

Directory of
**ELECTED
OFFICIALS**

of Lincoln &
Lancaster County

Nebraska

2019



PREFACE

The information in this brochure was compiled as a public service by the League of Women Voters of Lincoln-Lancaster County.

The League's purpose is to promote political responsibility through the informed and active participation of citizens in government. It urges League members and all citizens to become active in the parties of their choice.

All citizens are invited to become members of the League of Women Voters. If you are interested, please call or write our office.

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VOTER MEMO

My precinct is _____

My polling place is _____

My legislative district is _____

I am in the First Congressional District.

YOU CAN VOTE...in all elections if you are registered. To register to vote in Nebraska you must be at least 18 on or before the General Election Day (first Tuesday after the first Monday in November), a U.S. citizen, a resident of Nebraska, have not been convicted of a felony, or if convicted, it has been at least two years since the completion of the sentence for the felony including any parole term. If your job prevents you from voting between 8 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., you may vote an Early Voting ballot (see below).

YOU MUST REGISTER TO VOTE...by filling out a registration form. You may register in person, by mail, or online. Mail-in registration cards are available at post offices, banks, libraries, and at www.lancaster.ne.gov/election. You may register in person at the Election Commissioner's office, 601 North 46th Street, Lincoln (office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.), or at several state agencies, or at temporary sites close to election day. You may register online at www.nebraska.gov/apps-sos-voter-registration. For more information about registration, call the Election Commission at 441-7311. You must re-register whenever you change your address, name or political party affiliation. If you do not re-register, you may check with the Election Office and go to your new polling place on election day and vote a provisional ballot. You may register in person until ten days before an election; the deadline for mail-in registration is the third Friday before an election. For on-line registration, the deadline is 5:00 p.m. on the third Friday before an election.

YOU CAN VOTE AN EARLY VOTING BALLOT... if you are registered to vote. Phone the Election Commission at 441-7311 to find out how to vote early.

REGISTRATION AND VOTING

ELECTIONS

ELECTORAL PROCESS

In Lancaster County, regularly scheduled primary and general elections are held for national, state, county, city, town, and district offices. Special elections may be held at other times. Issues such as constitutional amendments may be decided by ballot.

PRIMARY ELECTIONS

Primary elections are held to select nominees for each electoral office. In Nebraska's state and local primaries, a voter may vote only for his or her party's candidates for partisan office; in the federal-congressional races, nonpartisan voters may choose a party ballot on which to vote. In the primaries, each voter may vote for any candidate for nonpartisan office, such as legislator, and may vote on ballot issues, such as school bonds.

GENERAL ELECTION

The names of all nominees for partisan and nonpartisan offices appear on the general election ballot; there also may be issues to be voted on. Each voter may vote for any candidate and on any issue.

INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM

In the initiative process, legislation is proposed by citizen petition; by referendum, citizens may approve or reject measures enacted by the legislative body. Initiative and referendum may be employed at the state, county, and municipal level.

COST OF ELECTIONS

Elections are administered by the county. Each town or city, school district, etc., pays its proportionate share of the cost of an election in which it has a ballot.

ELECTION OFFICIALS

	Term Length	Phone	Term Expires
Secretary of State			
Salary - \$85,000			
Bob Evnen	4 years	471-2554	1/2023
Lancaster County Election Commissioner			
Salary - \$96,074.00			
David Shively	4 years	441-7311	9/2023
Chief Deputy Election Commissioner			
Salary - \$69,173.00			
Maura Kelly	4 years	441-7311	9/2023

Election Boards

Appointed by the Election Commissioner every two years, five to each polling site:

2 Judges (1 Democrat, 1 Republican)

2 Clerks (1 Democrat, 1 Republican)

1 Inspector

Judges and Clerks are paid minimum wage and the Inspector is paid \$0.60 over minimum wage plus mileage.

