

Filing Statements

Chisago County Commissioner candidates District 2

Chris DuBose

I am Chris DuBose and am running for Chisago County Board. I am excited to serve another term as your commissioner as there is much that I have accomplished over the last 4 years but feel that there is still a lot to do. I am currently serving District 1 but due to redistricting my home in Center City was shifted to District 2, which includes Chisago Lake North and South, Franconia, Shafer, and Amador Townships, Cities of Center City, Shafer, and Taylors Falls.

I was an Air Traffic Controller for 25 years before retiring in 2007. I've served Chisago County in many ways over the last 20+ years as City Council, Mayor, Planning Commission, Police Commissioner, Parks Board, and many others. I'm also active in the Chisago Lakes Rotary Club and the CL Good Neighbors Club.

The most important job of the County Commissioner is budgeting. Chisago County has one of the higher tax rates in the State. The reason is because our county does not have enough commercial or industrial properties that would relieve the tax burden that homeowners currently have. I'm here to say that I have and will continue to do something about it. I was successful in getting on to the Economic Development Authority just this year and have already taken a leadership position with the board to accomplish many



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things including Commuter and Workforce Studies that were a campaign promise and have already been useful in marketing our County to businesses by showing we have a well-trained workforce that would jump at the chance to work locally and eliminate the commute to the cities. I've met with dozens of prospective businesses to highlight why they should move here. I have also worked on amending our zoning ordinance to create common sense rules that allow people to use their land reasonably without creating nuisances or eyesores.

Another area that I've been working hard on is Broadband. I have led efforts to bring in innovative ideas from fiber optics companies, worked with cities and township to develop grants from the State, and led the County Board to designate some of our Federal COVID grant money towards developing better broadband in the County.

I helped lead efforts to

provide our schools with grant funding for vocational programs. I love that students can graduate with an associates degree but want there to be an alternative for kids who college isn't their choice.

I've been a big leader for many years in helping our lakes and rivers. I worked with the Chisago Lakes Restoration Association and successfully lobbied for navigable bridges to connect the Chisago/Lindstrom/Center Lakes chain. I've been on the Lake Improvement District, the City and County Parks Board, The Swedish Immigrant Regional Trail Committee, and have participated in several trail projects through our Rotary Club. I was named to the Minnesota State Aquatic Invasive Species Advisory Board. I was also one of the organizing board members of the Lower St. Croix Watershed that banded all of the smaller watersheds in Chisago and neighboring counties to help secure more state and federal funding for water quality improvements.

I work hard for the County and will continue to do so. I believe in open and transparent government and am continually pushing for better communication and transparency. I am always available to talk or open for questions feel free to contact me at 651-208-6054, or email at cdubose62@gmail.com. Thank you for your support.

Rick Greene



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Rick Greene of Amador Township is seeking re-election to the Chisago County Board. Since 2007 he has served as commissioner from District 2, which now consists of Center City, Shafer, Taylors Falls, and the townships of Chisago Lake, Amador, Franconia and Shafer.

Greene is a lifelong resident of Chisago County. "My family history in Chisago County dates back to the mid-1800s," he explained, adding that he was born on a dairy farm in Franconia Township. Greene spent 40 years at his father's John Deere dealership in Osceola, retiring in 2009. He is a lifelong member of his church in Taylors Falls and also belongs to the Farm Bureau.

Along with his business, Greene and his wife, Randi, have owned and operated a farm near Almelund for 44 years, where they raised three children. "Forty years in local business and 44 years running a successful livestock opera-

He cited careful management and cooperation between the board and employees as major factors in keeping the levy down this year.

Greene listed several additional accomplishments during his service in office:

- Major road improvements in District 2.
- Adequate county reserve fund levels and a strong AA+ bond rating.

- Developed the Chisago County Emergency Communication Center.

- Upgrades to the Chisago County Government Center.

- Increased the commercial/industrial tax base.

- Respectful county board meetings where citizen input is encouraged and valued.

- New law enforcement center and jail.

"In order for our county to thrive during these tough times, the board must be continually vigilant about protecting taxpayer dollars," Greene said. He may be reached at 651-583-2513.

Absentee voting in Chisago County

Absentee voting for the August 9 Primary Election began Friday, June 24 and runs through Monday, Aug. 8.

Chisago County residents can absentee vote in-person at the Chisago County Government Center, 313 North Main Street in Center City during regular business hours Monday through Friday.

The Government Center will be open for absentee voting Saturday, Aug. 6 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

You can also absentee vote by mail. To request a ballot be mailed to you an application is required. You can apply for your ballot:

By completing an online Absentee Ballot Application at www.mn-votes.org and clicking "Other Ways to

Vote." By printing a paper application from the County website and returning it to the Auditor-Treasurer's Office <https://www.chisagocountymn.gov/140/Absentee-Voting>.

By contacting the Auditor-Treasurer's Office and requesting an application be mailed to you.

You can obtain a sample ballot for the election at www.mn.votes.org and clicking "What's on my ballot?"

For more information, contact the Chisago County elections staff at 651-213-8500 or elections@chisagocountymn.gov.

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