

**MONTCALM
COUNTY
2010
ELECTION
MANUAL**



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MONTCALM COUNTY TOWNSHIP & CITY CLERKS

MUNICIPALITY	CLERK	ADDRESS	CITY, STATE	ZIP	PHONE
Belvidere Township	Sheila Smith	PO Box 86	Six Lakes, MI	48886	989-365-3105
Bloomer Township	Don Baese	11740 Jenks Rd.	Carson City, MI	48811	989-584-6066
Bushnell Township	Phebe Wilson	8129 S. Sheridan Rd.	Sheridan, MI	48884	989-291-3469
Cato Township	Louis Morse	PO Box 59	Lakeview, MI	48850	989-352-7967
Crystal Township	Robert Naumann	9471 Karen Dr.	Crystal, MI	48818	989-506-8032
Day Township	Deborah Baker	4560 Wyman Rd.	Edmore, MI	48829	989-762-5125
Douglass Township	Sharlene Hopp	4500 Grow Rd., NW	Stanton, MI	48888	989-762-5222
Eureka Township	Linda Ruwersma	10333 Milo Court	Greenville, MI	48838	616-754-0375
Evergreen Township	Kelli Greenhoe	4159 Townhall Rd.	Sheridan, MI	48884	989-291-5189
Fairplain Township	Kathy Sanders	8383 S. Grow	Greenville, MI	48838	989-248-3311
Ferris Township	Tammy Mortensen	3011 N. Crystal Rd.	Vestaburg, MI	48891	989-268-5313
Home Township	Cindy Stratton	PO Box 470	Edmore, MI	48829	989-427-3092
Maple Valley Township	Shirley Sanders	PO Box 56	Coral, MI	49322	231-354-6496
Montcalm Township	Kate Bradley	371 S. Turk Lake Dr.	Greenville, MI	48838	616-754-4344
Pierson Township	Brooke Scott	23831 Kendaville Rd.	Pierson, MI	49339	616-636-8570
Pine Township	Doris Swem	2393 N. Greenville Rd.	Stanton, MI	48888	989-352-6837
Reynolds Township	Tina Porzondek	215 E. Edgerton	Howard City, MI	49329	231-937-5626
Richland Township	Susan Brantley	9125 Lake Montcalm Rd.	Vestaburg, MI	48891	989-268-5405
Sidney Township	Wesley Thomsen	1631 S. Nevins Rd.	Sidney, MI	48885	989-328-2961
Winfield Township	Collen Stebbins	7569 Gravel Ridge	Lakeview, MI	48850	989-352-7448
Carson City	Bonnie Schafer	PO Box 340	Carson City, MI	48811	989-584-3515
Greenville City	Bradley Hool	411 S. Lafayette	Greenville, MI	48838	616-754-5645
Stanton City	Janet Davis	PO Box 449	Stanton, MI	48888	989-831-4440

**FEBRUARY 23, 2010 ELECTION
CALENDAR OF DATES**

Nov. 20	Last day a recall petition can be filed for election. (168.963)
By Dec. 1	Petitions to place proposals on ballot filed with county and local clerks. (If governing law sets an earlier petition filing deadline, earlier deadline must be observed.) (168.646a)
By Dec. 15	Ballot wording of proposals qualified to appear on ballot certified to county and local clerks. (168.646a)
Jan. 14 through Feb. 2	Precinct inspectors appointed for election. (168.674)
By Jan. 18	Notice of close of registration for election published. One notice required. (168.498)
Jan. 25	Last day to register for election. (168.498)
By Feb. 3	Absent voter ballots must be available for issuance to voters. (168.714)
By Feb. 16*	Pre-Election Campaign Statements filed (closes Feb. 7).
By Feb. 16	Notice of election published. One notice required. (168.653a)
By Feb. 18	Public accuracy test must be conducted. (R 168.778) Notice of test must be published at least 48 hours before test. (168.798)
By 2:00 p.m., Feb. 20	Electors who wish to receive an absent voter ballot for election by mail submit applications. (168.759)
Up to 4:00 p.m., Feb. 22	Electors qualified to obtain an absent voter ballot for election may vote in person in clerk's office. (168.761)
Up to 4:00 p.m., Feb. 23	Emergency absentee voting for election. (168.759b)
Feb. 23	ELECTION
By Mar. 1	Boards of County Canvassers meet to canvass election. (168.821)
Mar. 25	Post-Election Campaign Statements filed (closes Mar. 15).

*As the customary Pre-Election Campaign Statement filing deadline falls on Lincoln's birthday (February 12) and the following Monday is Washington's birthday (February 15), the filing deadline moves forward to Tuesday, February 16.

