



Marathon County Ballot Access Instructions

Congratulations on your decision to run for Marathon County Board. Included in this packet are all the documents you will need to file for ballot access.

- Candidate Checklist with instructions. The item at the bottom of the list is what I recommend you do first – file your Declaration of Candidacy.
- Declaration of Candidacy. This form must be notarized. We have notaries available in the County Clerk’s office for your convenience.
- Campaign Finance Registration Statement. This must be filed by all candidates, even if you don’t plan to spend any money. It must be submitted before you submit your nomination papers. There are detailed instructions included on the form.
- Nomination Paper. You must collect 50-200 signatures from qualified electors residing in your district. There is a fillable PDF of this form available on the Election Commission website (<https://elections.wi.gov/forms/EL-169>). I’m also happy to fill in your information and provide you with a page you can use to make additional copies. Please note that you may not start circulating nomination papers until Monday, **December 1, 2025** and all papers must be submitted in my office by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, **January 6, 2026**. Please carefully read the instructions on the back of the form before you begin circulating for signatures.
- For your information, I have also included the County Board Supervisor job description and a draft meeting calendar for 2026. Please note that there are additional committee meeting expectations and those meetings are held during the day.
- District maps are available in the office by request.
- Registered voter lists are available for a base rate of \$25 plus \$5 / 1,000 registered voters.

Please don’t hesitate to reach out with any questions you may have.

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2026 BALLOT ACCESS CHECKLIST FOR COUNTY SUPERVISOR CANDIDATES



Each of the following forms must be completed and filed on time by a candidate for the office of County Supervisor in order for the candidate's name to be placed on the ballot at the **February 17, 2026 Spring Primary** and the **April 7, 2026 Spring Election**.

The filing officer for County Supervisor is the County Clerk. Candidates should contact their filing officer for further information or to obtain any of the necessary forms.

Complete and Submit a Campaign Registration Statement (Form CF-1) to the filing officer prior to raising or spending any funds, and no later than **5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 7, 2026(**)**, or the candidate's name will not be placed on the ballot. If the form is faxed or emailed, the original document must follow postmarked no later than January 7, 2026. Wis. Stat. 8.10(5), 8.30(2).

➤ *New Candidates*

File a campaign registration statement before campaign funds are collected or spent or before submitting nomination papers. Wis. Stat. 11.0202(1)(a), 11.0101(1).

➤ *Continuing Candidates*

Amend your current registration, indicating the office sought and the new primary and election dates. Wis. Stat. 11.0202(1)(a), 11.0101(1).

Circulate and Submit Nomination Papers for Nonpartisan Office (Form EL-169) to the filing officer no later than **5 p.m. on Tuesday, January 7, 2026 (**)**, or the candidate's name will not go on the ballot. Only original nomination papers (no photocopies, faxes, or emailed documents) will be accepted. Nomination papers may not be circulated before December 1, 2023. Wis. Stat. 8.10(2), Wis Admin. Code EL 6.04(2).

➤ The number of required signatures for **MARATHON COUNTY** is **50-200** [Per Wis. Stat. 8.10(3m), that number was set by County Ordinance #O-26-91].

Complete and Submit a Declaration of Candidacy * (Form EL-162) to the filing officer no later than **5 p.m. on Tuesday, January 7, 2026 (**)** or the candidate's name will not be placed on the ballot. If the form is faxed or emailed, the original document must follow, postmarked no later than January 7, 2026. Wis. Stats. 8.10(5), 8.21, 8.30(4), Wis. Admin. Code EL 6.04.

***This form must be notarized.** Anyone in the County Clerk's office can notarize your signature. Please do not sign until you're in front of the notary.

****Please note that the Marathon County Courthouse is closed on Wednesday, December 24, Thursday, December 25, Wednesday, December 31, 2025, and Thursday, January 1, 2026.**

Declaration of Candidacy

(See instructions for preparation on back)

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Is this an amendment?

Yes (if you have already filed a DOC for this election)

No (if this is the first DOC you have filed for this election)

I, _____, being duly sworn, state that
Candidate's name

I am a candidate for the office of _____
Official name of office - Include district, branch or seat number

representing _____
If partisan election, name of political party or statement of principle - five words or less (Candidates for nonpartisan office may leave blank.)

and I meet or will meet at the time I assume office the applicable age, citizenship, residency and voting qualification requirements, if any, prescribed by the constitutions and laws of the United States and the State of Wisconsin, and that I will otherwise qualify for office, if nominated and elected.

