

Official Ballot, Joint Special Election, September 9, 2025

Buffalo County, Nebraska	State of Nebraska	September 9, 2025
<p><b>INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTER</b></p> <p>The following are instructions on how to vote your ballot. Please follow these instructions precisely, otherwise, your ballot may not be counted.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Verify that there are initials of an election official at the bottom of the ballot.</li><li>2. Verify that there are no voting marks on the ballot.</li><li>3. Use a black ink pen to mark the ballot.</li><li>4. Fill in the oval (●) completely next to your choice. Circling or placing other marks outside of the oval will not suffice.</li><li>5. Do NOT cross out or erase. If you make a mistake, write "VOID" across the face of the ballot and call the Election Official for instructions.</li><li>6. Place voted ballot into the <i>Return Identification Envelope</i>. Write your NE driver's license or state ID in the space provided on the envelope, or enclose a photocopy of an acceptable photo ID or Reasonable Impediment Certification (if applicable). Complete, SIGN and seal the envelope. Remember to peel and seal to cover the voter ID and signature boxes.</li><li>7. Any person physically unable to sign the envelope must make his/her "mark" and must have an individual witness. Failure to complete and sign the Return Identification Envelope will cause the ballot to be rejected.</li><li>8. Do NOT place more than ONE (1) voted ballot into the return identification envelope.</li><li>9. Ballots must be received at the Buffalo County Election Office no later than 5pm on Tuesday, September 9, 2025.</li><li>10. Ballots may be returned by one of the following means:<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. U.S. Mail: Place \$0.78 postage on the envelope provided and mail the ballot to the Buffalo County Election Commission.</li><li>b. Hand deliver the ballot to the Buffalo County Election Commissioner's office, 1512 Central Avenue, Kearney, Nebraska 68847 or place in the outside drop box located on the west side of the courthouse in the horseshoe parking lot. No postage is necessary for these delivery methods.</li></ol></li></ol>		
<p><b>COUNTY TICKET</b></p> <p><b>Buffalo County Bond</b></p> <p>"Shall The County of Buffalo, Nebraska (the "County") issue its negotiable bonds in a principal amount of not to exceed SEVENTY-TWO MILLION DOLLARS (\$72,000,000) for the purpose of financing the costs of constructing, equipping and furnishing a new law enforcement facility for the citizens of the County, including related site improvements and parking and infrastructure improvements, initially intended for joint use between the City of Kearney, Nebraska law enforcement and County law enforcement; said bonds to be issued from time to time, to be sold at such prices, to bear interest at such rate or rates, to become due at such time or times, and to have such other terms and provisions, all as may be fixed and determined by the Board of Commissioners of the County; and</p> <p>"Shall the County cause to be levied and collected annually a special tax against all taxable property in the County sufficient in rate and amount to pay the principal of, the premium, if any, and the interest on said Bonds as the same become due and payable, which special tax shall be in addition to all other taxes to be collected by the County, may exceed the County's constitutional and statutory limitations on levying more than 50 cents per \$100 of taxable valuation, and shall be levied and collected so long as said bonds are outstanding?"</p> <p><input type="radio"/> FOR said bonds and tax</p> <p><input type="radio"/> AGAINST said bonds and tax</p> <p>Qualified electors voting in favor of said proposition shall blacken the oval opposite the words "FOR said bonds and tax" following said proposition, and qualified electors voting against said proposition shall blacken the oval opposite the words "AGAINST said bonds and tax" following said proposition.</p>		
<p><b>VILLAGE TICKET</b></p> <p><b>Village of Elm Creek, Local Sales and Use Tax Increase</b></p> <p>Shall the governing body of the incorporated municipality - the Village of Elm Creek, Nebraska - increase the local sales and use tax rate by an additional one-half of one percent (½%) from the current rate of one percent (1%) to a rate of one and one-half percent (1½%) and impose a sales and use tax at the increased rate upon the same transactions within such municipality on which the State of Nebraska is authorized to impose a tax?</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="radio"/> No</p> <p>A "Yes" Vote: If a majority of the votes cast upon such question shall be in favor of increasing such local sales and use tax rate by an additional one-half of one percent (½%) to a rate of one and one-half percent (1½%), then the governing body of such incorporated municipality - the Village of Elm Creek - shall be empowered as provided by Section 77-27,142 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes and shall forthwith proceed to increase the local sales and use tax rate from one percent (1%) to one and one-half percent (1½%) and impose a sales and use tax at the increased rate upon the same transactions within such municipality on which the State of Nebraska is authorized to impose a tax, pursuant to the Local Option Revenue Act.</p> <p>A "No" Vote: If a majority of those voting on the question shall be opposed to such an increase of the local sales and use tax rate by an additional one-half of one percent (½%), then the governing body of the incorporated municipality shall not impose such a tax increase and the local sales and use tax rate will remain unchanged at one percent (1%).</p>		
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