**MAY 4, 2010 ELECTION
CALENDAR OF DATES**

Jan. 29	Last day a recall petition can be filed for election. (168.963)
By 4:00 p.m., Feb. 9	Local School Board candidates, Community College Trustee candidates and District Library Board candidates who wish to seek office at the May 4 election must file an Affidavit of Identity and a nominating petition. (A \$100.00 nonrefundable fee may be filed in lieu of a petition.) Withdrawal deadline elapses at 4:00 p.m. on February 16*. (If filing official is a local clerk, filing official notifies county clerk of candidates' names and addresses within 3 days after withdrawal deadline.) (168.303; 397.181 ; 389.152)
By Feb. 9	Petitions to place proposals on ballot filed with county and local clerks. (If governing law sets an earlier petition filing deadline, earlier deadline must be observed.) (168.646a)
By Feb. 23	Ballot wording of proposals qualified to appear on ballot certified to county and local clerks. (168.646a)
Mar. 25 through Apr. 13	Precinct inspectors appointed for election. (168.674)
By Mar. 29	Notice of close of registration for election published. One required. (168.498)
Apr. 5	Last day to register for election. (168.498)
By Apr. 14	Absent voter ballots must be available for issuance to voters. (168.714)
By Apr. 23	Pre-Election Campaign Statements filed (closes Apr. 18).
By 4:00 p.m., Apr. 23	Write-in candidates file Declaration of Intent forms. (168.737a as amended under PA 87 of 2006)
By Apr. 27	Notice of election published. One notice required. (168.653a)
By Apr. 29	Public accuracy test must be conducted. (R 168.778) Notice of test must be published at least 48 hours before test. (168.798)
By 2:00 p.m., May 1	Electors who wish to receive an absent voter ballot for election by mail submit applications. (168.759)
Up to 4:00 p.m., May 3	Electors qualified to obtain an absent voter ballot for election may vote in person in clerk's office. (168.761)
Up to 4:00 p.m., May 4	Emergency absentee voting for election. (168.759b)
May 4	ELECTION
By May 10	Boards of County Canvassers meet to canvass election. (168.821)
By Jun. 3	Post-Election Campaign Statements filed (closes May 24).

* As the customary 3-day withdrawal deadline falls on Lincoln's birthday (February 12) and the following Monday is Washington's birthday (February 15), the withdrawal deadline moves forward to Tuesday, February 16.

**-- 2010 ELECTION DATES --
AUGUST 3 PRIMARY
NOVEMBER 2 GENERAL ELECTION**

All listed dates are in 2010 unless otherwise specified. Refer to Michigan compiled law for cited provisions www.michiganlegislature.org. Dates are subject to change through legislative action. If any errors are found, it is the law, itself, which must be followed.

By Jan. 5	City and township election commissions finalize precinct boundaries for 2010 election cycle. (168.661)
By Feb. 1	Annual Campaign Statements filed. Books close Dec. 31, 2009.
By Feb. 4	Last date precinct boundary alterations made for 2010 election cycle can go into effect. (168.661)
By March 1	Republican and Democratic state party chairpersons notify county and district committee chairs of county convention delegate (precinct delegate) allocation requirements. (168.623a)
By 5:00 p.m., March 22	Incumbent Appeals Court, Circuit Court, District Court and Probate Court judges file Affidavit of Candidacy and Affidavit of Identity for the August primary. Withdrawal deadline elapses at 5:00 p.m. on March 25. (168.409b, 413a, 414, 433a, 434, 467c, 467d)
By April 1	County political party chairpersons certify number of delegates per precinct to county election commissions. (168.623a)
By April 5	Qualified political parties certify to Secretary of State any change in vignette for the August primary. (168.684)
April 20	Vacancies occurring in judicial offices on or before this date must be elected this year. (168.409l, 424, 444, 467m)
By 4:00 p.m., April 27	Candidates seeking Appeals Court, Circuit Court, District Court or Probate Court judgeships file nominating petitions, Affidavit of Identity and Affidavit of Constitutional Qualification for the August primary. Withdrawal deadline elapses at 4:00 p.m. on April 30. (168.409b, 409c, 413, 414, 433, 434, 467b, 467 d)
April 30	Last date a recall petition can be filed in order for recall question to appear on August primary ballot. (168.963)
May 3	Vacancies occurring in county or township offices on or before this date must be elected this year. (168.209, 239, 269, 370a)
By May 4	Challenges against nominating petitions filed by candidates seeking Appeals Court, Circuit Court, District Court and Probate Court positions submitted. (168.552)
By 4:00 p.m., May 11	Candidates for county convention delegate (precinct delegate) file an Affidavit of Identity for the August primary. Filing submitted to the clerk of the county, city or township in which candidate resides. Withdrawal deadline elapses at 4:00 p.m. on May 14. (168.624, 624a)
By 4:00 p.m., May 11	Partisan and nonpartisan candidates (other than judicial candidates) file nominating petitions (or fees if applicable) and Affidavit of Identity for the August primary. Withdrawal deadline elapses at 4:00 p.m. on May 14.
By May 11	Petitions to place county and local questions on the August primary ballot filed with county and local clerks. (If governing law sets an earlier petition filing deadline, earlier deadline must be observed.) (168.646a)

By May 17	City and township clerks forward copies of Affidavit of Identity forms filed by candidates for county convention delegate (precinct delegate) to county clerk. (168.624)
By May 17	City and township clerks forward names and addresses of partisan and nonpartisan candidates to county clerk. (168.321, 349)
By May 18	Challenges against nominating petitions filed by partisan and nonpartisan candidates (other than judicial candidates) submitted. (168.552)
By May 25	Ballot wording of county and local proposals to be presented at the August primary certified to county and local clerks; local clerks receiving ballot wording forward to county clerk within two days. (168.646a)
By 5:00 p.m., May 26	Petitions to place a proposal on the November general election ballot to initiate legislation filed with the Secretary of State (304,101 valid signatures required). (168.471)
By May 31	Boards of county canvassers complete examination of all ballot containers used in county. (24j)
By June 1	Board of State Canvassers complete canvass of nominating petitions filed by candidates for the August primary; Secretary of State certifies candidates eligible to appear on August primary ballot to county election commissions by June 4. (168.552)
June 4	Final date cities and townships can establish, move or abolish a polling place for the August primary. (168.662)
By June 4	Republican and Democratic Parties call fall state conventions. (168.591)
By June 4	Constitutional amendments and legislative referendums which the legislature wishes to place on the August primary ballot presented to Secretary of State. (Art. 12, Sec. 1)
By June 19	County clerks deliver absent voter ballots for the August primary to local clerks. (168.714)
By June 19	County committees of Republican and Democratic Parties call county conventions. (168.592)
June 24 through July 13	Precinct inspectors for August primary appointed by city and township election commissions. (168.674)
By June 29	Notice of close of registration for August primary published. (168.498)
By July 2	Qualified political parties certify to Secretary of State any change in vignette for November general election. (168.684)
By 5:00 p.m., July 5	Incumbent Supreme Court Justices file Affidavit of Candidacy for the November general election. (168.392a)
By 5:00 p.m., July 5	Petitions to place a proposal on the November general election ballot to amend the State Constitution filed with the Secretary of State (380,126 valid signatures required). (168.471)
July 6	Last day to register for August primary. (168.498)
By 4:00 p.m., July 15	District Library Board candidates who wish to seek office at the November general election file an Affidavit of Identity and a nominating petition. (A \$100.00 nonrefundable fee may be filed in lieu of a petition.) (Special note: If district library includes a school district, District Library Board candidates file by 4:00 p.m. on Aug. 10.) (397.181)
By 4:00 p.m., July 15	Candidates without political party affiliation file qualifying petitions and Affidavit of Identity for the November general election. Withdrawal deadline elapses at 4:00 p.m. on July 19. (168.590c)

