SAMPLE BALLOT - RICHARDSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA
GENERAL ELECTION - NOVEMBER 3, 2026

Richardson County, Nebraska

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTER

1. TO VOTE, YOU MUST DARKEN THE OVAL COMPLETELY (●).
2. Use a black ink pen to mark the ballot.
3. To vote for a WRITE-IN candidate, write in the name on the line provided AND darken the oval completely.
4. DO NOT CROSS OUT OR ERASE. If you make a mistake, ask for a new ballot.

UNITED STATES SENATORIAL TICKET

For United States Senator
Six Year Term
Vote for ONE

- Pete Ricketts — Republican
- Mike Marvin — Legal Marijuana NOW
- Robin Richards — Nebraska Working People
- Chuck Conboy — America First
- Dan Osborn — By Petition
- _____

CONGRESSIONAL TICKET

For Representative in Congress
District 3 - Two Year Term
Vote for ONE

- 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 and Lt. Governor
Vote for ONE

- Jim Pillen, Governor / Joe Kelly, Lt. Governor — Republican
- Lynne Walz, Governor / Ben Steffen, Lt. Governor — Democratic
- Rick Beard, Governor / Keenya Barnes, Lt. Governor — Legal Marijuana NOW
- Brett Lindstrom, Governor / Michael Picard, Lt. Governor — America First
- _____ Governor

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 Commissioner
District 1
Vote for ONE

- Shawn Fouraker — Republican
- _____

For County Assessor
Vote for ONE

- Kimberly L. Riggs — Republican
- _____

For County Attorney
Vote for ONE

- Samantha Scheitel — Republican
- _____

For County Clerk-Register of Deeds
Vote for ONE

- Mary L. Eickhoff — Republican
- _____

For Clerk of District Court
Vote for ONE

- Kerry K. Fritz — Republican
- _____

For County Sheriff
Vote for ONE

- Rick Hardesty — Republican
- _____

For County Surveyor
Vote for ONE

- Robert Tichy — Republican
- _____

For County Treasurer
Vote for ONE

- Amanda Bartek-Ramsey — Republican
- _____

NONPARTISAN TICKET

For Member of the State Board of Education
District 5
Vote for ONE

- Michaela Conway
- Angie Eberspacher
- _____

Judge of the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Court - Six Year Term

Shall Judge Dirk V. Block be retained in office?

- Yes
- No

Judge of the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Court - Six Year Term

Shall Judge Thomas E. Stine be retained in office?

- Yes
- No

Judge of the District Court
District 1 - Six Year Term

Shall Judge Ricky A. Schreiner be retained in office?

- Yes
- No

Judge of the District Court
District 1 - Six Year Term

Shall Judge Julie D. Smith be retained in office?

- Yes
- No

Judge of the District Court
District 1 - Six Year Term

Shall Judge David J. A. Bargen be retained in office?

- Yes
- No

Judge of the County Court
District 1 - Six Year Term

Shall Judge Richard R. Smith be retained in office?

- Yes
- No

Southeast Community College
For Board of Governors - District 2
Vote for ONE

- Brandon Gunther
- _____

Nemaha Natural Resources District
For Board of Directors - Subdistrict 8
Vote for ONE

- Dick James
- _____

Nemaha Natural Resources District
For Board of Directors
Subdistrict 9 - Two Year Term
Vote for ONE

- Klark Knipe
- _____

Nemaha Natural Resources District
For Board of Directors - Subdistrict 9
Vote for ONE

- Alan Romine
- _____

Nemaha Natural Resources District
For Board of Directors - Subdistrict 10
Vote for ONE

- Timothy Schaardt
- _____

Nemaha Natural Resources District
For Board of Directors - At Large
Vote for ONE

- Tracy Ensor
- _____

Nebraska Public Power District
For Board of Directors
Subdivision 1 - Six Year Term
Vote for ONE

