

Candidates for Governor, US Senate, US House, District 4 and Palo Alto County candidates

Kossuth County Republicans have a great webpage with candidates!

<https://www.kossuthrepublicans.com/2026-primary>

a. Iowa Governor (With Kim Reynolds not running again this position is open)

- **Randy Feenstra** (Republican) - not declared yet: A U.S. Representative for Iowa's 4th congressional district, he has also launched a campaign for governor.
- **Brad Sherman** (Republican): A former state representative who announced his candidacy before Governor Reynolds' decision not to seek re-election.
- **Eddie Andrews** (Republican)
- **Mike Bousset** (Republican) - Iowa Senator doing an exploratory investigation to run
- Rob Sand (Democrat): The current Iowa State Auditor, he's the only Democrat holding statewide office and has launched a campaign for governor.
- Paul Dahl (Democrat): A perennial candidate who has also announced a run for governor.
- Julie Stauch (Democrat)

From ballotpedia.org

Candidate	
	Paul Dahl (D)
	Rob Sand (D)
	Julie Stauch (D)
	Eddie Andrews (R)
	Randy Feenstra (R)
	Brad Sherman (R)

b. US Senator for Iowa election in 2026. Joni Ernst not seeking re-election

- **Ashley Hinson** (Republican) - currently a U.S. House Representative District 2
- **Jim Carlin** (Republican) - former Iowa state senator
- **John Berman** (Republican)
- **Joshua Smith** (Republican)
- Zach Wahl (Dem) - State legislator
- Josh Turek (Dem) - Iowa State legislator
- Jackie Norris (Dem) - Des Moines School board leader
- Nathan Sage (Dem) - Chamber of Commerce leader
- Bob Krause (Dem) - former state lawmaker

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	Joni Ernst (R)
	Jackie Norris (D)
	Nathan Sage (D)
	J.D. Scholten (D)
	Josh Turek (D)
	Zach Wahls (D)
	John Berman (R)
	Jim Carlin (R)
	Joshua Smith (R)

c. US House Rep for District 4

- Randy Feenstra has not formally declared running for Iowa Governor yet

- **Matt Windschitl** (Iowa House Majority Leader)
- **Ryan Rhodes** (founder of Iowa Tea Party)
- Lynn Evans (Iowa senator) dropped out of race in July 2025
- **Chris McGowan** (Siouxland Chamber of Commerce Head)
- **Kyle Larsen**, a farmer and land appraiser
- **Chris Hupke** (605-303-1176) **would like to be invited to our Central Committee meeting in Fall of 2025**
- Ryan Melton (D)
- Ashley Wolftornabane? (D)

ballotpedia.org has these listed which should not have Randy Feenstra on the list.

	Randy Feenstra (R)
	Stephanie Steiner (D)
	Ashley WolfTornabane (D)
	Kyle Larsen (R)
	Chris McGowan (R)
	Ryan Rhodes (R)
	Matt Windschitl (R)

d. Iowa House District 10

- **John Wills** is our Republican incumbent and is re-running

e. Iowa Senator District 5

- **Dave Rowley** is our Republican incumbent and is re-running
- **Stacy Besch** announced candidacy on 10/15/2025

f. Auditor of Iowa

- **Chris Cournoyer**: Current Lieutenant Governor of Iowa. She announced her candidacy in May 2025 and has the endorsement of Governor Kim Reynolds.

- **Abigail Maas** (Iowa County Supervisor)

g. Attorney General of Iowa

- **Brenna Bird** - Republican incumbent
- Nate Willens (Democrat)

h. Secretary of State of Iowa

- Paul Pate - Republican incumbent

i. Treasurer of Iowa

- Roby Smith - Republican incumbent

j. Secretary of Ag of Iowa

- **Mike Naig** - Republican incumbent

k. Palo Alto County offices:

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l. Items on the ballot for Palo Alto County

- Emmetsburg School District is bringing forward new school proposal bond again in Nov 2025 so not sure if will be on the ballot in 2026.
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