By 4:00 p.m., July 15	New political parties file petitions to qualify for November general election ballot (38,013 valid signatures required). (168.685)
By July 19	City and township clerks forward names and addresses of candidates without political party affiliation to county clerk. (168.321, 349)
By July 22	Qualifying petition signature challenges filed with filing official. (168.552)
By July 23	Pre-Primary Campaign Statements due. Books close July 18.
By 4:00 p.m., July 23	Write-in candidates other than write-in candidates who seek precinct delegate positions file Declaration of Intent forms for the August primary. (168.737a)
By July 24	County clerks deliver remainder of ballots and election supplies for August primary to local clerks. (168.714)
By July 27	Notice of August primary published. (168.653a)
By July 29	Public accuracy test must be conducted. (R 168.778) Notice of test must be published at least 48 hours before test. (168.798)
July 30	Last date a recall petition can be filed in order for recall question to appear on November general election ballot. (168.963)
By 4:00 p.m., July 30	Write-in candidates who seek precinct delegate positions file Declaration of Intent forms for the August primary. (As an alternative, candidates for precinct delegate may file form with appropriate precinct board on election day before the close of the polls.) (168.737a)
By 2:00 p.m., July 31	Electors who wish to receive an absent voter ballot for the August primary by mail submit absent voter ballot applications. (168.759)
Up to 4:00 p.m., Aug. 2	Electors qualified to obtain an absent voter ballot for August primary may vote in person in clerk's office. (168.761)
By Aug. 3	Minor parties hold county caucuses; notify county clerk of nominated candidates within one business day after caucus. (168.686a)
By Aug. 3	Minor parties hold state conventions; notify Secretary of State of nominated candidates within one business day after convention. Pre-Convention Campaign Statements due 11 days before convention (books close 16 days before convention); Post-Convention Campaign Statements due 30 days after convention (books close 20 days after convention). (168.686a)
Up to 4:00 p.m., Aug. 3	Emergency absentee voting for August primary. (168.759b)
Aug. 3	AUGUST PRIMARY
1:00 p.m., Aug. 4	Boards of county canvassers meet to canvass August primary. (168.821)
Aug. 10	Local School Board candidates, Community College Trustee candidates and District Library Board candidates who wish to seek office at the November general election file an Affidavit of Identity and a nominating petition. (A \$100.00 nonrefundable fee may be filed in lieu of a petition.) Withdrawal deadline elapses at 4:00 p.m. on Aug. 13. (Special notes: If district library does not include a school district, District Library Board candidates file by 4:00 p.m. on July 15. Candidates seeking a Wayne County Community College Trustee position file by 4:00 p.m. on May 11.) (168.303; 397.181; 389.83, 152)
Aug. 10	Village candidates who wish to seek office at the November general election file an Affidavit of Identity and a nonpartisan nominating petition. Withdrawal deadline elapses at 4:00 p.m. on Aug. 13. (168.381)

By Aug. 10	County clerks notify precinct delegates elected at August primary; certify delegate names and addresses to chairpersons of county committees. (168.608)
By Aug. 10	Petitions to place county and local questions on the November general election ballot filed with county and local clerks. (If governing law sets an earlier petition filing deadline, earlier deadline must be observed.) (168.646a)
Aug. 11 through Aug. 28	Republican and Democratic Parties hold fall county conventions. (168.592)
By Aug. 17	Boards of county canvassers complete canvass of August primary; county clerks forward results to Secretary of State within 24 hours. (168.581, 822, 828)
By Aug. 23	Board of State Canvassers meet to canvass August primary. (168.581)
By Aug. 24	Ballot wording of county and local proposals to be presented at the November general election certified to county and local clerks; local clerks receiving ballot wording forward to county clerk within two days. (168.646a)
By Sept. 2	Post-Primary Campaign Statements due. Books close Aug. 23.
By Sept. 3	Republican and Democratic Parties hold fall state conventions. Pre-Convention Campaign Statements due 11 days before convention (books close 16 days before convention); Post-Convention Campaign Statements due 30 days after convention (books close 20 days after convention). (168.591)
Sept. 3	Final date cities and townships can establish, move or abolish a polling place for the November general election. (168.662)
By Sept. 3	Constitutional amendments and legislative referendums which the legislature wishes to place on the November general election ballot presented to Secretary of State. (Art. 12, Sec. 1)
By Sept. 18	County clerks deliver absent voter ballots for November general election to local clerks. (168.714)
Sept. 23 through Oct. 12	Precinct inspectors for November general election appointed by city and township election commissions. (168.674)
By Sept. 27	Notice of close of registration for November general election published. (168.498)
Oct. 4	Last date to register for November general election. (168.498)
By Oct. 22	Pre-General Campaign Statements filed. Books close Oct. 17.
By 4:00 p.m., Oct. 22	Write-in candidates file Declaration of Intent forms for the November general election. (168.737a)
By Oct. 23	County clerks deliver remainder of ballots and election supplies for November general election to local clerks. (168.714)
By Oct. 26	Notice of November general election published. (168.653a)
By Oct. 28	Public accuracy test must be conducted. (R 168.778) Notice of test must be published at least 48 hours before test. (168.798)
By 2:00 p.m., Oct. 30	Electors who wish to receive an absent voter ballot for the November general election by mail submit absent voter ballot applications. (168.759)
Up to 4:00 p.m., Nov. 1	Electors qualified to obtain an absent voter ballot for November general election may vote in person in clerk's office. (168.761)
Up to 4:00 p.m., Nov. 2	Emergency absentee voting for November general election. (168.759b)

