

**NOTICE OF PRIMARY ELECTION
May 12, 2026**

Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, May 12, 2026, at the polling places in the election precincts of Saunders County, Nebraska, an election will be held for the purpose of nominating candidates.

The polls will open at 8:00 o'clock a.m. and close at 8:00 o'clock p.m.

Some races will not appear on the Primary Election Ballot as the number of candidates filing does not exceed twice the number of vacancies; the candidates are declared nominated and advance to the November 3, 2026 General Election.

SENATORIAL TICKET

**FOR UNITED STATES SENATOR
6 Year Term
Vote for ONE**

Republican Eric Mortimore
Pete Ricketts
Todd Knobel
Mac Stevens
Debb Axtell Schultz
Democratic William J. Forbes
Cindy Burbank
Libertarian No Candidate Filed
Legal Marijuana NOW Earl Starky
Mike Marvin

CONGRESSIONAL TICKET

**FOR REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS
DISTRICT 2
2 Year Term
Vote for ONE**

Republican Brinker Harding
Democratic Van Argyrakis
John Cavanaugh
Crystal Rhoades
Kishla Askins
Denise Powell
James Leuschen
Melanie Williams
Libertarian Eric Michael Foreman
Legal Marijuana NOW No Candidate
Filed

STATE TICKET

**FOR GOVERNOR
4 Year Term
Vote for ONE**

Republican Sheila J. Korth-Focken
Gary L. Rogge
Jim Pillen
Jacy Todd
Sal Holguin
John Walz
Democratic Lynne Walz
Larry Marvin
Libertarian No Candidate Filed
Legal Marijuana NOW Rick Beard
James J. Charvat III

**FOR SECRETARY OF STATE
4 Year Term
Vote for ONE**

Republican Bob Evnen
Scott Petersen
Democratic Lee M. Cimfel
Sarah J. Slattery
Libertarian No Candidate Filed
Legal Marijuana NOW No Candidate
Filed

STATE TICKET

**FOR STATE TREASURER
4 Year Term
Vote for ONE**

Republican Joey Spellerberg
Democratic Daniel Ebers
Libertarian No Candidate Filed
Legal Marijuana NOW No Candidate
Filed

**FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL
4 Year Term
Vote for ONE**

Republican Mike Hilgers
Democratic Jocelyn Brasher
Libertarian No Candidate Filed
Legal Marijuana NOW No Candidate
Filed

**FOR AUDITOR OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS
4 Year Term
Vote for ONE**

Republican Mike Foley
Democratic No Candidate Filed
Libertarian No Candidate Filed
Legal Marijuana NOW No Candidate
Filed

COUNTY TICKET

SAUNDERS COUNTY LOTTERY QUESTION

SHALL the County of Saunders establish a Lottery as permitted under the Nebraska County and City Lottery Act for the purpose of community betterment as defined in the Act?

YES (for such lottery)
NO (against such lottery)

NON-PARTISAN

**FOR MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
DISTRICT 5
4 Year Term
Vote of ONE**

Michaela Conway
Angie Eberspacher
Lana Daws

**FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS LOWER PLATTE NORTH
NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT**

**SUBDISTRICT 7
4 Year Term
Vote for ONE**

Dustin Woita
Allie Bush
Abram Marshall

**FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS LOWER PLATTE SOUTH
NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT**

**SUBDISTRICT 2
2 Year Term
Vote for ONE**

Mark Patton
David Hibler
Ryan Runge

SCHOOL TICKET

**WAVERLY SCHOOL DISTRICT
145 BOND ISSUE
\$64,000,000
SCHOOL BOND ELECTION**

Shall Lancaster County School District 0145 (Waverly School District 145) in the State of Nebraska (the "District") issue general obligation bonds of the District in an aggregate stated principal amount not to exceed Sixty-four Million Dollars (\$64,000,000), for the purpose of providing funds to pay the costs of constructing additions, renovations, repairs, and improvements on existing school property for the District's high school, middle school, intermediate school, and elementary schools facilities, and providing necessary equipment, furnishings and apparatus for the same, which may include, without limitation, all or a portion of the following:

