

**DIRECTORY OF  
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OFFICIALS**



OF LINCOLN  
AND  
LANCASTER COUNTY  
NEBRASKA



*League of Women Voters  
Lincoln-Lancaster County  
2007-2008*

# 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.

League of Women Voters of Lincoln-Lancaster County  
140 North 8th Street, Suite 215

Lincoln, NE 68508

Phone/Fax: (402) 475-1411

## VOTER MEMO

My precinct is \_\_\_\_\_

My polling place is \_\_\_\_\_

My legislative district is \_\_\_\_\_

I am in the First Congressional District.

# **REGISTRATION AND VOTING**

## **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 found mentally incompetent, 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 p.m., you may request time off to vote from your employer, or 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, or by mail. Mail-in registration cards are available at post offices, banks, and libraries; a registration form may also be found in the blue pages of the local telephone book, and at [www.lincoln.ne.gov/cnty/election/votereg.htm](http://www.lincoln.ne.gov/cnty/election/votereg.htm). 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. For more information about registration, call the Election Commissioner's office 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.

## **YOU CAN VOTE AN EARLY VOTING BALLOT...**

if you are registered to vote. Phone the election commissioner's office at 441-7311 to find out how to vote this way.

# **REGISTRATION AND VOTING**

# **ELECTIONS**

## **ELECTORAL PROCESSES**

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 ELECTIONS**

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
<b>Secretary of State</b>			
Salary – \$85,000	4 years		
John Gale		471-2554	1/2011
<b>Lancaster County Election Commissioner</b>			
Salary – \$69,370	4 years		
David Shively		441-7311	9/2011
<b>Chief Deputy Election Commissioner</b>			
Salary – \$49,946.40	4 years		
Maura Kelly Tolzin		441-7311	9/2011

## 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 60¢ over minimum wage plus mileage.

## UPCOMING ELECTIONS

Presidential Primary .....5/13/2008

Presidential General .....11/4/2008

City Primary .....4/7/2009

City General .....5/5/2009

## UPCOMING ELECTIONS/ELECTION OFFICIALS

# NATIONAL GOVERNMENT

	Term	Phone Web Site	Term Expires
<b>President</b>			
Salary – \$400,000	4 years		
George W. Bush	R		1/2009

<b>Vice President</b>			
Salary – \$215,700	4 years		
Richard Cheney	R		1/2009

**White House Comment Line: 202/456-1111**

**White House E-mail Address:**  
[comments@whitehouse.gov](mailto:comments@whitehouse.gov)

## U.S. Senators

Salary – \$169,300      6 years  
with no honoraria allowed

Chuck Hagel	R	202/224-4224	1/2009
248 Russell Senate Office Building		402/476-1400	
Washington, D.C. 20510		<a href="http://hagel.senate.gov">hagel.senate.gov</a>	

Ben Nelson	D	202/224-6551	1/2013
720 Hart Senate Office Building		402/441-4600	
Washington, D.C. 20510		<a href="http://bennelson.senate.gov">bennelson.senate.gov</a>	

## U.S. Representative – District 1

Salary – \$169,300      2 years

Jeff Fortenberry	R	202/225-4806	1/2009
1517 Longworth Office Building		402/438-1598	
Washington, D.C. 20515		<a href="http://fortenberry.house.gov">fortenberry.house.gov</a>	

(NP = Nonpartisan    D = Democrat    R = Republican)

# STATE GOVERNMENT

www.nebraska.gov

		Phone	Term Expires
<b>Governor</b>			
Salary – \$105,000	4 years		
David Heineman	R	471-2244	1/2011
<b>Lt. Governor</b>			
Salary – \$75,000	4 years		
Rick Sheehy	R	471-2256	1/2011
<b>Secretary of State</b>			
Salary – \$85,000	4 years		
John Gale	R	471-2554	1/2011
<b>Attorney General</b>			
Salary – \$95,000	4 years		
Jon Bruning	R	471-2682	1/2011
<b>Auditor</b>			
Salary – \$85,000	4 years		
Mike Foley	R	471-2111	1/2011
<b>Treasurer</b>			
Salary – \$85,000	4 years		
Shane Osborn	R	471-2455	1/2011
<b>Senators of the Unicameral</b>			
Salary – \$12,000	4 years	NP	
Carol Hudkins – Dist. 21		471-2673	1/2009
Ronald Raikes – Dist. 25		471-2731	1/2009
Amanda McGill – Dist. 26		471-2610	1/2011
DiAnna Schimek – Dist. 27		471-2632	1/2009
Bill Avery – Dist. 28		471-2633	1/2011
Tony Fulton – Dist. 29		471-2734	1/2009
Norman Wallman – Dist. 30		471-2620	1/2011
Danielle Nantkes – Dist. 46		471-2720	1/2011
<b>Board of Education</b>			
No Salary	4 years	NP	
<b>Dist.1</b> Robert Evnen		437-8500	1/2009
<b>Dist.5</b> Patricia Timm		228-4054	1/2011
<b>Board of Regents</b>			
No salary; expenses	6 years	NP	
<b>Dist.1</b> Charles Wilson		488-9320	1/2009
<b>Dist.5</b> Jim McClurg		437-4807	1/2011
<b>Public Service Commissioner – Dist. 1</b>			
Salary – \$75,000	6 years		
Frank Landis	R	471-3101	1/2013