Nov. 2	NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION
1:00 p.m., Nov. 3	Boards of county canvassers meet to canvass November general election. (168.821)
By Nov. 16	Boards of county canvassers complete canvass of November general election; county clerks forward results to Secretary of State within 24 hours. (168.822, 828)
By Nov. 22	Board of State Canvassers meet to canvass November general election. (168.842)
By Nov. 22	Political parties in counties of less than 1.5 million hold county conventions; within 30 days after conventions, officers of county committees are selected. (168.599)
By Dec. 2	Post-General Campaign Statements filed. Books close Nov. 22.
Jan. 2, 2011 through Feb. 15, 2011	Executive committees appoint county committees in counties under 1.5 million. (168.599)
By Jan. 31, 2011	Annual Campaign Statements filed. Books close Dec. 31, 2010.

FILING PETITIONS AND FEES

Candidates desiring to run under the Democratic or Republican parties file petitions according to the following schedules:

Candidates for County Offices file petitions with the County Clerk and must use either the %Countywide Partisan+or the %Countywide Qualifying+petitions. Petitions and Affidavit of Identity forms are available from the County Clerk's Office during regular business hours (8:00 a.m. . noon and 1 p.m. . 5 p.m. Monday . Friday).

Candidates for Township and Village Offices file petitions with the Township Clerk. Candidates for Township Office must use the %City/Township Partisan+ or the %City/Township Qualifying+petition forms and candidates for Village Office must use the %Village Nonpartisan+petition forms. An Affidavit of Identity must also accompany the petitions at the time of filing.

Candidates for City Offices file with the City Clerk. Candidates must use the %City/Township Nonpartisan+petition forms. An Affidavit of Identity must also accompany the petitions at the time of filing.

Candidates for Precinct Delegate may file an Affidavit of Identity with either their Township Clerk or the County Clerk.

County Commissioner candidates must use %City/Township Partisan+petitions. Please be sure the petitions used are current (2002). Petition forms that are not current will not be accepted. Affidavit of Identity forms must also be current (2006 . if available).

Candidates desiring to run for office under a %Minor Party+label (Libertarian, Green, et al) must be nominated by a party caucus or convention. Following the caucus, the Secretary of the Caucus provides the candidate with the Statement of Nomination to be filed with the Affidavit of Identity.

Candidates desiring to run with %No Party Affiliation+ must circulate petitions entitled %Qualifying Petition . Countywide,+which is used for County Officers and State Legislative positions or %City/Township+, which is used for County Commission or Township seats. The calendar above indicates the filing date and the chart below indicates the number of signatures required. Candidates who file Qualifying Petitions will not appear on the Primary Ballot. On the General Election ballot, such candidates will be listed following all candidates with party affiliations. %Independent+is not a recognized party in the State of Michigan.

CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTING

All new candidates are required to file a Statement of Organization with the County Clerk within 20 days of becoming a candidate. Becoming a candidate can either be the filing of petitions/affidavit or by collecting or expending money on behalf of a campaign. Candidates that do not file Statements of Organization will be notified and fined \$10 per day (according to State Law provisions).

If a candidate does not expect to expend or receive more than \$1,000 during the course of the campaign, and they have checked the *recording waiver* on their Statement of Organization (Box 10), no further filings need to be submitted. This does not waive the responsibility of the candidate's committee treasurer to keep track of all contributions and expenses. Even if you indicate that you do not plan to spend \$1,000, you must file a detailed report if you do go over \$1,000 (either in contributions or expenses). Existing candidates now running for a different office must file an amendment to the Statement of Organization with the County Clerk.

All Campaign Finance forms are available from the County Clerk's Office during regular business hours. It is the committee treasurer's responsibility to comply with state law regarding campaign finance reporting. The above calendar indicates dates for filing campaign finance reports. Late campaign finance reports have a late fee of \$25 per day. A new state law provides that late fees cannot come from campaign funds. Campaign finance reports will be reviewed for compliance and errors will be required to be corrected. Suspected illegal activity will be turned over to the Bureau of Elections or the Prosecuting Attorney's Office for investigation.

Please contact the Bureau of Elections (517) 373-2540 or the County Clerk's Office (989) 831-7339 for more information. Additional information and forms are available through the Internet at www.michigan.gov/sos

VOTER INFORMATION

Information regarding Montcalm County registered voters is available by contacting the County Clerk's Office. If you have access to a computer and Microsoft Excel, lists can be copied to a diskette or CD-Rom far less expensively than what a printed list would cost.

