

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 Knox County. Please note that NOT all candidates or races will appear on your specific ballot. **THE PRIMARY ELECTION DATE IS MAY 12, 2026.**

UPDATED: March 4, 2026 at 4:30 P.M.

COUNTY OFFICIALS

Candidate	Party (if applicable)	Incumbency Status	Date Filed	Phone
COUNTY ASSESSOR - 4 YEAR TERM - VOTE FOR ONE				
Christa M Beckmann	Republican	Incumbent	1/5/2026	402-394-8614
COUNTY ATTORNEY - 4 YEAR TERM - VOTE FOR ONE				
Hanna Knox Jensen	Republican	Nonincumbent	2/24/2026	402-288-4284
COUNTY CLERK - 4 YEAR TERM - VOTE FOR ONE				
Joann M. Fischer	Republican	Incumbent	1/5/2026	402-640-9979
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT - 4 YEAR TERM - VOTE FOR ONE				
Matthew R. Fischer	Democratic	Incumbent	1/26/2026	402-640-9493
COUNTY SHERIFF - 4 YEAR TERM - VOTE FOR ONE				
Mark A Krepel	Democratic	Nonincumbent	1/12/2026	402-841-4774
Don Henery	Republican	Incumbent	1/15/2026	402-358-0912
Mark Duncan	Republican	Nonincumbent	1/27/2026	402-394-1899
COUNTY SURVEYOR - 4 YEAR TERM - VOTE FOR ONE				
Michael Skroch	Republican	Incumbent	1/21/2026	402-373-4647
COUNTY TREASURER- 4 YEAR TERM - VOTE FOR ONE				
Lori G Ebel	Republican	Incumbent	1/5/2026	402-841-3863
COUNTY SUPERVISOR DISTRICT 1- 4 YEAR TERM - VOTE FOR ONE				
Marty O'Connor	Republican	Incumbent	1/5/2026	605-661-7913
Shane Wieseler	Republican	Nonincumbent	2/27/2026	402-358-0415
COUNTY SUPERVISOR DISTRICT 3- 4 YEAR TERM - VOTE FOR ONE				
Lance Rudloff	Republican	Nonincumbent	1/20/2026	402-841-5889
David Pierce	Republican	Incumbent	1/21/2026	402-655-2240
Jeff Uhlir	Republican	Nonincumbent	3/2/2026	402-316-6199
COUNTY SUPERVISOR DISTRICT 5- 4 YEAR TERM - VOTE FOR ONE				
Kevin D Mackeprang	Republican	Incumbent	1/5/2026	402-841-4633
COUNTY SUPERVISOR DISTRICT 7- 4 YEAR TERM - VOTE FOR ONE				
Jim Borgmann	Republican	Incumbent	1/5/2026	402-360-3441
Daniel Henery	Republican	Nonincumbent	1/12/2026	402-860-1578
SCHOOL BOARDS				
BLOOMFIELD COMMUNITY SCHOOL - 4 YEAR TERM - VOTE FOR UP TO THREE				
Dee Bratetic		Incumbent	2/12/2026	402-373-4305
Travis J Mlady		Nonincumbent	3/2/2026	402-618-4405
CREIGHTON PUBLIC SCHOOL - 4 YEAR TERM - VOTE FOR UP TO THREE				
Dixie L Hanefeldt		Incumbent	1/5/2026	402-640-0028
Josh Key		Incumbent	1/21/2026	757-374-5513
Amy Borgmann		Incumbent	2/3/2026	402-358-0044
Sarah Strehle		Nonincumbent	2/26/2026	402-380-4052
Megan Dufek		Nonincumbent	3/2/2026	402-340-1410
CROFTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL - 4 YEAR TERM - VOTE FOR UP TO THREE				
Jayne Arens		Incumbent	2/6/2026	402-358-0040
Amy Hoffman		Incumbent	2/6/2026	402-640-8613
ISANTI COMMUNITY SCHOOL - 4 YEAR TERM - VOTE FOR UP TO THREE				
Waylon LaPlante		Incumbent	1/12/2026	402-860-1308
Susan Pike		Incumbent	2/6/2026	402-340-6365
Anita LaPointe		Incumbent	2/13/2026	605-857-5247
David Henry Jr		Nonincumbent	2/18/2026	402-360-5754