I have not been convicted of a felony in any court within the United States for which I have not been pardoned.¹

My present address, including my municipality of residence for voting purposes is:

House or fire no.	Street Name	Mailing Municipality and State	Zip code	Town of <input type="checkbox"/>	Municipality of Residence for Voting
				Village of <input type="checkbox"/>	
				City of <input type="checkbox"/>	

My name as I wish it to appear on the official ballot is as follows:

(Any combination of first name, middle name or initials with surname. A nickname may replace a legal name.)

STATE OF WISCONSIN

County of _____
(County where oath administered)

} SS.

SS.

(Signature of candidate)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, _____.

(Signature of person authorized to administer oaths)

**NOTARY SEAL
REQUIRED, IF OATH
ADMINISTERED BY
NOTARY PUBLIC**

Notary Public or other official _____
(Official title, if not a notary)

If Notary Public: My commission expires _____ or is permanent.

The information on this form is required by Wis. Stat. § 8.21, Art. XIII, Sec. 3, Wis. Const., and must be filed with the filing officer in order to have a candidate's name placed on the ballot. Wis. Stats. §§ 8.05 (1)(j), 8.10 (5), 8.15 (4)(b), 8.20 (6), 120.06 (6)(b), 887.01.

¹ A 1996 constitutional amendment bars any candidate convicted of a misdemeanor which violates the public trust from running for or holding a public office. However, the legislature has not defined which misdemeanors violate the public trust. A candidate convicted of any misdemeanor is not barred from running for or holding a public office until the legislature defines which misdemeanors apply.

Instructions for Completing the Declaration of Candidacy

All candidates seeking ballot status for election to any office in the State of Wisconsin must properly complete and file a **Declaration of Candidacy**. This form must be **ON FILE** with the proper filing officer no later than the deadline for filing nomination papers or the candidate's name will not appear on the ballot. A facsimile will be accepted if the FAX copy is received by the filing officer no later than the filing deadline **and** the signed original declaration is received by the filing officer with a postmark no later than the filing deadline.

Information to be provided by the candidate:

- Type or print your name on the first line.
- The title of the office and **any district, branch, or seat number** for which you are seeking election must be inserted on the second line. *For legislative offices insert the title and district number, for district attorneys insert the title and the county, for circuit court offices insert the title, county and branch number, and for municipal and school board offices insert the title and any district or seat number.*
- Type or print the political party affiliation or principle supported by you in five words or less on the third line. *Nonpartisan candidates may leave this line blank.*
- **Felony convictions: Your name cannot appear on the ballot if you have been convicted of a felony in any court in the United States for which you have not been pardoned. Please see footnote on page 1 for further information with respect to convictions for misdemeanors involving a violation of public trust. These restrictions only apply to candidates for state and local office.**
- Your current address, including your municipality of residence for voting purposes, must be inserted on the fourth line. This must include your entire mailing address (**street and number, municipality where you receive mail**) and the name of the municipality in which you reside and vote (town, village, or city of ___). If your address changes before the election, an amended Declaration of Candidacy must be filed with the filing officer. Wis. Stat. § 8.21. *Federal candidates are not required to provide this information, however an address for contact purposes is helpful.*
- Type or print your name on the fifth line as you want it to be printed on the official ballot. You may use your full legal name, former legal surname, or any combination of first name, middle name, and initials, surname or nickname with last name.

Note: The Wisconsin Elections Commission has determined that, absent any evidence of an attempt to manipulate the electoral process, candidates are permitted to choose any form of their name, including nicknames, by which they want to appear on the ballot.

No titles are permitted. In addition, names such as "Red" or "Skip" are permitted, but names which have an apparent electoral purpose or benefit, such as "Lower taxes," "None of the above" or "Lower Spending" are not permitted. It is also not permissible to add nicknames in quotes or parentheses. For example, John "Jack" Jones or John (Jack) Jones are not acceptable, but John Jones, Jack Jones or John Jack Jones are acceptable.

This form must be sworn to and signed in the presence of a notary public or other person authorized to administer oaths, such as a county or municipal clerk. Wis. Stat. §§ 8.21(2), 887.01(1).

