



State of Illinois

2023
CANDIDATE'S
GUIDE

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Candidates for the **April 4, 2023 Consolidated** Election will be able to file Petitions for Ford County positions at your Local Election Official's Offices. Petition circulation will begin on Tuesday, September 20, 2022.

The following Candidates may begin filing petitions on Monday, December 12, 2022 at 8:30 A.M. at the County Clerk & Recorder's Office, 200 W. State St., Rm. 101, Paxton, IL. 60957. The petitions must be filed in the office of the County Clerk & Recorder's Office between Monday, December 12, 2022 and Monday, December 19, 2022. The County Clerk's Office will be open until 5:00 P.M. on Monday, December 19, 2022.

Only the following offices will file petitions at the **County Clerk & Recorder's** Office for the April 4, 2023 Consolidated Election are:

- **Multi Twp. Assessors**
- **School Board Members**

(All others will file with their Local Election Officials)

Contact Amy Frederick, Ford County Clerk at 217-379-9400 or go to our website at fordcounty.illinois.gov for filing information.



CITY OF GIBSON | 101 E 8TH STREET, PO BOX 545, GIBSON CITY, IL 60936

CONSOLIDATED ELECTION APRIL 4, 2023

Petitions are available for circulation for the April 4, 2023 election.

Seats that will be up for election are as follows:

- Ward 1 - 4-year term. Current Alderman – Erick Tjarks
- Ward 2 - 4-year term. Current Alderman – Ray Hankes
- Ward 3 - 4-year term. Current Alderman - Scott Davis
2-year term. Current Alderman – Vacancy
- Ward 4 - 4-year term. Current Alderman – Denis Fisher
2-year term. Current Alderman – Laura Miller
- Treasurer - 2-year term. Currently appointed – Vickie Lorenzen

Ward boundaries are:

- Ward 1 - West side of Church Street from the north side of 9th
- Ward 2 - East side of Church Street from the north side of 9th
- Ward 3 - East side of Church Street from the South side of 9th Street
- Ward 4 - West side of Church Street from the South side of 9th Street

Rasmussen Addition is not within city limits, so those residents may not run for elected office nor sign petitions.

Packets are available to download at this link: _____

Or, you may pick up a packet at City Hall.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at (217) 493-4937.

Jan Hall
City Clerk

(NAME OF CITY/VILLAGE OR TOWNSHIP)

(ADDRESS OF CITY/VILLAGE OR TOWNSHIP)

FOR APRIL 4, 2023 CONSOLIDATED ELECTION

FILING OF PETITION CHECK LIST

NAME OF PERSON FILING

DATE OF FILING

NAME OF CANDIDATE
(AS LISTED ON STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY)

TIME OF FILING

POSITION FILING FOR

PHONE NUMBER TO REACH CANDIDATE

1. STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY INCLUDED:	_____ YES	_____ NO
2. PETITIONS INCLUDED:	_____ YES	_____ NO
A. PETITIONS NOTARIZED:	_____ YES	_____ NO
B. PETITIONS NUMBERED:	_____ YES	_____ NO
3. STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTEREST INCLUDED: (ONLY IF FILE STAMPED FROM OFFICE OF FORD CO. CLERK & RECORDER FIRST)	_____ YES	_____ NO
4. <u>LOYALTY OATH and/or CODE OF FAIR CAMPAIGN INCLUDED:</u> (OPTIONAL)	_____ YES	_____ NO
5. RECEIVED BY:	_____ NAME OF PERSON FILLING OUT THIS SHEET	

I (*person filing*) hereby acknowledge the receipt of a D-5 Notice of obligation to Candidates (Campaign Disclosure).

Signature of person filing petition

STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY

INDEPENDENT

NAME:	CITY, VILLAGE, TOWNSHIP, COUNTY, DISTRICT or STATE
ADDRESS – ZIP CODE:	OFFICE: A Full Term is sought, unless an unexpired term is stated here: ___ year unexpired term

If required pursuant to 10 ILCS 5/7-10.2, 8-8.1 or 10-5.1, complete the following (this information will appear on the ballot)

FORMERLY KNOWN AS _____ UNTIL NAME CHANGED ON _____
(List all names during last 3 years) (List date of each name change)

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
County of _____) SS.

