

## **Notice of Spring Election and**

### **Sample Ballots**

**April 7, 2026**

**Office of the Jackson Clerk**

**To the voters of Jackson County:**

Notice is hereby given of a spring election to be held in Jackson County on April 7, 2026, at which the officers named below shall be nominated. The names of the candidates for each office, whose nominations have been certified to or filed in this office, are given under the title of the office, each in its proper column, together with the questions submitted to a vote, for a referendum, if any, in the sample ballot below.

#### **Information to Voters**

Upon entering the polling place and before being permitted to vote, a voter shall:

- state their name and address
- show an acceptable form of photo identification\*
- sign the poll book\*\*

**\*If a voter does not have acceptable photo identification, the voter may obtain a free photo ID for voting from the Division of Motor Vehicles.**

**\*\*If the voter is unable to sign the poll book due to disability, a poll worker may write the word "exempt."**

If a voter is not registered to vote, they may register to vote at the polling place serving their residence if the voter provides proof of residence.

Where ballots are distributed to voters, the initials of two inspectors must appear on the ballot.

Upon being permitted to vote, the voter shall enter a voting booth or go to a machine and cast their ballot. The vote should not be cast in any manner other than specified here. Sample ballots or other materials to assist the voter in marking their ballot may be taken into the booth and copied. The sample ballot shall not be shown to anyone so as to reveal how the ballot is marked.

A voter who is a parent or guardian may be accompanied by the voter's minor child or minor ward.

An election official may inform the voter of the proper manner for casting a vote but the official may not advise or indicate a particular voting choice.

#### **Assistance for Voting**

A voter may select an individual to assist in casting their vote if the voter declares to the

presiding official that they are unable to read, have difficulty reading, writing, or understanding English, or that due to disability are unable to cast their ballot. The selected individual rendering assistance may not be the voter's employer or an agent of that employer or an officer or agent of a labor organization which represents the voter.

### **Where Optical Scan Voting is Used**

The voter shall fill in the oval or connect the arrow next to the name of the candidate of their choice for each office for which they intend to vote. To vote for a person whose name does not appear on the ballot, the voter shall write in the name of the person of their choice in the space provided for a write-in vote and fill in the oval or connect the arrow next to the write-in line. On referendum questions, the voter shall fill in the oval or connect the arrow next to "yes" if in favor of the question, or the voter shall fill in the oval or connect the arrow next to "no" if opposed to the question.

### **After Voting the Ballot**

After an official **optical scan ballot** is marked, it shall be inserted in the security sleeve, so the marks do not show. The voter may insert the ballot in the voting device and discard the sleeve or deliver the ballot to an inspector for deposit. If a central count system is used, the voter shall insert the ballot in the ballot box and discard the sleeve or deliver the ballot to an inspector for deposit. The voter shall leave the polling place promptly.

### **Spoiling Ballots**

If a voter spoils a **optical scan** ballot, they shall return it to an election official who shall issue another ballot in its place, but not more than three ballots shall be issued to any one voter. If the ballot has not been initialed by two inspectors or is defective in any other way, the voter shall return it to the election official who shall issue a proper ballot in its place.

The following is a sample of the official ballot.

The following is a list of candidates whose name(s) will appear on the ballots

Cindy Altman, Jackson County

Clerk

Ballot ID: 2201

Town of Adams, Ward 1

**Official Ballot**  
**Nonpartisan Office**  
**April 7, 2026**

Notice to voters: if you are voting on Election Day, your ballot must be initialed by two (2) election inspectors. If you are voting absentee, your ballot must be initialed by the municipal clerk or deputy clerk. Your ballot may not be counted without initials (see end of ballot for initials).

General Instructions	County
<p>If you make a mistake on your ballot or have a question, ask an election inspector for help. (absentee voters: contact your municipal clerk).</p> <p>To vote for a name on the ballot, fill in the oval next to the name like this: <input checked="" type="radio"/></p> <p>To vote for a name that is not on the ballot, write the name on the line marked "write-in" and fill in the oval next to the name like this: <input type="radio"/></p>	<p><b>County Supervisor</b>  <b>District 18</b>  <b>Vote for 1</b></p> <p><input type="radio"/> Jerry Schmidt  <input type="radio"/> write-in:</p> <p><b>School District</b></p> <p><b>School District of Black River Falls</b>  <b>School Board Member</b>  <b>Vote for not more than 2</b></p> <p><input type="radio"/> Jesse Susa  <input type="radio"/> Chris Taylor  <input type="radio"/> Maria S. Lazar  <input type="radio"/> write-in:</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Iftikhar Memon  <input type="radio"/> Jenette Simonsen  <input type="radio"/> Adam Bantell  <input type="radio"/> write-in:  <input type="radio"/> write-in:</p>
<p><b>Judicial</b></p> <p><b>Justice of the Supreme Court</b>  <b>Vote for 1</b></p> <p><input type="radio"/> Chris Taylor  <input type="radio"/> Maria S. Lazar  <input type="radio"/> write-in:</p> <p><b>Court of Appeals Judge</b>  <b>District 4</b>  <b>Vote for 1</b></p> <p><input type="radio"/> Rachel A. Graham  <input type="radio"/> write-in:</p>	