Information to be provided by the person administering the oath:

- The county where the oath was administered.
- The date the Declaration of Candidacy was signed and the oath administered.
- The signature and title of the person administering the oath. If signed by a notary public, the notary seal is required and the date the notary's commission expires must be listed.

All candidates for offices using the nomination paper process must file this form (*and all school district candidates must file the EL-162sd*) with the appropriate filing officer no later than the deadline for filing nomination papers. Wis. Stats. §§ 8.10 (5), 8.15 (4)(b), 8.20 (6), 8.21, 8.50 (3)(a), 120.06 (6)(b). Candidates nominated for local office at a caucus must file this form with their municipal clerk within 5 days of receiving notice of nomination. Wis. Stat. § 8.05 (l)(j).



CAMPAIGN FINANCE REGISTRATION STATEMENT
LOCAL CANDIDATE COMMITTEE
 STATE OF WISCONSIN

***CAUTION:** A personal telephone number that is identified as a confidential telephone number on page 3 of this form should **not** be entered on page 1 of this form. Do **not** enter any personal telephone numbers of the candidate, the candidate committee treasurer, and any other custodian of books and accounts on page 1 of this form.

1. Is this an Amendment? No Yes

SECTION A: GENERAL INFORMATION

A1. Committee Name (Required for all Candidates - must be included in disclaimer on all communications)				
A2. Committee Email		A3. Committee Phone (Do not enter a confidential phone number)		
A4. Mailing Address		A5. City	A6. State	A7. Zip
Depository Institution Information				
A8. Institution Name	A9. Street Address	A10. City	A11. State	A12. Zip
Treasurer/Administrator Information				
A13. Name		A14. Treasurer Email	A15. Treasurer Phone (*See Caution)	
A16. Mailing Address		A17. City	A18. State	A19. Zip
Other Officers (Optional) NA				
A20. Name	A21. Title	A22. Email	A23. Phone (* See Caution above)	
A24. Name	A25. Title	A26. Email	A27. Phone (* See Caution above)	
Filing Exemption <i>Registrants which do not anticipate accepting or making contributions, making disbursements, or incurring obligations in an aggregate amount exceeding \$2,500 in a calendar year may claim an exemption from filing campaign finance reports. This exemption applies until the registrant exceeds the \$2,500 aggregate activity threshold, amends its registration, or is terminated.</i>			A28. Exemption Affirmation <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, this registrant is eligible for exemption. <input type="checkbox"/> No, this registrant is not eligible for exemption.	

SECTION B: CANDIDATE INFORMATION

B1. Office Sought (include District/Branch) Marathon County Supervisor Dist. _____		B2. Political Party NA	B3. Election Date 4-7-26
Candidate Information			
B4. Name		B5. Candidate Email	B6. Candidate Phone (* See Caution)
B7. Mailing Address		B8. City	B9. State B10. Zip
Second Candidate Committee NA <i>An individual who holds a state or local elective office may establish a second candidate committee to pursue another state or local office.</i>		B11. Is this your only registered candidate committee in Wisconsin? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes, this is my only candidate committee in Wisconsin. <input type="checkbox"/> No, this is my second candidate committee in Wisconsin.	
B12. Other Office Held or Sought (include District/Branch) Only complete B12 if you responded "No" to B11.			

SECTION C: CERTIFICATION

Accurate Information

- I certify that I am an authorized representative of the candidate committee and that to my knowledge all of the information contained within this registration is true, correct, and complete.

Timely Amendments

- I am aware of the requirement to amend this registration statement within 10 days of any change of information contained within, including any change to the candidate committee's eligibility for exemption from campaign finance reporting.

Records Retention

- I acknowledge the requirement to maintain the records of the candidate committee in an organized and legible manner for three years from the close of the most recent contribution limit period (June 30 following the April election, December 31 following the November election).

Continuing Compliance

- I acknowledge that I am required to continue to comply with all applicable requirements under Chapter 11 of the Wisconsin Statutes until this registration is terminated. I understand that I am not released from any liability simply because the election date has passed.

Treasurer

C1. Printed Name	C2. Signature	C3. Date

Candidate

C4. Printed Name	C5. Signature	C6. Date

Form Instructions

Candidates must complete all sections A, B, and C.

Item 1. Is this an amendment? Have you registered with this local clerk to run for office in a prior election?

Item A1: Committee Name. All candidates are required to register a committee. It is not required that the name include the candidate's name, but it is recommended. This committee name is required to be part of the disclaimer on all communications with express advocacy: 'Paid for by ...'