Voter information can be compiled using a number of parameters. Contact the County Clerk's Office for more information. 989-831-7339

2010 PRICING

CD-Rom	\$1.00 per 1,000 names plus \$2.00 for the CD
Paper list	.25 per page
Labels	.03 per label

RECOUNT INFORMATION

U.S. House and State House Seats

- Recount petitions must be filed 48 hours after the Board of State Canvassers canvass election.
- Counter petitions must be filed before 4:00 p.m. on the seventh day after the filing of the recount petition.

Any Other Office Canvassed by County Board of Canvassers

- Recount petitions must be filed within six days after the Board of Canvassers complete the canvass of the election.
- Counter petitions must be filed within 48 hours after the filing of the recount petition.
- The fee for a recount is \$10 per precinct.

COUNTY SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS –2010

Any vacancies that have occurred in a county or township office on or before May 3, 2010 must be elected this year.

OFFICE	2000 POPULATION	PARTISAN MINIMUM	PARTISAN MAXIMUM	QUALIFYING PETITION MINIMUM	QUALIFYING PETITION MAXIMUM
Road Commissioner 1 to be elected	59,128	100	200	300	600

All candidates for County Office must use the %City/Township Nominating+or %City/Township Qualifying+ petition and file with the County Clerk. Filing deadline is May 11, 2010 at 4:00 p.m.

TOWNSHIP SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS - 2010

TOWNSHIP	2000 POPULATION	PARTISAN MINIMUM	PARTISAN MAXIMUM	QUALIFYING PETITION MINIMUM	QUALIFYING PETITION MAXIMUM
Belvidere Township	2,438	3	10	9	30
Bloomer Township	2,707	3	10	9	30
Bushnell Township	1,495	3	10	9	30
Cato Township	2,920	3	10	9	30
Crystal Township	2,824	3	10	9	30
Day Township	1,282	3	10	9	30
Douglass Township	2,377	3	10	9	30
Eureka Township	3,271	3	10	9	30
Evergreen Township	2,922	3	10	9	30
Fairplain Township	1,828	3	10	9	30
Ferris Township	1,379	3	10	9	30
Home Township	2,708	3	10	9	30
Maple Valley Township	2,083	3	10	9	30
Montcalm Township	3,178	3	10	9	30
Pierson Township	2,866	3	10	9	30
Pine Township	1,654	3	10	9	30
Reynolds Township	4,279	3	10	9	30
Richland Township	2,868	3	10	9	30
Sidney Township	2,563	3	10	9	30
Winfield Township	2,049	3	10	9	30

All candidates for Township Office must use the %City/Township Nominating+or %City/Township Qualifying+ petition and file with their respective Township Clerk. Filing deadline is May 11, 2010 at 4:00 p.m.

COUNTY COMMISSION SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS – 2010

DISTRICT	2000	PARTISAN	PARTISAN	QUALIFYING	QUALIFYING
	POPULATION	MINIMUM	MAXIMUM	PETITION	PETITION
				MINIMUM	MAXIMUM
District 1	6,215	3	10	9	30
District 2	6,817	3	10	9	30
District 3	6,494	3	10	9	30
District 4	6,909	3	10	9	30
District 5	6,603	3	10	9	30
District 6	6,328	3	10	9	30
District 7	6,567	3	10	9	30
District 8	6,285	3	10	9	30
District 9	6,910	3	10	9	30

All candidates for County Commissioner must use the %City/Township Nominating+or %City/Township Qualifying+petition forms and file with the Montcalm County Clerk. Filing deadline is May 11, 2010 at 4:00 p.m.

CONGRESSIONAL AND LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS –2010

DISTRICT	PARTISAN	PARTISAN	QUALIFYING	QUALIFYING	FILING OFFICIAL
	MINIMUM	MAXIMUM	MINIMUM	MAXIMUM	
United States Senate	15,000	30,000	30,000	60,000	Secretary of State
4th District U.S. House of Representatives	1,000	2,000	3,000	6,000	Secretary of State
State Board of Ed. U of M Regent MSU Trustee WSU Governor Supreme Court Justice	Nominated at State Convention	Nominated at State Convention	30,000	60,000	Secretary of State
33rd District State Senate	500	1,000	1,500	3,000	Secretary of State
70th District State House	200	400	600	1,200	Secretary of State

**MONTCALM COUNTY NON-PARTISAN SIGNATURE
REQUIREMENTS – 2010**

OFFICE	TERM ENDING JAN 1, OF	NON- PARTISAN MINIMUM	NON- PARTISAN MAXIMUM	FILING OFFICIAL
Circuit Court Judge – 8th Circuit Incumbent Position 1 to be elected	2017	600	1000	Secretary of State

Incumbent candidate must file and Affidavit of Candidacy and by March 22, 2010. Other candidates must file by April 27, 2010 at 4:00 p.m.

OFFICE	TERM ENDING JAN 1, OF	NON- PARTISAN MINIMUM	NON- PARTISAN MAXIMUM	FILING OFFICIAL
Village of Edmore				
President – 1 to be elected	2013	6	20	Home Twp Clerk
Trustee – 3 to be elected	2015	6	20	
Village of Lakeview				
President – 1 to be elected	2013	6	20	Cato Twp Clerk
Trustee – 3 to be elected	2015	6	20	
Village of McBride				
President – 1 to be elected	2013	6	20	Day Twp Clerk
Clerk – 1 to be elected	2013	6	20	
Treasurer – 1 to be elected	2013	6	20	
Trustee – 3 to be elected	2015	6	20	
Village of Pierson				
President – 1 to be elected	2013	6	20	Pierson Twp Clerk
Clerk – 1 to be elected	2013	6	20	
Trustee – 2 to be elected	2013	6	20	
Trustee Partial Term – 3 to be elected	2013	6	20	
Village of Sheridan				
President – 1 to be elected	2013	6	20	Evergreen Twp Clerk
Trustee – 3 to be elected	2015	6	20	
Trustee Partial Term – 1 to be elected	2013	6	20	

All candidates for Village office must use the %illage Nonpartisan+petition forms and file with the Township Clerk in which the Village is located. Filing deadline is August 10, 2010 at 4:00 p.m.