- Mary Harding
- _____

Educational Service Unit No. 4
District 1
Vote for ONE

- June Bowers
- _____

I Voted

SCHOOL TICKET

For District 70
School Board Member
Vote for up to THREE

- Neal A. Kanel
- Heath Finke
- David A. Mezger
- Ashley Shupp
- _____
- _____
- _____

For District 56
School Board Member
Vote for up to THREE

- Cassondra A. Goff
- Teresa Olberding
- Anthony S. Johansen
- _____
- _____
- _____

For District 23
School Board Member
Vote for up to THREE

- Chester Bohling
- Mitch Neddenriep
- _____
- _____
- _____

For District 1
School Board Member
Vote for up to THREE

- Donna Nider
- Julia Smith
- Brady Johnson
- Bobbi Haarhues
- _____
- _____
- _____

For District 29
School Board Member
Vote for up to THREE

- Ryan M. Jones
- Beth Kernes Krause
- Laura M. Osborne
- Kevin Reiman
- Katy Billings
- _____
- _____

Nemaha County School District 0029

(Auburn Public Schools)

Shall Nemaha County School District 0029 (Auburn Public Schools) in the State of Nebraska (the "District") issue its general obligation bonds to pay the costs of additions, renovations, and improvements to the District's existing school buildings, property and facilities, including, without limitation, all or a portion of the following:

• Classroom addition and renovations to the District's Calvert Elementary School;
• New middle school entryway addition and related improvements to address safety and security infrastructure concerns;
• New physical education/gymnasium addition to the High School;
• Renovations and improvements to convert the existing High School gymnasium to a multi-use facility, to include performing arts and other activities;
• Deferred maintenance renovations and improvements to address safety, security, and environmental concerns in the District's existing school buildings and facilities; and
• Providing for the necessary equipment and apparatus for such school buildings, facilities, renovations, and improvements;

with such bonds to be issued in an aggregate stated principal amount not to exceed Twenty-two Million Nine Hundred Thousand Dollars ($22,900,000), in one or more series, at such time or times, 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?

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.

- FOR such Bonds and tax
- AGAINST such Bonds and tax

CITY TICKET

For Mayor of Falls City
Vote for ONE

- Kenny Killingsworth
- Kevin Malone
- _____

For Member of Falls City Council
Ward 1
Vote for ONE

- Don Ferguson
- Mark Lowe
- _____

For Member of Falls City Council
Ward 2
Vote for ONE

- Sean Nolte
- Robert D. Olberding
- _____

For Member of Falls City Council
Ward 3
Vote for ONE

- John Nixon
- _____

For Member of Falls City Council
Ward 4
Vote for ONE

- Rick Lemerond
- Bing Bindrum
- _____

For Falls City Airport Authority Board
Six Year Term
Vote for up to TWO

- Dave Mullins
- Brandon J. Keithley
- _____
- _____

City of Falls City - City Lottery

"Should the City of Falls City, Nebraska, establish and conduct a lottery as permitted under the Nebraska County and City Lottery Act for community betterment purposes as defined in law?"

- FOR said City Lottery
- AGAINST said City Lottery

For Mayor of Humboldt
Vote for ONE

- Jan Wilhelm
- Kevin Burnison
- _____

For Member of Humboldt City Council
Ward 1
Vote for ONE

- Jaymie Nolte
- Barbara J. Dettmann
- _____

For Member of Humboldt City Council
Ward 2
Vote for ONE

- Richard Davis
- _____

City of Humboldt - Proposal to Elect Members of the City Council At Large

Shall members of the City Council of the City of Humboldt be elected at large instead by wards?

A "Yes" vote means you are in favor of electing members of the Humboldt City Council at large instead by wards. If a majority of the votes cast upon such question shall be in favor of electing members of the Humboldt City Council at large instead of by ward, then any qualified elector residing within the corporate limits of the City of Humboldt has the ability to run for a seat on the Humboldt City Council regardless of where he or she resides within the City of Humboldt.