A28: Exemption. Candidates claiming exemption may not have more than \$2,500 of activity, in the aggregate per year. In a calendar year, if you raise \$1,600 and spend \$1,000 you have \$2,600 of aggregate activity and are not eligible to claim exemption.

Depository Institution Information. All candidates must designate a depository institution. While it is recommended that all candidates have a designated campaign depository account, candidates who will serve as their own treasurer may designate a single personal account to serve as the committee depository account while claiming a filing exemption and may intermingle personal and campaign funds (Wis. STAT. § 11.0201(2)(b)).

Treasurer Information. Each committee must appoint a treasurer. Any adult may serve as a treasurer. A candidate may serve as his or her own treasurer. If you are serving as your own treasurer, please write "Self" or "Candidate". A candidate serving as their own treasurer does not need to provide their name, address and contact information here because that information will already be provided in section B. Do not leave this section blank.

Section B: Candidate Information

B1. Be sure to include the name of the county, municipality, or school district. There are 72 counties with county supervisors, 100's of school boards, and 1000's of municipal boards.

B2. Party - "N/A" or "None" for nonpartisan offices (April). Democrat, Republican, Constitution, Green, Independent, or other ballot status party for partisan (fall) primary/election.

Section C: Certification. All candidates must complete section C. If the candidate is serving as their own treasurer, they would only need to sign once, as either the candidate or treasurer.



CAMPAIGN FINANCE REGISTRATION STATEMENT —
LOCAL CANDIDATE COMMITTEE—CONFIDENTIAL PHONE CONTACTS
STATE OF WISCONSIN

All information on pages 1 and 2 of this form is available to the public. Pursuant to 2023 Wisconsin Act 120, candidates, treasurers, and any other custodian of books and accounts (such as an assistant treasurer) are required to provide a personal telephone number. This page provides you the space to provide those required telephone numbers. Personal telephone numbers are confidential and are not subject to the right of inspection and copying under Wis. STAT. § 19.35(1). See Wis. STAT. § 11.0203(bd). However, a personal email address provided is subject to the right of inspection and copying under Wis. STAT. § 19.35(1) and may be disclosed.

Failure to provide a valid email may result in failure to receive filing reminders and notifications from the filing officer. Failure to receive a form or notice from a filing officer does not exempt a committee from a reporting requirement under this chapter (Wis. STAT. §11.0103(b)). The candidate committee is required to report any change in information previously submitted in a registration statement within 10 days following the change. Wis. STAT. § 11.0203(3).

Candidate Information	
Name	Personal Phone Number

Treasurer Information	
Name	Personal Phone Number

Other Custodians' Information	
NA	
Name	Personal Phone Number
Name	Personal Phone Number
Name	Personal Phone Number

Job Profile Name: CO Board Supervisor

Department: County Board

Reports To: District Constituents

Position Summary:

Marathon County Board Supervisors are an elected official entrusted with the responsibility of governing on behalf of district residents and the broader community. Supervisors provide policy leadership, budget oversight, and constituent representation to ensure the County delivers high-quality services consistent with its mission, vision, and core values. Service as a Supervisor is both an honor and a trust, requiring integrity, fairness, and dedication to advancing the public interest.

Marathon County Government serves people by leading, coordinating, and providing county, regional, and statewide initiatives. Supervisors uphold this mission by shaping policy, fostering collaboration, and making decisions that promote a safe, healthy, and vibrant community. All actions are guided by the County's core values: Service, Integrity, Quality, Diversity, Shared Purpose, and Stewardship of Resources.

Examples of Work Performed:

The following duties are typical of this position. These are not to be construed as exclusive or all-inclusive. Other duties may be required or assigned.

In accordance with Wisconsin law, County Board Rules, and the expectations of public service, County Board Supervisors will:

Policy & Governance

- Establish and review County policies through ordinances, resolutions, and board rules.
- Set strategic direction for County services and programs, including public safety, health, education, environment, recreation, and economic development.
- Participate in debate, public hearings, and voting to make collective decisions in the best interest of the County.
- Analyze, deliberate, and adopt the annual budget and tax levy.
- Oversee and evaluate the performance of the County Administrator, contributing to the development of the Administrator's work plan.

Representation & Advocacy

- Serve as a liaison between County government and constituents, maintaining open and transparent communication.
- Assist residents with concerns and advocate for district and countywide interests.
- Represent Marathon County in discussions with state and federal officials on policy matters impacting residents.