SCHOOL BOARDS - CONTINUED

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NIOBRARA PUBLIC SCHOOL - 4 YEAR TERM - VOTE FOR UP TO THREE				
Kristine Flyinghawk		Incumbent	2/6/2026	605-760-5283
Susan Bolling		Incumbent	2/10/2026	402-640-0758
Matt Moody		Incumbent	2/10/2026	402-640-5433
Julia Talsma		Nonincumbent	2/27/2026	402-841-1616
Dana Fritz Adema		Nonincumbent	3/2/2026	402-640-6097
Steve Kreycik		Nonincumbent	3/2/2026	402-394-7532
VERDIGRE PUBLIC SCHOOL - 4 YEAR TERM - VOTE FOR UP TO THREE				
Robyn Frank		Incumbent	2/4/2026	402-841-5083
Ellison L Fuchtman		Incumbent	2/11/2026	402-358-0555
Nick Mullanix		Nonincumbent	3/2/2026	308-414-1316
WAUSA PUBLIC SCHOOL - 4 YEAR TERM - VOTE FOR UP TO THREE				
Michael Kumm		Incumbent	1/28/2026	402-640-7528
Katie Clausen		Incumbent	2/9/2026	402-586-2167

CITY OFFICIALS

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BLOOMFIELD CITY MAYOR - 4 YEAR TERM - VOTE FOR ONE				
Keith A. Koertje		Incumbent (on Council)	2/13/2026	402-360-3936
BLOOMFIELD CITY COUNCILMEMBERS AT LARGE - 4 YEAR TERM - VOTE FOR UP TO TWO				
Leslie R. Jessen		Incumbent	2/6/2026	402-360-0179
Austin Taylor		Nonincumbent	2/23/2026	308-383-5980
Angela Kumm		Nonincumbent	3/2/2026	402-841-3283
BLOOMFIELD CITY AIRPORT AUTHORITY - 6 YEAR TERM - VOTE FOR ONE				
Cindy S. Barney		Incumbent	1/22/2026	402-640-8361
CREIGHTON CITY MAYOR - 4 YEAR TERM - VOTE FOR ONE				
Steven W. Morrill		Incumbent	1/9/2026	402-358-3323
CREIGHTON CITY COUNCILMEMBERS AT LARGE - 4 YEAR TERM - VOTE FOR UP TO TWO				
Mark Ripp		Incumbent	1/26/2026	402-360-1087
Matthew A. Johnson		Nonincumbent	2/19/2026	402-686-0123
Michael S. Montagna		Nonincumbent	2/19/2026	402-358-6143
Nikki Davidson		Nonincumbent	2/26/2026	402-841-9645
Eric Schroeder		Nonincumbent	3/2/2026	402-992-1501
CREIGHTON CITY AIRPORT AUTHORITY - 6 YEAR TERM - VOTE FOR ONE				
Tyler B. Fuchtman		Incumbent	2/13/2026	402-419-3166
CROFTON CITY MAYOR - 4 YEAR TERM - VOTE FOR ONE				
Randy Ausdemore		Incumbent	2/3/2026	402-640-8527
CROFTON CITY COUNCILMEMBERS AT LARGE - 4 YEAR TERM - VOTE FOR UP TO TWO				
Luke E. Kleinschmit		Incumbent	2/13/2026	605-760-5840
Jason Wavrunek		Incumbent	2/13/2026	402-640-0977

SPECIAL ISSUES

Hill Township Levy Special Election	1/20/2026
Verdigre Township Levy Special Election	2/3/2026
Knox County Agricultural Society Special Election - restricted funds allowable growth	2/19/2026
Valley Township Levy Special Election	2/20/2026
Morton Township Levy Special Election	2/23/2026
Dolphin Township Levy Special Election	2/26/2026
Plainview School Bond Special Election	2/26/2026
Creighton Township Levy Special Election	3/2/2026