UPCOMING ELECTIONS

State Primary.....	5/12/2020
State General	11/3/2020
City Primary	4/6/2021
City General.....	5/4/2021

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ELECTIONS/ELECTION OFFICIALS

NATIONAL GOVERNMENT

TERM-January

President

Salary - \$400,000

Donald J. Trump (R)

2017 – 2021

Vice President

Salary - \$235,100

Michael R. Pence (R)

2017 – 2021

White House

Comment Line: 202-456-1111

E-mail Address: www.whitehouse.gov/contact/

U.S. Senators

Salary - \$170,000

Ben Sasse (R)

2015 – 2021

136 Russell Senate Office Building,

Washington, DC 20510

202-224-4224, sasse.senate.gov

Deb Fischer (R)

2019 – 2025

454 Russell Senate Office Building

Washington, DC 20510

202-224-6551, fischer.senate.gov

U.S. Representative in Congress – 1st District

Salary - \$170,000

Jeff Fortenberry (R)

2019 – 2021

1514 Longworth Building

Washington, DC 20510

202-225-4806, fortenberry.house.gov

(NP = Nonpartisan D=Democrat R=Republican)

STATE GOVERNMENT

www.nebraska.gov

	Phone	Term-January
Governor		
Salary - \$105,000		
Pete Ricketts (R)	471-2244	2019-2023
Lt. Governor		
Salary - \$75,000		
Mike Foley (R)	471-2256	2019-2023
Secretary of State		
Salary - \$85,000		
Bob Evnen (R)	471-2554	2019-2023
Attorney General		
Salary - \$95,000		
Doug Peterson (R)	471-2682	2019-2023
Auditor		
Salary - \$85,000		
Charlie Janssen (R)	471-2111	2019-2023
Treasurer		
Salary - \$85,000		
John Murante (R)	471-2455	2019-2023
Senators of the Unicameral		
Salary - \$12,000; Non-partisan		
Mike Hilgers - Dist. 21	471-2673	2017-2021
Suzanne Geist - Dist. 25	471-2731	2017-2021
Matt Hansen - Dist. 26	471-2610	2019-2023
Anna Wishart - Dist. 27	471-2632	2017-2021
Patty Pansing Brooks - Dist. 28	471-2633	2019-2023
Kate Bolz - Dist. 29	471-2734	2017-2021
Myron Dorn - Dist. 30	471-2620	2019-2023
Tom Brandt - Dist. 32	471-2711	2019-2023
Adam Morefeld - Dist. 46	471-2720	2019-2023
Board of Education		
No Salary; Non-partisan		
Patricia Koch Johns - 1st.Dist.	416-3374	2017-2021
Patricia Timm - 5th Dist.	228-4054	2019-2023
Board of Regents No Salary; Non-partisan		
Tim Clare - 1st. Dist.	472-3906	2015-2021
Rob Schafer - 5th Dist.	472-3906	2019-2025
Public Service Commissioner - Dist. 1 Lancaster Co.		
Salary - \$75,000		
Dan Watermeier (R)	471-3101	2019-2025

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JUDICIAL

	Phone	Term Expires
State Supreme Court Judges		
Salary - \$152,895 6 years MP*		
Chief Justice Michael Heavican	471-3738	1/2023
Assoc. Justice Stephanie Stacy	471-3737	1/2025
Nebraska Court of Appeals		
Salary - \$145,250 6 years MP*		
Riko Bishop	471-3732	1/2023
3rd Judicial District Judges		
Salary - \$141,428 6 years MP*		
John Colborn	441-7303	1/2023
Andrew Jacobsen	441-7065	1/2021
Jodi Nelson	441-7302	1/2023
Darla Ideus	441-5512	1/2021
Robert Otte	441-7304	1/2025
Lori Maret	441-7509	1/2025
Kevin McManaman	441-7565	1/2021
Susan Strong	441-7301	1/2025
3rd Judicial District Juvenile Judges		
Salary - \$141,428 6 years MP*		
Roger Heideman	441-7385	1/2025
Toni Thorson	441-8487	1/2023
Linda Porter	441-7406	1/2021
Reggie Ryder	441-6341	1/2013
Nebraska Workers Compensation Court		
Salary - \$141,428 6 years MP*		
Julie Martin	595-3900	1/2025
Dirk Block	471-3924	1/2021
Daniel Friedrich	595-3900	1/2021
John Hoffert	471-3923	1/2023
J. Michael Fitzgerald	471-3924	1/2025
Thomas Stine	471-3923	1/2021
James Coe	595-3900	1/2023
Lancaster County Judges		
Salary - \$137,605 6years MP*		
Rodney Reuter	441-7656	1/2021
Holly Parsley	441-8988	1/2025
Laurie Yardley	441-8741	1/2023
Mathew Acton	441-8975	1/2023
Thomas Zimmerman	441-7655	1/2025
Joseph Dalton	441-8976	1/2023
Timothy Phillips	441-7822	1/2021

