

NOTICE OF MAIL BALLOT PROCEDURES

BIG STONE COUNTY, MINNESOTA

The following precincts located in Big Stone County have elected to vote by mail ballot procedure in statewide elections as authorized under Minnesota Statute 204B.45. All other precincts vote at their designated polling place on Election Day. Precincts that can vote at the Courthouse on Election Day from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.:

City of Barry	Akron Township	Malta Township
City of Beardsley	Almond Township	Moonshine Township
City of Clinton	Artichoke Township	Odessa Township
City of Correll	Big Stone Township	Ortonville Township
City of Johnson	Browns Valley Township	Otrey Township
City of Odessa	Foster Township	Prior Township
	Graceville Township	Toqua Township

For 2024 statewide elections, the election dates and the corresponding dates that ballots will be mailed for the foregoing mail ballot precincts are:

Statewide Primary Election: August 13, 2024 Ballot Mailing Dates: June 28, 2024 - July 30, 2024

Statewide General Election: November 5, 2024 Ballot Mailing Dates: September 20, 2024 - October 22, 2024

Each voter registered by July 23, 2024, and/or October 15, 2024, Primary/General Election will be mailed a ballot automatically.

Eligible voters not pre-registered by this date, or pre-registered voters wishing to receive their ballot at a temporary address, may apply for an absentee ballot. Voters may register and apply for an absentee ballot on-line by visiting mnvotes.sos.state.mn.us or the elections and voting pages of the Big Stone County website at www.bigstonecounty.gov. For paper applications or assistance, call 320-839-6366.

Ballots may be returned by mail (a postage prepaid return envelope is included when the ballots are mailed), or may be delivered in person, or delivered by a designated agent to the Big Stone County Auditor's Office, 20th St SE, Ortonville, MN 56278. Ballots must be received no later than 8:00 p.m. on Election Day in order to be counted. Normal business hours are Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Hours on election day are 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Voters with disabilities and other special needs may access a voter assist terminal to mark their ballot by bringing their ballot and ballot envelopes to the Big Stone County Auditor's Office at the address noted above.

Officials are also available at this location to complete the witness requirements for mail ballots. Instructions are included with each ballot. The back of the return envelope must be signed by the voter and witnessed by any of the following:

1. anyone registered to vote in Minnesota, *including a spouse or relative*,
2. a notary public, or
3. a person with the authority to administer oaths.

Prompt return of voted ballots is encouraged so that any omitted requirements can be corrected in advance of election day. Ballots are processed when received, and voters will be notified if there is a problem. Voters casting a mail ballot may also track their ballot on-line by visiting the website of the Minnesota Secretary of State at mnvotes.sos.state.mn.us.

In addition to the normal business hours, extended hours for mail ballot voting (for in-person drop off, voter assist terminal access or absentee voting for non-registered voters) are:

Statewide Primary Election: Saturday, August 10, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Monday, August 12, 2024, from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Statewide General Election: Saturday, October 26, 2024, from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Saturday, November 2, 2024, from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Sunday, November 3, 2024, from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Monday, November 4, 2024, from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

The counting of mail ballots will be completed at the Big Stone County Courthouse after 8:00 p.m. on the respective election dates. Additional information is available by contacting the Big Stone County Auditor's Office at 320-839-6366.