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Winnebago County Clerk Lori Gummow is announcing that Monday, November 25th, 2019 will be the first day for candidates to file their petitions for the upcoming 2020 Primary Election, scheduled for Tuesday, March 17th. Candidates can file their petitions starting at 8 a.m. and anyone that is in line at that time will be considered as an 8 a.m. filing. "This is important to candidates as it could determine their placement on the spring ballot," according to Gummow. The last day the office will accept petitions is Monday, December 2nd, 2019, at 5 p.m.

Clerk Gummow also wants to remind everyone that due to the Thanksgiving holiday, the County offices will be closed Thursday, November 28th and Friday, November 29th.

Candidates for the following offices will be nominated at the General Primary and elected at the November 3rd General Election: United States President, U.S. Senators, State Representatives and State Senators. Locally the County Auditor, Board Chairman, Circuit Clerk, Coroner, State's Attorney plus ten County Board seats will be up for election. Precinct committeepersons will be elected during the March 17th General Primary.

"There are many reasons people choose to run for a public office. Some of these reasons are altruistic and based on a desire to genuinely make a difference in our community, our state and our country," according to Gummow.

The Winnebago County Elections Office is located in the Administration Building, 404 Elm Street, Rockford, in Room 101. The Winnebago County Clerk's website WinnebagoCountyClerk.com will have information for voters to help them navigate the election cycle and how to become election judges. The County also recommends that voters with additional questions call 815-319-4252 weekdays from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

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