*Merit Plan: When a vacancy occurs, an initial appointment is made by the governor from a list of qualified candidates submitted by a Judicial Nominating Commission. After up to 4 years in office, the Judges' names appear on the general election ballot for retention or rejection for a 6-year term.

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LANCASTER COUNTY GOVERNMENT

County-City Building

Phone 441-7171

555 South 10th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508

www.lancaster.ne.gov

Lancaster County is governed by a five-member board of commissioners, elected from five commissioner districts. Each must be a qualified voter and a resident of his/her district.

	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
County Commissioners		
Salary - \$46,708 Term – 4 years		
Dist. 1 – Sean Flowerday (D)	441-7447	1/2023
Dist. 2 – Christa Yoakum (D)	441-7447	1/2021
Dist. 3 – Deb Schorr (R)	441-7447	1/2023
Dist. 4 – Roma Amundson (R)	441-7447	1/2021
Dist. 5 – Rick Vest (D)	441-7447	1/2023
Assessor		
Salary -- \$128,675 Term – 4 years		
Rob Ogden (R)	441-7463	1/2023
Attorney		
Salary -- \$161,009 Term – 4 years		
Pat Condon (R)	441-7321	1/2023
Clerk		
Salary -- \$96,861 Term – 4 years		
Dan Nolte (D)	441-7481	1/2023
Sheriff		
Salary -- \$129,064 Term – 4 years		
Terry Wagner (R)	441-6500	1/2023
Engineer		
Salary -- \$127,663 Term – 4 years		
Pamela Dingman (R)	441-7681	1/2023
Treasurer		
Salary -- \$96,233 Term – 4 years		
Rachel Garver (D)	441-7425	1/2023
Clerk of the District Court		
Salary -- \$102,636 Term – 4 years		
Troy Hawk (R)	441-7328	1/2023
Public Defender		
Salary -- \$161,009 Term – 4 years		
Joe Nigro (D)	441-7631	1/2023

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JUDICIAL & COUNTY GOVERNMENT

LINCOLN CITY GOVERNMENT

County-City Building

441-7171

555 South 10th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508

www.lincoln.ne.gov

Lincoln City government is conducted under a strong Mayor/City Council plan. The administrative authority centers in the Mayor. The seven-member council is the policy and lawmaking body. All are elected on a nonpartisan basis.

The Mayor is elected at-large. The City Council members are also elected, four by district and three at-large.

MAYOR **Leirion Gaylor Baird** **441-7511**
(Salary-\$87,128.86; 4-year term; expires 5/2023; nonpartisan)

City Communications	Diane Gonzales	441-7831
Commission on Human Rights	Michael Thompson	441-7624
Aging Partners	Randall Jones	441-7070

CITY DEPARTMENTS

*(Directors are appointed by the mayor
with council approval, unless noted.)*

Building and Safety	Chad Blahak	441-7521
Finance	Brandon Kauffman	441-7411
Fire and Rescue	Michael Despain	441-7363
Health	Pat Lopez (Interim)	441-8000

*(Appointed by the Mayor with City Council,
Board of Health, and County Board approval.)*

City Attorney	Jeffery Kirkpatrick	441-7281
Libraries	Pat Leach	441-8500

(Appointed by the Library Board of Trustees)