I, _____ being first duly sworn (or affirmed), say that I reside at _____, in the City, Village, Unincorporated Area of _____ (if unincorporated, list municipality that provides postal service) Zip Code _____ in the County of _____, State of Illinois; that I am a qualified voter therein, that I am a candidate for election to the office of _____ in the _____ to be voted upon at the election to be held on _____ and that Name of City, Village, Township, County, District or State) (date of election)

I am legally qualified (including being the holder of any license that may be an eligibility requirement for the office to which I seek election) to hold such office and that I have filed (or I will file before the close of the petition filing period) a Statement of Economic Interests as required by the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act and I hereby request that my name be printed upon the official ballot for election to such office.

(Signature of Candidate)

Signed and sworn to (or affirmed) by _____ before me, on _____
(Name of Candidate) (insert month, day, year)

(SEAL)

(Notary Public's Signature)

ATTACH TO PETITION

10 ILCS 5/7-10.1

Suggested
Revised July, 2004
SBE No. P-1C

LOYALTY OATH
(OPTIONAL)

United States of America)
) SS.
State of Illinois)

I, _____, do swear (or affirm) that I am a citizen of the United States and the State of Illinois, that I am not affiliated directly or indirectly with any communist organization or any communist front organization, or any foreign political agency, party, organization or government which advocates the overthrow of constitutional government by force or other means not permitted under the Constitution of the United States or the Constitution of this State; that I do not directly or indirectly teach or advocate the overthrow of the government of the United States or of this State or any unlawful change in the form of the governments thereof by force or any unlawful means.

(Signature of Candidate)

Signed and sworn to (or affirmed) by _____ before me,
(Name of Candidate)

on _____.
(insert month, day, year)

(Notary Public's Signature)

(SEAL)

INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE PETITION

We, the undersigned, qualified voters in the _____ of _____ in the County of _____ and State of Illinois, do hereby petition that the following named person shall be an Independent Candidate for election to the office hereinafter specified to be voted for at the _____ Election to be held on _____ (date of election).

NAME:	OFFICE:
ADDRESS – ZIP CODE:	A Full Term is sought, unless an unexpired term is stated here: ____ year unexpired term

If required pursuant to 10 ILCS 5/10-5.1, complete the following (this information will appear on the ballot)
FORMERLY KNOWN AS _____ UNTIL NAME CHANGED ON _____

(List all names during last 3 years) (List date of each name change)

NAME (VOTER'S SIGNATURE)	VOTER'S PRINTED NAME (optional)	STREET ADDRESS OR RR NUMBER	CITY, TOWN OR VILLAGE	COUNTY
1.			,IL	
2.			,IL	
3.			,IL	
4.			,IL	
5.			,IL	
6.			,IL	
7.			,IL	
8.			,IL	
9.			,IL	
10.			,IL	

State of _____)
County of _____) SS.

I, _____ (Circulator's Name) do hereby certify that I reside at _____, in the City/Village/Unincorporated Area of _____ (if unincorporated, list municipality that provides postal service) (Zip

Code) _____, County of _____, State of _____ that I am 18 years of age or older (or 17 years of age and qualified to vote in Illinois), that I am a citizen of the United States, and that the signatures on this sheet were signed in my presence, not more than 90 days preceding the last day of filing of the petitions and are genuine and that to the best of my knowledge and belief the persons so signing were at the time of signing the petition registered voters of the political division in which the candidate is seeking elective office, and their respective residences are correctly stated, as above set forth.

(Circulator's Signature)

Signed and sworn to (or affirmed) by _____ before me, on _____
(Name of Circulator) (Insert month, day, year)

(SEAL)

(Notary Public's Signature)

INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE PETITION

We, the undersigned, qualified voters in the _____ of _____ in the County of _____ and State of Illinois, do hereby petition that the following named person shall be an Independent Candidate for election to the office hereinafter specified to be voted for at the _____ Election to be held on _____ (date of election).

