

# Merrick County Nebraska, Notice of Primary Election

Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, the 12th day of May, 2026 in the election precincts of Merrick County, Nebraska, (Mail in Ballot ONLY for Precincts Prairie Creek, Mead, Midland, Prairie Island, Lone Tree North, Lone Tree South, Clarksville West, Clarksville East, Silver Creek, Loup, Chapman, Vieregg, Central, Ward One, Ward Two and Lone Tree North). Ballots must be received by 8:00 p.m. Central Standard Time, May 12, 2026 at the Clerk's office. Said election will be for electing candidates to various offices. The Secretary of State will publish a true copy of the title and text of any amendment or referendums once each week for three consecutive weeks preceding the election.

Pursuant to NE.STAT.32-811 (1), some partisan and nonpartisan races will not appear on the Primary Election ballot. If the names of candidates properly filed for nomination at the Primary Election do not exceed twice the number of vacancies, partisan office races when only one filing is received and no write-in affidavit is received by March 3; any such candidates shall be declared nominated and their names shall not appear on the Primary Election ballots. The official Abstract of Votes for the Primary Election shall show the names of such candidates as **NOMINATED WITHOUT OPPOSITION** and their names will automatically advance to the General Election ballot. \*\*\*Candidates shall not appear on the ballot in the primary election for the board of directors in Public Power District receiving annual gross revenue of less than forty million dollars, for board of director for Reclamation Districts, for Educational Service Unit Board, for Township Boards and Village of Trustee Board.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereby set my hand and affixed the Seal of my office at Central City, Nebraska this 24th day of March, 2026.

*Trisha L. Fate-Strobel*

Merrick County Clerk

## Congressional Ticket

### For United States Senator

Vote for One	Six-Year Term
Eric Mortimore	Republican
Pete Ricketts	Republican
Todd Knobel	Republican
Mac Stevens	Republican
Debb Axtell Schultz	Republican
William J. Forbes	Democratic
Cindy Burbank	Democratic
Earl Starkey	Legal Marijuana NOW
Mike Marvin	Legal Marijuana NOW

### For Representative in Congress - District 3

Vote for One	Two-Year Term
David P. Huebner	Republican
Adrian Smith	Republican
Becky Kelly Stille	Democratic
David J. Else	Legal Marijuana NOW

## State Ticket

### For Governor

Vote for One	Four-Year Term
Sheila J. Korth-Focken	Republican
Gary L. Rogge	Republican
Jim Pillen	Republican
Jacy Todd	Republican
Sal Holguin	Republican
John Walz	Republican
Lynne Walz	Democratic
Larry Marvin	Democratic
Rick Beard	Legal Marijuana NOW
James J. Charvat III	Legal Marijuana NOW

### For Secretary of State

Vote for One	Four-Year Term
Bob Evnen	Republican
Scott Petersen	Republican
Lee M. Cimfel	Democratic
Sarah J. Slattery	Democratic

## For State Treasurer

Vote for One	Four-Year Term
Joey Spellerberg	Republican
Daniel Ebers	Democratic

## For Attorney General

Vote for One	Four-Year Term
Mike Hilgers	Republican
Jocelyn Brasher	Democratic

## For Auditor of Public Accounts

Vote for One	Four-Year Term
Mike Foley	Republican

## County Ticket

### For County Attorney

Vote for One	Four-Year Term
Aaron Kunz	Republican
<i>Nominated without opposition-will not appear on primary ballot</i>	

### For County Clerk

Vote for One	Four-Year Term
Trisha L. Strobel	Republican
<i>Nominated without opposition-will not appear on primary ballot</i>	

### For County Assessor

Vote for One	Four-Year Term
Jennifer Myers	Republican
<i>Nominated without opposition-will not appear on primary ballot</i>	

### For County Treasurer

Vote for One	Four-Year Term
Sara Dexter	Republican
Angela Weller	Republican

### For County Sheriff

Vote for One	Four-Year Term
Grady Wranek	Republican
John Westman	Republican

**For County Clerk of the District Court**

**Vote for One Four-Year Term**

Theresa Good Republican  
Erin Fousek Republican

**For County Surveyor**

**Vote for One Four-Year Term**

Jamie L. Blodgett Nonpartisan  
*Nominated without opposition-will not appear on primary ballot*

**For County Supervisor-District 1**

**Vote for One Four-Year Term**

Dennis E. Jarecke Republican  
*Nominated without opposition-will not appear on primary ballot*