## NATIONAL AND STATE GOVERNMENT

# JUDICIAL

	Phone	Term Expires
<b>State Supreme Court Judges</b>		
Salary – \$131,285.61	6 years MP*	
Chief Justice Michael Heavican	471-3738	1/2010
Assoc. Justice Ken C. Stephan	471-3737	1/2013
<b>Nebraska Court of Appeals</b>		
Salary – \$124,721.32	6 years MP*	
Richard Sievers	471-3732	1/2009
<b>3rd Judicial District Judges</b>		
Salary – \$121,439.18	6 years MP*	
Jodi Nelson	441-7302	1/2010
John Colborn	441-7303	1/2011
Steven D. Burns	441-7675	1/2013
Jeffre Chevront	441-7065	1/2011
Earl Witthoff	441-7304	1/2011
Paul Merritt, Jr.	441-7301	1/2011
Karen Flowers	441-7509	1/2013
<b>3rd Judicial District Juvenile Judges</b>		
Salary – \$121,439.18	6 years MP*	
Roger Heideman	441-7385	1/2010
Toni Thorson	441-8487	1/2011
Linda S. Porter	441-7406	1/2009
Reggie L. Ryder	441-6341	1/2011
<b>State Workers Compensation Court</b>		
Salary – \$121,439.18	6 years MP*	
Michael K. High	471-3923	1/2009
Laureen K. Van Norman	471-3924	1/2009
Ronald Brown	(402) 595-3900	1/2011
John Hoffert	471-3923	1/2011
J. Michael Fitzgerald	471-3924	1/2013
Michael Cavell	(402) 595-3900	1/2011
James R. Coe	(402) 595-3900	1/2011
<b>Lancaster County Judges</b>		
Salary – \$118,157.04	6 years MP*	
James L. Foster	441-7656	1/2011
Gale Pokorny	441-8988	1/2011
Laurie J. Yardley	441-8741	1/2011
Mary L. Doyle	441-8975	1/2013
Susan I. Strong	441-7655	1/2010
Jean A. Lovell	441-8976	1/2009

\*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 six-year term.

# LANCASTER COUNTY GOVERNMENT

County-City Building Phone 441-7171  
555 South 10th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508  
[www.lancaster.ne.gov](http://www.lancaster.ne.gov)

Lancaster County is governed by a five-member board of commissioners, elected from five commissioner districts. The commissioners are nominated in the primary election in their respective districts and elected in the general election by the electors of the entire county. Each must be a qualified voter and a resident of his/her district.

<b>County Commissioners</b>	<b>Term</b>	<b>Phone</b>	<b>Expires</b>
Salary – \$ 35,503.52	4 years		
Ray Stevens – Dist. 1	R	441-7447	1/2011
Larry Hudkins – Dist. 2	R	441-7447	1/2009
Deb Schorr – Dist. 3	R	441-7447	1/2011
Bernie Heier – Dist. 4	R	441-7447	1/2009
Bob Workman – Dist. 5	R	441-7447	1/2011
<b>Assessor/Register of Deeds</b>			
Salary – \$105,564.16	4 years		
Norman Agena	R	441-7463	1/2011
<b>Attorney</b>			
Salary – \$125,980.40	4 years		
Gary E. Lacey	R	441-7321	1/2011
<b>Clerk</b>			
Salary – \$71,007.04	4 years		
Dan Nolte	D	441-7481	1/2011
<b>Sheriff</b>			
Salary – \$102,051.04	4 years		
Terry Wagner	R	441-6500	1/2011
<b>Engineer</b>			
Salary – \$99,699.60	4 years		
Don R. Thomas	R	441-7681	1/2011
<b>Treasurer</b>			
Salary – \$74,443.20	4 years		
Richard Nuernberger	R	441-7425	1/2011
<b>Clerk of the District Court</b>			
Salary – \$74,438.00	4 years		
Sue Kirkland	R	441-7328	1/2011
<b>Public Defender</b>			
Salary – \$125,980.40	4 years		
Dennis R. Keefe	D	441-7631	1/2011
<b>Corrections – Appointed Position</b>			
Salary – \$95,948			
Mike Thurber		441-7530	

# JUDICIAL & COUNTY GOVERNMENT

# LINCOLN CITY GOVERNMENT

County-City Building 441-7171

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[www.lincoln.ne.gov](http://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.