NAME: OFFICE: ADDRESS - ZIP CODE: A Full Term is sought, unless an unexpired term is stated here: ___ year unexpired term

If required pursuant to 10 ILCS 5/10-5.1, complete the following (this information will appear on the ballot) FORMERLY KNOWN AS _____ UNTIL NAME CHANGED ON _____

(List all names during last 3 years) (List date of each name change)

Table with 5 columns: NAME (VOTER'S SIGNATURE), VOTER'S PRINTED NAME (optional), STREET ADDRESS OR RR NUMBER, CITY, TOWN OR VILLAGE, COUNTY. Rows 1-10.

State of _____) County of _____) SS.

I, _____ (Circulator's Name) do hereby certify that I reside at _____, in the City/Village/Unincorporated Area of _____ (if unincorporated, list municipality that provides postal service) (Zip

Code) _____, County of _____, State of _____ that I am 18 years of age or older (or 17 years of age and qualified to vote in Illinois), that I am a citizen of the United States, and that the signatures on this sheet were signed in my presence, not more than 90 days preceding the last day of filing of the petitions and are genuine and that to the best of my knowledge and belief the persons so signing were at the time of signing the petition registered voters of the political division in which the candidate is seeking elective office, and their respective residences are correctly stated, as above set forth.

(Circulator's Signature)

Signed and sworn to (or affirmed) by _____ before me, on _____ (Name of Circulator) (Insert month, day, year)

(SEAL)

(Notary Public's Signature)

Statement of Economic Interests to be Filed with the County Clerk
 Your Name Was Submitted For Filing by an Entity That You Represent
 (Type or Print)

Name: _____

Each Office or Position of Employment for which this Statement is Filed: _____

Full Post Office Address: _____

GENERAL DIRECTIONS

The interest (if constructively controlled by the person making the statement) of a spouse or any other party shall be considered to be the same as the interest of the person making the statement. Campaign receipts shall not be included in this statement. **If more space is needed, please attach supplemental listing.**

- List the name and instrument of ownership in any entity doing business with a unit of local government in relation to which the person is required to file, in which the ownership interest held by the person at the date of filing is in excess of \$5,000 fair market value, or from which dividends in excess of \$1,200 were received during the preceding calendar year: (In the case of real estate, location thereof shall be listed by the street address, or if none, then by legal description.) No time or demand deposit in a financial institution, nor any debt instrument shall be listed.

Business Entity	Instrument of Ownership	Position of Management
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

- List the name, address and type of practice of any professional organization in which the person making the statement was an officer, director, associate, partner or proprietor, or served in any advisory capacity, from which income in excess of \$1,200 was derived during the preceding calendar year:

Name	Address	Type of Practice
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

- List the nature of professional services rendered (other than to the unit or units of local government in relation to which the person is required to file) to each entity from which income exceeding \$5,000 was received for professional services rendered during the preceding calendar year by the person making the statement:

COMPLETE BUT DO NOT DETACH

This section will be returned to you when the Statement is filed with the County Clerk.

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your Statement of Economic Interests, filed pursuant to the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act. The Statement was filed on this date:

Office or Position of Employment for which this statement is filed _____

(Type or Print)

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/ZIP Code _____

4. List the identity (including address or legal description of real estate) of any capital asset from which a capital gain of \$5,000 or more was realized during the preceding calendar year:

5. List the name of any entity and the nature of the governmental action requested by any entity that has applied to a unit of local government in relation to which the person must file for any license, franchise or permit for annexation, zoning or rezoning of real estate during the preceding calendar year, if the ownership interest of the person filing is in excess of \$5,000 fair market value at the time of filing, or if income or dividends in excess of \$1,200 were received by the person filing from the entity during the preceding calendar year:

6. List the name of any entity doing business with a unit of local government in relation to which the person is required to file, from which income in excess of \$1,200 was derived during the preceding calendar year other than for professional services and the title or description of any position held in that entity: (No time or demand deposit in a financial institution nor any debt instrument need be listed.)