**MONTCALM COUNTY NON-PARTISAN SIGNATURE
REQUIREMENTS – 2010 cont.**

OFFICE	TERM ENDING JAN 1, OF	NON- PARTISAN MINIMUM	NON- PARTISAN MAXIMUM	FILING OFFICIAL
City of Greenville Councilperson – 1 to be elected	2015	40	100	Greenville City Clerk
City of Stanton Mayor – 1 to be elected City Commissioner – 3 to be elected	2013	6	20	Stanton City Clerk

All candidates for City Office must use the %City/Township Nonpartisan+petition forms and file with the appropriate City Clerk. Filing deadline is May 11, 2010 at 4:00 p.m.

**MONTCALM COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT TRUSTEE
SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS - 2010**

SCHOOL DISTRICT	2000 POPULATION	NON- PARTISAN MINIMUM	NON- PARTISAN MAXIMUM	FILING OFFICIAL
Carson City-Crystal Area Schools	<10,000	6	20	Kristen Millard Montcalm County Clerk
Central Montcalm Public School	>10,000	40	100	Kristen Millard Montcalm County Clerk
Greenville Public Schools	>10,000	40	100	Kristen Millard Montcalm County Clerk
Lakeview Community Schools	>10,000	40	100	Kristen Millard Montcalm County Clerk
Montabella Community Schools	<10,000	6	20	Kristen Millard Montcalm County Clerk
Tri County Area Schools	>10,000	40	100	Kristen Millard Montcalm County Clerk
Vestaburg Community School	<10,000	6	20	Kristen Millard Montcalm County Clerk
Montcalm Community College	>10,000	40	100	Kristen Millard Montcalm County Clerk

***Montcalm Community College holds elections in odd years only.**

All candidates for school board must use the %City/Township Nonpartisan+petition forms and file with the Montcalm County Clerk. Filing deadline is February 9, 2010 at 4:00 p.m.

DESCRIPTIONS OF CONGRESSIONAL AND LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS

4th District U.S. House of Representatives:

Clare County
Grand Traverse County
Grafton County
Isabella County
Kalkaska County
Leelanau County
Mecosta County
Midland County
Missaukee County
Montcalm County
Osceola County
Roscommon County
Saginaw County (part)

Albee Township
Brady Township
Brant Township
Bridgeport Township
Carrollton Township
Chapin Township
Chesaning Township
Fremont Township
James Township
Jonesfield Township
Kochville Township

Saginaw County (part) continued
Lakefield Township
Maple Grove Township
Marion Township
Richland Township
Saginaw Township
Spaulding Township
St. Charles Township
Swan Creek Township
Taymouth Township
Thomas Township
Tittabawassee Township
Zilwaukee City (part)

That portion of the city which lies west of a line beginning at Schust Rd. (southwest city limits of Zilwaukee), east on Schust Rd. to Sherman Rd., north on Sherman Rd. to W. Fisher St., east on W. Fisher St. to Moran St., east on Moran St. to S. Adams St., north on S. Adams St. to Tittabawassee Rd., west on Tittabawassee Rd. to Knox St., north on Knox St. to Shepard St., west on Shepard

33rd District State Senate:

Clinton County
Ionia County
Isabella County
Montcalm County

70th District State House of Representatives:

Ionia County (part)

Belding City

Berlin Township (part)

That portion of Berlin Township contained within the city limits of Ionia

Easton Township

Ionia City (part)

All of the City of Ionia excluding the portion contained within the township limits of Ionia.

Ionia Township (part)

That portion of Ionia Township contained within the city limits of Ionia.

Keene Township

Orleans Township

Otisco Township

Montcalm County

OFFICE HOLDERS WHOSE TERMS EXPIRE IN 2010

*indicates office holder is ineligible to run for re-election due to term limits

<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>OFFICE HOLDER</u>	<u>PARTY</u>
GOVERNOR/ LT. GOVERNOR	Jennifer Granholm/John D. Cherry, Jr.*	D
SECRETARY OF STATE	Terri Lynn Land*	R
ATTORNEY GENERAL	Mike Cox	R
MEMBER OF CONGRESS . 4 th DIST.	Dave Camp	R
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION	Elizabeth W. Bauer Carolyn L. Curtin	D R
UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN BOARD OF REGENTS	Andrew C. Richner Andrea Fisher Newman	R R
MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES	Colleen M. McNamara Donald W. Nugent	D R
WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF GOVERNORS	Diane L. Dunaskiss Richard Bernstein	R D
33 rd DISTRICT SENATOR	Alan Cropsey	R
70 th DISTRICT REP.	Mike Huckleberry	D
COUNTY: Road Commissioner	Robert Brundage	R
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:		
DISTRICT 1	Ron Blanding	D
DISTRICT 2	Tom Lindeman	R
DISTRICT 3	Ron Retzloff	R
DISTRICT 4	John Johansen	R
DISTRICT 5	Carl Paepke	R
DISTRICT 6	Ronald S. Baker	R
DISTRICT 7	Patrick Q. Carr	R
DISTRICT 8	Roger Caris	R
DISTRICT 9	Steve Crouse	R
JUDICIAL OFFICIALS:		
MICHIGAN SUPREME COURT Elizabeth A. Weaver Robert B. Young	COURT OF APPEALS 4 th District William Whitbeck Donald S. Owens	
	8 th CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE David Hoot	

