

NOTICE OF PRIMARY ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that on the 12th day of May, 2026, in the precincts of Otoe County, Nebraska, an election will be held. The polls will open at 8:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m. Said election will be for nominating, or in some cases, electing candidates to various offices. Listed below are candidates whose names shall appear on the Primary Ballot.

UNITED STATES SENATORIAL TICKET	STATE TICKET	COUNTY TICKET
For United States Senator	For Governor	For County Commissioner - Dist. 01
<u>Six Year Term</u>		
Eric Mortimore Republican	Sheila J. Korth-Focken Republican	Chuck Cole Republican
Pete Ricketts Republican	Gary L. Rogge Republican	Robert D. Valdez Republican
Todd Knobel Republican	Jim Pillen Republican	For County Commissioner - Dist. 02
Mac Stevens Republican	Jacy Todd Republican	Rick Freshman Republican
Debb Axtell Schultz Republican	Sal Holguin Republican	Clint Martin Republican
William J. Forbes Democratic	John Walz Republican	For County Commissioner - Dist. 03
Cindy Burbank Democratic	Lynne Walz Democratic	Jerad Sornson Republican
Earl Starkey LMN	Larry Marvin Democratic	Andy Wright Republican
Mike Marvin LMN	Rick Beard LMN	NONPARTISAN TICKET
CONGRESSIONAL TICKET	For State Treasurer	Syracuse Area Health
For Representative in Congress		For Board of Directors
<u>District 03 - Two Year Term</u>		
David P. Huebner Republican	Joey Spellerberg Republican	Jan Moore Doug Magill
Adrian Smith Republican	Daniel Ebers Democratic	Lower Platte South
Becky Kelly Stille Democratic	For Attorney General	Natural Resources District
David J. Else LMN	Mike Hilgers Republican	Subdistrict 02
STATE TICKET	Jocelyn Brasher Democratic	For Board of Directors
For Secretary of State	For Auditor of Public Accounts	Two Year Term
Bob Evnen Republican	Mike Foley Republican	Mark Patton David Hibler
Scott Petersen Republican		Ryan Runge
Lee M. Cimfel Democratic		
Sarah J. Slattery Democratic		

BALLOT ISSUES

Norris School District 160 Bond Issue

Shall Lancaster County School District 0160 (Norris School District 160) in the State of Nebraska (the "District") issue general obligation bonds of the District in an aggregate stated principal amount not to exceed Thirty-Four Million Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$34,800,000), for the purpose of providing funds to pay the costs of renovations, additions, and improvements to the District's existing school buildings, grounds and facilities, which shall include improvements to the high school, middle school, elementary school, and campus grounds; such bonds to be issued from time to time, 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?"

- FOR such Bonds and Tax
 AGAINST such Bonds and Tax

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.

Waverly School District 145 Bond Issue

Shall Lancaster County School District 0145 (Waverly School District 145) in the State of Nebraska (the District) issue general obligation bonds of the District in an aggregate stated principal amount not to exceed Sixty-four Million Dollars (\$64,000,000), for the purpose of providing funds to pay the costs of constructing additions, renovations, repairs, and improvements on existing school property for the District's high school, middle school, intermediate school, and elementary schools facilities, and providing necessary equipment, furnishings and apparatus for the same, which may include, without limitation, all or a portion of the following:

- Safety and security improvements and enhancements at school buildings and entrances;
- Classroom renovations and enhanced facilities designed for students with disabilities;
- Heating, ventilation, cooling, and maintenance improvements at the high school and other district school facilities;

- Building renovations and improvements to health science classrooms; career and technical education (CTE) spaces; construction and welding labs; and agricultural lab; and
- Constructing additions, renovations, repairs, and improvements to and for existing school buildings;

with such bonds to be issued from time to time, 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? "

- FOR such Bonds and tax
 AGAINST such Bonds and tax

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City of Syracuse, Nebraska - Proposal to increase local sales and use tax rate

Shall the governing body of the incorporated municipality - the City of Syracuse - increase the local sales and use tax rate by an additional one percent (1%) from the current rate of one percent (1%) to a rate of two percent (2%) 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?

- YES
 NO

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 percent (1%) to a rate of two percent (2%), then the governing body of such incorporated municipality - the City of Syracuse - 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 two percent (2%) 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.

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 percent (1%), 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%).

Additional Information Regarding Proposed Local Sales and Use Tax Rate Increase:

List of reductions or elimination of other taxes or fees, if any: There is not contemplated at this time to be any elimination of other taxes or fees should a majority of those voting on such question be in favor of increasing the local sales and use tax rate.

Projects to be funded, in whole or in part, from the revenue collected, along with any savings or efficiencies resulting from the projects: Revenues from the increase in the tax from one percent (1%) to one and one-half percent (1 ½%) are available to be used for the general purposes of the City, which may include public infrastructure projects of the City and debt service on bonds issued to fund the costs of such projects. Revenues from the additional increase in the tax rate of one-half of one percent (½%) are to be used for such public infrastructure projects as are allowed pursuant to the Local Option Revenue Act. If approved, the revenues will be available to fund debt service on bonds issued to pay the costs of constructing a fire station in and for the City to be used and operated pursuant to an Interlocal Agreement with Syracuse Rural Fire District. Pursuant to the Local Option Revenue Act, the public infrastructure projects that may be funded with the increase in sales and use tax above one and one-half percent (1 ½%) include public highways and bridges and municipal roads, streets, bridges, and sidewalks; solid waste management facilities; wastewater, storm water, and water treatment works and systems, water distribution facilities, and water resources projects, including, but not limited to, pumping stations, transmission lines, and mains and their appurtenances; hazardous waste disposal systems; resource recovery systems; airports; port facilities; buildings and capital equipment used in the operation of municipal government; convention and tourism facilities; redevelopment projects as defined in Neb. Rev. Stat. §18-2103; mass transit and other transportation systems, including parking facilities; and equipment necessary for the provision of municipal services. Savings and efficiencies may be realized through the completion of such public infrastructure projects.

