

**CANDIDATES FOR COUNTYWIDE OFFICE
(Partisan)
August 7, 2012 Primary
November 6, 2012 General Election**

Filing Location:	<p>Ottawa County Clerk's Office 12220 Fillmore Street, Room 130, West Olive, MI 49460</p> <p>*Call Elections Division at: 616-994-4535 for additional office locations and hours*</p>
Candidate Qualifications:	<p>Candidates must be at least 18 years of age, and a qualified and registered elector of the County.</p>
Filing Requirements:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - An Affidavit of Identity is required from all candidates. - Petitions containing sufficient signatures OR a filing fee of \$100.
Petition Signature Requirements:	<p>Petition signature requirements are based on the population of the district and must be of registered electors of the district. [MCL 168.544f]</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Minimum 500 – Maximum 1,000 (Must be on COUNTYWIDE PARTISAN form). Voters may sign only the number of petitions equal to the number of offices being filled.</p>
Filing Deadline:	<p>Filings must be made by 4:00 P.M. on Tuesday, May 15, 2012.</p> <p><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></p>
Withdrawal:	<p>Candidates wishing to withdraw must submit in writing no later than 4:00 P.M. on Friday, May 18, 2012.</p>
Campaign Finance:	<p>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.</p>