

ELECTION PUBLIC NOTICE

The Custer County Clerk's Office will be accepting Declarations of Candidacy for County Offices for the Primary Election to be held on May 19, 2026.

Declarations can be filed online at voteidaho.gov or paper forms are now available in the Clerk's office at the Courthouse or on our website at custercountyidaho.org within the Elections Information/Forms page. The forms contain instructions and we are happy to answer any additional questions you may have.

The original completed forms will be accepted at the Clerk's Office at 801 E. Main in Challis from **March 2, 2026 at 8:00 a.m. to March 13, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.** Signatures are verified and certified at the Clerk's Office.

- Partisan Candidates must either obtain 5 registered elector signatures or pay a \$40 filing fee (payable in cash, check or card at time of filing).
- Independent Candidates must file in the same time frame and must obtain 5 signatures.
- Write-in Candidates must file by March 20, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.
- Qualified candidates will appear on the ballot in the Primary Election held on May 19, 2026.
- The winner of the Primary advances to the General Election ballot in November[†].
- Declarations will be accepted at the Custer County Clerk's Office from March 2 – 13, 2026.

The following is a list of the Custer County Offices up for election in the Primary Election on May 19, 2026:

<u>CUSTER COUNTY (contact)</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Term</u>
Emily Schwarting	Custer County Treasurer	4-year term
eschwarting@co.custer.id.us	Custer County Clerk	4-year term
208-879-3306	Custer County Assessor	4-year term
801 E Main Ave	Custer County Commissioner District 1	4-year term
PO Box 385	Custer County Commissioner District 2	2-year term
Challis Idaho 83226	Custer County Coroner	4-year term
	Partisan Precinct Committeemen*	2-year term

†Independent (Unaffiliated) Candidates for the above offices file during this same time frame but do not appear on the ballot until the November General Election.

**One candidate of each political party (Republican Democrat, Libertarian, Constitution) is elected for each precinct (Challis, Round Valley I, Round Valley II, Mackay, Leslie, Battleground, Sunol, Clayton and Stanley) in the Primary Election.*

Candidate Campaign Finance Helpful Resources can be found at:
[Campaign Finance 101 | VoteIdaho.Gov](#)

For more information, please call 208-879-3306