- Safety and security improvements and enhancements at school buildings and entrances;
- Classroom renovations and enhanced facilities designed for students with disabilities;
- Heating, ventilation, cooling, and maintenance improvements at the high school and other district school facilities;
- Building renovations and improvements to health science classrooms; career and technical education (CTE) spaces; construction and welding labs; and agricultural lab; and
- Constructing additions, renovations, repairs, and improvements to and for existing school buildings;

with such bonds to be issued from time to time, to bear interest at such rate or rates, to be sold at such prices and to become due at such time or times as may be fixed by, or determined at the direction of, the Board of Education; and

Shall the District cause to be levied and collected annually a special levy of taxes against all the taxable property in the District sufficient in rate and amount to pay the principal of and interest on such bonds as the same become due?

FOR such Bonds and tax
AGAINST such Bonds and tax

Electors voting in favor of the proposition shall blacken the oval opposite the words "FOR such Bonds and tax" following the proposition.

Electors voting against such proposition shall blacken the oval opposite the words "AGAINST such Bonds and tax" following the proposition.

In compliance with Section 32-811, R.R.S. Nebr., 1943 and Suppl., in those cases where the number of candidates properly filed for nomination at the primary election does not exceed number of candidates to be nominated as per 32-811(1)(a) and 32-811(1)(b), any such properly filed candidates shall be declared nominated and their names shall not appear on the Primary Election ballot and shall advance to the November 3, 2026 General Election.

THE FOLLOWING CANDIDATES SHALL BE CONSIDERED NOMINATED AND THEIR NAMES SHALL BE PLACED ON THE NOVEMBER 3, 2026 GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT

COUNTY TICKET

**FOR CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT
4 Year Term
Vote for ONE**

Republican Patty J. McEvoy
Democratic No Candidate Filed
Libertarian No Candidate Filed
Legal Marijuana No Candidate
NOW Filed

**FOR COUNTY ASSESSOR/
REGISTER OF DEEDS
4 Year Term
Vote for ONE**

Republican Rhonda J. Andresen
Democratic No Candidate Filed
Libertarian No Candidate Filed
Legal Marijuana No Candidate
NOW Filed

**FOR COUNTY ATTORNEY
4 Year Term
Vote for ONE**

Republican Jennifer Dionne Joakim
Democratic No Candidate Filed
Libertarian No Candidate Filed
Legal Marijuana No Candidate
NOW Filed

**FOR COUNTY CLERK
4 Year Term
Vote for ONE**

Republican Dee Anne Nice
Democratic No Candidate Filed
Libertarian No Candidate Filed
Legal Marijuana No Candidate
NOW Filed

**FOR COUNTY SHERIFF
4 Year Term
Vote for ONE**

Republican Chris Lichtenberg
Democratic No Candidate Filed
Libertarian No Candidate Filed
Legal Marijuana No Candidate
NOW Filed

**FOR COUNTY SURVEYOR
4 Year Term
Vote for ONE**

Republican Jerry Charles
Democratic No Candidate Filed
Libertarian No Candidate Filed
Legal Marijuana No Candidate
NOW Filed

**FOR COUNTY TREASURER
4 Year Term
Vote for ONE**

Republican Amber G. Scanlon
Democratic No Candidate Filed
Libertarian No Candidate Filed
Legal Marijuana No Candidate
NOW Filed

**FOR COUNTY SUPERVISOR
DISTRICT 1
4 Year Term
Vote for ONE**

Republican David N. Lutton
Democratic No Candidate Filed
Libertarian No Candidate Filed
Legal Marijuana No Candidate
NOW Filed