Continue voting at top of next column.		
<p><b>Official Ballot</b>  <b>Nonpartisan Office</b>  <b>April 7, 2026</b>  <b>for</b></p> <p>Town of Adams, Ward 1  Jackson County</p> <p>Ballot ID: 2201</p>	<p>Ballot issued by _____</p> <p>Initials of election inspectors _____</p> <p>Absentee ballot issued by _____</p> <p>Initials of Municipal Clerk or Deputy Clerk _____</p> <p><b>Certification of Voter Assistance</b>  I certify that I marked or read aloud this ballot at the request and direction of a voter who is authorized under Wis. Stat. §6.82 to receive assistance.</p> <p>Signature of assistor _____</p>	<p><b>For Official Use Only</b></p> <p>Inspectors: Identify ballots required to be remade:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Overvoted  <input type="checkbox"/> Damaged  <input type="checkbox"/> Other</p>
	<p>If this is the Original Ballot, write the serial number here: _____</p> <p>If this is the Duplicate Ballot, write the serial number here: _____</p>	
	Initials of inspectors who remade ballot _____	

STATE	
JUDICIAL	
Justice of the Supreme Court	Vote for 1 Chris Taylor Maria S. Lazar
COURT OF APPEALS - DISTRICT 4	Vote for 1 Rachel A. Graham
COUNTY	
County Board Supervisor District 1	Vote for 1 Brian Bethke
County Board Supervisor District 2	Vote for 1 David K. Holen
County Board Supervisor District 3	Vote for 1 Hoyt Strandberg
County Board Supervisor District 4	Vote for 1 Daryl Boe
County Board Supervisor District 5	Vote for 1 Merlin Fredrickson Michael J. Beck
County Board Supervisor District 6	Vote for 1 Mike Kunes
County Board Supervisor District 7	Vote for 1 Russell Anderson
County Board Supervisor District 8	Vote for 1 Max Hart
County Board Supervisor District 9	Vote for 1 William Laurent
County Board Supervisor District 10	Vote for 1 Tom Cooper Nicole Pettibone
County Board Supervisor District 11	Vote for 1 Garth R. Rolbiecki
County Board Supervisor District 12	Vote for 1 Ron Carney
County Board Supervisor District 13	Vote for 1 Dale Hoff Ron Johnson
County Board Supervisor District 14	Vote for 1 John C. Higgins
County Board Supervisor District 15	Vote for 1 Sarah Peloquin
County Board Supervisor District 16	Vote for 1 Desiree Gearing-Lancaster
County Board Supervisor District 17	Vote for 1 Reed Richardson
County Board Supervisor District 18	Vote for 1 Jerry Schmidt
County Board Supervisor District 19	Vote for 1 Ed Chamberlain

MUNICIPAL	
VILLAGE OF ALMA CENTER	
Village Trustee	Vote for not more than 2 Kenneth Ristow Joshua John Zachariah Trickle Carrie June
VILLAGE OF HIXTON	
Village Trustee	Vote for not more than 2 Jay Mageland Todd Skoien Sharon Truschka
VILLAGE OF MELROSE	
Village Trustee	Vote for not more than 3 Dan Stern Brad Fred Brown Nicholus G. Waughtal
VILLAGE OF MERRILLAN	
Village Trustee	Vote for not more than 2 Jordan Powell Jane Fehrman
VILLAGE OF TAYLOR	
Village Trustee	Vote for not more than 3 Cierra Rose Sheryl L. Narva Steve Roseth
CITY OF BLACK RIVER FALLS	
Mayor	Vote for 1 Jay Eddy
Alderperson - Ward 1	Vote for 1 Erin E. Rave
Alderperson - Ward 2	Vote for 1 Jacob Peloquin
Alderperson - Ward 3	Vote for 1 Kylee Wussow
Alderperson - Ward 4	Vote for 1 Justin Dougherty
SCHOOL DISTRICTS	
Alma Center-Humbird-Merrillan	
School Board Member	Vote for not more than 2 Sam Prindle Nick Bohac Stephanie Were Eric Robers
Black River Falls	
School Board Member	Vote for not more than 2 Jesse Susa Iftikhar Memon Jenette Simonson Adam Bantell

SCHOOL DISTRICTS CONTINUED	
Blair-Taylor	
School Board Member At Large	Vote for 1 Lindsey Byom
GALE-ETTRICK-TREMPEALEAU	
School Board Member Village of Ettrick	Vote for 1 Harold Olson
School Board Member Town of Ettrick	Vote for 1 Cindy George
School Board Member At Large	Vote for 1
Tomah	
School Board Member	Vote for not more than 3 Rick Murray Joseph Ingalls Susan J. Bloom Ryan DeFreitas Vaughn F. Kuehl Mike Gnewikow
Whitehall	
School Board Member Town of Hale	Vote for 1 Stephanie Brueggen
School Board Member V/Pigeon T/Pigeon Falls	Vote for 1 Emily Herness
School Board Member T/Northfield, Curran, And Garden Valley	Vote for 1 Sandra Steig
MELROSE-MINDORO	
School Board Member Area 2	Vote for 1 Kimberly J. Sacia
School Board Member Area 5	Vote for 1
Osseo-Fairchild	
School Board Member Area 2	Vote for 1 Rozanne Traczek
School Board Member Area 4	Vote for 1 Matthew E. Hazen
Pittsville	
School Board Member	Vote for 2 Nathan Bowden Rick Winters

### Melrose Mindoro School Referendum

Question: Shall the School District of Melrose-Mindoro, La Crosse, Jackson and Monroe Counties, Wisconsin be authorized to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, by \$1,000,000 per year for four years, beginning with the 2026-2027 school year and ending with the 2029-2030 school year, for non-recurring purposes consisting of operational expenses?

### Blair Taylor School Referendum

Question: Shall the School District of Blair-Taylor, Trempealeau and Jackson Counties, Wisconsin be authorized to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, by \$1,100,000 per year for three years, beginning with the 2026-2027 school year and ending with the 2028-2029 school year, for non-recurring purposes consisting of expenses to maintain current operations, offerings for students and facility maintenance?