

**PUBLIC NOTICE: OSCODA COUNTY COMMISSIONER VACANCY
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Date: Wednesday, April 1, 2026

Contact: Oscoda County Board of Commissioners Office – (989) 826-1130

Mio, MI – The Oscoda County Board of Commissioners is seeking Letters of Interest from qualified residents to fill a vacancy on the Board for Commissioner District #3.

Pursuant to [MCL 46.412](#), the Board of Commissioners has the authority to fill this vacancy by appointment. The individual selected for appointment would hold the board position until the November 2026 election results are determined.

Qualifications for Appointment:

Per Michigan Law, all applicants must meet the following criteria at the time of submission:

- Must be at least 18 years of age and a citizen of the United States.
- Must be a registered voter and resident of Oscoda County Commissioner District #3.
- Must not have a [disqualifying criminal conviction](#) as defined by MCL 46.411.

Application Process:

Interested individuals should submit a Letter of Interest outlining their qualifications, community involvement, and reasons for seeking the appointment.

- **Submission Deadline:** All materials must be received by end of business on **Friday, April 10, 2026**.
- **Where to Apply:**
 - **By Email:**
Rene Welser, B.O.C. Executive Secretary at rwelser@oscodacountymi.com
 - **In Person/Mail:**
Oscoda County Government Center, Attn: Rene Welser, B.O.C. Executive Secretary, P O Box 399, 311 S. Morenci Av. Mio, MI 48647

Selection Timeline:

The Board of Commissioners will review Letters of Interest and a final appointment will be made prior to Thursday, April 30, 2026 in compliance with state statutory requirements.

For questions regarding district boundaries or the process, please contact the Board of Commissioners office at (989) 826-1130 or visit the [Oscoda County Website](#).

APPORTIONMENT OF COUNTY BOARDS OF COMMISSIONERS (EXCERPT)

Act 261 of 1966

46.411 Candidate for office of county commissioner; qualifications; nomination; nonrefundable filing fee; eligibility.

Sec. 11.

A candidate for the office of county commissioner must be a resident and registered voter of the district that he or she seeks to represent and must remain a resident and registered voter to hold his or her office, if elected. Nominations and elections for commissioners must be by partisan elections. In order for the name of a candidate for nomination for the office of county commissioner to appear on the official primary ballot, a nominating petition or a nonrefundable filing fee of \$100.00 must be filed with the county clerk. The nominating petition must have been signed by a number of qualified and registered electors residing within the district as determined under section 544f of the Michigan election law, 1954 PA 116, MCL 168.544f. The deadline for filing nomination petitions or filing fees is the same as for a candidate for state representative. An individual who has been convicted of a violation of section 12a(1) of 1941 PA 370, MCL 38.412a, is not eligible to be a county commissioner for 20 years after the conviction.

History: 1966, Act 261, Eff. Mar. 10, 1967 ;-- Am. 1969, Act 137, Eff. Mar. 20, 1970 ;-- Am. 1982, Act 504, Eff. Mar. 30, 1983 ;-- Am. 2002, Act 158, Eff. Jan. 1, 2003 ;-- Am. 2021, Act 145, Imd. Eff. Dec. 27, 2021

APPORTIONMENT OF COUNTY BOARDS OF COMMISSIONERS (EXCERPT)

Act 261 of 1966

46.412 Vacancy in office of commissioner; appointment; term.

Sec. 12.

(1) If a vacancy occurs in the office of commissioner by death, resignation, removal from the district, or removal from office, the vacancy must be filled by appointment within 30 days by the county board of commissioners of a resident and registered voter of that district. Except as otherwise provided in subsection (2), the individual appointed to fill a vacancy shall serve for the remainder of the unexpired term.

(2) If the vacancy occurs more than 7 days before the nominating petition deadline as provided in section 11 for the general November election that is not the general November election at which a successor in office would be elected if there were no vacancy, the individual appointed shall hold office only until a successor is elected at the next general November election in the manner provided by law and qualifies for office. The successor shall hold the office for the remainder of the unexpired term.

History: 1966, Act 261, Eff. Mar. 10, 1967 ;-- Am. 1969, Act 137, Eff. Mar. 20, 1970 ;-- Am. 1972, Act 180, Imd. Eff. June 17, 1972 ;-- Am. 1978, Act 18, Imd. Eff. Feb. 15, 1978 ;-- Am. 1982, Act 504, Eff. Mar. 30, 1983 ;-- Am. 2013, Act 84, Imd. Eff. June 28, 2013 ;-- Am. 2021, Act 122, Eff. Mar. 30, 2022