TOWNSHIP VACANCIES ON 2010 BALLOT

BELVIDERE TOWNSHIP	Treasurer	2 year partial term
BLOOMER TOWNSHIP	Supervisor	2 year partial term
HOME TOWNSHIP	Trustee	2 year partial term
MONTCALM TOWNSHIP	Trustee	2 year partial term
	Trustee	2 year partial term

LOCAL NON-PARTISAN OFFICIALS WHOSE TERMS EXPIRE IN 2010

CITY OF GREENVILLE	Councilperson	Corey Smith	4 year term
STANTON CITY	Mayor	Robert Burns	2 year term
	Commissioners	Ken Burris	2 year term
		John Kroneck	2 year term
		Larry Petersen	2 year term
VILLAGE OF EDMORE	President	Lon M. Leonard	2 year term
	Trustees	Karen Deja	4 year term
		Jim Metzger	4 year term
		Mary Ann Nye	4 year term
VILLAGE OF LAKEVIEW	President	Edwin Winter	2 year term
	Trustees	Jan Earhart	4 year term
		David Lund	4 year term
		Craig Farrell	4 year term
VILLAGE OF MCBRIDE	President	Kimberly Jensen	2 year term
	Clerk	Patsy Buckley	2 year term
	Treasurer	Nora Stratton	2 year term
	Trustees	Tracy Stratton	4 year term
		Lewis Borton	4 year term
		Thomas Mascho	4 year term
VILLAGE OF PIERSON	President	Jim Smigiel	2 year term
	Clerk	Becky Starr	2 year term
	Trustee	Vacant	2 year term
		Vacant	2 year term
		Vacant (4 year term)	2 year partial
		Vacant (4 year term)	2 year partial
		Vacant (4 year term)	2 year partial
VILLAGE OF SHERIDAN	President	Brian Russel	2 year term
	Trustee	Harold Arrington	4 year term
		Donald Nassif	4 year term
		Jim Perry	4 year term
		Mark Bellinger	2 year partial

**SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARDS OF EDUCATION
POSITIONS TO BE ON MAY 4, 2010 BALLOT**

CARSON CITY-CRYSTAL AREA SCHOOLS	Bruce Tasker Nancy Seals	4 year term 4 year term
CENTRAL MONTCALM PUBLIC SCHOOL	Roxanne Switzer Mike Williams	4 year term 4 year term
GREENVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS	Norice Thorlund Rasmussen Janet Ralph	4 year term 4 year term
LAKEVIEW COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	Daryl Johnson	4 year term
MONTABELLA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	Linda Binkley Timothy Eldred	4 year term 4 year term
TRI COUNTY AREA SCHOOLS	Janet Powell Michael Bergman	4 year term 4 year term
VESTABURG COMMUNITY SCHOOL	Robert Peglow Janette Butler	4 year term 4 year term

MONTCALM COUNTY PRECINCTS AND DISTRICTS CHART

MUNICIPALITY	PRECINCT	CONGRESS	STATE SENATE	STATE REP	COUNTY COMMISSIONER	VILLAGE
Belvidere Township	1	4	33	70	7	None
Bloomer Township	1	4	33	70	9	None
Bushnell Township	1	4	33	70	3	None
Cato Township	1	4	33	70	7	Lakeview
Crystal Township	1	4	33	70	9	None
Day Township	1A	4	33	70	8	McBride
Day Township	1B	1	33	70	3	McBride
Douglass Township	1A	4	33	70	7	None
Douglass Township	1B	4	33	70	4	None
Eureka Township	1	4	33	70	2	None
Eureka Township	2	4	33	70	2	None
Evergreen Township	1	4	33	70	3	None
Evergreen Township	2	4	33	70	3	Sheridan
Fairplain Township	1	4	33	70	2	None
Ferris Township	1	4	33	70	9	None
Home Township	1	4	33	70	8	Edmore
Maple Valley Township	1	4	33	70	5	None
Maple Valley Township	2	4	33	70	5	None
Montcalm Township	1	4	33	70	4	None
Pierson Township	1	4	33	70	5	Pierson
Pine Township	1	4	33	70	5	None
Reynolds Township	1	4	33	70	6	Howard City
Reynolds Township	2	4	33	70	6	None
Richland Township	1	4	33	70	8	None
Sidney Township	1	4	33	70	4	Sheridan
Winfield Township	1	4	33	70	6	None
Carson City	1	4	33	70	9	None
Greenville	1	4	33	70	1	None
Greenville	2	4	33	70	1	None
Greenville	3	4	33	70	1	None
Greenville	4	4	33	70	2	None
Stanton	1	4	33	70	3	None

