



# WINNEBAGO COUNTY

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## NEWS RELEASE

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Petition packets for candidates who wish to run in the General Primary Election to be held on March 17, 2020 will be available on Thursday, August 15 in the Winnebago County Elections Office, located in the Administration Building, 404 Elm Street, Rockford, according to Winnebago County Clerk Lori Gummow. Packets may be picked up between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The first day petitions for established political parties may be circulated is Tuesday, Sept. 3. Petition packets may be filed with the Winnebago County Clerk beginning Monday, November 25, at 8:00 a.m. thru Monday, December 2, by 5:00 p.m. The Elections Office will be closed Thursday, November 28 and Friday, November 29 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. The order in which candidates file will determine their placement on the Primary Election ballot. In the event two candidates file for the same office and are of the same party, a lottery will be held at a later date and time to determine ballot placement.

“If you are passionate about issues in our community and ready to help find solutions, you might want to consider running for a local political office which could give you the chance to make a difference,” said Clerk Gummow. Be sure you’ve carefully weighed all the pros and cons, she added. “Holding an elected office is a major responsibility, and running a campaign requires a lot of time and money. Your goal is to become a public servant, so the most important step is to engage the people you’d like to serve,” Gummow said.

Local offices to be nominated at the March 17, 2020 General Primary Election include County Board Chairman, Circuit Clerk, States Attorney, County Auditor, County Coroner and County Board Members (Districts 1, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 16, 17, 18 and 19). Precinct Committeepersons will be elected at the General Primary Election.

For more information, call the Winnebago County Elections Department 815-319-4252.

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