



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	308-627-5207	timh7207@gmail.com	Y
Commissioner Dist. 5					
Mike Morgan	2011 W 50th St	Kearney, NE 68845		votemikemorqan@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		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	308-233-7007	dbbrinegar@yahoo.com	N
Register of Deeds					
Jen Schleusener	1114 12th Ave	Kearney NE 68845		jen.4.buffalocountyrod@gmail.com	N
Brandy R. Sorensen		Democratic			N
Sheriff					
Daniel J. Schleusener		Republican			N
Surveyor					
Trenton D. Snow	2290 Highway 40	Kearney, NE 68845		trentonsnow@hotmail.com	Y
Bryan A. Brown	Po Box 116	Shelton, NE 68876		bbrown@brownsurveyingservices.com	N
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 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		slilffetch99@gmail.com	N	
Patricia Wiehn	402 C St / PO Box 2	Shelton NE	68876		mamagilliland28@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 Clafin	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					rrbuschkoetter@gmail.com	Y	
Kristin Ohri					kristinohri@gmail.com	N	
Robert F. Fitzgerald					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					
Elm Creek		2 Positions					
Tanner Tool							Y
Miller		3 Positions					
Charles D. Day	200 S 4th St	Miller	NE	308-440-0147			

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Pleasanton		2 Positions				
	Theodore Eichholz					Y
Riverdale		2 Positions				
	Aaron C. Cudaback					Y
Shelton		2 Positions				