

**NOTICE OF ELECTION**  
**MAY 5, 2026**  
**MONROE COUNTY REPUBLICAN & DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY**  
**INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES FOR THE AUGUST GENERAL ELECTION**

Notice is hereby given that a Republican and Democratic Primary has been called by both Political Party Executive Committees. The election will be held on Tuesday, May 5, 2026, in all voting precincts in Monroe County, TN. Independent candidates for county offices listed below to be filled in the August General Election must file their qualifying petitions as stated below.

**County Republican & Democratic Primary & Independent Candidates for:**

**County Mayor (4) year term**  
**County Commission (10) seats (4) year terms**  
**Trustee (4) year term**  
**Sheriff (4) year term**  
**Circuit Court Clerk (4) year term**  
**County Clerk (4) year term**  
**Register of Deeds (4) year term**  
**Road Superintendent (4) year term**  
**School Board (4) seats (4) year terms-1<sup>st</sup> District (2) seats, 2<sup>nd</sup> District (1) seat, 3<sup>rd</sup> District (1) seat**  
**Constables (5) seats (4) year terms-1<sup>st</sup> District (1) seat, 2<sup>nd</sup> District (2) seats, 3<sup>rd</sup> District (1) seat, 4<sup>th</sup> District (1) seat**

The first day a nominating petition for County Primary and Independent Candidates may be issued is **Monday, December 22, 2025.**

Qualifying deadline will be **Thursday, February 19, 2026 at 12:00 NOON** for those running as a **Republican, Democratic or Independent Candidate.**

The withdrawal deadline will be **Thursday, February 26, 2026 at 12:00 NOON.**

Individuals desiring to run for the Office of Sheriff must submit the required paperwork with the Peace Officers Standard and Training Commission (P.O.S.T.) no later than **Thursday, February 5, 2026** pursuant to T.C.A. 8-8-102(b) or their name will not appear on the ballot.

Individuals desiring to run for the Office of Road Superintendent must submit the required paperwork with the Tennessee Highway Official's Certification Board no later than **Thursday, February 5, 2026** or their name will not appear on the ballot.

First day to receive requests for by-mail ballots by **military or overseas voters is Thursday, January 1, 2026.**

First day to receive requests for by-mail ballots for other voters is **Wednesday, February 4, 2026.**

Deadline to request an application for a by-mail ballot is **Saturday, April 25, 2026.**

The last day to register to vote in person or by-mail postmark for the May 5, 2026 Primary Election will be **Monday, April 6, 2026** TCA 2-2-109.

**Public Notice for Elderly Voters or Voters with Disabilities**

Any elderly voter or voter with a disability whose polling place is inaccessible may vote early by absentee ballot or at the Election Commission Office on Election Day. TCA 2-3-109 (e) (1). If the voter chooses to vote at the Election Commission on Election Day, they must complete an affidavit at the Election Commission Office **no later than Saturday, April 25, 2026** stating that their designated voting location is not accessible. For more information please contact: Monroe County Election Commission Office 423-442-2461.

**NEW PHOTO ID REQUIRMENTS FOR ALL VOTERS**

Beginning January 1, 2012 all voters must present a Photo ID. The ID must be issued by the Federal or State of Tennessee Government and contain the voter's name and photograph. For more information regarding exemptions, acceptable and nonacceptable proof of photo ID contact our office. You may also visit the Tennessee Division of Elections web site as listed: <http://www.tn.gov/sos/election/index.htm>

Office location: Monroe County Election Commission

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Madisonville, Tn. 37354

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Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Email: [monroe.commission@tn.gov](mailto:monroe.commission@tn.gov)

Website: [www.monroecountyelectioncommission.com](http://www.monroecountyelectioncommission.com)

**The Election Commission will be closed for the following holiday schedule:** Christmas: December 24, 25, 26, 2025- **New Year's** January 1, 2, 2026-**Martin Luther King, Jr. Day:** January 19, 2026-**Presidents Day:** February 16, 2026-**Good Friday:** April 3, 2026.

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