Ethical Conduct & Accountability

- Uphold the U.S. and Wisconsin Constitutions and act impartially in the execution of duties.
- Identify, disclose, and appropriately address conflicts of interest as required under state ethics laws and County Board Rule 18.
- Maintain honesty, openness, accountability, and respect in all interactions.

Participation & Engagement

- Attend and actively participate in all County Board and assigned committee, commission, or task force meetings.
- Prepare for meetings by reviewing materials, analyzing policy proposals, and considering constituent perspectives.
- Dedicate the time necessary to fulfill duties and pursue continuous learning related to governance and county issues.

Qualifications:

- Must be a resident of the supervisory district at the time election papers are filed and at least 18 years of age with no felony convictions.

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities:

- Strong commitment to public service, ethical leadership, and collaborative problem solving.
- Ability to distinguish between governance (policymaking) and management (administration).
- Willingness to balance district representation with the broader needs of Marathon County.
- Familiarity with relevant state statutes, open meeting laws, public records laws, and county ordinances.
- Understanding how county government functions, including budgeting, ordinances, zoning, public works, public safety, and social services.
- Knowledge of public budgeting processes, taxation, appropriations, and financial oversight.

Physical Requirements:

Low Physical Requirements - Job involves minimal physical exertion or movement. This job typically requires prolonged sitting, limited walking, or minor lifting.

All physical requirements are described with the intent to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Reasonable accommodation may be made to enable qualified individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions of their job.

Compensation:

Pending approval by the county board, 2026-2028 County Board salaries are as follows:

Chair	\$34,778 (3% increase over 2025)
Vice Chair, Board Member Salary.....	\$10,424 (3% increase over 2025)
Board Member	\$ 6,366 (3% increase over 2025)
Chair of Standing Committee, Board Member Salary+ \$1,200	\$7,566
Vice-Chair of Standing Committee, Board Member Salary+ \$400	\$6,766

Supervisors are also eligible for mileage reimbursement at the current IRS rate.



COUNTY BOARD MEETINGS

2026 SCHEDULE

Thursday, January 22	6:00 p.m.	Educational Meeting	Courthouse Assembly Room
Tuesday, January 27	6:00 p.m.	Voting Meeting	Courthouse Assembly Room
Thursday, February 19	6:00 p.m.	Educational & Voting Meeting	Courthouse Assembly Room
Thursday, March 19	6:00 p.m.	Educational Meeting	Courthouse Assembly Room
Tuesday, March 24	6:00 p.m.	Voting Meeting	Courthouse Assembly Room
Tuesday, April 21	6:00 p.m.	Organizational Meeting	Courthouse Assembly Room
Thursday, April 23	6:00 p.m.	Voting Meeting	Courthouse Assembly Room
Thursday, May 21	6:00 p.m.	Educational Meeting	Courthouse Assembly Room
Tuesday, May 26	6:00 p.m.	Voting Meeting	Courthouse Assembly Room
Thursday, June 18	6:00 p.m.	Educational Meeting	Courthouse Assembly Room
Tuesday, June 23	6:00 p.m.	Voting Meeting	Courthouse Assembly Room
Thursday, July 23	6:00 p.m.	Educational Meeting	Courthouse Assembly Room
Tuesday, July 28	6:00 p.m.	Voting Meeting	Courthouse Assembly Room
Thursday, August 20	6:00 p.m.	Educational Meeting	Courthouse Assembly Room
Tuesday, August 25	6:00 p.m.	Voting Meeting	Courthouse Assembly Room
Thursday, September 17	6:00 p.m.	Educational & Voting Meeting	Courthouse Assembly Room
Thursday, October 15	6:00 p.m.	Educational Meeting	Courthouse Assembly Room
Tuesday, October 20	6:00 p.m.	Voting Meeting	Courthouse Assembly Room
Monday, November 2	6:00 p.m.	Budget Hearing	Courthouse Assembly Room
Tuesday, November 10	6:00 p.m.	Voting & Annual Meeting	Courthouse Assembly Room
Thursday, December 17	6:00 p.m.	Educational & Voting Meeting	Courthouse Assembly Room

****Schedule is tentative and is subject to change, especially after April.**

County Board Orientation Dates will be on April 16 & 17 – exact times TBD.