7. List the name of any unit of government that employed the person making the statement during the preceding calendar year, other than the unit or units of government in relation to which the person is required to file:

8. List the name of any entity from which a gift or gifts, or honorarium or honoraria, valued singly or in the aggregate in excess of \$500, was received during the preceding calendar year:

VERIFICATION

I declare that this Statement of Economic Interests (including any accompanying schedules and statements) has been examined by me and to the best of my knowledge and belief is a true, correct and complete statement of my economic interests as required by the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act. I understand that the penalty for willfully filing a false or incomplete statement shall be a fine not to exceed \$1,000, or imprisonment in a penal institution other than the penitentiary not to exceed one year, or both fine and imprisonment.

Signature of Person Making Statement

Date

DO NOT DETACH
(WILL BE RETURNED AS YOUR RECEIPT)

NUMBER OF SIGNATURES FOR PETITIONS

2023 CONSOLIDATED ELECTION

NAME OF POSITION (INDEPENDENT)	# OF SIGNATURES	PICK UP DATE	FILE DATE	PETITION	STATE OF CAND	WHERE TO FILE
CITY OF GIBSON - WARD ONE	2 - 52	SEPT. 20 - DEC 19, 2022	DEC. 12 - DEC. 19, 2022	P-3	P-1B	CITY CLERK
CITY OF GIBSON - WARD TWO	3 - 53	SEPT. 20 - DEC 19, 2022	DEC. 12 - DEC. 19, 2022	P-3	P-1B	CITY CLERK
CITY OF GIBSON - WARD THREE	2 - 52	SEPT. 20 - DEC 19, 2022	DEC. 12 - DEC. 19, 2022	P-3	P-1B	CITY CLERK
CITY OF GIBSON - WARD FOUR	1 - 51	SEPT. 20 - DEC 19, 2022	DEC. 12 - DEC. 19, 2022	P-3	P-1B	CITY CLERK
CITY OF PAXTON - WARD ONE	4 - 54	SEPT. 20 - DEC 19, 2022	DEC. 12 - DEC. 19, 2022	P-3	P-1B	CITY CLERK
CITY OF PAXTON - WARD TWO	2 - 52	SEPT. 20 - DEC 19, 2022	DEC. 12 - DEC. 19, 2022	P-3	P-1B	CITY CLERK
CITY OF PAXTON - WARD THREE	4 - 54	SEPT. 20 - DEC 19, 2022	DEC. 12 - DEC. 19, 2022	P-3	P-1B	CITY CLERK
CITY OF PAXTON - WARD FOUR	2 - 52	SEPT. 20 - DEC 19, 2022	DEC. 12 - DEC. 19, 2022	P-3	P-1B	CITY CLERK
FIRE - PAXTON	25	SEPT. 20 - DEC 19, 2022	DEC. 12 - DEC. 19, 2022	P - 4 - 2	P - 1A	SECRETARY OF FIRE DIST.
LAND COMMISSIONERS - 24N 8E	20	SEPT. 20 - DEC 19, 2022	DEC. 12 - DEC. 19, 2022	P - 7	P - 1A	LAND COMMISSIONER'S SEC.
LIBRARY - MELVIN (TWP.)	25	SEPT. 20 - DEC 19, 2022	DEC. 12 - DEC. 19, 2022	P - 4	P - 1A	LIBRARY SECRETARY
LIBRARY - MOYER	9	SEPT. 20 - DEC 19, 2022	DEC. 12 - DEC. 19, 2022	P - 4	P - 1A	LIBRARY SECRETARY
LIBRARY - PIPER	3	SEPT. 20 - DEC 19, 2022	DEC. 12 - DEC. 19, 2022	P - 4	P - 1A	LIBRARY SECRETARY
PARK DIST. - PAXTON	25	SEPT. 20 - DEC 19, 2022	DEC. 12 - DEC. 19, 2022	P - 4	P - 1A	PARK DIST. SECRETARY
CUSD 5 - GCMS	50	SEPT. 20 - DEC 19, 2022	DEC. 12 - DEC. 19, 2022	P - 7A	P - 1A	CLERK & RECORDER'S OFFICE
CUSD 10 - PBL	50	SEPT. 20 - DEC 19, 2022	DEC. 12 - DEC. 19, 2022	P - 7A	P - 1A	CLERK & RECORDER'S OFFICE
CUSD 6J - TRI-POINT	50	SEPT. 20 - DEC 19, 2022	DEC. 12 - DEC. 19, 2022	P - 7	P - 1A	CLERK & RECORDER'S OFFICE
VILLAGE OF CABERY	1 - 51	SEPT. 20 - DEC 19, 2022	DEC. 12 - DEC. 19, 2022	P-3	P-1B	VILLAGE CLERK
VILLAGE OF ELLIOTT	2 - 52	SEPT. 20 - DEC 19, 2022	DEC. 12 - DEC. 19, 2022	P-3	P-1B	VILLAGE CLERK
VILLAGE OF KEMPTON	3 - 53	SEPT. 20 - DEC 19, 2022	DEC. 12 - DEC. 19, 2022	P-3	P-1B	VILLAGE CLERK
VILLAGE OF MELVIN	3 - 53	SEPT. 20 - DEC 19, 2022	DEC. 12 - DEC. 19, 2022	P-3	P-1B	VILLAGE CLERK
VILLAGE OF PIPER CITY	5 - 55	SEPT. 20 - DEC 19, 2022	DEC. 12 - DEC. 19, 2022	P-3	P-1B	VILLAGE CLERK
VILLAGE OF ROBERTS	2 - 52	SEPT. 20 - DEC 19, 2022	DEC. 12 - DEC. 19, 2022	P-3	P-1B	VILLAGE CLERK
VILLAGE OF SIBLEY	3 - 53	SEPT. 20 - DEC 19, 2022	DEC. 12 - DEC. 19, 2022	P-3	P-1B	VILLAGE CLERK

