

NOTICE OF SPRING ELECTION

April 2, 2024

Notice of Location and Hours of Polling Place

At the Spring Election to be held on April 2, 2024, in all the Towns, Villages, & Cities of Pierce County, the following polling place locations will be used for the wards indicated. If you have any questions concerning your polling place, contact the municipal clerk. **“Hours” refer to local Clerk Office Hours, NOT Election Day hours.**

**ALL POLLING PLACES OPEN AT 7:00 A.M. AND CLOSE AT 8:00 P.M.
ALL POLLING PLACES ARE ACCESSIBLE TO THE ELDERLY AND DISABLED VOTERS.**

Municipality	Polling Place	Clerk	Address	Hours
Town of Clifton Wards 1 – 4	Town Hall – W11705 County Rd. FF, River Falls	Kris Johnson 426-0760	N8619 1060 th St., River Falls	By Appointment
Town of Diamond Bluff Ward 1	Town Hall – W9870 290 th Ave., Hager City	Todd Mehrkens 612-987-1059	W9004 290 th Ave., Hager City	By Appointment
Town of El Paso Ward 1	Town Hall – N5325 450 th St., Ellsworth	Sherri Heise 273-4811 (#2)	N5325 450 th St., Ellsworth	By Appointment
Town of Ellsworth Wards 1 & 2	St. Paul’s UCC Church – W5706 State Rd. 72, Ellsworth	Phyllis Beaström 273-5847	W6244 410 th Ave., Ellsworth	By Appointment
Town of Gilman Ward 1	Town Hall – W3616 770 th Ave., Spring Valley	Becky Manley 778-4425	W3176 690 th Ave., Spring Valley	By Appointment
Town of Hartland Ward 1	Town Hall – W6170 County Rd. EE, Bay City	Polly Remick 594-3078	N3464 Co. Rd. D, Bay City	By Appointment
Town of Isabelle Ward 1	Red Wing Airport Fire Station – W7138 148 th Ave, Bay City	Julie Erickson 792-2008	W7187 135 th Ave., Bay City	By Appointment
Town of Maiden Rock Ward 1	Town Hall – W2096 County Road CC, Maiden Rock	Carla Schuster 651-380-5631	N1369 452 nd St., Maiden Rock	By Appointment
Town of Martell Wards 1 & 2	Town Hall – W5581 800 th Ave., Spring Valley	Dale Olson 715-317-1395	N8589 690 th St., River Falls	By Appointment
Town of Oak Grove Wards 1 – 3	Town Hall – N4939 1100 th St., Prescott	Andria Hayday 262-4005	N4939 1100 th St., Prescott	By Appointment
Town of River Falls Wards 1 – 5	Town Hall – W9015 770 th Ave., River Falls	Sarah Meyer 715-629-8240	W9015 770 th Ave., River Falls	By Appointment
Town of Rock Elm Ward 1	Town Hall – N5412 170 th St., Elmwood	Monica Robey 639-4080	N5427 County Rd. S, Elmwood	By Appointment
Town of Salem Ward 1	Town Hall – N3599 County Rd. A, Maiden Rock	Ann Larson-Graham 715-308-4065	N3599 County Rd. A, Ellsworth	By Appointment
Town of Spring Lake Wards 1 & 2	Town Hall – N7717 County Rd. B, Spring Valley	Donna Borgschatz 715-307-3463	W2294 County Rd. G, Elmwood	By Appointment
Town of Trenton Wards 1 & 2	Town Hall – W7926 250 th Ave., Hager City	Steve Thoms 792-5218	W8074 147 th Ave., Hager City	By Appointment
Town of Trimble Wards 1 & 2	Town Hall – N5310 800 th St., Ellsworth	Mary Kees 273-5860	W9115 501 st Ave., Ellsworth	By Appointment
Town of Union Ward 1	Town Hall – 1119 First St., Plum City	Jennifer Hines 715-308-8203	1119 First St., Plum City	By Appointment
Village of Bay City Ward 1	Village Hall – W6391 Main St., Bay City	Kimberly Lunda 594-3168	W6275 Main St., Bay City	By Appointment
Village of Ellsworth Wards 1 – 4	Village Hall – 130 N. Chestnut St., Ellsworth	Brad Roy 273-4742	130 N. Chestnut St., Ellsworth	Monday – Friday 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Village of Elmwood Ward 1	Village Hall – 323 W. Winter Ave., Elmwood	Holly Malazuk 639-3792	323 W. Winter Ave., Elmwood	Monday – Friday 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Village of Maiden Rock Ward 1	Village Hall – N510 County Rd. S, Maiden Rock	Shirley Gilles 448-2205	N510 County Rd. S, Maiden Rock	By Appointment
Village of Plum City Ward 1	Senior Citizen Center – 501 Main St, Plum City	Roxanne Gilles 647-2612	501 Main St., Plum City	By Appointment
Village of Spring Valley Wards 1 – 3	Village Hall – E121 S. Second St., Spring Valley	Luann Emerson 778-5635	E121 S. Second St., Spring Valley	By Appointment
City of Prescott Wards 1 – 5	City Hall – 800 Borner St., Prescott	Rashel Temmers 262-5544	800 Borner St., Prescott	Monday – Friday 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
City of River Falls Dist. 1, Wards 1 – 5 St. Croix County	Public Library – 140 Union St., River Falls	Amy White 426-3408	222 Lewis St., River Falls	Monday – Friday 8:00 am - 5:00 pm
City of River Falls Dist. 3, Wards 6 – 9	City Hall; Lower Level – 222 Lewis St., River Falls	Amy White 426-3408	222 Lewis St., River Falls	Monday – Friday 8:00 am - 5:00 pm
City of River Falls Dist. 2, Wards 10 – 13	UWRF Falcon Center – 1110 S. Main St., River Falls (Upper Level Mezzanine)	Amy White 426-3408	222 Lewis St., River Falls	Monday – Friday 8:00 am - 5:00 pm
City of River Falls Dist. 4, Wards 14 – 18	River Falls High School – 818 Cemetery Rd., River Falls (Media Center)	Amy White 426-3408	222 Lewis St., River Falls	Monday – Friday 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

