

## CITY/SCHOOL ELECTION NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given to the qualified electors of the County of Benton, State of Iowa, that the City/School Election will be held on Tuesday, the 4<sup>th</sup> day of November 2025. The polls for said election shall be open from 7:00 A.M. until 8:00 P.M.

For said election Benton County will be divided into fifteen precincts. The precincts and polling places are as follows:

### **PRECINCT NAME**

Belle Plaine I, II & III  
Benton-Canton-Shellsburg  
Big Grove-Union-Van Horne  
**\*Bruce-Cedar-Monroe-Mt. Auburn**  
Eden-Harrison-Taylor  
Eldorado-Newhall  
Florence-St. Clair-Norway  
Fremont-Atkins  
**\*Homer-Kane-Keystone**  
Iowa-Leroy-Luzerne-Blairstown  
**\*Jackson-Garrison**  
Polk-Urbana  
Vinton I & II  
Vinton III & IV  
Walford

**\*Indicates change in polling place**

### **PLACE OF VOTING**

Belle Plaine Fire Station  
Shellsburg Legion Hall  
Van Horne Community Center  
**\*Cedar Hall**  
Benton County Courthouse, Center Hall  
Newhall City Hall  
St. Michael's Parish Center  
Atkins City Hall/Library  
**\*Keystone City Hall**  
Blairstown City Hall/Community Center  
**\*Garrison Fire Station**  
Urbana City Hall/Community Center  
Vinton Skate & Activity Center  
Vinton Skate & Activity Center  
Walford City Hall

**VOTER ID REQUIREMENTS:** Pre-registered voters are required to provide an approved form of identification at the polling place before receiving and casting a regular ballot. Voters who are not pre-registered – such as voters registering to vote on election day – and voters changing precincts must also provide proof of residence. A voter who is unable to provide an approved form of identification (or prove residence if required) may 1) have the voter's identity/residence attested to by another registered voter in the precinct, 2) prove identity and residence using Election Day Registration documents, or 3) cast a provisional ballot and provide proof of identity/residence at the county auditor's office by November 10, 2025 12:00 p.m. (noon). Election Day Registrant attestors must provide an approved form of identification. For additional information about providing proof of identity and/or residence visit: <https://sos.iowa.gov/voterid> or phone 319-472-2365.

### **2021 ELECTION LAW CHANGES:**

**Voter Registration:** Voter must register to vote 15 days (October 20, 2025) or more before the election to appear on the voter register on Election Day.

### **Absentee Voting:**

1. The first day to submit an absentee ballot request form to the Auditors office is 70 days before Election Day.
2. The first day the Auditors office may mail absentee ballots to voters is 20 days (October 15, 2025) before an election.
3. The first day to vote absentee in person at the Auditor's Office is 20 days (October 15, 2025).
4. Absentee ballot requests for voting by mail must be received by 15 days (October 20, 2025) before the election.
5. Absentee ballots must be received by the county auditor by 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.

### **Returning Absentee Ballots:**

- The only people who may return a voted absentee ballot other than the voter are:
  - Someone living in the voter's household
  - An immediate family member
  - The two special precinct election officials who deliver a ballot to the resident of a health care facility, dementia-specific assisted living program or hospital
  - Voters unable to return a ballot due to blindness or other disability may use a "delivery agent" to deliver their ballots.

**ABSENTEE BALLOTS CANNOT BE PLACED IN THE DROP BOX OUTSIDE OF THE COURTHOUSE!!!**

Any voter who is physically unable to enter a polling place has the right to vote in the voter's vehicle. For further information, please contact the county auditor's office at the telephone or E-mail address listed below.