2026 General Election Candidates' filing deadline for incumbents is July 15, 2026 by 5:00 p.m. Filing deadline for non-incumbents is August 3, 2026 by 5:00 p.m. The following is a list of candidates and races for Knox County. Please note that NOT all candidates or races will appear on your specific ballot. **THE GENERAL ELECTION DATE IS NOVEMBER 3, 2026.**

VILLAGES - (GENERAL ELECTION ONLY)

Candidate	Party (if applicable)	Incumbency Status	Date Filed	Phone
BAZILE MILLS BOARD OF TRUSTEES - 4 YEAR TERM - VOTE FOR UP TO THREE				
Connie Mock		Incumbent	2/9/2026	402-358-3369
Austin Pahl		Incumbent	2/26/2026	402-360-1730
Layne Pahl		Incumbent	2/27/2026	402-358-5658

VILLAGES (GENERAL ELECTION ONLY) - CONTINUED

Candidate	Party (if applicable)	Incumbency Status	Date Filed	Phone
CENTER BOARD OF TRUSTEES - 4 YEAR TERM - VOTE FOR UP TO THREE				
Laura J. Hintz		Incumbent	2/3/2026	402-288-4495
NIOBRARA BOARD OF TRUSTEES - 4 YEAR TERM - VOTE FOR UP TO TWO				
Alan Ruda		Incumbent	2/17/2026	402-841-0102
SANTEE BOARD OF TRUSTEES - 4 YEAR TERM - VOTE FOR UP TO TWO				
VERDEL BOARD OF TRUSTEES - 4 YEAR TERM - VOTE FOR UP TO THREE				
VERDIGRE BOARD OF TRUSTEES - 4 YEAR TERM - VOTE FOR UP TO TWO				
WAUSA BOARD OF TRUSTEES - 4 YEAR TERM - VOTE FOR UP TO THREE				
WINNETOON BOARD OF TRUSTEES - 4 YEAR TERM - VOTE FOR UP TO THREE				
Jan Novacek		Incumbent	2/26/2026	402-640-8327

TOWNSHIPS (GENERAL ELECTION ONLY)

Candidate	Party (if applicable)	Incumbency Status	Date Filed	Phone
ADDISON TOWNSHIP BOARD - 4 YEAR TERM - VOTE FOR UP TO THREE				
BOHEMIA TOWNSHIP BOARD - 4 YEAR TERM - VOTE FOR UP TO THREE				
Chris Rohrer		Incumbent	2/18/2026	402-841-2450
CENTRAL TOWNSHIP BOARD - 4 YEAR TERM - VOTE FOR UP TO THREE				
CLEVELAND TOWNSHIP BOARD - 4 YEAR TERM - VOTE FOR UP TO THREE				
Dale Kuhlman		Incumbent	2/3/2026	402-358-5483
Bradley A. Strope		Incumbent	3/2/2026	402-640-5467
COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP BOARD - 4 YEAR TERM - VOTE FOR UP TO THREE				
Michael Kumm		Incumbent	1/28/2026	402-640-7528
CREIGHTON TOWNSHIP BOARD - 4 YEAR TERM - VOTE FOR UP TO THREE				
Mark Wilmes		Incumbent	1/30/2026	402-847-3395
Bronson Pahl		Incumbent	2/26/2026	402-929-0947
Jeremie Johnson		Nonincumbent	2/27/2026	402-360-4146
DOLPHIN TOWNSHIP BOARD - 4 YEAR TERM - VOTE FOR UP TO THREE				
DOWLING TOWNSHIP BOARD - 4 YEAR TERM - VOTE FOR UP TO THREE				
EASTERN TOWNSHIP BOARD - 4 YEAR TERM - VOTE FOR UP TO THREE				
FRANKFORT TOWNSHIP BOARD - 4 YEAR TERM - VOTE FOR UP TO THREE				
Mark N Keck		Incumbent	1/8/2026	402-841-1205
Ryan Tramp		Nonincumbent	2/27/2026	402-388-2426
HARRISON TOWNSHIP BOARD - 4 YEAR TERM - VOTE FOR UP TO THREE				
Scott Eisenhauer		Incumbent	1/21/2026	402-640-3949
HERRICK TOWNSHIP BOARD - 4 YEAR TERM - VOTE FOR UP TO THREE				

