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(Neb.)-Three Vacant Chadron City Council Positions, Only One Candidate



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Photo: The current Chadron city council with city manager Wayne Anderson (far left), from left: Mayor Karin Fischer, vice-mayor Levi Grant, and council members Bill Barth, John Gamby, and Paris Fisher. (Photo by KCSR News-Roxie Graham-Marski)

(DAWES COUNTY)-Time is ticking for those wishing to run for one of the vacancies available throughout the county in the upcoming primary and general elections. There are a variety of positions up for re-election this year, including Chadron and Crawford city councils, Chadron and Crawford school boards, county commissioners, and several county positions.

The race for Chadron city council is shaping up to be an interesting one, in that only vice-mayor Levi Grant is seeking re-election. Mayor Karin Fischer and council member Bill Barth have both decided not to seek re-election, leaving two vacancies on the council that do not yet have any other interested candidates.

According to Dawes County deputy clerk Deb Lesmeister, this is the breakdown of who is running for what thus far:

Commissioner, District 1
Jake Stewart-Incumbent
Wayne Fisher-New candidate

Commissioner, District 2
Stacy Swinney-Incumbent
Vic Rivera-New candidate

County Clerk
Cheryl Feist-Incumbent

County Assessor
Roberta (Lindy) Coleman-Incumbent

County Treasurer
Barbara Sebesta-Incumbent

County Sheriff
Karl Dailey-Incumbent

County Attorney
Vance Haug-Incumbent

County Surveyor
Phil Curd-Incumbent

Clerk of the District Court
Sharon Harrison-Incumbent

Chadron School Board (three vacancies)
Thomas (Tom) Menke-Incumbent
Sandra (Sandy) Roes-Incumbent
Jim O'Rourke-New candidate

Crawford School Board (three vacancies)
Marie Wohlers-Incumbent
Robert Oldfield-Incumbent
Barry Stewart-Incumbent
James Wasserburger-New candidate

Crawford City Mayor
Terrence (Terry) Haugen-Incumbent
David Nixon-New candidate

Crawford City Council-North Ward
Ed Kuhnel-Incumbent

Crawford City Council-South Ward
Roy Norgard-New candidate

Chadron City Council (three vacancies)
Levi Grant-Incumbent

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Incumbents are those who have been holding the position previously. Every position that is up for re-election this year is for a four-year term. The incumbent deadline has already passed, and the deadline for new candidates is next Monday, March 3rd, by the close of business at 4:30 p.m.

The process for running for office requires some effort, but for those who want to make a positive difference in their local government, many say that effort is worth it. There is a filing fee to file with the county treasurer and some paperwork to submit in the office of the county clerk to have a name included on the ballot for the primary election. If someone is interested in the positions of county commissioner or Crawford city council, they must reside in the district for which they are petitioning.

The primary election will be held on Tuesday, May 13th, at the Assumption Arena in Chadron, and the general election will be held on Tuesday, November 4th, also at the Assumption Arena.

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