



## Kingman County Clerk

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### **Few candidates file in local elections**

Local voters will see few contested races and several empty spaces on ballots when they go to the polls in 2016. The filing deadline for candidates was noon on Wednesday, June 1.

The primary effectively will be the election for two county commission seats on the ballot. In District 2, three Republicans have filed: Jerome B. (Jerry) Henning, Kingman; Steven L. Ramsey, Kingman, and Carol Voran, Kingman. Voran is the incumbent. In District 3, incumbent John Steffen, Cunningham, faces Randy M. Thimesch, Spivey. Both are Republicans.

These are the only contested county races. Voters also will elect township treasurers and trustees but only six of the county's 24 townships have a candidate for both positions. Twelve townships have no candidates and six have a candidate for only one of the two positions.

Precinct committeemen and committeewomen will be elected on Aug. 2. Only Union Township and the four wards in the City of Kingman will have candidates on the ballot. A minimum of five votes is required for election.

At the state level, the county is ensured of at least one new State Senator. District 32 incumbent Steve Abrams, Arkansas City Republican, withdrew before the deadline. That left only a General Election contest for the seat between Larry Alley, Winfield Republican, and Don Shimkus, Oxford Democrat.

There will be primaries in the other State Senate seat and the House seat that represent the county. Incumbent Jack Thimesch, Spivey Republican, will face challenger Herchel Crainer III, Hutchinson Republican, for the District 114 seat. There is no Democratic candidate, thus virtually ensuring the seat to whoever prevails in the Aug. 2 Primary Election.

In Senate District 34, incumbent Terry Bruce, Nickerson Republican, will face Edward Berger, Hutchinson Republican, in the primary. The winner then will face Democrat Homer Gilson, Hutchinson, in November.

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