for two years, with a maximum of three consecutive terms or six years.

VILLAGES

Cambridge

Four positions on the Village of Cambridge Board of Trustees are slated to appear on the April ballot.

Seats held by incumbents Dusan "Duke" Mihajlovic, Kathy Cunningham and Ted Kumbier will be up for election. In addition, Village President Steve Struss' seat is on the ballot.

Mihajlovic submitted noncandidacy papers and will not be seeking re-election.

All other incumbents are seeking re-election unopposed. Former trustee Dwight Christianson also is on the ballot to fill Mihajlovic's seat.

All positions are for two years.

Lac La Belle

Three positions on the Village of Lac La Belle will be on the ballot.

Incumbent village president Timothy Clark, and village trustees Mark Wille and Robert Butendorf are unopposed in bids for re-election to new two-year terms.

Johnson Creek

Johnson Creek residents will be filling four seats on the village board of trustees next April.

The position of village president, currently held by John Swisher, is on the ballot. He is being challenged by current trustee Tim Semo.

Trustee seats on the ballot include those of Semo and fellow incumbents Dale Theder and Donald Smith. All three are seeking re-election. They are being opposed by newcomers Steven Brown, Robert Kasper and David Rousayne. Should Semo be the top vote-getter in both president and trustee, he would select a position and the other then would be appointed.

All positions are for two-year terms.

Sullivan

Three trustee positions are open on the Village of Sullivan Board of Trustees in the April election.

Incumbent trustees Roberta Montague and Gary Kernolde and village president Tammy Kevin all are unopposed for re-election to new two-year terms.

Palmyra

Four positions will be on the ballot in the Village of Palmyra next April, including three trustee seats and the village president.

Village trustee incumbents include Tom Ball, Lori Gennerman and Kathleen Weiss.

The village president position currently is held by David Turner.

All of the incumbents are seeking re-election. One newcomer, Louis Nowak is seeking a seat as a trustee.

Terms for all positions are for two years.

TOWNS

Aztalan

In the Town of Aztalan, voters will be casting ballots on five board of supervisor positions in April.

Positions held by incumbent Chairperson Scott Masche, Supervisors Mike Burow and Adam Zimmermann, Clerk Sandra Marks and Treasurer Brenda Wesa will be on the ballot.

Masche and Zimmermann will be running against each other for chairperson. Burow and Larry Christianson will be running for the two supervisor positions. Marks and Wesa also filed for re-election.

Each position is for a two-year term.

Cold Spring

All five board of supervisors positions in the Town of Cold Spring are on the ballot in April.

Incumbents are Chairperson Mark Hoffmann, Supervisors Richard Rozelle and Byron Freeman, Clerk Lisa Griep and Treasurer Rebecca Skindingsrude.

The positions carry two-year terms. A town caucus will be held on Jan. 12 at 6 p.m. to determine the list of candidates.

Concord

Five board of supervisor positions will be on the ballot in the Town of Concord.

Incumbents are Chairman William Ingersoll, Supervisors Lloyd Zastrow and Ted Mueller, Clerk Brian Neuman and Treasurer James Zastrow. All are seeking re-election unopposed for new two-year terms.

Farmington

Town of Farmington voters will be casting ballots on five board of supervisor positions in the April election.

Positions held by incumbent Chairperson Don Reese, Supervisors Kevin Emrath and Scott Sukow, Clerk Tami Latsch and Treasurer Bernice Sukow are up for election.

Reese will be challenged by Jody Gehrke for chairperson. All other incumbents will be running unopposed for re-election.

Each position carries a two-year term.

Hebron

Five board of supervisors positions are on the ballot in the Town of Hebron.

Incumbents are Chairperson Ronald Kutz, and Supervisors Matthew Foelker and Randy Thorman.

The positions of clerk and treasurer, currently held by Kathleen Gross and Laura Brittnacher, respectively, are slated to be changed to appointed positions.

Town of Hebron electors approved a referendum in the November general election to have the town clerk and treasurer positions be appointed by the board of supervisors rather than elected.

The new scenario will go into effect at the April election.

A caucus will be held Wednesday, Jan. 11, at 6:45 p.m. at the town hall.

Terms for all the positions are for two years.

Ixonia

In the Town of Ixonia, three positions on the board of supervisors are up for election on April 4.

Chairperson Perry Goetsch, and Supervisors Peter Mark and Jeff Taylor are the incumbents. The trio are unopposed in bids for re-election to new two-year terms.

