



[Fergus County Elections](#) **2024 CANDIDATE FILING INFORMATION**

First Day to File: January 11th, 2024

Last Day to File: March 11th, 2024 - 5:00 PM

Local Government Write-in Candidate Deadline (Primary): April 1st, 2024- 5:00 PM

Local Government Write-in Candidate Deadline (General): September 3rd, 2024- 5:00 PM

Primary Election: June 4th, 2024

General Election: November 5th, 2024

Filing Forms Located:

The Office of Clerk & Recorder/ Election Administrator

712 W Main St, Suite 204 Lewistown, MT 59457

Phone: (406) 535-5242 Email: clerkrecorder@co.fergus.mt.us

Web: <https://www.co.fergus.mt.us/fergus-county-departments/fergus-county-clerk-recorder>

General Qualifications for County Office

7-4-2201. General qualifications for county office. A person is not eligible for a county office who at the time of election is **not**:

- (1) of the voting age required by the Montana constitution;
- (2) a citizen of the state; and
- (3) (a) an elector of the county in which the duties of the office are to be exercised; or
(b) in the case of an office consolidated between two or more counties, an elector in one of the counties in which the duties of the office are to be exercised.

13-10-202. Filing fees. Filing fees are as follows:

- (1) for offices having an annual salary of \$2,500 or less and candidates for the legislature, \$15;
- (2) for county offices having an annual salary of more than \$2,500, 0.5% of the total annual salary;
- (3) for President in a presidential preference primary, an amount equivalent to the filing fee required for a United States senate candidate;
- (4) for other offices having an annual salary of more than \$2,500, 1% of the total annual salary;
- (5) for offices in which compensation is paid in fees, \$10;
- (6) for officers of political parties, presidential electors, and officers who receive no salary or fees, no filing fee is required.

13-10-325. Withdrawal from nomination.

(1) (a) A candidate for nomination or a candidate for election to an office may withdraw from the election by sending a statement of withdrawal to the officer with whom the candidate's declaration, petition, or acceptance of nomination was filed. The statement must contain all information necessary to identify the candidate and the office sought. Unless filed electronically with the secretary of state, the statement of withdrawal from nomination must be acknowledged by an officer empowered to acknowledge signatures or by the officer of the office at which the filing is made.

(b) A candidate may not withdraw after the candidate filing deadline established in **13-10-201(7)**.

(2) Filing fees paid by the candidate may not be refunded.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER- DISTRICT NO. 3

6 Year Term

Salary: \$62,518.46 Filing Fee: \$312.59

Incumbent: Carl Seilstad

(7-4-2107. Compensation of county commissioners. (1) Subject to subsection (2), each member of the board of county commissioners shall receive an annual salary equal to the annual salary established in 7-4-2503 for the clerk and recorder plus \$2,000.)

7-4-2104. Commissioners to be elected by district.

(1) At each general election, the member or members of the board of county commissioners to be elected must be selected from the residents and electors of the district or districts in which the vacancy occurs, but the election of the member or members of the board must be submitted to the entire electorate of the county unless otherwise provided for under:

- (a) a plan of government provided for in a county adopting an optional or alternative form of government; or
- (b) a court order.

(2) A person may not be elected as a member of a board of county commissioners unless the person has resided in the county and the district for at least 2 years immediately preceding the general election.

DISTRICT CLERK OF COURT

4 Year Term

Salary: \$60,518.46 Filing Fee: \$302.59

Incumbent: Phyllis Smith

PRECINCT COMMITTEE MAN AND WOMAN

2 Year Term

Primary Election ONLY

Salary: \$0

Filing Fee: none

Candidate Campaign Finance

All candidates must file their C1 or C1A on CERS online with the commissioner of Political Practices.

For more information, contact the office of the Commissioner of Political Practices

Phone: (406) 444-2942

www.politicalpractices.mt.gov