

June deadline looms for Atchison Co filings

(KAIR)--Although a June deadline approaches, only five candidates, mostly incumbents, had filed as of Friday, to seek one of numerous positions up for election this year in the Atchison County area.

According to the Atchison County Clerk's Office, three positions are up for election on the City of Atchison Commission, while the cities of Effingham, Huron, and Muscotah will decide who serves as Mayor as well as five council members. Lancaster voters will select their Mayor as well as two council members. In Atchison County area school board elections, the Atchison Public Schools of USD 409 has 4 at-large positions open for election, while the Atchison County Schools of USD 377 has three positions, numbers four, five, and six, to be determined by voters.

County Clerk Michelle Phillips on Friday told MSC News Jesse Greenly, appointed in June, 2020 to fill an unexpired term, has filed to seek election to the Atchison City Commission.

Two candidates, both incumbents, have filed for the open seats on the Effingham City Council, with David Lowe and Kirk Wohlgemuth seeking reelection.

Two have filed to serve on the USD 409 Board of Education, with incumbent Carrie Sowers joined by newcomer Chuck Tilton in seeking open seats.

Candidates seeking positions on the Atchison City Commission will pay a filing fee of \$70, while those seeking seats on local school boards will pay \$20.

The deadline to file is noon June 1.

If a primary election is needed, due to the number of filings for the open seats, it will be held Tuesday August 3, while the general election is set for Tuesday, November 2.

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