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**County Commissioner, County Executive and County Council Candidates  
May 5th Primary Election  
As of May 1, 2026**

Incumbents who are running for reelection are identified in bold text, while those who are not running for reelection are identified by being placed in parentheses and through underlining. All information is from county board of elections.

Candidates are listed in alphabetical order by party.

**Note:** There are unexpired seats in Fulton and Sandusky counties. However, due to the timing of when these seats became vacant, information from the [Secretary of State's Election Officials Manual \(page 487\)](#) indicates that there may not be a primary for these seats. Instead, the political party central committees in these counties will designate a candidate for the November election.

County	Democratic Primary	Republican Primary	Other
Adams	<i>No Candidate Filed</i>	<b>Kelly Jones</b> Alex Schaffer	<i>No Candidate Filed</i>
Allen	Lew Modic	<b>Brian Windegardner</b>	<i>No Candidate Filed</i>
Ashland	Sandy Bally	<b>Denny Bittle</b> Brandon Carpenter Jeff Hardman Burton Williams	<i>No Candidate Filed</i>
Ashtabula	Jayson-Robert Nosal	<b>Casey Kozlowski</b>	<i>No Candidate Filed</i>
Athens	Autumn Brown ( <u>Lenny Eliason</u> )	Sarah Danielle Smith	<i>No Candidate Filed</i>
Auglaize	<i>No Candidate Filed</i>	<b>Douglas Spencer</b>	<i>No Candidate Filed</i>
Belmont	Franklin Cecil Shaffer, Jr.	Dominic DeFelice Chuck Probst David C. Schafer ( <u>Jerry Echemann</u> )	<i>No Candidate Filed</i>
Brown	<i>No Candidate Filed</i>	Frank Fussnecker Greg Lang Paul Riley, Sr. Zach Thatcher ( <u>Tony Applegate</u> )	<i>No Candidate Filed</i>



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Butler	Mike Miller	<b>Cindy Carpenter</b> Michael Ryan	<i>No Candidate Filed</i>
Carroll	<i>No Candidate Filed</i>	Ron Eick <b>Donald Leggett</b>	<i>No Candidate Filed</i>
Champaign	Jacob McKee	Karen Bailey ( <u>Nino Vitale</u> )	<i>No Candidate Filed</i>
Clark	Bradley Soles	<b>Sasha Rittenhouse</b>	<i>No Candidate Filed</i>
Clark (UNEXPIRED)	<i>No Candidate Filed</i>	Daren Cotter Greg Kaffenbarger Mark Sanders Victoria Sorg ( <u>Melanie Wilt</u> )	<i>No Candidate Filed</i>
Clermont	Fred Lewton Joe Wessels	<b>Claire Corcoran</b> Luiza McQueen	<i>No Candidate Filed</i>
Clinton	<i>No Candidate Filed</i>	<b>Mike McCarty</b>	<i>No Candidate Filed</i>
Columbiana	<i>No Candidate Filed</i>	<b>Mike Halleck</b>	<i>No Candidate Filed</i>
Coshocton	<i>No Candidate Filed</i>	W. Chuck Ellis Dean Hettinger Charles Selders ( <u>Gary Fischer</u> )	<i>No Candidate Filed</i>
Crawford	<i>No Candidate Filed</i>	<b>Tim Ley</b>	<i>No Candidate Filed</i>
Cuyahoga (District 01)	<b>Patrick Kelly</b>	James Trutko	<i>No Candidate Filed</i>
Cuyahoga (District 03)	Anise Mayo <b>Martin Sweeney</b> Stephanie Thomas	<i>No Candidate Filed</i>	<i>No Candidate Filed</i>
Cuyahoga (District 05)	Courtney Scheff	<b>Michael Gallagher</b>	<i>No Candidate Filed</i>
Cuyahoga (District 07)	<b>Yvonne Conwell</b>	<i>No Candidate Filed</i>	<i>No Candidate Filed</i>
Cuyahoga (District 09)	<b>Meredith Turner</b>	<i>No Candidate Filed</i>	<i>No Candidate Filed</i>
Cuyahoga (District 11)	Christine McIntosh Shirley Smith Ebony Spano ( <u>Sunny Simon</u> )	William McLaughlin	<i>No Candidate Filed</i>
Cuyahoga (Executive)	<b>Chris Ronayne</b>	<i>No Candidate Filed</i>	<i>No Candidate Filed</i>
Darke	<i>No Candidate Filed</i>	David Coons ( <u>Marshall Combs</u> )	<i>No Candidate Filed</i>
Defiance	Joe Eureste	<b>Dana Phipps</b>	<i>No Candidate Filed</i>
Defiance (UNEXPIRED)	Mike Armstrong	<b>Matthew Koester</b>	<i>No Candidate Filed</i>