COUNTY TICKET

**FOR COUNTY SUPERVISOR
DISTRICT 3
4 Year Term
Vote for ONE**

Republican Bill Reece
Democratic No Candidate Filed
Libertarian No Candidate Filed
Legal Marijuana No Candidate
NOW Filed

**FOR COUNTY SUPERVISOR
DISTRICT 5
4 Year Term
Vote for ONE**

Republican John Smaus
Democratic No Candidate Filed
Libertarian No Candidate Filed
Legal Marijuana No Candidate
NOW Filed

**FOR COUNTY SUPERVISOR
DISTRICT 7
4 Year Term
Vote for ONE**

Republican Frank Albrecht
Democratic No Candidate Filed
Libertarian No Candidate Filed
Legal Marijuana No Candidate
NOW Filed

NON-PARTISAN TICKET

**LOWER PLATTE NORTH
NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS
LOWER PLATTE NORTH
NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT**

**SUBDISTRICT 1
2 Year Term
Vote for ONE**

David R. Poppe

**SUBDISTRICT 1
4 Year Term
Vote for ONE**

Lon Olson

**SUBDISTRICT 2
4 Year Term
Vote for ONE**

John J. Goldsberry

**SUBDISTRICT 3
4 Year Term
Vote for ONE**

David W. Saalfeld

**SUBDISTRICT 4
4 Year Term
Vote for ONE**

Chris D. Yosten

**SUBDISTRICT 5
4 Year Term
Vote for ONE**

Mark Seier

**SUBDISTRICT 6
4 Year Term
Vote for ONE**

Ryan J. Sabata

**SUBDISTRICT 8
4 Year Term
Vote for ONE**

Jerry Johnson
Marlin Fujan

**SUBDISTRICT 9
4 Year Term**

Larissa Schultz

**AT LARGE
4 Year Term
Vote for ONE**

Thomas McKnight

NON-PARTISAN TICKET

**FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS
LOWER PLATTE SOUTH
NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT**

**SUBDISTRICT 1
4 Year Term
Vote for ONE**

Gary Hellerich
Karis Ahlberg

**SUBDISTRICT 2
4 Year Term
Vote for ONE**

Mark G. Spangler

**SUBDISTRICT 3
4 Year Term
Vote for ONE**

Melissa Baker

**AT LARGE
4 Year Term
Vote for ONE**

David M. Landis

**NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER
DISTRICT FOR BOARD OF
DIRECTORS
SUBDIVISION 1
6 Year Term
Vote for ONE**

Mary Harding

**FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS
SOUTHEAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE
DISTRICT 2
4 Year Term
Vote for ONE**

Brandon Gunther

SCHOOL TICKET

**FOR MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF
EDUCATION ASHLAND-GREENWOOD
PUBLIC SCHOOLS
DISTRICT #1
4 Year Term
Vote for up to THREE**

Adam M. Novotny
Kylie Heflin
Donnie Laughlin Jr.
Karen Stille
Alexis Fudge

**FOR MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF
EDUCATION YUTAN PUBLIC
SCHOOLS
DISTRICT #9
4 Year Term
Vote for up to THREE**

Gary Hollst
Judy Daniell
Bill Hancock

**FOR MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF
EDUCATION WAHOO PUBLIC
SCHOOLS
DISTRICT #39
4 Year Term
Vote for up to THREE**

Brett M. Eddie
Kyle Stewart
Judy Stukenholtz

**FOR MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF
EDUCATION MEAD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
DISTRICT #72
4 Year Term
Vote for up to THREE**

Travis Wagenknecht
Josh Girmus
Amy Wagner
Cole Jones
Levi Durnal

SCHOOL TICKET

**FOR MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF
EDUCATION CEDAR BLUFFS PUBLIC
SCHOOLS
DISTRICT #107
4 Year Term
Vote for up to **THREE****