Telephone: 319-472-2365 Email address: [bcauditor@bentoncountya.gov](mailto:bcauditor@bentoncountya.gov) For TTY access, dial 711+319-472-2365

### **THE FOLLOWING OFFICES WILL APPEAR ON THEIR RESPECTIVE BALLOTS.**

Atkins Mayor Vote for 1: Brian Cruise  
Atkins City Council Vote for 3: Jeremy M. Rolando, Kevin DeMeulenaere, Bob Stolen  
Belle Plaine City Council at Large Vote for 1: Mitch Malcolm  
Belle Plaine City Council District 1 Vote for 1: No Candidate  
Belle Plaine City Council District 3 Vote for 1: Judy Schlesselman  
Belle Plaine Park Board Commissioner Vote for 1: Michael Stull  
Belle Plaine Mayor-Vacancy: Garrett Landuyt  
Blairstown Mayor Vote for 1: No Candidate

Blainstown City Council Vote for 3: Brian Hagen  
 Blainstown City Council -Vacancy: No Candidate  
 Garrison Mayor Vote for 1: Garrett D. Flickinger  
 Garrison City Council Vote for 3: Allan Lindsey, Tina Rommann, Robert Decker  
 Keystone Mayor Vote for 1: Kevin Rohrer  
 Keystone City Council Vote for 3: Kathy Janss, Dave Monson, Jeffrey Bruns, Mary K. Hennings  
 Luzerne Mayor Vote for 1: Joel Buttikofer  
 Luzerne City Council Vote for 5: Barbara Shields, Hannah Daniels, Shane Daniels, Kelly W. Kendall, Kyla Buttikofer  
 Mt Auburn Mayor Vote for 1: Austin Brase  
 Mt Auburn City Council Vote for 5: Tiffanie Butler, Cody Lundry, David McGarvey  
 Newhall Mayor Vote for 1: Doug Boddicker, Mark Lnenicka  
 Newhall City Council Vote for 5: Douglas Rinderknecht, Kurt Slouha, Ben Seeck, Bruce Cross, Rachelle Messner, Deborah Vaughan, Mart Campbell  
 Norway Mayor Vote for 1: No Candidate  
 Norway City Council Vote for 3: No Candidate  
 Shellsburg Mayor Vote for 1: Shadov Vogt, Phillip Travis  
 Shellsburg City Council Vote for 3: Sharon Harvey, Nicole Crawford, Cody Risdal, Rockford Lee Lubbock, Jamie Howard  
 Urbana Mayor Vote for 1: James Warnke, Bob Irelan  
 Urbana City Council Vote for 2: Randy Johnson, Carman Irelan, Corey Schroeder, Shane Light  
 Van Horne Mayor Vote for 1: Pat Gorkow  
 Van Horne City Council Vote for 3: Jim Parmenter, Amy L. Knaack, Kimberly Fisher  
 Vinton Mayor Vote for 1: Bud Maynard  
 Vinton City Council at Large Vote for 1: Dakota Sellers  
 Vinton City Council District 1 Vote for 1: Ron Hessenius  
 Vinton City Council District 3 Vote for 1: Zach Parmater  
 Vinton City Council District 4 Vacancy Vote for 1: Wesley Recker  
 Walford Mayor Vote for 1: Russell Hebert, Randy Bauer  
 Walford City Council Vote for 2: Amy Ellis, Sarah Hebert, Jesse Bergmeier

Belle Plaine Community School Director at Large Vote for 2: Valerie Coffman, Scott E. Frank  
 Belle Plaine Community School Director at Large Vacancy Vote for 1: Andrew Neuhaus  
 Benton Community School Director District 4 Vote for 1: Scott W. Shaw  
 Benton Community School Director District 5 Vote for 1: Aric Becker  
 Benton Community School Director District 6 Vote for 1: Nate Klein  
 Center Point-Urbana Community School Director at Large Vote for 1: Molly Stuelke, Kimberly Simon  
 Center Point-Urbana Community School Director District 1 Vote for 1: Kristeen Opfer, Mark Tjaden  
 College Community School Director at Large Vote for 1: Tobey Harrison  
 College Community School Director District 2 Vote for 1: Kellan Petz, Haley Dohrmann  
 College Community School Director District 5 Vote for 1: Todd Hahlen  
 Independence Community School Director at Large Vote for 1: Christine Tutwiler, Jake Bass, Melissa Appleby  
 Independence Community School Director District 3 Vote for 1: Hilary Weber, Charles Tutwiler, Charlie McCordle  
 Independence Community School Director District 2 Vacancy Vote for 1: Jeremy Adams, Ray A. Dostal  
 North-Linn Community School Director District 1 Vote for 1: Matt Hoover  
 North-Linn Community School Director District 2 Vote for 1: Alissa Carson, Allison Snyder  
 North-Linn Community School Director District 3 Vote for 2: Nick Price, Nathan Holub, Jared Zumbach  
 Union Community School Director at Large Vote for 1: Lindsay B. Pipho  
 Union Community School Director District 1 Vote for 1: No Candidate  
 Union Community School Director District 2 Vote for 1: No Candidate  
 Union Community School Director at Large Vacancy Vote for 1: Cady Schmidt  
 Vinton-Shellsburg Community School Director at Large Vote for 2: Jennifer Ann Birker, Rachel Wayson  
 Vinton-Shellsburg Community School Director District 1 Vote for 1: Kimberly Schirm

