

**CANDIDATES FOR COUNTY COMMISSION
(Partisan)
August 3 Primary
November 2 General Election**

Filing Location:	Ottawa County Clerk's Office, 12220 Fillmore Street, Room 130, West Olive, MI 49460 <i>*Call Elections Division at: 616-994-4535 for additional office locations and hours*</i>
Candidate Qualifications:	Candidates must be at least 18 years of age, and a qualified and registered elector of the district in which they seek to represent.
Filing Requirements:	- An Affidavit of Identity is required from all candidates. - Petitions containing a sufficient number of signatures OR a filing fee of \$100.
Petition Signature Requirements:	Petition signature requirements are based on the population of the district and must be of registered electors of the district. [MCL 168.544f] Minimum 20 – Maximum 50
Filing Deadline:	Filings must be made by 4:00 P.M. on Tuesday, May 11, 2010. <u>Candidates are urged to file early; if petition signatures are not acceptable, and the approved number falls below the minimum required, we will contact you to advise you of the shortfall. However, if a shortfall in the number of signatures required is discovered near or after the filing deadline, you will not be permitted an extension, and your name will not appear on the ballot.</u>
Withdrawal:	Candidates wishing to withdraw must submit in writing no later than 4:00 P.M. on Friday, May 14, 2010.
Campaign Finance:	All candidates are required to file a Campaign Finance Statement of Organization with the County Clerk within 20 days of becoming a candidate. It is the candidate's responsibility to contact the Elections Division of the Clerk's Office at: 616-994-4535 to determine what the reporting requirements may be. This should be done prior to expending funds, advertising, or placing signs in support of your campaign, to avoid improper activities.