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City Government continued

Parks and Recreation	Lynn Johnson	441-7847
Human Resources*	Doug McDaniel	441-7597
Planning*	David Cary	441-7491
Police	Jeff Bliemeister	441-6000
Transportation and Utilities	Miki Esposito	441-7548
Urban Development	Dan Marvin	441-7864

**(Appointed by the Mayor with City Council and County Board approval)*

CITY COUNCIL 441-7515

Salary – \$24,000; 4-year terms; Nonpartisan

	Email	Term Expires
At Large		
Roy Christensen	rchristensen@lincoln.ne.gov	5/2021
Sandra Washington	swashington@lincoln.ne.gov	5/2021
Bennie Shobe	bshobe@lincoln.ne.gov	5/2021
Districts		
1 – James Bowers	jbowers@lincoln.ne.gov	5/2023
2 – Richard Meginnis	rmeginnis@lincoln.ne.gov	5/2023
3 – Jane Raybould	jraybould@lincoln.ne.gov	5/2023
4 – Tammy Ward	tjward@lincoln.ne.gov	5/2023

AIRPORT AUTHORITY 458-2400

No salary; 6-year term; Nonpartisan

Nicholas Cusick	ncusick@bisonnic.com	5/2025
Richard Nuernberger	rnuernberger@neb.rr.com	5/2023
Zachary James	zachjames2012@gmail.com	5/2023
Bob Selig	rfselig@gmail.com	5/2021
John Hoppe, Jr.	john@hoppeinc.com	5/2021

Lincoln Electric System 475-4211

Chief Executive Officer Kevin Wailes

(appointed by LES Administrative Board)

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LINCOLN CITY GOVERNMENT

SPECIAL DISTRICTS

Lower Platte South Natural Resources District

476-2729

www.lpsnrd.org

Per diem plus expenses; 4-year term; nonpartisan

Subdistricts	Phone	Term
1 – Don Jacobsen, Lincoln	430-3517	2017-2021
Gary Hellerich, Valparaiso	560-8508	2019-2023
2 – Sarah Wilson, Waverly	405-5793	2017-2021
Mark Spangler, Murray	235-2296	2019-2023
3 – Michael DeKalb, Lincoln	466-6357	2017-2021
Vern Barrett, Ceresco	443-3437	2019-2023
4 – Gary Aldridge, Lincoln	421-3564	2017-2021
Larry Ruth, Walton	430-9299	2019-2023
5 – Greg Osborn, Lincoln	477-0103	2017-2021
Bruce Johnson, Lincoln	435-3336	2019-2023
6 – Anthony Schutz, Lincoln	466-1380	2017-2021
Deborah Eagan, Lincoln	435-6616	2019-2023
7 – Chelsea Johnson, Lincoln	274-7623	2017-2021
Luke Peterson, Lincoln	*	2019-2023
8 – Tom Green, Lincoln	580-3341	2019-2023
Dan Steinkruger, Lincoln	480-4413	2019-2021
9 – Milt Schmidt, Lincoln	489-7903	2017-2021
Robert Andersen, Lincoln	483-5455	2019-2023
10 – Ray Stevens, Lincoln	423-6471	2017-2021
Karen Amen, Lincoln	423-3220	2019-2023
At Large		
David Landis, Lincoln	466-9352	2019-2023
* lpeterson.nrd@outlook.com		

NORRIS PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT

402-223-4038

www.norrisppd.com

Salary - \$150.00/month; \$520.00 for President; \$500.00 for Treasurer; plus \$175.00 for each board meeting; mileage; nonpartisan; 6-year term

Subdivisions

1 – Berneal Warner, Waverly	223-4038	2019-2025
2 – Todd Buel, Roca	223-4038	2019-2025
3 – Gary Kroese, Adams	223-4038	2017-2023
4 – Kenneth Myers, Holmesville	223-4038	2019-2025
5 – Stewart Huneke, Wilber	223-4038	2015-2021
6 – Randall Steinhausen, Lincoln	223-4038	2017-2021

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NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT
1-877-275-6773 / www.nppd.com