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

SIGNING PETITIONS

Are abbreviations allowed on petitions?

Standard abbreviations may be used in writing the resident's address, including the street number.

How should the voter sign their name when they sign the petition?

The voter should sign the petition with the same name that they are registered to vote with; however, signing with a nickname will not invalidate the signature, provided the voter can be identified and it can be shown that the voter is lawfully registered to vote and qualified to sign the petition.

Are pencil signatures allowed?

Yes, but it is advisable to use a pen with dark ink.

Can ditto marks be used on the petitions?

Though ditto marks are not specifically prohibited, it is suggested they be avoided. The use of ditto marks could be objected to and the outcome of an objection cannot be predicted. A circulator can, however, fill in any missing information, except a voter's signature.

May a voter sign a petition for someone else?

No. A registered voter must sign the petition in their own person. They may not sign for someone else, such as another member of their own family. (10 ILCS 5/7-10, 10-4)

Can a voter sign more than one established party candidate's petition?

Yes, a signer can sign petitions for as many candidates of the same established political party as they want, but they cannot sign petitions for different established parties in the same election.

CIRCULATING PETITIONS

May a candidate circulate their own petitions?

Yes.

When can the circulator start collecting signatures?

No more than 90 days prior to the last day for filing petitions. (10 ILCS 5/7-10, 8-8, 10-4)

If a candidate finds something wrong with their petitions after they are filed, can a new set of petitions be circulated and filed before the end of the filing period?

Yes, but the candidate must cancel the original set of petitions in writing. If the candidate fails to cancel the original set of petitions, then only the original petitions shall be considered filed and all subsequent petitions shall be void. (10 ILCS 5/7-12(11), 10-6.2)

May a circulator circulate petitions for an independent candidate and a partisan candidate, or for more than one political party?

No person shall circulate or certify petitions for candidates of more than one political party, or for an independent candidate or candidates in addition to one political party, to be voted upon at the next primary or general election, or for such candidates and parties with respect to the same political subdivision at the next consolidated election. (10 ILCS 5/10-4)

May a circulator circulate petitions for a partisan candidate, or for more than one political party?

