

By Sheri Hink-Wagner The Wauneta Breeze

All but three local incumbents, those currently holding an elected office, filed for re-election at the Chase County Clerk's office by Tuesday's deadline.

John Arterburn, who currently holds a seat on the Imperial city council; Taylor May, who sits on the Imperial Airport Authority; and Dirk Haarberg, who serves on the Chase County Schools board of education, did not file for re-election by the deadline.

Non-incumbents have until March 3 to file for office.

City council

With Arterburn choosing not file, that leaves one Imperial city council seat open.

Incumbents Mayor Dwight Coleman and council member Chad Yaw filed for re-election.

County offices

Nearly all county seats are up for election this year, except for the County Commissioner District 1 seat held by Chuck Vette of Wauneta.

County offices up for election include those of Assessor Dorothy Bartels, Attorney Arlan Wine, Clerk Debra Clark, Treasurer Cynthia Schoenberger, Sheriff Kevin Mueller, District No. 2 Commissioner Jodi Thompson and District No. 3 Commissioner Don Weiss, Jr.

As of Tuesday afternoon, all of the incumbents for county offices have filed for re-election.

Dave Hogsett of Champion, a new filer for the District No. 2 Commissioner seat, has also filed for the office. The District No. 2 Commissioner seat will see a primary race as both Hogsett and Thompson filed on the Republican ticket.

NRD seats

There are three Upper Republican NRD seats up for election this year in Chase County. They include Subdistrict No. 4 held by Jason Kunkel of Lamar, Subdistrict No. 6 held by Dean Large of Wauneta and the member-at-large position currently held by Jeff Wallin of Imperial.

Kunkel, Large and Wallin all filed before the Feb. 18 deadline.

In Dundy County, Terry Martin's Subdistrict No. 2 seat is up for election, along with two others from Perkins County, now held by Loren Jessen of Grant (Subdistrict No. 8) and Brett Bullock of Madrid (Subdistrict No. 10). As of Tuesday afternoon, Martin and Bullock had filed for re-election.

School boards

Chase County Schools board of education members whose terms run out this year include Penny Strand, Jeff Olsen, Dirk Haarberg and Dan Reeves. As of Tuesday, Haarberg was the only incumbent who did not file for re-election. There have been no other filings for the CCS board.

Three seats on the Wauneta-Palisade Public Schools Board are up for election in 2014. All three incumbents, Bill Bischoff, Laurie Maris and Allison Sandman, have filed for re-election. There have been no other filings for those seats.

Educational Service Unit (ESU) No. 15 has two seats up for election. Allison Sandman of Wauneta has filed for the District 3 seat. As of Tuesday, Cheri Burke of Imperial had not filed for re-election to her District 1 seat. However, incumbents who plan to file for openings with ESUs have a later deadline of July 15 to file.

The State Board of Education District No. 7 seat is also up for election in 2014. The seat is

currently held by Molly O'Holleran of North Platte. This week, Robin R. Stevens of Gothenburg is the only other filer for the seat. O'Holleran filed earlier for re-election.

Mid-Plains Community College's District No. 2 seat currently held by Garry Lawyer of Grant, who has filed for re-election, is up for election this year, as well.

November ballot

There have been two filings for positions with the July 15 deadline. Those up for re-election include the Wauneta Village Board, SWPPD, Imperial Public Power District and the Lamar Village Board.

Beau Kramer of Wauneta has filed for re-election to the Wauneta Village Board. There are a total of three seats on the Wauneta Village to be filled on in 2014—those currently held by Tony Cribelli, Kramer and Page Johnston.

The Southwest Public Power District (SWPPD) Subdistrict No. 1 seat currently held by Brent Evans of Haigler is up for election in November. The seat covers parts of Dundy, Chase and Hitchcock Counties. As of Tuesday, Mike Lutz of Benkelman is the only filer for the position.

Eric McDaniel was appointed to the Imperial Public Power District in February 2009 to fill a vacancy. His seat will be up for election in 2014.

There are also three seats up for election on the Lamar Village Board, currently held by Kurt Schueler (appointed), Francis Baker and Pat Null.

Due to press deadlines, final incumbent filings at the state level will be reviewed in next week's issue.