**For County Supervisor-District 3**

**Vote for One Four-Year Term**

Edward Dexter Republican  
*Nominated without opposition-will not appear on primary ballot*

**For County Supervisor-District 5**

**Vote for One Four-Year Term**

Kelly Williams Republican  
Jan Placke Republican

**For County Supervisor-District 7**

**Vote for One Four-Year Term**

Tom Weller Republican  
Sandra Blauhorn Republican  
Karlie Santin Republican

**Nonpartisan Ticket**

**For Member of the Legislature - District 34**

**Vote for One Four-Year Term**

Loren Lippincott  
Arron Kowalski  
Ben Blodgett

**For Member of the State Board of Education - District 6**

**Vote for One Four-Year Term**

Sherry Jones  
Grady Erickson

**For Central Community College Board of Governors, District 1**

**Vote for One Four-Year Term**

Diane R. Keller  
*Nominated without opposition-will not appear on primary ballot*

**Central Platte Natural Resources District For Board of Directors**

**Vote for One Four-Year Term**

**Sub District 9** Amy Kyes  
**At Large** Keith A. Ostermeier  
*All nominated without opposition-will not appear on primary ballot*

**Lower Loup Natural Resources District Board of Directors**

**Vote for One Two-Year Term**

**Sub District 05** No Filing  
*All nominated without opposition-will not appear on primary ballot*

**Lower Loup Natural Resources District Board of Directors**

**Vote for One Four-Year Term**

**Sub District 05** Tom Knutson  
**At Large** Jeremy J. Eschliman

*Nominated without opposition-will not appear on primary ballot*

**Nebraska Public Power District Subdivision 7**

**Vote for One Six-Year Term**

Wayne Williams  
*Nominated without opposition - will not appear on primary ballot*

**Southern Public Power District Subdivision 5**

**Vote for Two Six-Year Term**

Larry D. Benson  
Courtney Retzlaff  
*Nominated without opposition-will not appear on primary ballot*

**School Ticket**

**Central City School District 4 For School Board Member**

**Vote for up to Three Four-Year Term**

Charles (Chuck) Homolka  
Aaron Heins  
Brent Kennedy

*Nominated without opposition-will not appear on primary ballot*

**Fullerton Public School District 1 For School Board Member**

**Vote for up to Three Four-Year Term**

Angie J. Herman  
Beth Sonderup  
Jennifer Wood

*Nominated without opposition -will not appear on primary ballot*

**Grand Island Public Schools District 2 Board of Education Ward C**

**Vote for up to Two Four-Year Term**

Eric Garcia-Mendez  
*Nominated without opposition -will not appear on primary ballot*

**Grand Island Northwest Public Schools District 82 Board of Education**

**Vote for up to Three Four-Year Term**

Dan Leiser  
Michael Glandt  
Todd Mader  
Brady Kayl  
*Nominated without opposition-will not appear on primary ballot*

**High Plains School District 75 For School Board Member**

**Vote for up to Three Four-Year Term**

Shane Van Pelt  
*Nominated without opposition-will not appear on primary ballot*

**Palmer School District 49 For School Board Member**

**Vote for up to Three Four-Year Term**

Justin Valasek  
Heather Shotkoski  
Reed G Johnston  
*Nominated without opposition-will not appear on primary ballot*

**Twin River School District 30  
For School Board Member**

**Vote for up to Three Four-Year Term**

John D. Nelson  
Michael Jacobi  
Amber Miller  
Zach Czarnick

*Nominated without opposition-will not appear on  
primary ballot*

**City Ticket**

**Mayor of the City of Central City  
Vote for One Four-Year Term**

Tim Bolling

*Nominated without opposition-will not appear on  
primary ballot*

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**Ward One City Council**

**Vote for One Four-Year Term**

Andrew Pearson

*Nominated without opposition-will not appear on  
primary ballot*

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**Ward Two City Council**

**Vote for up to Two Four-Year Term**

Ryan Grigsby

Chris Fasbender

*Nominated without opposition-will not appear on  
primary ballot*

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**I, Trisha L. Fate-Strobel, County Clerk of Merrick  
County, Nebraska, do hereby certify that the  
persons whose names are printed in this certification  
have made personal filings and each has fulfilled all  
requirements of law and each is entitled to have  
their name printed upon the official ballot as a  
candidate for public office, as designated in the  
certification.**

**Dated this 24th day of March, 2026**

*Trisha L. Fate-Strobel*

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**Trisha L. Fate-Strobel  
Merrick County Clerk**

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