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 2026 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 11, 2026 — Ballot Mailing Dates: June 26, 2026 - July 14, 2026

Statewide General Election: November 3, 2026 — Ballot Mailing Dates: September 18, 2026 - October 6, 2026

Each voter registered by July 21, 2026, and/or October 13, 2026, 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, 20 2nd 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 8, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Monday, August 10, 2026, from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Statewide General Election: Saturday, October 24,2026, from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Saturday, October 31, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Sunday, November 1, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Monday, November 2, 2026, 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.