Hawkeye Community College Director 3 Vote for 1: Louis Beck  
 Kirkwood Community College Director District 1 Vote for 1: Keith Stamp  
 Kirkwood Community College Director District 6 Vote for 1: Joel G. Thys  
 Kirkwood Community College Director District 9 Vote for 1: Leslie Wright

#### **THE FOLLOWING PUBLIC MEASURES WILL APPEAR ON THEIR RESPECTIVE BALLOTS.**

**Public Measure BE:** Shall the total number of Belle Plaine Community Library Board members be seven (7) members, with no more than three (3) being non-residents.

**Public Measure BF:** Five (5) members of the Schroeder Public Library board shall be bona fide citizens and residents of the city. Two (2) of the members may be residents of unincorporated Benton County. All board members shall be over the age of eighteen (18) years.

**Public Measure BJ:** Shall the Board of Directors of the Belle Plaine Community School District in the Counties of Iowa, Benton, Tama, and Poweshiek, State of Iowa, be authorized to contract indebtedness and issue General Obligation Bonds in an amount not to exceed \$7,950,000 to construct, furnish, and equip additions to the elementary building, including a cafeteria, entrance, and storage areas, and to the secondary building, including a gymnasium with a walking track, weightroom, concession area, and related spaces, and parking and site improvements?

**Public Measure CD:** Shall the Board of Directors of the Independence Community School District in the Counties of Buchanan and Benton, State of Iowa, be authorized to contract indebtedness and issue General Obligation Bonds in

the amount not to exceed \$34,710,000 to provide funds to build, furnish, and equip additions to East and West Elementary Schools, including related demolition and reconstruction at West Elementary; and to remodel, repair, improve, and equip East and West Elementary Schools and improve the sites?

**Public Measure CE:** Shall the Board of Directors of the Independence Community School District in the Counties of Buchanan and Benton, State of Iowa, be authorized to levy annually a tax exceeding Two Dollars and Seventy Cents (\$2.70) per Thousand Dollars (\$1,000), but not exceeding Four Dollars and Five Cents (\$4.05) per Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) of the assessed value of the taxable property within said school corporation to pay the principal of and interest on bonded indebtedness of said school corporation, it being understood that the approval of this public measure shall not limit the source of payment of the bonds and interest, but shall only operate to restrict the amount of bonds which may be issued?

**Public Measure BK:** Shall the Board of Directors of the Union Community School District in the Counties of Black Hawk, Benton, Buchanan and Tama, State of Iowa, be authorized to contract indebtedness and issue General Obligation Bonds in an amount not to exceed \$18,500,000 to provide funds for safety and security improvements at all school buildings; to improve mechanical and fire alarm systems at the Elementary buildings; to remodel, repair, improve, furnish and equip portions of the High School and Middle School buildings; to construct, furnish, and equip additions to the High School building and improve the site; and to construct, furnish, and equip a bus barn?

All voters are advised of the requirements of voter's registration in order to be eligible to vote at said election. This notice is given pursuant to Section 49.53, Code of Iowa, 2024, as amended, and by order of Benton County Commissioner of Elections this 15<sup>th</sup> day of October 2025.

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Benton County Auditor/ Commissioner of Elections