Todd Thiesen
Tim Shanahan
Jeremy R. Pleskac

**FOR MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF
EDUCATION RAYMOND CENTRAL
PUBLIC SCHOOLS
DISTRICT #161**

**WARD 2
4 Year Term
Vote for **ONE****

Cathy Burklund

**WARD 4
4 Year Term
Vote for **ONE****

Derek Matulka

**WARD 6
4 Year Term
Vote for **ONE****

Mary E. Benes

**FOR MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF
EDUCATION EAST BUTLER PUBLIC
SCHOOLS
DISTRICT #2R
(Butler County)**

**NORTH WARD
4 Year Term
Vote for **ONE****

Chad Kreikemeier

**MIDDLE WARD
4 Year Term
Vote for **ONE****

Sarah Strizek

**SOUTH WARD
4 Year Term
Vote for **ONE****

Ryan A. Pekarek

**FOR MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF
EDUCATION DAVID CITY PUBLIC
SCHOOLS
DISTRICT #56
(Butler County)
4 Year Term
Vote for up to **THREE****

Stephanie Summers
Kasey Kuhlman
Klay Kasik

**FOR MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF
EDUCATION SCHUYLER PUBLIC
SCHOOLS
DISTRICT #123
(Colfax County)
4 Year Term
Vote for up to **THREE****

Valerie Comley
Joshua A. Pacas
Kady Arps

**FOR MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF
EDUCATION FREMONT PUBLIC
SCHOOLS
DISTRICT #1
(Dodge County)
4 Year Term
Vote for up to **THREE****

Terry Sorensen
Betsy Flores
Grady Wells
Mike Petersen
Nate Williams

SCHOOL TICKET

**FOR MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF
EDUCATION NORTH BEND PUBLIC
SCHOOLS
DISTRICT #595
(Dodge County)
4 Year Term
Vote for up to **THREE****

Andy Swanson
Nick Emanuel
Jason Saalfeld

**FOR MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF
EDUCATION WAVERLY SCHOOL
DISTRICT #145
(Lancaster County)**

**WARD 1
4 Year Term
Vote for **ONE****

Jessica Fountain Zuniga

**WARD 3
4 Year Term
Vote for **ONE****

Rebecca Tinant

**WARD 5
4 Year Term
Vote for **ONE****

Chad Kendall

CITY TICKET

**FOR MAYOR CITY OF ASHLAND
4 Year Term
Vote for **ONE****

Jim Pinkman
Jim Anderson

**FOR MEMBER OF THE
ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL**

**Ward 1
4 Year Term
Vote for **ONE****

Caleb Alcorn
Daniel Linke

**Ward 2
4 Year Term
Vote for **ONE****

Chad Hart
Jake Crnkovich

**FOR MAYOR CITY OF WAHOO
4 Year Term
Vote for **ONE****

Jerry Johnson
Jason D. Blackwell

**FOR MEMBER OF THE
WAHOO CITY COUNCIL**

**Ward 1
4 Year Term
Vote for **ONE****

Carl Warford

**Ward 2
4 Year Term
Vote for **ONE****

Shane Sweet

**Ward 3
4 Year Term
Vote for **ONE****

Stuart Krejci

**FOR MEMBER OF WAHOO AIRPORT
AUTHORITY
6 Year Term
Vote for **ONE****

R. Michael Lawver

CITY TICKET

**FOR MAYOR CITY OF YUTAN
4 Year Term
Vote for **ONE****

Matt Thompson
Lindsay Nelson

**FOR MEMBER OF THE
YUTAN CITY COUNCIL**

**East Ward
4 Year Term
Vote for **ONE****

Brett Lawton

**West Ward
4 Year Term
Vote for **ONE****

Kyle Schimenti

I, Dee Anne Nice, County Clerk in and for Saunders County, do hereby certify that the persons whose names in this Notice of Election have properly filed for office as according to law and will have their names printed upon the official ballot as a candidate for public office, as designated in the certification.

Witness my hand and official seal this
11th day of March 2026.

Dee Anne Nice
Saunders County Clerk/Election
Commissioner