

# MADISON COUNTY

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**PRECINCT ELECTION OFFICIAL!**

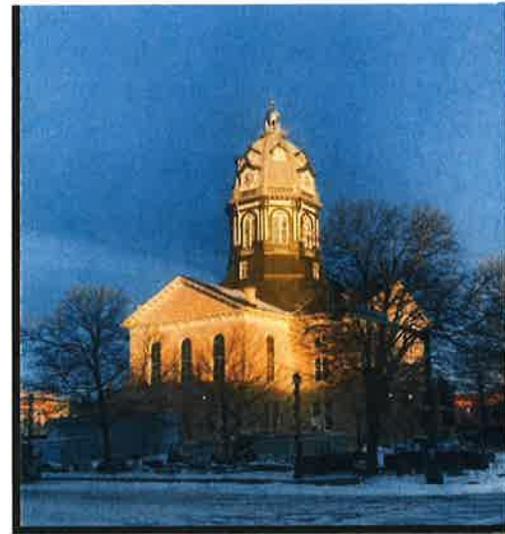
Preparing for an election in the Auditor's Office includes recruiting, training, and retaining Precinct Election Officials (PEOs), the people who greet you at the polling place and guide you through the voting process on election day.

A PEO is a person appointed to serve on the election board of a given precinct at any election, and an election board consists of an odd number of PEOs selected from a list of names—the election board panel—drawn up every two years prior to each Primary Election. The County Commissioner of Elections appoints individuals to serve on the PEO Panel. Political party chairpersons in each county may designate persons to serve on the panel, and cities and schools may add names of those willing to serve without pay for city and school elections.

PEOs undergo election-specific training each time they will serve, and new PEOs will have an additional training before their first election. Training covers all procedures and laws relevant to operating the polling place and processing voters; emergency plans; timeline for the days before, on, and after the election; distribution of guidebooks and supplies; opening and closing the ballot tabulators and e-pollbooks; and managing media enquiries. In Madison County, PEOs are also welcome to spend additional time practicing with e-pollbooks in our office, and online training resources are available as well.

Madison County's PEOs tend to be service-oriented, and many are motivated by socialization and the desire to help others. Keeping the job interesting, fun, and comfortable for PEOs helps provide familiarity for the voters and consistency at the election polls. You can learn more about becoming a PEO today by scanning the QR code, calling our office at 515-462-3914, or emailing [msimpson@madisoncounty.iowa.gov](mailto:msimpson@madisoncounty.iowa.gov)

**SCAN ME TO LEARN MORE ABOUT BECOMING A PEO!**



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## 2026 UPCOMING DATES

**March 2-** Candidate Filing begins for all County, Township, and local offices

**March 20-** Deadline for candidates running in the primary election for a County Office

**May 4,-** Deadline to sign up to be considered for being a PEO

**June 2-** Deadline for Township and Independent/NNPO County Office Candidates to file

**June 2-** Primary Election

**August 26-** Deadline for County Ag. Extension, Soil and Water, and Hospital Trustees to file

**Nov 3-** General Election