Subdivision

1 Mary Harding, Plattsmouth 560-0630 2015-2021

SOUTHEAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Board of Governors

471-3333

www.southeast.edu

No salary; 4-year term; nonpartisan

Districts	Phone	Term
1 -- Lynn Schluckebier, Seward	641-0695	2017-2021
Dale Kruse, Beatrice	230-3384	2019-2023
2 -- Kathy Boellstorff, Johnson	868-6075	2017-2021
Keith Hammons, Weeping Water	267-5414	2019-2023
3 -- Edward Price, Lincoln	467-1339	2017-2021
Nancy Seim, Lincoln	467-4953	2019-2023
4 -- Kristin Yates, Lincoln	560-0666	2017-2021
James Garver, Lincoln	304-2191	2019-2023
5 -- Robert Feit, Lincoln	420-7420	2017-2021
Ellen Weissinger, Lincoln	904-5343	2019-2023

At Large

Steven Ottmann, Dorchester 946-4821 2017-2021

FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICTS

These districts enable rural areas to have fire protection. A five-person board of directors is selected for each district at a public meeting and is empowered to levy a tax, borrow money, and determine fire protection policies.

SANITARY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS

The purpose of a Sanitary Improvement District is to provide for establishing, maintaining, and contracting water mains, sewers, and disposal plants. For information about representatives of Lancaster County Sanitary Improvement Districts, contact the Election Commissioner's office at 441-7311.

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SPECIAL DISTRICTS

INCORPORATED VILLAGES

There are 10 incorporated villages in the county. Each village elects its own five-member village board to 4-year terms. For a listing of Village trustees, contact the Election Commissioner's office at 441-7311.

CITY OF HICKMAN
www.hickman.ne.gov
792-2212

Term – December

Mayor

Salary - \$250/month, \$100/meeting; 4-year term

Doug Hanson 2018-2022

City Council

Salary \$150/month, \$100/meeting; 4-year term

Chad Parker 2018-2022

Walt Nelson 2018-2022

Doug Wagner 2018-2022

Steve Noren 2016-2020

Phil Goering 2016-2020

Tina Ziemann 2016-2020

CITY OF WAVERLY
www.citywaverly.com
786-2312

Mayor

Salary - \$8,000; 4-year term

Michael Werner 2016-2020

City Council

Salary - \$4,000; 4-year term

Ward 1

Chad Neuhalfen 2016-2020

Andrew Cockerill 2018-2022

Ward 2

Dave Nielson 2018-2020

William Gerdes 2018-2022

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LINCOLN BOARD OF EDUCATION

Board members serve for four years at no salary. They are elected on a nonpartisan ticket.

District	Phone	Term – May
1 – Kathy Danek	464-8549	2017-2021
2 – Connie Duncan	419-0070	2019-2023
3 – Barbara Baier	202-1846	2017-2021
4 – Annie Mumgaard	325-6301	2019-2023
5 – Lanny Boswell	483-4244	2017-2021
6 – Bob Rauner	450-1859	2019-2023
7 – Don Mayhew	730-0370	2017-2021

COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICTS

District	
OR1 – Palmyra	780-5327
2 – Crete	826-5855
3 – Milford	761-3321
34 – Freeman	988-2525
82 – Wilber-Claytonia	821-2508
145 – Waverly	786-2321
148 – Malcolm	796-2151
160 – Norris	791-0000
161 – Raymond	785-2615

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The Office of Lancaster County
Election Commissioner

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CITIES, VILLAGES, AND SCHOOLS

POLITICAL PARTIES

The following political parties are recognized
under state law in Nebraska.

Nebraska Democratic Party 434-2180
3701 O Street, Suite 200
Lincoln, NE 68510
www.nebraskademocrats.org

Jane Kleeb, Chair
Jim Rogers, Executive Director

Nebraska Libertarian Party 1-402-504-0722
P.O. Box 360
Boys Town, NE 68010
www.lpne.org

Mike Knebel, Chair

Nebraska Republican Party 475-2122
1610 N Street
Lincoln, NE 68508
www.ne.gop

Dan Welch, Chair
Ryan Hamilton, Executive Director

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