No. (10 ILCS 5/10-4)

Does the circulator have to be a registered voter?

No, but they must be a United States citizen and be 18 years of age, or 17 years of age by the immediately following general or consolidated election. (10 ILCS 5/3-6) They must also include their current address on the circulator's affidavit.

May a circulator sign as a voter on the petition they are circulating?

Yes, as long as the circulator is a registered voter in the applicable political subdivision or district.

Can a petition sheet be circulated by more than one individual?

No. Only the person who signs the page as circulator can circulate that sheet. By signing as a circulator, the circulator is attesting that all signers signed in their presence. (10 ILCS 5/7-10)

Who can remove a signature from a nominating petition?

Only the circulator or the candidate on whose behalf the petition was circulated may strike a signature; however, an individual can submit a written request to the proper filing office to have their name removed from the petition before the petition is filed. (10 ILCS 5/7-10, 10-3)

Must the notary of the petition be an Illinois notary and may the notary also be a signatory of the petition?

Under the provisions of the Uniform Recognition of Acknowledgements Act (765 ILCS 30/2): "Notarial acts may be performed outside this State for use in this State with the same effect as if performed by a notary public of this State by the following persons authorized pursuant to the laws and regulations of other governments in addition to any other person authorized by the laws and regulations of this State..." "(1) a notary public authorized to perform notarial acts in the place in which the act is performed..."

It has not been definitively determined whether a notary may also be a signatory to a petition. Some electoral boards and circuit courts have upheld petitions where the notary was also a signer of the petition, but the issue has not yet been decided by the Supreme Court or any appellate court in Illinois. A cautious candidate might wish to avoid using a petition signer as the notary so as to avoid the risk of having to defend against an objection on this issue.

For additional information, contact the Index Department of the Secretary of State's office, 111 E. Monroe, Springfield, IL 62756-0001, (217) 782-7017.

Must the notary put the date of his commission expiration on the document?

Yes, the notary stamp indicates the date the commission expires.

Must the notary public live in the same county as the candidate?

No, but the notary must be authorized to administer oaths in the place where the notary act is performed.

FILING PETITIONS

May a candidate file in person or by mail?

A candidate may file either in person or by mail. However, if the candidate wishes to be in the lottery for the first ballot position, it is advisable to file in person as only candidates whose petitions are received in the first mail delivery on the first day of filing are eligible for the lottery. Candidates should mail by United States Postal Service when mailing to the Illinois State Board of Elections. (10 ILCS 5/7-12(6), 8-9(2), 10-6.2)

May a petition contain the names of two or more candidates of the same established party?

Yes. An established political party petition may contain the names of candidates for several offices to be filled at the upcoming election. The nominating papers must contain a separate Statement of Candidacy signed by each candidate and a receipt for the filing of a Statement of Economic Interests by each candidate. The Loyalty Oath is optional. (10 ILCS 5/7-10)

May a candidate file more than one set of petitions for the same office?

Yes. However, upon notice from the filing office, the candidate must make a selection in writing to the filing office; otherwise, the set of petitions filed first will be considered the official filing.

May a candidate file for more than one office?

Yes, however, the candidate must withdraw from all but one office within five business days following the last day of petition filing if the offices are incompatible. The withdrawal notice must be in writing and notarized. If the candidate does not withdraw, their name will not be certified for any office. (10 ILCS 5/7-12(9))

Does a candidate have to file their own nominating papers?

No. The candidate or an agent of the candidate can file the candidate's petitions.

May a candidate file their own petition and petitions for other candidates at the same time?

Yes.

When may petitions be mailed?

There are no statutory requirements regarding a time element for mailing petitions; however, all petitions must be received during the filing period. All petitions received in the office prior to the opening of the office on the first day of the filing period or after the close of the office on the last day of the filing period will be returned to the sender. (10 ILCS 5/7-12.6, 10-6.2)

May a petition that has been filed be changed?

No. Once filed, a petition may not be added to or altered; however, the receipt(s) for filing Statements of Economic Interests may be filed at any time during the filing period. (10 ILCS 5/7-10, 7-12)