

**MEIGS COUNTY REPUBLICAN & DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY
ELECTION NOTICE
TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2026**

MEIGS COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION

Notice is hereby given to the Voters of Meigs County that the Executive Committees of the Republican and Democratic Political Parties has called for a May 5, 2026, Republican and Democratic Primary Election. The election will be held on **May 5, 2026, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.** for the purpose of nominating Republican and Democratic nominees to appear on the August County General Election ballot.

The offices on May 3, 2026, ballot will be:

County Mayor
County Commission Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, & 5
County Trustee
Sheriff
Circuit Court Clerk
County Clerk
Register of Deeds
Highway Superintendent
School Board Districts 2, 3, & 5

QUALIFYING DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 19, 2026, AT 12:00 NOON

Primary and Independent Candidates for the above county offices must file their qualifying petitions on or before 12:00 NOON, February 19, 2026, in the Meigs County Election Commission Office.

WITHDRAWAL DEADLINE

THURSDAY, 12:00 NOON, February 26, 2026

- The first day to pick up a petition is Monday, December 22, 2025.
- Individuals desiring to run for the Office of Sheriff must submit the required documentation to the Peace Officers Standards and Training Commission no later than February 5, 2026, or their names will not appear on the ballot. This is 14 days before the Qualifying Petition deadline.
- Individuals desiring to run for the Office of Road Supervisor must submit the required documentation to the Tennessee Highway Officials Certification Board no later than February 5, 2026, or their names will not appear on the ballot. This is 14 days before the Qualifying Petition deadline.
- The first day for Armed Forces, spouses, and overseas voters to request an absentee ballot for this election is January 1, 2026.
- The first day to request an absentee ballot other than armed forces and overseas voters for this election is February 4, 2026
- The last day to register to vote for this election will be April 6, 2026

Petitions may be picked up at:

Office location: MEIGS COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION

17214 State Hwy 58 N

Decatur, TN 37322

Phone: (423)334-5866 Fax:(423)334-7203

Email: meigs.commission@tn.gov

Web: www.meigscounty.org/election-commission

OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY 8:00 AM TO 4:00 PM

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.

If the voter chooses to vote at the Election Commission Office on Election Day, they must complete an affidavit at the Election Commission Office no later than Saturday **April 25, 2026** (ten days prior to the election), stating that their designated voting location is not accessible

VOTING BY MAIL (ABSENTEE)

A voter who wishes to vote absentee by mail must meet certain legal qualifications. **Voters shall request an absentee ballot at the Meigs County Election Office, in person, by mail or email with their scanned signature. The earliest time to request, is no earlier than February 4, 2026 and no later than April 25, 2026 at 4:00 PM.** Applications must contain the following: Name, Address of residence, Social Security number, Date of Birth, address to mail ballot to, the primary election the voter wishes to vote in, legal reason voter wishes to vote absentee and the voter's signature.

The Meigs County Election Office will be closed for the following holiday schedule:

Christmas Holiday: December 24 -26, 2025

New Year's Day: January 1, 2026

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day: January 19, 2026

President's Day: February 16, 2026

Good Friday: April 3, 2026

PHOTO ID REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL VOTERS

All voters must present **a valid Federal or Tennessee State issued photo ID unless an exemption applies.** The ID must contain the voter's name and photograph. For more information regarding exemptions, acceptable proof of photo ID, please contact our office. You may also visit the Tennessee Division of Elections web site as listed below:
<http://www.tn.gov/sos/election/index.htm>.

Meigs County Election Commission

Vance W. Hughes-Chairman, Patricia Harris-Secretary,
Members: Melvin Holmes, Jr., Thomas Creasman, Tim N. Proffitt
Judy McAllister-Administrator of Elections