



Kingman County Commission

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Candidates file for city, school positions

The candidate filing deadline for city council and school boards has passed and there apparently will be some new faces on local governing bodies after the Nov. 7 election. This year marks the first time city and school board elections will be held in the fall.

There will not be a primary election this year because not enough candidates filed in any race.

The interest in public office ranges from no candidates filing in Penalosa or Zenda to six candidates vying for three seats on the Kingman City Commission.

The incumbents in Penalosa are Mayor David Reppert and council members Jimmy Webster, Teresa Winter, Ben Oak, Daniel Smith and Mike Winter. The incumbents in Zenda are Mayor Andrew Kostner and council members Dale A. Swope, Wayne Culp, Johnna J. Raida, Lawrence Thimesch and Dan Swope. None filed for re-election.

The candidates for Kingman City Commission include incumbents Stan Hacker and Mark Arensdorf. Others filing are Adrian Harrel, Jim Lord, Dennis Allen Neville and Mark Schnittker. Incumbent commissioner Richard Neville did not file for re-election.

A new city council member also appears to be coming for Norwich, where incumbents Tim Magruder and Dean Murray filed for re-election but incumbent Brady Shipley did not. Others filing are Mitchell Hewitt and Karen Poindexter. Voters will elect three council members.

All five incumbent council members in Cunningham filed for re-election without opposition: Bart Ricke, Jason Ruckle, Tim Schultz, Karl Andrew Vierthaler and Matthew Westerhaus. The mayor's race will be contested between incumbent Aaron Murphy and Roberta Kobbe.

The Nashville mayor's race will be a contested one between incumbent Sandra Lampe and Thomas Voyles. Three of the incumbent council members filed for re-election: Donna Clough, Kourtenay Householter and Richard Keller. No one else filed, leaving two council positions to be elected by write-in votes.

Spivey Mayor Michael Buss will be unopposed on the ballot. Incumbent council members Julia Manges-Hoffman and Patricia Morfitt will be joined by Robert Cocherell on the ballot. That leaves two council positions to be elected by write-in votes.

There are no contested school board races. In Kingman-Norwich USD 331, the candidates are: Position 1, incumbent Tammy Schrag, Kingman; Position 5: Tab Turner, Norwich, and Position 6: Incumbent Jeff Samuelson, Norwich. Cunningham USD 332 will elect three members at large but only two candidates filed: incumbents Joyce Gridley and Kurt Preisser. That leaves one position to be elected by write-in votes.

The deadline to register to vote in the November election is Oct. 17. Voter registration information is posted on the county's website, kingmancoks.org. Or call the County Clerk's office at (620) 532-2521.

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