

KOSSUTH GOP INFORMATION FOR POSSIBLE CANDIDATES IN 2018 SEPTEMBER 2017

INTRODUCTION

Below is preliminary information on becoming the Republican candidate for one of the county offices to be elected in Nov. 2018. This is not about the duties and qualifications for these offices. This sheet is for Kossuth GOP Central Committee members and others to have available for whoever they contact that may be interested in running.

Offices to be elected: Supervisors in Districts 1, 3, and 4, Treasurer, Attorney, and Recorder. Kossuth is a plan 3 county, meaning supervisors must live in and are elected from their own districts. Presently held by Republicans are Supervisor District 3 (Wymore) and Recorder (Benschoter). *I understand that the current intention of Wymore is not to run again while Benschoter does plan to run in 2018.*

The Candidate's Guide to the Primary Election of 05 June 2018 can be found online at <https://sos.iowa.gov/elections/pdf/candidates/2018primcandguide.pdf> Running in the Primary Election is by far the best way to get on the General Election ballot.

CALENDAR

Filing for the Primary election: 05-28 Mar, 2018.

Deadline for candidate withdrawal: 30 Mar 2018

Deadline for County Party to substitute for a withdrawn candidate: 03 Apr 2018

Primary election day: 05 June, 2018

FILING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PRIMARY ELECTION

You will have to file an affidavit and nomination petitions during the filing period in March. These forms are available now: <https://sos.iowa.gov/elections/pdf/candidates/nompetprim.pdf> and <https://sos.iowa.gov/elections/pdf/candidates/affidavit.pdf> The minimum number of valid signatures needed on the nomination papers will be 100 for the countywide offices. For the Supervisor positions I estimate that 40 or fewer signatures will be needed (will update number asap).

NOTES

Start early and you will be able to seek signatures on your petitions at the Precinct Caucuses (Feb) and the County GOP Convention (Mar). Also, you can consider announcing and promoting your candidacy at meetings of the Kossuth County GOP Central Committee (4th Monday each month) and seeking signatures there.

Keep in mind that the Central Committee may be able to assist you with your candidacy. On the other hand, your place on the Primary Election ballot does not depend on any specific action of the Central Committee or its Chair. Appearance on the ballot depends only on the papers you file with the County Auditor.