

Merrick County Nebraska,

Notice of General Election

Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, the 3rd day of November, 2026 at the updated polling places in the precincts of Merrick County, Nebraska, an election will be held.

Mail in ballots will be mailed out 22 days before election. Ballots must be received by 8:00 p.m. Central Standard Time, November 3, 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.

Congressional Ticket

For United States Senator	
Vote for One	Six-Year Term
Pete Ricketts	Republican
Mike Marvin	Legal Marijuana NOW
Robin Richards	Nebraska Working People
Chuck Conboy	America First
Dan Osborn	By Petition

For Representative in Congress - District 3	
Vote for One	Two-Year Term
Adrian Smith	Republican
Becky Kelly Stille	Democratic
David J. Else	Legal Marijuana NOW
Macey Budke	Nebraska Working People
Mark Cohen	By Petition

State Ticket

For Governor/Lt Governor	
Vote for One	
Jim Pillen/Joe Kelly	Republican
Lynne Walz/Ben Steffen	Democratic
Rick Beard/Keenya Barnes	Legal Marijuana NOW
Brent Lindstrom/Michael Picard	American First

For Secretary of State	
Vote for One	
Scott Petersen	Republican
Sarah J. Slattery	Democratic
Paul Rumbaugh	Nebraska Working People
Bob Krist	America First

For State Treasurer	
Vote for One	
Joey Spellerberg	Republican
Daniel Ebers	Democratic

For Attorney General	
Vote for One	
Mike Hilgers	Republican
Jocelyn Brasher	Democratic

For Auditor of Public Accounts	
Vote for One	
Mike Foley	Republican
John Knight	America First

County Ticket

For County Attorney	
Vote for One	
Aaron Kunz	Republican

For County Assessor	
Vote for One	
Jennifer Myers	Republican

For County Clerk	
Vote for One	
Trisha L. Strobel	Republican

For County Clerk of the District Court	
Vote for One	
Erin Fousek	Republican

For County Treasurer	
Vote for One	
Sara Dexter	Republican

For County Sheriff	
Vote for One	
John Westman	Republican

For County Surveyor	
Vote for One	
Jamie L. Blodgett	Nonpartisan

For County Supervisor-District 1	
Vote for One	
Dennis E. Jarecke	Republican

For County Supervisor-District 3	
Vote for One	
Edward Dexter	Republican

For County Supervisor-District 5	
Vote for One	
Jan Placke	Republican

For County Supervisor-District 7	
Vote for One	
Tom Weller	Republican

Nonpartisan Ticket

For Member of the Legislature - District 34	
Vote for One	
Loren Lippincott	
Ben Blodgett	

For Member of the State Board of Education - District 6	
Vote for One	
Sherry Jones	
Grady Erickson	

Judge of the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Court Statewide - Six-Year Term	
Shall Judge Thomas E. Stine be retained in office?	

**Judge of the Nebraska
Workers’ Compensation Court
Statewide - Six-Year Term**
Shall Judge Dirk V. Block be retained in office?

**Judge of the County Court
District 05 – Six-Year Term**

Shall Judge Denise Kracl be retained in office?

**For Central Community College Board of
Governors, District 1
Vote for One**

Diane R. Keller

**Central Platte Natural Resources District
For Board of Directors
Vote for One**

Sub District 9 Amy Kyes
At Large Keith A. Ostermeier

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

Vote for One **Two-Year Term**
Sub District 05 No Filing

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

Vote for One **Four-Year Term**
Sub District 05 Tom Knutson
At Large Jeremy J. Eschliman

**Howard Greeley Rural Public Power
District 4**

Vote for One **Six-Year Term**
Loren L. Studley

**Nebraska Public Power District
Subdivision 7**

Vote for One **Six-Year Term**
Wayne Williams

**Polk County Public Power District
For Board of Directors
Subdivision 3-Six-Year Term
Vote for up to Two**

Mark J. Wyman
Judy A. Rieken

**Southern Public Power District
Subdivision 5**

Vote for up to Two **Six-Year Term**
Larry D. Benson
Courtney Retzlaff

**Twin Loup Reclamation District
For Board of Directors
Subdistrict 01**

Vote for One **Six-Year Term**
Scott Russell

School Ticket

**Educational Service Unit No. 7
District 3
Vote for ONE**

Amy Blaser

**Educational Service Unit No. 10
District 1
Vote for ONE**

No filing

**Central City School District 4
For School Board Member
Vote for up to Three**

Charles (Chuck) Homolka
Aaron Heins
Brent Kennedy

**Fullerton Public School District 1
For School Board Member
Vote for up to Three**

Angie J. Herman
Beth Sonderup
Jennifer Wood

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

Eric Garcia-Mendez

**Grand Island Northwest Public Schools District 82
Board of Education
Vote for up to Three**

Dan Leiser
Michael Glandt
Todd Mader
Brady Kayl

**High Plains School District 75
For School Board Member
Vote for up to Three**

Shane Van Pelt

**Palmer School District 49
For School Board Member
Vote for up to Three**

Justin Valasek
Heather Shotkoski
Reed G Johnston

**Twin River School District 30
For School Board Member
Vote for up to Three**

John D. Nelson
Michael Jacobi
Amber Miller
Zach Czarnick

City Ticket

**Mayor of the City of Central City
Vote for One**

Tim Bolling

**Ward One City Council
Vote for One**

Andrew Pearson

**Ward Two City Council
Vote for up to Two**

Ryan Grigsby
Chris Fasbender

Village Ticket

**Village of Chapman
Board of Trustee
Vote for up to Three**

Carol Quandt
Christopher L. Killin
Chris D. Moser

Village of Clarks
Board of Trustee
Vote for up to Three

Donn Glynn
Tracy Sharman

Village of Palmer
Board of Trustee
Vote for up to Two

Brittany Williams
Michelle Halpine
Michael Thompson

Village of Silver Creek
Board of Trustee
Vote for up to Two

Ron Luellen
Travis Vanek
Bethany Gifford

Township Ticket

For Township Board Member
Vote for up to Three per Township

Chapman Township

Pamela Ogden
Bradley Rice

Clarksville Township

No filings

Lone Tree Township

No filings

Loup

No filings

Midland

No filings

Prairie Creek

No filings

Silver Creek

No filings

Vieregg

No filings

I, Trisha L. Fate, 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 16th day of September, 2026

Trisha L. Fate

Trisha L. Fate	(Seal)
Merrick County Clerk	