Precinct Official's Initials

OFFICIAL BALLOT
General Election
Benton County, Iowa
Tuesday, November 3, 2026
Shellsburg
00403

THE COUNTY OF SEAL 06 BENTON TR BENTON, IOWA

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

Using blue or black ink, completely fill in the oval next to your choice like this: ⬬

Write-in: To vote for a valid write-in candidate, write the person's name on the line provided and darken the oval.

Do not cross out. If you change your mind, exchange your ballot for a new one.

The Judicial Ballot is located on the back of this ballot in the middle column.

The Constitutional Amendment is located on the back of this ballot in the right column.

Political Organizations
Democratic Party (DEM)
Republican Party (REP)
Libertarian Party (LIB)

Federal Offices

For United States Senator
Vote for no more than One

- ◯ **Josh Turek** DEM
- ◯ **Ashley Hinson** REP
- ◯ **Thomas Laehn** LIB
- ◯ _____ (Write-in vote, if any)

For United States Representative District 2
Vote for no more than One

- ◯ **Lindsay James** DEM
- ◯ **Joe Mitchell** REP
- ◯ **Rick Stewart** LIB
- ◯ **Dave Bushaw**
- ◯ _____ (Write-in vote, if any)

State Offices

For Governor / Lieutenant Governor
Vote for no more than One Team

- ◯ **Rob Sand** / **Dave Muhlbauer** DEM
- ◯ **Zach Lahn** / **Derek Wulf** REP
- ◯ _____ (Write-in vote for Governor, if any)
  _____ (Write-in vote for Lt. Governor, if any)

For Secretary of State
Vote for no more than One

- ◯ **Ryan Peterman** DEM
- ◯ **Paul D. Pate** REP
- ◯ _____ (Write-in vote, if any)

For Auditor of State
Vote for no more than One

- ◯ **Taylor Wettach** DEM
- ◯ **Chris Cournoyer** REP
- ◯ _____ (Write-in vote, if any)

For Treasurer of State
Vote for no more than One

- ◯ **John Norwood** DEM
- ◯ **Roby Smith** REP
- ◯ _____ (Write-in vote, if any)

For Secretary of Agriculture
Vote for no more than One

- ◯ **Chris Jones** DEM
- ◯ **Mike Naig** REP
- ◯ _____ (Write-in vote, if any)

For Attorney General
Vote for no more than One

- ◯ **Nate Willems** DEM
- ◯ **Brenna Bird** REP
- ◯ _____ (Write-in vote, if any)

For State Representative District 84
Vote for no more than One

- ◯ **Polly Denison** DEM
- ◯ **Thomas Gerhold** REP
- ◯ _____ (Write-in vote, if any)

County Offices

For Supervisors District 2
Vote for no more than One

- ◯ **Terry Hertle** DEM
- ◯ **Bethany Hantz** REP
- ◯ _____ (Write-in vote, if any)

For County Treasurer
Vote for no more than One

- ◯ **Melinda Schoettmer** REP
- ◯ _____ (Write-in vote, if any)

For County Recorder
Vote for no more than One

- ◯ **Allison Hicks** DEM
- ◯ **Lexa S. Speidel** REP
- ◯ _____ (Write-in vote, if any)

For County Attorney
Vote for no more than One

- ◯ **Ray Lough** REP
- ◯ _____ (Write-in vote, if any)

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Non Partisan Offices

For Soil and Water Conservation District Commissioner

Vote for no more than Two

- ◯ **Cory Cronbaugh**
- ◯ **Steven A. Thompson**
- ◯ _____ **(Write-in vote, if any)**
- ◯ _____ **(Write-in vote, if any)**

For Soil and Water Conservation District Commissioner To Fill a Vacancy

Vote for no more than One

- ◯ _____ **(Write-in vote, if any)**

For County Agricultural Extension Council

Vote for no more than Five

- ◯ **Scott Rathje**
- ◯ **Kelsey Brecht**
- ◯ **Jessica Melby**
- ◯ **Tressa Walton**
- ◯ **Emily LeGrand**
- ◯ _____ **(Write-in vote, if any)**
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For County Agricultural Extension Council To Fill a Vacancy

Vote for no more than One

- ◯ **Dawn Edler**
- ◯ _____ **(Write-in vote, if any)**

JUDICIAL BALLOT

Notice to Voters: Vote on all names by filling in the appropriate oval below each name.

Shall the following Judges be retained in office?

Court of Appeals Judge

John M. Sandy
- ◯ **Yes**
- ◯ **No**

Julie A. Schumacher
- ◯ **Yes**
- ◯ **No**

Sharon Soorholtz Greer
- ◯ **Yes**
- ◯ **No**

District 6 Court Judge

Jason D. Besler
- ◯ **Yes**
- ◯ **No**

Michael Harris
- ◯ **Yes**
- ◯ **No**

Mark Fisher
- ◯ **Yes**
- ◯ **No**

District 6 Associate Judge

Angie Johnston
- ◯ **Yes**
- ◯ **No**

Kristin Schneider
- ◯ **Yes**
- ◯ **No**

Casey D. Jones
- ◯ **Yes**
- ◯ **No**

Notice to voters: To vote to approve any question on this ballot, fill in the oval in front of the word "Yes". To vote against a question, fill in the oval in front of the word "No".

Constitutional Amendment

Shall the following amendment to the Constitution be adopted?

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Summary: Provides that any bill to increase the individual income tax rate or the corporate income tax rate, or the rate of any other type of tax based upon income or legal and special reserves, shall require the affirmative votes of at least two-thirds of the members elected to each house of the legislature for passage. Further, the two-thirds majority vote requirement applies to the passage of a bill to establish a new tax on any type of income or legal and special reserves imposed by the state. The requirement excludes taxes imposed at the option of a local government. A lawsuit challenging the proper enactment of a bill under this section must be filed no later than one year following the enactment.

- ◯ **YES**
- ◯ **NO**

Kirkwood Community College Public Measure NC

Shall the following public measure be adopted?

"Shall Kirkwood Community College (Merged Area X) in the Counties of Benton, Black Hawk, Buchanan, Cedar, Clinton, Delaware, Dubuque, Iowa, Jackson, Jefferson, Johnson, Jones, Keokuk, Linn, Louisa, Poweshiek, Tama, and Washington, be authorized to renovate, improve, erect, and equip facilities to modernize learning spaces with an emphasis on health sciences, industrial technologies, agricultural sciences, and business and information technology, contract indebtedness therefor, and issue General Obligation Bonds in an amount not exceeding $88,000,000 for those purposes?"

- ◯ **YES**
- ◯ **NO**

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