Years within which the revenue will be collected; payment of bonds: The increase in sales and use tax shall terminate no more than ten years after the effective date of the increased sales and use tax or, if bonds are issued and the local option sales and use tax revenue is pledged for payment of such bonds, upon payment of such bonds and any refunding bonds, whichever date is later, provided that the portion of the rate greater than one and one-half percent imposed for the purpose of the interlocal agreement between the City of Syracuse and the Syracuse Rural Fire District, which interlocal agreement is related to public infrastructure projects, shall not terminate until further action of the City.

Interlocal Agreement:The City of Syracuse and the Syracuse Rural Fire District have entered into an interlocal agreement that creates a separate administrative entity for purposes of the agreement. The interlocal agreement provides for the construction and operation of a fire station in and for the City which will be used by the City and the Syracuse Rural Fire District. Such interlocal agreement contains provisions relating to the long-term development of unified governance of the fire station project and other potential public infrastructure projects in the City with respect to the parties, including but not limited to any such infrastructure projects as may be funded by revenues from the increased sales and use tax as noted above. The portion of the rate greater than one and one-half percent, such portion being at least one-eighth percent (⅛%), shall be imposed for the purposes of the interlocal agreement.

In compliance with Section 32-811 R.R.S. Nebraska Statutes the following races and candidates are declared nominated, and their names will automatically advance and be printed on the November 3, 2026 General Election Ballot. Elections for Directors of Educational Service Units, Village Board Trustees and Retention of Judges will be held in the General Election

COUNTY TICKET	
<u>For County Assessor</u>	
Christina M. Smallfoot	Republican
<u>For County Attorney</u>	
Jennifer A. Panko-Rahe	Republican
<u>For County Clerk</u>	
Jenny Bassinger	Republican
<u>For Clerk of District Court</u>	
Janis A. Riege	Republican
<u>For County Treasurer</u>	
Nickola R. Kreifels	Republican
<u>For County Register of Deeds</u>	
Katie Rudy	Republican
<u>For County Surveyor</u>	
Daniel A. Thomson	Republican
<u>For County Public Defender</u>	
Mike Ziskey	Democratic
<u>For County Sheriff</u>	
Colin Caudill	Republican
SCHOOL TICKET	
School District 111 - Nebraska City	
<u>For School Board Member</u>	
Brent B. Shanholtz	Robert Elson
School District OR1 - Palmyra	
<u>For School Board Member</u>	
Dean Busch	Josh Penterman
Dee Moore	
School District 027	
Syracuse -Dunbar-Avoca	
<u>For School Board Member</u>	
Edward J. Zastera	Justin Stark
Kathryn Szczepaniak	Ana Damme
Aaron Lessmann	
School District N23 - Johnson/Brock	
<u>For School Board Member</u>	
Mitch Neddenriep	Chester Bohling

SCHOOL TICKET	
School District 50	
Johnson County Central	
<u>For School Board Member</u>	
Kim Wellensiek	Don Gaden
Scott D. Straka	Elisa Prado
School District J33 - Sterling	
<u>For School Board Member</u>	
Megan Buckley	Mark Horstman
McKenzie Saathoff	
School District C97	
Elmood Murdock	
<u>For School Board Member</u>	
Eric Towle	Mark Meyer
Joel Clements	Beth Jacobson
Kristen Janssen	
School District G34 - Freeman	
<u>For School Board Member</u>	
Kyle Dorn	Shawn E. Mencl
Jordan N. Freeman	Theron Troxel
School District 160 - Norris	
<u>For School Board Member</u>	
Ward 2	Steph Meese
Ward 4	Aaron Wubbels
Ward 6	Craig Gana
School District 56 - Conestoga	
<u>For School Board Member</u>	
Gregory William Page	Craig Todd
Seth Ahrens	Halle McCartney
David A.C. Campbell	Wendy Callahan
NONPARTISAN TICKET	
Southeast Community College	
<u>For Board of Governors - District 02</u>	
Brandon Gunther	

NONPARTISAN TICKET	
Lower Platte South	
Natural Resources District	
<u>For Board of Directors</u>	
Subdistrict 02 - 4 Yr Term	Mark G. Spangler
At Large	David M. Landis
Nemaha Natural Resources District	
<u>For Board of Directors</u>	
Subdistrict 02	Russel Moss
Subdistrict 03	Doug Iske
Subdistrict 04	Patricia K. Coates
Subdistrict 05 - 2 Yr Term	Adam M. Howard
Subdistrict 05 - 4 Yr Term	Kevin L. Thorne
At Large	Tracy Ensor
CITY TICKET	
For Nebraska City	
<u>Street Commissioner</u>	
Joe Chaney	
For Nebraska City	
<u>Finance Commissioner</u>	
No filing	
For Nebraska City Airport Authority	
<u>Board Member - 6 Year Term</u>	
Neal Deremer	
For Syracuse City Council Member	
Nate Patton	Kelsey Graves
I, Jenny Bassinger, County Clerk of Otoe County, do hereby certify that the foregoing named persons have fulfilled requirements of law and each is entitled to have his or her name placed on an official ballot for the office as designated above.	
Jenny Bassinger, Otoe County Clerk March 20, 2026	