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Delaware	Ryan Grissinger	Joe St. John Renee Vaughan ( <u>Barb Lewis</u> )	No Candidate Filed
Erie	Mindy Kayl	<b>Steve Shoffner</b>	No Candidate Filed
Fairfield	No Candidate Filed	<b>Jeff Fix</b>	No Candidate Filed
Fayette	No Candidate Filed	Brance Johnson Robert Mullins ( <u>James Garland</u> )	No Candidate Filed
Franklin	<b>Erica Crawley</b>	Davide Cugini	Eric Terford
Fulton	No Candidate Filed	<b>Jeff Rupp</b>	No Candidate Filed
Gallia	No Candidate Filed	Tony Hughes Doug Miller Dustin Deckard ( <u>Leslie Henry</u> )	No Candidate Filed
Geauga	No Candidate Filed	<b>Jim Dvorak</b> Steven Oluic	No Candidate Filed
Greene	No Candidate Filed	<b>Dick Gould</b> Wesley Smith	No Candidate Filed
Guernsey	Tom Hannon	<b>Dave Wilson</b>	No Candidate Filed
Hamilton	<b>Stephanie Summerow Dumas</b> Herman Najoli Meeka Owens	Jonathan Pearson	No Candidate Filed
Hancock	No Candidate Filed	<b>Timothy Bechtol</b> Gina Campbell Orion Jones Rachel Radar	No Candidate Filed
Hardin	Daryl Flowers	Bob Carder Michael Kasler Michelle Laubis Paul Osborne ( <u>Tim Striker</u> )	No Candidate Filed
Harrison	No Candidate Filed	<b>Dustin Corder</b>	No Candidate Filed
Henry	No Candidate Filed	<b>Joel Miller</b>	No Candidate Filed
Highland	No Candidate Filed	<b>Brad Rodes</b>	No Candidate Filed
Hocking	Michael Schrader	Shawn Faunfelter <b>Michael Linton</b> Tony Wheeler	No Candidate Filed
Holmes	No Candidate Filed	Tom Abraham <b>Dave Hall</b>	No Candidate Filed

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Huron	<i>No Candidate Filed</i>	Terry Boose Jeffrey Ritz Royden Smith ( <u>Harry Brady</u> )	Cassandra Fryman
Jackson	<i>No Candidate Filed</i>	<b>Jon Hensler</b>	<i>No Candidate Filed</i>
Jefferson	Brent Nemeth	<b>Eric Timmons</b>	<i>No Candidate Filed</i>
Knox	Chuck Rogers	Christina Ciotola <b>Bill Pursel</b>	<i>No Candidate Filed</i>
Lake	Tom Trombley	<b>John Plecnik</b>	<i>No Candidate Filed</i>
Lake (UNEXPIRED)	Lisa Lewins	<b>Morgan McIntosh</b>	<i>No Candidate Filed</i>
Lawrence	<i>No Candidate Filed</i>	<b>Mike Finley</b>	<i>No Candidate Filed</i>
Licking	Mary McLeish	Bill Bogantz Jeff Rath Gregory Smith James Sneed, Jr. Mark Van Buren ( <u>Rick Black</u> )	<i>No Candidate Filed</i>
Logan	<i>No Candidate Filed</i>	<b>Michael Yoder</b>	<i>No Candidate Filed</i>
Lorain	Brian Baker Carolyn White	<b>Jeff Riddell</b> Will Schlechter	<i>No Candidate Filed</i>
Lucas	<b>Lisa Sobecki</b>	<i>No Candidate Filed</i>	Brenden Johnson Laura Brown
Madison	<i>No Candidate Filed</i>	<b>Tony Xenikis</b>	<i>No Candidate Filed</i>
Mahoning	Lauren McNally ( <u>Carol Rimedio-Righetti</u> )	Don Dragish Christine Oliver Bruce Shepas	<i>No Candidate Filed</i>
Marion	<i>No Candidate Filed</i>	Tim Mooney Christy Neff Jason Schaber Kenneth Stiverson ( <u>Mark Davis</u> )	<i>No Candidate Filed</i>
Medina	Cheryl Minichiello	Julie McNabb ( <u>Colleen Swedyk</u> )	<i>No Candidate Filed</i>
Meigs	<i>No Candidate Filed</i>	<b>Zachary Manuel</b> Richard Wamsley II	<i>No Candidate Filed</i>
Mercer	<i>No Candidate Filed</i>	<b>Dave Buschur</b>	<i>No Candidate Filed</i>
Miami	William Whitten	<b>Ted Mercer</b>	<i>No Candidate Filed</i>
Monroe	<i>No Candidate Filed</i>	<b>Mitchell Schumacher</b>	<i>No Candidate Filed</i>