UNOFFICIAL ELECTION RESULTS WILL BE POSTED ON THE PIERCE COUNTY WEBSITE: WWW.CO.PIERCE.WI.US
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Notice of Meeting of the Local and Municipal Board of Canvassers (MBOC)

At the close of voting on Election Day, pursuant to the provisions of Wis. Stat. § 19.84, the Election Inspectors will convene as a joint meeting of the Local Board of Canvassers and the MBOC for the purpose of conducting the local and municipal canvasses pursuant to Wis. Stat. §§7.51 and 7.53(1). This meeting will be open to the public pursuant to Wis. Stat. §§ 19.81-89.

Notice of Meeting of MBOC to Process Rehabilitated Provisional Ballots

If provisional ballots have been issued and are subsequently cured by the voter before 4:00 p.m. on the Friday after the election, the MBOC must meet no later than the following Monday at 9:00 a.m. to process the cured provisional ballots. This is a public meeting and requires applicable notice.

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Notice of Spring Election, Referendum and

Sample Ballots

April 2, 2024

Office of the Pierce County Clerk

To the voters of Pierce County:

Notice is hereby given of a spring election to be held in Pierce County on April 2, 2024, at which the officers named below shall be nominated. The names of the candidates for each office, whose nominations have been certified to or filed in this office, are given under the title of the office, each in its proper column, together with the questions submitted to a vote, for a referendum, if any, in the sample ballot below.

