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Candidate Filing Opens Today for May 15 Primary Election

Kootenai County Clerk Cliff Hayes announced the opening of candidate filing for the May 15 Primary elections, in which there are many County level offices open.

Offices with two year terms include:

- County Commissioner District 1
- Precinct Committeemen

Offices with four year terms include:

- County Commissioner District 3
- County Prosecutor
- County Sheriff

Clerk Hayes pointed out “the May 15 Primary election is the first in which the Elections office has to verify whether a candidate’s party affiliation on the declaration matches the same party they stated on their voter registration”. (Party choices are Constitution, Democratic, Libertarian and Republican.) “Candidates would be wise to revise their voter registration to identify their party affiliation BEFORE they complete the candidacy paperwork,” Hayes concluded.

Candidates for County offices can choose whether to pay a \$40 filing fee or include a petition of at least five and up to ten signatures of registered voters. Candidates for Precinct Committeemen are not required to pay the fee or to have registered voters sign a petition.

County candidate declarations & petitions are available online at www.kcgov.us/elections/candidate_downloads.asp.

Candidates are encouraged to bring their paperwork to the Kootenai County Elections office, 1808 N. Third in Coeur d’Alene, in advance of the final deadline of 5PM Friday, March 9.

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