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RE: **May 19, 2026 Primary Election**

The Primary Election will be held May 19, 2026. The first day for Candidates to file was Thursday, September 11, 2025 and the incumbent filing deadline was Tuesday, March 03, 2026 and for all other candidates the **filing deadline is Tuesday, March 10, 2026 at 5:00 pm.**

Potential County Candidates may pick up filing forms from the County Clerk’s office in Vale or online at <http://sos.oregon.gov/elections/Pages/electionforms.aspx>. County Candidates may file by declaration, \$50 filing fee, or by nominating petition. Please visit the Secretary of States’ website <http://sos.oregon.gov/elections/Pages/manuals-tutorials.aspx> for all election manuals regarding candidates, campaign finance and voters’ pamphlet filing.

The following Offices have open positions on the ballot:

Local County Offices

(Filed w/County Clerk)

County Commissioner
Position #1 – Partisan (4-yr term)

County Clerk
Non-Partisan (4-yr term)

County Treasurer
Non-Partisan (4-yr term)

Incumbent

Jim Mendiola – Republican

Gayle V. Trotter

Jennifer Forsyth

Filed Candidates

(as of 1/07/2026)

Jim Mendiola - Rep
Tom Vialpando - Rep

Gayle V. Trotter

Angie Micheli

State Offices – Filed with the Secretary of State

District Attorney – Non-Partisan (4-yr term)
State Representative, District 60 – Partisan (2-yr term)

Incumbent

David M Goldthorpe
Mark Owens

March 10, 2026 is also the deadline to file for Precinct Committee Person of the Democratic and Republican Parties.