A "No" vote means you are opposed to electing members of the Humboldt City Council at large. If a majority of the votes cast upon such question shall be opposed to electing members of the Humboldt City Council at large, then qualified electors only have the ability to run for a seat on the Humboldt City Council if he or she resides in the ward for which a seat on the City Council is up for election.

- Yes
- No

VILLAGE TICKET

For Barada Village Board of Trustees
Vote for up to TWO

- Elaina J. Strecker
- Carolyn E. Meckstroth
- _____
- _____

For Dawson Village Board of Trustees
Vote for up to THREE

- Stephanie Ingraham
- Larry A. Koch
- _____
- _____
- _____

For Rulo Village Board of Trustees
Vote for up to THREE

- Regina Barber
- Matthew D. Bletscher
- Karen Collins
- Jimmy Coonce
- _____
- _____
- _____

For Salem Village Board of Trustees
Vote for up to TWO

- Jon Kean
- Casey Strauch
- _____
- _____

For Shubert Village Board of Trustees
Vote for up to TWO

- Linda S. Patchen
- Gary Hays
- _____
- _____

For Stella Village Board of Trustees
Vote for up to TWO

- Rick Ramer
- Ann Marie Gould
- Kyle Gossman
- _____
- _____

For Verdon Village Board of Trustees
Vote for up to TWO

- Denise Koso
- Cody Bahr
- _____
- _____

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

Proposed Amendment No. 1

A vote FOR will amend the state constitution to increase the term limit for state legislators from two consecutive four-year terms (eight years) to three consecutive four-year terms (12 years).

A vote AGAINST will not amend the Nebraska Constitution, so the current limit of two consecutive four-year terms will remain in effect. State legislators will continue to be ineligible for office in the Legislature for four years after serving two consecutive terms.

A constitutional amendment to change the limit on legislative terms from two consecutive terms to three consecutive terms.

- For
- Against

PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

Initiative Measure 440

A vote "FOR" will amend the Nebraska Constitution to authorize the enactment of laws to allow persons located within Nebraska to place sports wagers through an Internet-based platform when offered by an authorized gaming operator conducting games of chance within a licensed racetrack enclosure in Nebraska.

A vote "AGAINST" means the Nebraska Constitution will not be amended in this manner.

Shall the Nebraska Constitution be amended to authorize the enactment of laws allowing persons located within Nebraska to place sports wagers through an Internet-based platform when offered by an authorized gaming operator conducting games of chance within a licensed racetrack enclosure in Nebraska?

- For
- Against

Initiative Measure 441

A vote "FOR" will enact statutes allowing persons located within Nebraska to place sports wagers through an Internet-based platform when offered by an authorized gaming operator conducting games of chance within a licensed racetrack enclosure in Nebraska or the operator's platform provider, and regulating such sports wagers.

A vote "AGAINST" means no such statutes will be enacted.

Shall statutes be enacted that: (1) Allow persons located within Nebraska to place sports wagers through an Internet-based platform when offered by an authorized gaming operator conducting games of chance within a licensed racetrack enclosure in Nebraska or the operator's platform provider; and (2) Regulate such sports wagers?

- For
- Against

PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

Initiative Measure 442

A vote "FOR" will amend the Nebraska Constitution to provide: (1) Schools must expressly designate each athletic team or sport as one of the following based on biological sex: (a) Males, men, or boys; (b) females, women, or girls; or (c) coed or mixed; and (2) Athletic teams or sports designated for females, women, or girls shall not be open to students of the male sex. The amendment would apply to all athletic teams or sports sponsored by public schools or postsecondary educational institutions, and private schools or educational institutions whose athletic teams or sports compete against public schools or institutions.

A vote "AGAINST" means the Nebraska Constitution will not be amended in this manner.