Information to Voters

Upon entering the polling place and before being permitted to vote, a voter shall:

- state their name and address
- show an acceptable form of photo identification*
- sign the poll book**

***If a voter does not have acceptable photo identification, the voter may obtain a free photo ID for voting from the Division of Motor Vehicles.**

****If the voter is unable to sign the poll book due to disability, a poll worker may write the word "exempt."**

If a voter is not registered to vote, they may register to vote at the polling place serving their residence if the voter provides proof of residence.

Where ballots are distributed to voters, the initials of two inspectors must appear on the ballot.

Upon being permitted to vote, the voter shall enter a voting booth or go to a machine and cast their ballot. The vote should not be cast in any manner other than specified here. Sample ballots or other materials to assist the voter in marking their ballot may be taken into the booth and copied. The sample ballot shall not be shown to anyone so as to reveal how the ballot is marked.

A voter who is a parent or guardian may be accompanied by the voter's minor child or minor ward.

An election official may inform the voter of the proper manner for casting a vote but the official may not advise or indicate a particular voting choice.

Assistance for Voting

A voter may select an individual to assist in casting their vote if the voter declares to the presiding official that they are unable to read, have difficulty reading, writing, or understanding English, or that due to disability are unable to cast their ballot. The selected individual rendering assistance may not be the voter's employer or an agent of that employer or an officer or agent of a labor organization which represents the voter.

Where Optical Scan Voting is Used

The voter shall fill in the oval or connect the arrow next to the name of the candidate of their choice for each office for which they intend to vote. To vote for a person whose name does not appear on the ballot, the voter shall write in the name of the person of their choice in the space provided for a write-in vote and fill in the oval or connect the arrow next to the write-in line. On referendum questions, the voter shall fill in the oval or connect the arrow next to "yes" if in favor of the question, or the voter shall fill in the oval or connect the arrow next to "no" if opposed to the question.

When using an *electronic ballot marking device* ("ExpressVote") to mark an **optical scan ballot**, the voter shall touch the screen or use the tactile pad to select the name of the candidate of his or her choice for each office for which he or she intends to vote. To vote for a person whose name does not appear on the ballot, the voter shall type in the name of the person of his or her choice in the space provided for a write-in vote. On referendum questions, the voter shall touch the screen or use the tactile pad to select "yes" if in favor of the question, or the voter shall touch the screen or use the tactile pad to select "no" if opposed to the question.

Where Touch Screen Voting is Used

The voter shall touch the screen or use the tactile pad to select the name of the candidate of their choice for each office for which they intend to vote. To vote for a person whose name does not appear on the ballot, the voter shall type in the name of the person of their choice in the space provided for a write-in vote. On referendum questions, the voter shall touch the screen at "yes" if in favor of the question, or the voter shall touch the screen at "no" if opposed to the question.

After Voting the Ballot

After an official **optical scan ballot** is marked, it shall be inserted in the security sleeve, so the marks do not show. The voter may insert the ballot in the voting device and discard the sleeve or deliver the ballot to an inspector for deposit. If a central count system is used, the voter shall insert the ballot in the ballot box and discard the sleeve or deliver the ballot to an inspector for deposit. The voter shall leave the polling place promptly.

After an official **touch screen ballot** is cast, the voter shall leave the polling place promptly.

Spoiling Ballots

If a voter spoils a **paper or optical scan** ballot, they shall return it to an election official who shall issue another ballot in its place, but not more than three ballots shall be issued to any one voter. If the ballot has not been initialed by two inspectors or is defective in any other way, the voter shall return it to the election official who shall issue a proper ballot in its place.

The voter may spoil a **touch screen** ballot at the voting station before the ballot is cast.

NOTICE OF REFERENDUM ELECTION

APRIL 2, 2024

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that at an election to be held in the several towns, villages, wards, and election districts of the State of Wisconsin, on Tuesday, April 2, 2024, the following questions will be submitted to a vote of the people pursuant to law:

2023 ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION 78

To create section 7 of article III of the constitution; **relating to:** prohibiting state and local governments from using privately sourced moneys or equipment in connection with the conduct of elections and specifying who may perform tasks related to the conduct of an election (second consideration).

