

Bingham County Prospective Candidate Information

Thank you for your interest in serving the citizens of Bingham County. The following information is provided to help guide you through the candidacy process for the May Primary Election.

Offices on the Ballot

The following seats are open:

- County Commissioner – District 1 (Four-Year Term)
 - County Commissioner – District 2 (Two-Year Term)
 - County Clerk (Four-Year Term)
 - County Treasurer (Four-Year Term)
 - County Assessor (Four-Year Term)
 - County Coroner (Four-Year Term)
 - Precinct Committeemen (Two-Year Term)
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Understanding Your District

- **County-wide offices:** Clerk, Treasurer, Assessor, and Coroner candidates must campaign throughout the entire county.
 - **County Commissioner:** Candidates must reside within the district they seek to represent, though all county voters may vote for commissioner candidates.
 - **Precinct Committeemen:** Candidates must reside in the precinct they represent. Only voters within that precinct may vote for that position.
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Qualifications

Candidates must meet the qualifications outlined in **Idaho Code 34-617 through 34-624**. Prospective candidates are encouraged to review the duties of the office and consult with current officeholders to better understand the responsibilities.

Public Records & Election Information

Most county records are public and may be obtained through a records request (typically fulfilled within 72 hours). Candidates may also submit a “Request for Bingham County Election Information” form to obtain:

- **Voter Lists** (includes party affiliation and addresses)
 - Available via USB (\$10.30), email, or printed copy.
- **County and Precinct Maps** (line or aerial maps)

Absentee ballot data, including but not limited to a list of names and addresses of those voters who were mailed a ballot, will need to go through the Idaho Secretary of State Candidate Vault website (<https://voteidaho.gov/candidate-portal>) for a \$50 annual fee. This system is updated once a day for absentee data and once a week for voter data.

Campaign Finance Requirements

Any candidate who:

- Receives \$500 or more in contributions, or
- Spends \$500 or more promoting their candidacy

must register with the Campaign Finance Portal at sos.idaho.gov.

After creating an account, the candidate must designate a treasurer (who must be a registered Idaho elector). The treasurer may be themselves.

All contributions and expenditures—including “in-kind” contributions (e.g., donated materials, hosted events, printing, signage, anything that someone does on your behalf)—must be tracked and reported. If the \$500 threshold is met, monthly online reports are required.

Filing for Office

Filing period: **March 2 – March 13**

Candidates may file:

- In person at the County Clerk’s Office
- Online at voteidaho.gov

Required documents:

- **Declaration of Candidacy** (Declare your party affiliation and must be notarized)
- **Petition for Candidacy** (must include at least five valid signatures; more are recommended)

Commissioner candidates must collect signatures from within their district. All other county offices may collect signatures county-wide.

Alternatively, candidates (except Precinct Committeemen) may pay a \$40 filing fee instead of collecting signatures. Precinct Committeemen must file a notarized declaration.

Campaign Signage & Electioneering

Candidates are responsible for ensuring proper placement of campaign signs:

- Always obtain permission before placing signs on private property.
- Signs placed in road rights-of-way may be removed by State or County Road & Bridge Departments.

Electioneering (campaigning near polling locations) is prohibited within **250 feet** of polling place entrances during voting, including early voting at the courthouse. This includes signs, apparel, vehicles with campaign messaging, and distribution of materials.

Please be respectful of voters and election officials. Complaints regarding violations will be addressed promptly.

We’re Here to Help

The Bingham County Election Office is available to assist you throughout the process. Please contact us at **(208) 782-3161** with any questions.

We wish you success in your candidacy and thank you for your willingness to serve.