Jefferson

The Town of Jefferson Board of Supervisors is looking to fill three positions in the spring election.

Incumbents are Chairperson Nancy Emons, Supervisor I Tracie Stammer and Supervisor III Donna Hollinger. Each are seeking re-election but not necessarily for the post they currently hold.

Stammer is seeking re-election directly to her seat as Supervisor I.

However, Emons is running for the supervisor III position and Hollinger will be running for chairperson.

All three positions carry two-year terms.

Koshkonong

Three positions are up for election in the Town of Koshkonong this spring.

Incumbents are Chairman Bill Burlingame, Supervisor I Hugh McMahon and Supervisor II Jim Brandenburg.

Burlingame will be opposed by former town public works director and Jefferson County of Supervisors District 30 member Gary Kutz.

McMahon has filed for non-candidacy and will not be running for re-election. Former board members Walt Christensen and Carol Clavey are seeking the seat being vacated by McMahon.

In addition, Brandenburg is being challenged in his bid for re-election by newcomer Roy Shipler. All offices are for two-year terms.

Lake Mills

All five seats on the Town of Lake Mills Board of Supervisors will be on the ballot in April.

Incumbents included Chairperson Hope Oostdik, Supervisors David Schroeder and Lee Peterson, Clerk Sarah FitzGibbon and Treasurer Sharon Guenterberg.

The term for all offices is two years.

Officials were unable to be reached by presstime for names of those who filed for candidacy.

Milford

Five seats will be on the April ballot in the Town of Milford.

Town Chairman Jeff Ziebell's seat is up for election, as are those of Supervisors Jason Hoffman and Joseph Donnelly, Clerk Karen Schadt and Treasurer Kathleen Redmer.

A caucus will be held Saturday, Jan. 14, at 1 p.m. at the Milford Town Hall to determine the list of candidates on the ballot.

The positions each carry two-year terms.

Oakland

In the Town of Oakland, three positions on the board of directors will be up for election in the spring. Town Chairperson Eugene Kapsner's seat will be on the ballot, as will those of Supervisors Joy Graffin and the vacant supervisor seat.

Also, Sanitary District #2 representative William Strohbusch's position will be up for election.

Kapsner will run unopposed for chairperson. Graffin and Teddy Vratny will run for the two supervisor seats.

Strohbusch will run unopposed for re-election.

The positions each carry two-year terms.

Palmyra

Electors in the Town of Palmyra will be selecting candidates for four board of supervisor positions in the spring election.

Incumbents are Chairperson Larry Kau, Supervisors Weenonah Brattset and Ed Miller, and Clerk/Treasurer Bill May.

A town caucus will be held Saturday, Jan. 14, at 10 a.m. at the community center at Palmyra-Eagle High School to determine the list of candidates.

All positions are for two-year terms.

Sullivan

Three board of supervisor seats will be up for election in the Town of Sullivan next spring.

Incumbents are town Chairperson Norman Stoner, and Supervisors Tom Bauer and Barry Boos.

All positions are for two-year terms.

Officials were unable to be reached for names of those who filed for candidacy.

Sumner

In the Town of Sumner, five positions are up for election in the spring.

Positions held by incumbent town Chairman John Dohner Jr., Supervisor I Randall Burdick, Supervisor II Rosemary Olson, Clerk Glendan Rewoldt and Treasurer Donna Skau will be on the ballot.

All incumbents filed for re-election in the same positions.

The seats each carry a two-year term.

Waterloo

Electors in the Town of Waterloo will select candidates for five board of supervisors positions in the spring election.

Those on the ballot include the seats held by Chairperson Jim Peschel, Supervisors Jeremy Ellis and Larry Holzheuter, Clerk Cindy Schroeder and Treasurer Denise Bleecker.

The positions carry two-year terms.

A town caucus will be held Wednesday, Jan. 11., at 7 p.m. to determine the list of candidates.

Watertown

Five board of supervisors positions will be on the ballot in the Town of Watertown.

Seats up for election include those of the town chairman, two supervisors, the town clerk and the town treasurer.

Incumbents are Chairman Richard Gimler, Supervisors Robert Preuss and John Thoma, and Clerk James Wendt. The treasurer post currently is vacant.

All incumbents have filed for re-election and Vonnie Buske is running for treasurer.

The term for all offices is two years.

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Fort Atkinson

Two seats on the School District of Fort Atkinson Board of Education will be up for election.

Positions on the April ballot currently are held by at-large incumbents Rodger Thomann and Victoria Hachtel.