Shall the Nebraska Constitution be amended to provide: (1) Schools must expressly designate each athletic team or sport as one of the following based on biological sex: (a) Males, men, or boys; (b) females, women, or girls; or (c) coed or mixed; and (2) Athletic teams or sports designated for females, women, or girls shall not be open to students of the male sex? The amendment would apply to all athletic teams or sports sponsored by public schools or postsecondary educational institutions, and private schools or educational institutions whose athletic teams or sports compete against public schools or institutions.

- For
- Against

WRITE-IN VOTES

Write-ins are allowed for those offices included on the ballot, which provide for a write-in. The oval must be blackened for a write-in vote to be counted. (NE §32-1005)

ATTENTION

Please be advised this is a sample ballot and because the law requires rotation of the candidate's names in some races, the chronological order as listed may be different in your precinct. Some listed candidates are elected in specific districts; some names listed in this sample ballot may not appear on the ballot in your precinct.

Mary L. Eickhoff, Richardson County Clerk

ABSENTEE/EARLY VOTING BALLOT INFORMATION

November 2, 2026, 5:00 p.m. is the deadline that a voter can vote early in the County Clerk's Office. (NE §32-942) The Office of the Richardson County Clerk is open from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for early voting. The office is located on the 2nd floor of the Courthouse, Room 203.

November 3, 2026, 7:00 p.m. is the deadline for a voter's agent to pick up an absentee/early voting ballot for a voter. (NE §32-943)

ABSENTEE/EARLY VOTING BALLOTS MUST BE RETURNED TO THE OFFICE OF THE RICHARDSON COUNTY CLERK BY 8:00 P.M. ON ELECTION DAY, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2026, TO BE VALID AND COUNTED. (NE §32-950)

PROVISIONAL BALLOTS

Any registered voter who changes his/her residence within the county or due to marriage has changed their name since registering to vote, may be entitled to vote a provisional ballot (NE §32-915). Request this provisional ballot from the poll workers.

PROVISIONAL-VOTER IDENTIFICATION VERIFICATION BALLOT

If a voter does not have an acceptable form of photo ID, when arriving at their polling place, voters may request and complete the provisional-voter identification verification ballot procedure (NE §32-915.03). Voter will be required to present a photo ID at the Richardson County Clerk's Office on or before 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 10, 2026, in order for the ballot to be counted on Thursday, November 12, 2026, by the Richardson County Canvassing Board.

ACCEPTABLE FORM OF PHOTO ID IS REQUIRED TO CAST BALLOT

An acceptable form of photo ID is required to cast a ballot in Nebraska *(Article I-22 Nebraska State Constitution)***. These acceptable forms of photo ID are one of the following: Nebraska driver's license** *(from NE DMV)*; **Nebraska state ID card** *(from NE DMV)*; **Nebraska college ID** *(public or private)*; **Nebraska political subdivision ID** *(state, county, city, school, etc.)*; **United States Passport; Military ID; Tribal ID; hospital, assisted-living facility or nursing home record** *(NE §32-123)*

POLLING PLACES

Open 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Arago/Barada: All-Mail Election (ballots are mailed to registered voters)
FC Rural/Ohio: Prichard Auditorium, 312 W 17th Falls City
FC Ward 1: St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 20th & Towle, Falls City
FC Ward 2: Prichard Auditorium, 312 W 17th, Falls City
FC Ward 3: Prichard Auditorium, 312 W 17th, Falls City
FC Ward 4: Assembly of God Church, 6th & Reavis, Falls City
Franklin/Humboldt Rural/Speiser: Humboldt Ag Building, 1034 4th St., Humboldt
Grant/Nemaha: All-Mail Election (ballots are mailed to registered voters)
Humboldt Ward I: Humboldt Ag Building, 1034 4th St., Humboldt
Humboldt Ward II: City Auditorium, 618 3rd St., Humboldt
Jefferson/Rulo: Rulo Auditorium, Rulo
Liberty: Verdon Community Building, Verdon
East Muddy: All-Mail Election (ballots are mailed to registered voters)
West Muddy/Porter: Stella Community Building, Stella
Salem: All-Mail Election (ballots are mailed to registered voters)

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