Atchison Co city, school board races set

(KAIR)--Races are set for Atchison County elections with the deadline to file coming to a close.

That happened Tuesday at noon, with several filings happening on the day of the deadline.

Six candidates have filed to seek one of the three open seats on the Atchison City Commission. That includes former city commissioner William "Bill" Murphy who, along with David Deware and Michael White, filed to run Tuesday. Previously filing for the Commission race was Jesse Greenly, seeking to keep the position he was appointed to in June, 2020 to fill an unexpired term. Incumbents Lisa Moody and Dr. Allen Reavis are also seeking reelection. Two of the three open seats are four-year terms, while one is a two year term.

Two filed Tuesday to seek election to the Lancaster City Council, with Larry Myer and Ryan Hermwreck joining Emily Pruett-Bare in seeking one of the three open seats. No one filed to seek the open Mayoral seat, currently held by Tim Callahan. All of the positions are four-year terms

The Effingham City Council has six, two-term open seats, along with the position of Mayor, up for election this year, with four filing to seek the openings. Harvey Fasse filed to seek the position of Mayor, a seat currently held by James Potts, who did not file for reelection. Newcomer Adam Diebolt filed for election to the council, while incumbents David Lowe and Kirk Wohlgemuth filed to seek reelection.

Six, two-year terms, including Mayor, are up for election on the Muscotah City Council, with five incumbents filing to run, Susan Higley, Darryl Hundley, Margaret Jacobs, Dale Small, and Dalia Wilson. Filing for the Mayoral position is incumbent Brian Higley.

Six positions, including that of Mayor, all two-year terms, are open for the Huron City Council, with incumbent Mayor Jaquetta Peak the lone Huron filing.

Local school boards are also up for election, with newcomer Allison Marschean filing Tuesday to seek election to the USD 409 Board of Education for the Atchison Public Schools. Five open, at-large positions are up for election on the board. Four of the positions are four-year terms while one is an unexpired, two-year term, which is what Brandi Ross will seek, according to Atchison County Clerk Michelle Phillips. Ross was appointed to fill an unexpired term on the Board in August, 2020. Two other newcomers, Deborah Eplee and Chuck Tilton

are seeking election, while incumbents Sean Crittendon, Diane Liebsch, and Carrie Sowers filed to seek reelection.

Three positions, numbers four, five, and six, are open on the USD 377 Board of Education for the Atchison County Schools, with incumbent Corey Neill challenged in his bid for reelection to position 5 by Trenton Beagle. Incumbent Kelli Bottorff filed for reelection to position 4, while incumbent Lori Lanter filed for reelection to position 6. All three positions are four year terms.

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