Hachtel is seeking re-election and will face newcomers Benjamin Knowles and former city council member Dick Schultz.

Deadline for filing for a school board seat will be extended to Friday at 5 p.m. as Thomann failed to file non-candidacy or candidacy by the deadline. As a result he is ineligible to be on the ballot and the deadline is extended through Friday.

Both seats are for three-year terms.

Jefferson

Three seats on the School District of Jefferson Board of Education are up for election on April 7.

Area IV at-large incumbents are Richard Lovett and Scott Buth.

Donna Bente is the incumbent in Area II, which covers the towns of Aztalan, Farmington, Hebron, Jefferson and Oakland.

Bente and Lovett each are running for re-election. Buth has filed non-candidacy papers and will not be returning to his seat on the board.

Ronald Bauer II is seeking to fill the Area IV position being vacated by Buth.

The Area II position carries a one-year term and the two Area IV seats are for three-year terms.

Whitewater

The Whitewater Unified School District Board of Education has three open seats on the ballot in April.

Incumbents Casey Judd, Steve Ryan and Gretchen Torres are unopposed in bids for re-election.

The positions are for three-year terms.

Cambridge

Two positions on the School District of Cambridge Board of Education are slated to be on the April ballot.

Incumbents Tracy Smithback-Travis, Jim Womble and Courtney Reed Jenkins all are seeking re-election unopposed.

The seats are for three-year terms on the board.

Edgerton

Voters will cast ballots for four seats on the School District of Edgerton Board of Education.

All four incumbents — Amy Horn-Delzer, Jon Raymond, Sue Tronnes and Jordan Wileman — are seeking re-election unopposed.

Terms will be determined by number of votes. The top three vote-getters will receive three-year terms and the fourth will be a one-year term.

Johnson Creek

Two seats on the Johnson Creek School District Board of Education will be on the ballot in April.

Positions held by incumbents Rick Kaltenberg and Richard Wrensch are up for election.

Kaltenberg filed for non-candidacy. Wrensch and Jennifer Malueg will be running for the two open seats.

Both positions are for three-year terms.

Kettle Moraine

Two seats are on the spring ballot in the Kettle Moraine School District Board of Education.

The seats include those held by incumbents Gary Vose and Jay Crouse, both of whom are running for re-election.

Both positions are for three-year terms.

Lake Mills

One position will be up for election on the Lake Mills Area School District Board of Education.

Incumbent board president Richard Mason is unopposed in seeking a new three-year term.

Milton

Three positions are on the April ballot for the School District of Milton Board of Education.

Incumbents are board President Jon Cruzan, and members Tom Westrick and Karen Hall. Each is seeking re-election and being challenged by newcomer Brian Kvapil.

The top two vote-getters will have three-year terms with the third getting a one-year term.

Palmyra

Three positions are on the April ballot for the Palmyra-Eagle Area School District Board of Education.

Incumbents are Mark Isaacsen, Craig Schnuelle and Tara Walters-Bollmann.

Isaacsen and Schnuelle have filed for non-candidacy.

The three open seats will be sought by Walters-Bollmann, Mat Mecca, Amy Wilde and Matt Sockrider.

All positions are for three-year terms.

Oconomowoc

The Oconomowoc Area School District has two school board seats up in the April election.

Incumbents are Mike Bickler and Sandy Schick. The pair will be joined on the ballot by newcomers James Wood, Dan Rausch, Samuel Levin and Glenn Cochrane.

A primary will be held Tuesday, Feb. 21, to narrow the field of candidates.

All positions are for three-year terms.

Waterloo

There are three positions for the Waterloo School District Board of Education on the April ballot.

Seats held by Area 3 incumbents Jenifer Quimby and Nancy Thompson will be up for election, as will the Area 1 seat held by Karen Stagler.

All three are unopposed in bids for re-election.

Area 3 is comprised of the City of Waterloo, Jefferson County and Sections 31, 32 and the part of Section 33 west of the Mauneshia River, Town of Portland, Dodge County, including the Village of Portland.

Meanwhile, Area 1 is comprised of the Town of Portland east of the Crawfish and Mauneshia rivers, and the towns of Shields, Lowell and Elba in Dodge County.

Each seat is for a three-year term.

Watertown

Three at-large seats are up for election on the Watertown Unified School District School Board of Education.

Seats currently held by incumbents Jennifer Bakke, Tony Arnett and Mark Holland will appear on the ballot. All three are seeking re-election and being challenged by newcomer Ronald J. Roehl.

Each position is for a three-year term.