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Montgomery	<b>Carolyn Rice</b>	Margie Christie Lori Kennedy Norman Searce Jordan Wortham	<i>No Candidate Filed</i>
Morgan	<i>No Candidate Filed</i>	Bill Jenkins <b>Cecil Mayle</b>	<i>No Candidate Filed</i>
Morrow	<i>No Candidate Filed</i>	<b>Jon Mason</b>	<i>No Candidate Filed</i>
Muskingum	<i>No Candidate Filed</i>	<b>Melissa Bell</b>	<i>No Candidate Filed</i>
Noble	<i>No Candidate Filed</i>	<b>Brian Carter</b>	<i>No Candidate Filed</i>
Noble (UNEXPIRED)	<i>No Candidate Filed</i>	<b>Floyd Allen Fraley</b>	<i>No Candidate Filed</i>
Ottawa	Susan Mulligan	<b>Donald Douglas</b>	<i>No Candidate Filed</i>
Paulding	<i>No Candidate Filed</i>	<b>Mark Holtsberry</b> Michael Iler	<i>No Candidate Filed</i>
Perry	Todd Shafer	<b>Scott Owen</b>	<i>No Candidate Filed</i>
Pickaway	<i>No Candidate Filed</i>	<b>Jay Wippel</b>	<i>No Candidate Filed</i>
Pike	Bob Thompson	Neil Edward Leist Jay Allen White ( <u>Jerry Miller</u> )	<i>No Candidate Filed</i>
Portage	Jenny Adams	<b>Mike Tinlin</b>	<i>No Candidate Filed</i>
Preble	<i>No Candidate Filed</i>	<b>David Haber</b> Harold Niehaus	<i>No Candidate Filed</i>
Putnam	<i>No Candidate Filed</i>	Justin Barnhart Jeff Vance ( <u>John Schlumbohm</u> )	<i>No Candidate Filed</i>
Richland	Mark Kaufmann	<b>Cliff Mears</b> David Morgenstern	<i>No Candidate Filed</i>
Ross	<i>No Candidate Filed</i>	David Pinkerton ( <u>Jack Everson</u> )	<i>No Candidate Filed</i>
Sandusky	Kurtis Kuhl	Richard Farmer II Paul Lotycz Timothy Newman ( <u>Russ Zimmerman</u> )	<i>No Candidate Filed</i>
Scioto	Abby Spears	Yvonne Hale Nate Hoover <b>Steven Mault</b> Jim Turner	<i>No Candidate Filed</i>
Scioto (UNEXPIRED)	<i>No Candidate Filed</i>	Adrian Harrison <b>Merit Smith</b>	<i>No Candidate Filed</i>
Seneca	<i>No Candidate Filed</i>	Jim Distel <b>Bill Frankart</b>	<i>No Candidate Filed</i>

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Shelby	<i>No Candidate Filed</i>	<b>Julie Ehemann</b> David Spicer	<i>No Candidate Filed</i>
Stark	Tony Townsend	<b>Alan Harold</b> Joe Schultz	<i>No Candidate Filed</i>
Summit (At-Large, Three)	<b>Erin Dickinson</b> <b>John Donofrio</b> <b>Elizabeth Walters</b>	Shane Barker Jonathon Bollas John Chapman	<i>No Candidate Filed</i>
Trumbull	Kristen Rock	Michael Hovis <b>Denny Malloy</b>	<i>No Candidate Filed</i>
Tuscarawas	Kent Alan Watson	<b>Kristin Zemis</b>	<i>No Candidate Filed</i>
Union	<i>No Candidate Filed</i>	Shaun Bailey Letitia Rayl PJ Reilly ( <u>Dave Lawrence</u> )	<i>No Candidate Filed</i>
Van Wert	<i>No Candidate Filed</i>	<b>Thad Lichtensteiger</b>	<i>No Candidate Filed</i>
Vinton	Steven Hammond	Phillis Henry Jeremiah Jones C. Scott Ward Danny Wiseman ( <u>Tim Eberts</u> )	<i>No Candidate Filed</i>
Warren	Ian Logan	<b>Tom Grossmann</b> Mark Messer	Katherine Bowles
Washington	Brian Whalin	Stephanie Lang <b>Eddie Place</b>	<i>No Candidate Filed</i>
Wayne	<i>No Candidate Filed</i>	<b>Jon Hofstetter</b> David Kiefer	<i>No Candidate Filed</i>
Williams	<i>No Candidate Filed</i>	<b>Bartley Westfall</b>	<i>No Candidate Filed</i>
Wood	Brenna Reynolds	<b>Dorris Herringshaw</b>	<i>No Candidate Filed</i>
Wyandot	<i>No Candidate Filed</i>	Jennifer Coppler Scott Moore Russell Smith ( <u>David Courtad</u> )	<i>No Candidate Filed</i>