TOWNSHIPS - Continued (GENERAL ELECTION ONLY)

Candidate	Party (if applicable)	Incumbency Status	Date Filed	Phone
HILL TOWNSHIP BOARD - 4 YEAR TERM - VOTE FOR UP TO THREE				
Jeffrey M. Barger		Incumbent	1/20/2026	402-640-4741
Gary Eckmann		Incumbent	2/11/2026	402-841-0091
Randy G. Hanson		Incumbent	2/24/2026	402-841-7372
JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP BOARD - 4 YEAR TERM - VOTE FOR UP TO THREE				
K. Mae Burkhardt		Nonincumbent	2/12/2026	402-847-3471
LINCOLN TOWNSHIP BOARD - 4 YEAR TERM - VOTE FOR UP TO THREE				
LOGAN TOWNSHIP BOARD - 4 YEAR TERM - VOTE FOR UP TO THREE				
MILLER TOWNSHIP BOARD - 4 YEAR TERM - VOTE FOR UP TO THREE				
MORTON TOWNSHIP BOARD - 4 YEAR TERM - VOTE FOR UP TO THREE				
Lester Ketelsen		Incumbent	1/30/2026	402-358-0100
Curtis J Mackeprang		Incumbent	1/30/2026	402-358-0463
Mike Doering		Nonincumbent	2/19/2026	402-841-2802
NIOBRARA TOWNSHIP BOARD - 4 YEAR TERM - VOTE FOR UP TO THREE				
NORTH FRANKFORT TOWNSHIP BOARD - 4 YEAR TERM - VOTE FOR UP TO THREE				
Peter L. Bramschreiber Jr.		Incumbent	2/3/2026	605-201-6488
PEORIA TOWNSHIP BOARD - 4 YEAR TERM - VOTE FOR UP TO THREE				
Alexzander Jessen		Nonincumbent	1/13/2026	531-229-7247
Tony Kauth		Incumbent	1/13/2026	402-841-8054
Neil A. Guenther		Incumbent	1/23/2026	402-841-0318
Seth Pokorny		Incumbent	2/23/2026	402-640-6047
RAYMOND TOWNSHIP BOARD - 4 YEAR TERM - VOTE FOR UP TO THREE				
SPADE TOWNSHIP BOARD - 4 YEAR TERM - VOTE FOR UP TO THREE				
SPARTA TOWNSHIP BOARD - 4 YEAR TERM - VOTE FOR UP TO THREE				
UNION TOWNSHIP BOARD - 4 YEAR TERM - VOTE FOR UP TO THREE				
Dustin Crosley		Nonincumbent	1/28/2026	605-760-4510
VALLEY TOWNSHIP BOARD - 4 YEAR TERM - VOTE FOR UP TO THREE				
Dixie Hanefeldt		Incumbent	1/5/2026	402-640-0028
Michael L. Kumm		Incumbent	2/20/2026	402-394-1118
VERDIGRE TOWNSHIP BOARD - 4 YEAR TERM - VOTE FOR UP TO THREE				
WALNUT GROVE TOWNSHIP BOARD - 4 YEAR TERM - VOTE FOR UP TO THREE				
Charles A Cook		Incumbent	2/13/2026	402-655-2208
Ryan Ruzicka		Incumbent	2/19/2026	402-851-1475
Kevin R. Cook		Incumbent	3/3/2026	402-358-0106
WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD - 4 YEAR TERM - VOTE FOR UP TO THREE				
WESTERN TOWNSHIP BOARD - 4 YEAR TERM - VOTE FOR UP TO THREE				
Willard Ruzicka		Incumbent	1/23/2026	402-394-8019
Walter L. Boham		Incumbent	1/28/2026	402-668-7319
James F. Vesely		Incumbent	2/2/2026	402-668-7394
SPECIAL ISSUES				
City of Crofton Economic Development			2/19/2026	
City of Crofton renewal of allocation of 20% of 1% sales & use tax			2/19/2026	