MONTCALM COUNTY PRECINCT LOCATIONS

Belvidere Township

#1 Township Hall 207 N. Clark Street, Six Lakes

Bloomer Township

#1 Township Hall.....217 W. Sherman Rd., Carson City

Bushnell Township

#1 Township Hall.....2983 E. Boyer Rd., Fenwick

Cato Township

#1 Lakeview Community Center..... 309 S. Lincoln St., Lakeview

Crystal Township

#1 Township Hall.....414 S. Main St, Crystal

Day Township

#1 Township Hall.....2085 Main St., NW, McBride

Douglass Township

#1 Township Hall.....3521 W. McBride Rd., Entrican

Eureka Charter Township

#1 Township Hall.....9322 S. Greenville Rd., Greenville

#2 Township Hall.....9322 S. Greenville Rd., Greenville

Evergreen Township

#1 Township Hall.....3044 E. Sidney Rd., Sheridan

#2 Sheridan Village Hall..... 115 Evergreen St., Sheridan

Fairplain Township

#1 Township Hall.....8383 Grow Rd., Greenville

Ferris Township

#1 Township Hall.....3011 N. Crystal Rd., Vestaburg

Home Township

#1 Home Twp. Comm. Center 123 S. Third, Edmore

Maple Valley Township

#1 Coral Comm. Center..... 4662 Bailey Rd., Coral

#2 Maple Valley Complex..... 239 1st Street, Trufant

Montcalm Township

#1 Township Hall..... 1880 S. Greenville Rd., Turk Lake

Pierson Township

#1 Township Hall..... 21156 Cannonsville, Pierson

Pine Township

#1 Township Hall..... 7900 Second St., Langston

Reynolds Township

#1 Township Hall..... 215 E. Edgerton St., Howard City

#2 Township Hall..... 215 E. Edgerton St., Howard City

Richland Township

#1 Township Hall..... 8755 Third St., Vestaburg

Sidney Township

#1 Township Hall..... 3019 S. Grow Rd., Sidney

Winfield Township

#1 Township Hall..... 15212 W. M-46, Amble

Carson City

#1 CityHall..... 123 E. Main St., Carson City

Greenville City

#1 Greenville Community Center900 E. Kent St., Greenville

#2 Faith Baptist Church..... 315 Greenville West Dr., Greenville

#3 Greenville Community Center900 E. Kent St., Greenville

#4 Faith Baptist Church..... 315 Greenville West Dr., Greenville

Stanton City

#1 CityHall.....225 S. Camburn St., Stanton

OPTICAL SCAN VOTING SYSTEM

Thanks to the Help America Vote Act, adopted in response to the problems connected with the 2000 Presidential Election in some parts of the country, Montcalm County received a new optical scan voting system that was implemented in 2004 in every precinct in the county.

Voters will notice a few changes in the precinct and prior to the election. Below are some brief descriptions about what to expect:

BALLOT . The Optical Scan voting system uses a sheet of heavy paper that the candidate names and proposals are printed on.

VOTING PROCESS - The voter will use a pen and darken the oval just to the right of the candidate name (or Yes/No in the case of a proposal). Following voting, the voter will take the voted ballot to the ballot tabulator and feed the ballot in to the device. The ballot is counted immediately and retained in the boxes below the device until after the election. If the device notices an error on the ballot (i.e. votes cast for more candidates than is allowed), it will make a small ~~beep~~ beep, but retains the ballot inside the tabulator. The voter will be able to read a message on a small screen on the device that will explain the error detected. The voter will then have an opportunity to request a replacement ballot or have the ballot counted with the error. If the ballot is not duplicated, the voter will risk not having all votes counted.

TABULATION PROCEDURE . At the close of the polls, the election inspectors will press a button on the tabulator that will print the totals from the precinct. If there are any write-in votes, they will be tabulated by hand and written on the appropriate forms. All required documents are then transported to the local clerk. The local clerk then delivers all precinct information to the County Clerk.

INTERNET TOTALS . As soon as possible, the precinct totals will be available on the Internet via the Montcalm County website (www.montcalm.org) .

PRECINCT INSPECTORS . All units of government may need election inspectors to work on Election Day in each of the precincts in Montcalm County. Interested individuals must complete an application form with the local clerk. Training will be required of all election inspectors. All inspectors are paid for their service on Election Day and for their training time. Pay rates vary from community to community. Inspectors can live anywhere within Montcalm County and work for any municipality they choose. See a list of local clerks elsewhere in this book.

AutoMARK VOTER ASSIST TERMINAL . The AutoMARK was also purchased by the State of Michigan with HAVA dollars provided by the Federal Government. The AutoMARK assists voters who might otherwise need an election inspector or other person to help them mark a ballot. The AutoMARK provides a touch screen and audio reading of the ballot to help those with vision or hearing difficulties. A rubber stylus is provided for those people who have difficulty grasping a pen to mark their ballot. Even those with very limited mobility are able to vote using their own assisting devices that are connected to the AutoMARK. It is important to remember that the AutoMARK device marks the same ballot that all other voters are using. It is not a tabulator.

**DESCRIPTIONS OF MONTCALM COUNTY COMMISSIONER
DISTRICTS**
REVISED FEBRUARY 1, 2002

DISTRICT 1

City of Greenville Precincts 1, 2 & 3
Inclusive

DISTRICT 2

City of Greenville Precinct 4, inclusive
Eureka Township, inclusive
Fairplain Township, inclusive

DISTRICT 3

Bushnell Township, inclusive
Evergreen Township, inclusive
City of Stanton, inclusive
Day Township, part
 South side of Cannonsville Rd. to
 the south

DISTRICT 4

Montcalm Township, inclusive
Sidney Township, inclusive
Douglass Township, part
 South side of Briggs Rd. to the
 south

DISTRICT 5

Pierson Township, inclusive
Pine Township, inclusive
Maple Valley Township, inclusive

DISTRICT 6

Reynolds Township, inclusive
Winfield Township, inclusive

DISTRICT 7

Belvidere Township, inclusive
Cato Township, inclusive
Douglass Township, part
 North side of Briggs Rd., to the
 North

DISTRICT 8

Home Township, inclusive
Richland Township, inclusive
Day Township, part
 North side of Cannonsville Rd.,
 to the North

DISTRICT 9

Ferris Township, inclusive
Crystal Township, inclusive
Bloomer Township, inclusive
City of Carson City, inclusive