

Notice of Election

This notice is prepared by the Hot Spring County Election Commission to inform the public that the **2026 Preferential Primary**, the **2026 Nonpartisan General**, the **2026 Annual School**, and the **City of Diamondhead Special Elections** will be held on **Tuesday March 3, 2026**. The notice also provides the public with information regarding these elections as required by law:

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| EARLY VOTING | Tue-Fri: | Feb. 17 th – Feb. 20 th | 8:00am | - | 6:00 pm |
| Dates & Times: | Sat: | Feb. 21 st | 10:00am | - | 4:00 pm |
| | Mon-Fri: | Feb. 23 rd - Feb. 27 th | 8:00am | - | 6:00 pm |
| | Sat: | Feb. 28 th | 10:00am | - | 4:00 pm |
| | Mon: | March 2 nd | 8:00am | - | 5:00 pm |

| Location of Poll: | Address | Ballots Assigned to Poll |
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| Hot Spring County Fairgrounds | 1303 Collie Rd., Malvern. AR | Vote Center / All Ballots |

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| EARLY VOTING | Fri: | Feb 27th | 8:00 am - 6:00 pm |
| Dates & Times | Sat: | Feb. 28 th | 10:00 am – 4:00 pm |

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| **Bismarck Methodist Church | 7075 Hwy 7, Bismarck, AR | Vote Center / All Ballots |
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ELECTION DAY VOTING: Election Date: March 3, 2026 Hours: 7:30 am – 7:30 pm

| Location of Poll: | Address | Ballots Assigned to Poll |
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| HSC Fairgrounds | 1303 Collie Rd, Malvern, AR | Vote Center / All Ballots |
| Glen Rose Missionary Bapt. Ch | 928 Traskwood Rd., Malvern, AR | Vote Center / All Ballots |
| First Southern Baptist Church | 142 Magnet School Rd., Malvern, AR | Vote Center / All Ballots |
| Deroche Fire Station | 18703 Hwy 84, Bismarck, AR | Vote Center / All Ballots |
| Bismarck Methodist Church | 7075 Hwy 7, Bismarck, AR | Vote Center / All Ballots |
| Point Cedar Fire Station | 3465 Hwy 84 Bismarck, AR | Vote Center / All Ballots |
| Bonnerdale Fire Station | 597 US-70 Glenwood, AR | Vote Center / All Ballots |
| Ouachita Event Center | 120 Hwy 222, Donaldson, AR | Vote Center/ All Ballots |
| | *<NEW LOCATION See Below> | |
| Diamondhead Church | 140 Hwy 171, Hot Springs, AR | Vote Center / All Ballots |
| | *<NEW LOCATION See Below> | |

(OUACHITA EVENT CENTER WAS OPENED COMBINING THE CLOSED LOCATIONS OF LONO COMMUNITY CENTER AND RIVERSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH.)

(DIAMONDHEAD CHURCH WAS OPENED AND WILL BE A SHARED LOCATION WITH GARLAND COUNTY)

ABSENTEE VOTING: To request an absentee ballot, or to see if you are qualified to vote absentee, contact the Hot Spring County Clerk’s office using the information below:

Hot Spring County Courthouse, 220 Locust St., Malvern, AR 71901

(501) 332-2291 Ext. #7 - Office Hours Monday-Friday - 8 am to 4:30 pm

BALLOT CANVASSING AND COUNTING:

All processes listed below will be conducted at the **Election Commission Building** located at **230 W. Second St., Malvern, AR.** The dates and times are provided below:

| Activity | Date | Time |
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| Processing of Absentee Ballots | Feb. 26 th & | 10:00 am to Completion |
| Processing of Absentee Ballots(IF NEEDED) | Feb. 28 th | 10:00 am to Completion |
| Canvassing and Counting of Absentee Ballots | March 3 rd | 9:00 am to Completion |
| Compiling & Publishing Unofficial Election Results | March 3 rd | 7:30 pm to Completion |
| Counting of Election Day Ballots | March 3 rd | 8:00 pm to Completion |
| Initial Duplication and Counting of Ballots | March 4 th | 9:00 am to Completion |
| Initial Review of Provisional Ballots | March 4 th | 10:00 am to Completion |
| Provisional Ballot Hearings (IF NEEDED) | March 9 th | 11:00 am to 12:00 pm |
| Final Review and Counting of Provisional Ballots | March 9 th | 4:00 pm to completion |
| Recount (IF NEEDED) | March 11 th | 9:00 am to Completion |
| Post Election Audit (IF NEEDED) | March 11 th | 2:00 pm to Completion |
| Canvassing, Duplication and Counting of UOCAVA Absentee Ballots (IF NEEDED) | March 14 th | 4:00 pm to Completion |
| Certification of the Election | March 17 th | 3:00 pm to Completion |

THE UNOFFICIAL RESULTS WILL BE HELD AT THE HSC COURTHOUSE AND STREAMED LIVE ON THE COMMISSION'S FACEBOOK PAGE.

ELECTION OFFICIALS: Election Officials appointed to conduct early voting, election day voting, and all other required duties will be posted for public viewing in the County Clerk's office, on Feb. 2nd. An objection must be filed with the County Clerk in writing prior to the following deadlines. An objection that an official is a spouse of a county election commissioner, a county party chair, or a spouse of a county party chair must be filed within 7 days of Feb 2nd. An objection that an official is married to a candidate or related to a candidate within two degrees of blood relations must be filed within 10 days of Feb 2nd.

CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE:

REPUBLICAN PRIMARY CANDIDATES:

U.S. Senate

Micah Ashby
Senator Tom Cotton
Jeb Little

Secretary of State

Judge Cathy Hardin Harrison
Senator Kim Hammer
Bryan Norris

State Land Commissioner

Christian Olson
Secretary of State Cole Jester

County Judge

Ray D. Cook
County Judge, Dennis Thornton

Sheriff

Kevin Cooper

County Treasurer

County Treasurer, Glorie Thornton
Diana Harrist

Coroner

Coroner, Jason Chenault
Cameron Holmes

Justice of the Peace District #4

Tina Eaton

Darrin Hardy

Justice of the Peace District #7

Terry Kenneth "Tink" Anderson
Matt Nutt

Justice of the Peace District #8

Jerry Craycraft
Tony Shnaekel

UNOPPOSED REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES:

U.S. Congress District # 4

Congressman Bruce Westerman

Arkansas Governor

Governor Sarah Huckabee Sanders

Lieutenant Governor

Lieutenant Governor Leslie Rutledge

Attorney General

Attorney General Tim Griffin

State Treasurer

State Treasurer John Thurston

State Auditor

Auditor of State Dennis Milligan

State Senate District # 7

State Senator Alan Clark

State Representative District #29

State Representative Rick McClure

State Representative District #89

State Representative Justin Gonzales

State Representative District #90

Representative Richard Womack

County Clerk

County Clerk, Patty Griggs

Circuit Clerk

Circuit Clerk, Teresa Pilcher

County Assessor

County Assessor, Blake Riggan

Tax Collector

Paige Floriani

Justice of the Peace District #2

JP Brian Coston

DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY CANDIDATES:

U.S. Senate

Hallie Shoffner

Mayor Ethan N. Dunbar

U.S. Congress District #4

James "Rus" Russell III

Steven Layne O'Donnell

Arkansas Governor

State Senator Fred Love

Supha Xayprasith-Mays

UNOPPOSED DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES:

Secretary of State

Kelly Grappe

Justice of the Peace District #1

James Bryant

Justice of the Peace District #3

JP Ralph Williams

Justice of the Peace District #5

JP Mike Scarbough

Justice of the Peace District #6

JP Don Hilyard

Justice of the Peace District #9

JP Jimmy Rogers

Justice of the Peace District #10

JP Wylie Whitley

Justice of the Peace District #11

JP Jay Sheets

Constable Bismarck Township

Doug Green

Constable Butterfield Township

Steve Cook

Constable DeRoche Township

Mason Dale Ballard

Constable Fenter Township

Steven Keisler

Constable Harrison Township

Martin DeVore

Constable Magnet Township

Mark Woodfield

Constable Ouachita Township

Chad Ledbetter

Constable Prairie Township

Ron Brown

Constable Saline Township

Josh Anderson

UNOPPOSED DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES:

Justice of the Peace District #2

Allison Clark

Justice of the Peace District #3

Carmen Jones

Justice of the Peace District #4

Georgia Sherman

Justice of the Peace District #9

Taylor Jones

Justice of the Peace District #11

Tim Looper

Constable Big Creek Township

Jimmy Finley

NONPARTISAN / JUDICIAL / SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATES: These races will appear on the Republican Primary ballots, the Democrat Primary ballots, and a separate Nonpartisan General election ballot. Unopposed nonpartisan candidates will not be listed on the ballot.

NONPARTISAN CANDIDATES:

State Supreme Court Justice Position 3

John Adams
Arkansas Supreme Court Justice Nick Bronni

Circuit Judge, District 07, Division 02

Circuit Judge Margaret Dobson
Div.02 Circuit Judge Stephen Shirron

Glen Rose School Board Position 3

Donnie Earnest
Jackie Nutt

Glen Rose School Board Position 4

Joshua Stevens
John C Jones

Magnet Cove School Board Position 3

Courtney Huneycutt
Cody Hughes

Lakeside School Board Position 1

Brian French
Board Member Thomas Smith

Centerpoint School Board Zone #4

Larry Harvey
Pake Sutton

School District Tax Rates (Unchanged)

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| Bismarck | 41.00 mills |
| Centerpoint | 41.00 mills |
| Glen Rose | 38.20 mills |
| Lakeside | 41.70 mills |
| Magnet Cove | 47.78 mills |
| Malvern | 41.14 mills |
| Ouachita | 40.80 mills |
| Poyen | 46.70 mills |

SPECIAL ELECTION

City Of Diamondhead Annexation

On the Question of Annexation of Contiguous Territory in Hot Spring County into the City of Diamondhead as described in City Ordinance O2025-0014 FOR or AGAINST.

VIEWING YOUR BALLOT PRIOR TO VOTING:

Any voter may look up and print his or her sample ballot on the Arkansas Secretary of State's website at: <https://voterview.ar-nova.org/voterview>. Ballots will be available no later than 20 days prior to the election. Sample ballots will also be available at the polling site.

GENERAL PRIMARY (RUN-OFF) ELECTION – IF NECESSARY

IN THE EVENT OF A RUNOFF VOTING DATES AND TIMES:

Early Vote Dates:

T-F: March 24th – March 27th
Mon: March 30th

Hours:

8:00 am – 4:30 pm
8:00 pm – 4:30 pm

Election Day:

Tues.: March 31st

Hours:

7:30 am 7:30 pm

Location of Poll:

Hot Spring County Fairgrounds

Address:

1303 Collie Rd

Ballots Assigned to Poll

Vote Center / All Ballots