



2026 GENERAL ELECTION CANDIDATES

Filing deadlines for the Village Board of Trustees is as follows:

Filing deadline for incumbents is July 15th, 2026 by 5pm

Filing deadline for non incumbents is August 3rd, 2026 by 5pm.

*The following is a list of all local candidates and races for Buffalo County.
Please note that **NOT** all candidates or races will appear on your specific ballot.*

GENERAL ELECTION DATE: TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD, 2026

COUNTY OFFICES	4 Year Term	Partisan/Affiliation	Contact #	Email	Incumbent
Commissioner Dist. 1	1 Position				
Ivan H. Klein		Republican			Y
Commissioner Dist. 3					
Timothy John Higgins	5103 Parklane Dr	Kearney NE 68847	Republican 308-627-5207	timh7207@gmail.com	Y
Commissioner Dist. 5					
Mike Morgan	2011 W 50th St	Kearney, NE 68845	Republican	votemikemorgan@gmail.com	N
Commissioner Dist. 7					
Myron Kouba		Republican			Y
Assessor					
Roy Meusch		Republican			Y
Attorney					
Shawn R. Eatherton	Po Box 185	Kearney NE 68848	Republican	eatherton@charter.net	Y
Clerk					
Heather A. Christensen		Republican			Y
Clerk of District Court					
Cheryl S. Stabenow		Republican			Y
Public Defender					
D. Brandon Brinegar	Po Box 703	Kearney NE 68848	Republican 308-233-7007	dbbrinegar@yahoo.com	N
Register of Deeds					
Jen Schleusener	1114 12th Ave	Kearney NE 68845	Republican	jen.4.buffalocountyrodd@gmail.com	N
Brandy R. Sorensen		Democratic			N
Sheriff					
Daniel J. Schleusener		Republican			N
Surveyor					
Trenton D. Snow	2290 Highway 40	Kearney, NE 68845	Republican	trentonsnow@hotmail.com	Y
Treasurer					
Brenda R. Rohrich		Republican			Y
SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS	4 Year Term	Non-Partisan Race	Contact #	Email	Incumbent
Amherst, District 119	3 Positions				
Karen K. Harmony	PO Box 82	Amherst, NE 68812			Y
Casey Mitchell					Y
Ansley, District 44	3 Positions				
Danielle Ostrand	Files in Custer Co.				Y
Christopher J. Varney	Files in Custer Co.				Y
Centura, District 100	3 Positions				
Mark Johnson	Files in Howard Co.				Y
Todd M. Nitsch	Files in Howard Co.				Y
Elm Creek, District 9	3 Positions				
Hannah J. Hild					Y
Cole Brodine	PO Box 496	Elm Creek, NE 68836		cole@brodine.com	Y
Marvion Reichert Jr.			308-236-3493	rykrt@myctl.net	Y
Jennifer McDaniel	PO Box 374	Elm Creek, NE 68836	308-746-1792	jkohl.mnds@gmail.com	N
Gibbon, District 2	3 Positions				
Jodi Bendfeldt					Y
Jon Ewoldt			308-380-7969		N
SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS	4 Year Term	Non-Partisan Race	Contact #	Email	Incumbent
Kearney, District 7	3 Positions				
Paul Hazard				hazardfinancial@hotmail.com	Y
Drew Blessing	2224 Central Ave, Ste NS1-3	Kearney NE 68847			Y
Kyle McCartney				kmccart6@gmail.com	N
Marty Albrecht	1610 Beall Dr	Kearney NE 68845		martyalbrecht3@gmail.com	N
Byron D. Hansen					N
Pleasanton, District 105	3 Positions				

Justin Epley							Y
Doug Geisler							Y
Nathan Phillips							Y
Ravenna, District 69	3 Positions						
Ryan Osten							Y
Shelton, District 19	3 Positions						
Dana D. Tompkin							Y
Abby Carman							N
Sarah Rolfsmeyer	11800 Shelton Rd	Shelton NE	68876		slilfletch99@gmail.com		N
Patricia Wiehn	402 C St / PO Box 2	Shelton NE	68876		mamaquilland28@gmail.com		N
Sonja Warren							N
SEM, District 101	3 Positions						
Laura M. Robbins	Files in Dawson Co.						Y
Kirby D. Burden	Files in Dawson Co.						Y
Yantsy Claflin	Files in Dawson Co.						N
Chase J. Freeman	Files in Dawson Co.						N
CITY OFFICIALS	4 Year Term	Non-Partisan Race	Contact #	Email	Incumbent		
Gibbon City Council Member							
Ward I	1 Position						
Armando Hernandez Perez							Y
Chase Middleswart							N
Ward II	1 Position						
Kevin Kraenow							Y
Kearney City Council Member	2 Positions						
Randy Buschkoetter				rbuschkoetter@gmail.com			Y
Kristin Ohri				kristinohri@gmail.com			N
Robert F. Fitzgerald	Declined			rkfitz4him@gmail.com			N
Thomas Cross							N
Ravenna City Council Member							
Mayor	1 Position						
Fred A. Matejka							Y
Peggy Dethlefs							Y
City Council	2 Positions						
Tonya Dale							Y
Josh Bauer							N
Michael Bauer							N
VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES	BALLOT	4 Year Term	Non-Partisan Race	Contact #	Email	Incumbent	
	Filing Deadlines: Incumbent - July 15th, 2026 by 5pm	Non-Incumbents - August 3rd, 2026 by 5pm					
Amherst	2 Positions						
Justin Taubenheim	PO Box 11	Amherst	NE				Y
Elm Creek	2 Positions						
Tanner Tool							Y
Miller	3 Positions						
Charles D. Day	200 S 4th St	Miller	NE	308-440-0147			Y
Monte A. Arnold							Y
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Pleasanton	2 Positions						
Theodore Eichholz							Y
Zack Rasmussen							Y
Riverdale	2 Positions						
Aaron C. Cudaback							Y
Toby McDonald	PO Box 11	Riverdale	NE				Y
Shelton	2 Positions						
Matthew Rabbe	PO Box 171	Shelton	NE				Y
Clifford Keslar							Y