Whereas, the 2021 legislature in regular session considered a proposed amendment to the constitution in 2021 Senate Joint Resolution 101, which became 2021 Enrolled Joint Resolution 17, and agreed to it by a majority of the members elected to each of the two houses, which proposed amendment reads as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 7 of article III of the constitution is created to read:

[Article III] Section 7 (1) No state agency or officer or employee in state government and no political subdivision of the state or officer or employee of a political subdivision may apply for, accept, expend, or use any moneys or equipment in connection with the conduct of any primary, election, or referendum if the moneys or equipment are donated or granted by an individual or nongovernmental entity.

(2) No individual other than an election official designated by law may perform any task in the conduct of any primary, election, or referendum.

SECTION 2. Numbering of new provision. If another constitutional amendment ratified by the people creates the number of any provision created in this joint resolution, the chief of the legislative reference bureau shall determine the sequencing and the numbering of the provisions whose numbers conflict.

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That the foregoing proposed amendment to the constitution is agreed to by the 2023 legislature; and, be it further **Resolved, That** the foregoing proposed amendment to the constitution be submitted to a vote of the people at the election to be held on the first Tuesday of April 2024; and, be it further **Resolved, That** the questions concerning ratification of the foregoing proposed amendment to the constitution be stated on the ballot as follows:

QUESTION 1: “Use of private funds in election administration. Shall section 7 (1) of article III of the constitution be created to provide that private donations and grants may not be applied for, accepted, expended, or used in connection with the conduct of any primary, election, or referendum?”

QUESTION 2: “Election officials. Shall section 7 (2) of article III of the constitution be created to provide that only election officials designated by law may perform tasks in the conduct of primaries, elections, and referendums?”

EXPLANATORY STATEMENTS AS TO THE TWO QUESTIONS

1. Explanatory statement regarding Question 1:

The Wisconsin Constitution does not limit the ability of the state or local governments to receive non-governmental grants, funds, or equipment to assist in carrying out election-related responsibilities. Question 1 would add a new provision to the Constitution to prohibit the state or local governments from applying for, accepting, expending, or using such funds to assist with carrying out “any primary, election, or referendum.” The question would appear to apply to any type of non-governmental grant or funding, no matter how general in scope.

A “yes” vote on Question 1 would vote to create a new provision of the Wisconsin Constitution—Wis. Const. art. III, § 7(1). That provision would prohibit a state agency or local government from applying for, accepting, expending, or using any non-governmental moneys or equipment in connection with the conduct of any election.

A “no” vote on Question 1 would vote not to add Wis. Const. art. III, § 7(1) to the Wisconsin Constitution.

2. Explanatory statement regarding Question 2:

Wisconsin statutes define and regulate how clerks can designate individuals to serve as election officials and carry out various tasks relating to elections. The Wisconsin Constitution does not separately spell out which individuals can do that work.

Question 2 would add a new provision to the Constitution to prohibit individuals from performing tasks related to an election unless they are an “election official designated by law.” Under current statutes, clerks have the statutory power to designate individuals to carry out election-related tasks, and so such designated individuals could continue doing their work as an “election official designated by law.” But that power is only statutory, and if the statutes changed, the new constitutional provision would bar clerks from designating individuals to assist with election-related tasks.

A “yes” vote on Question 2 would vote to create a second new provision of the Wisconsin Constitution—Wis. Const. art. III, § 7(2), which would prohibit an individual from performing election-related tasks unless

they are an “election official designated by law.”

A “no” vote on Question 1 would vote not to add Wis. Const. art. III, § 7(2) to the Wisconsin Constitution.

DONE in the Village of Ellsworth
this 8th day of March, 2024.

Jamie R. Feuerhelm
Pierce County Clerk

The following is a sample of the official ballot:

Printers note: Insert official Spring Election Ballot.