<b>MAYOR</b>	<b>Chris Beutler</b>	<b>441-7511</b>
(Salary \$74,909, 4-year term, NP)		

Citizen Information Center	Diane Gonzolas	441-7831
Commission on Human Rights	Larry Williams	441-7624
Lincoln Area Agency on Aging	June Pederson	441-6157

<b>CITY DEPARTMENTS</b>	<b>Director</b>	<b>Phone</b>
<i>(Directors are appointed by the mayor with council approval, unless noted)</i>		

Building and Safety	Mike Merwick	441-7521
Finance	Don Herz	441-7411
Fire and Rescue	Niles Ford	441-7363
Health	Bruce Dart	441-8000
<i>(appointed by the Mayor with City Council, Board of Health, and County Board approval)</i>		
Law	Dana Roper	441-7281
Libraries	Carol Connor	441-8500
<i>(appointed by the Library Board of Trustees)</i>		

City Government continued

- Parks and Recreation                      Lynn Johnson                      441-7847
- Personnel                                      Don Taute                              441-7597
- Planning                                        Marvin Krout                              441-7491
- Police    Tom Casady                              441-7204
- Public Works and Utilities                      Greg MacLean                              441-7548
- Urban Development                              David Landis                              441-7606
- (appointed by the Mayor with City Council and County Board approval)

**CITY COUNCIL**

**441-7515**

Salary – \$24,000      4 years   NP

**Term Expires**

- At Large    – Robin Eschliman    441-8795    5/2009
- Dan Marvin                      421-2024    5/2009
- Ken Svoboda                      486-3392    5/2009
- Dist.1 (NE) – Doug Emery                      540-3805    5/2011
- Dist.2 (SE) – Jon Camp                      489-1001    5/2011
- Dist.3 (SW) – Jonathan Cook                      476-8686    5/2011
- Dist.4 (NW) – John Spatz                      441-7574    5/2011

**AIRPORT AUTHORITY**

**458-2400**

No salary; expenses    6 years   NP

- Chris Hove                                      420-9543    5/2011
- John Hoppe, Jr.                                      437-9200    5/2009
- Phyllis Chambers                                      488-8814    5/2011
- Edward P. Raines                                      421-6229    5/2013
- Bob Hampton                                      434-5650    5/2009

**Lincoln Electric System Administrator**

*(appointed by LES Administrative Board)*

- Terry Bundy                                      475-4211

**LINCOLN CITY GOVERNMENT**

# SPECIAL DISTRICTS

## LOWER PLATTE SOUTH NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT

476-2729 / [www.lpsnrd.org](http://www.lpsnrd.org)

Elected officials receive \$60.00 per diem plus expenses, up to \$3,600.00 annually. 4 years NP

*(Only Lincoln and Lancaster County officials listed)*

	<b>Phone</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
<b>Subdistrict 1</b>		
David Potter – Valparaiso	784-0262	2010
Don Jacobson – Lincoln	477-2523	2008
<b>Subdistrict 2</b>		
Marsha Babcock – Elmwood	994-2067	2008
David Nielsen – Weeping Water	267-5261	2010
<b>Subdistrict 3</b>		
Ronald Case – Lincoln	464-8969	2010
Larry Swanson – Lincoln	483-1274	2008
<b>Subdistrict 4</b>		
Dean L. Petersen – Lincoln	484-0474	2010
Phyllis Hergenrader – Lincoln	421-7085	2008
<b>Subdistrict 5</b>		
Steven Larrick – Lincoln	435-5612	2010
Kristin Yates – Lincoln	474-0389	2008
<b>Subdistrict 6</b>		
Elaine Hammer – Lincoln	477-0242	2010
Doug Samuelson – Lincoln	742-7509	2008
<b>Subdistrict 7</b>		
Dan Steinkruger – Lincoln	483-0197	2010
Russell Barger – Lincoln	325-9252	2008
<b>Subdistrict 8</b>		
Ronald D. Svoboda – Lincoln	488-8097	2010
Larry Hall – Lincoln	483-6300	2008
<b>Subdistrict 9</b>		
Robert Andersen – Lincoln	483-5455	2010
Larry Zimmerman–Lincoln	489-0829	2008
<b>Subdistrict 10</b>		
Ken Reitan – Lincoln	423-3540	2008
Jason Hayes – Lincoln	477-3272	2010
<b>At Large</b>		
David Landis – Lincoln	466-9352	2010

## NORRIS PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT

423-3855 / [www.norrisppd.com](http://www.norrisppd.com)

Salary – \$360.00/month; \$430.00 for President;  
\$410.00 for Treasurer plus

\$150.00 for each board meeting; mileage. 6 years NP

<b>Subdivision 1</b>		
Berneal Warner – Waverly	786-3699	2012
<b>Subdivision 2</b>		
Dennis Buel – Hickman	792-2070	2012
<b>Subdivision 3</b>		
Gary Kroese – Adams	988-3955	2010
<b>Subdivision 5</b>		
Allen Sieck – Martell	794-4955	2008
<b>Subdivision 7</b>		
Frank A. Sobotka – Lincoln	423-0652	2010

# NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT

466-9778

[www.nppd.com](http://www.nppd.com)

## Subdivision 1

Dennis L. Rasmussen – Lincoln 474-3810 1/2009

## Subdivision 2

Mary Harding – Lincoln 438-5917 1/2009

# SOUTHEAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE

**Board of Governors**

471-3333

[www.southeast.edu](http://www.southeast.edu)

No Salary 4 years NP

## Subdistrict 1

Lynn Schluckebier – Seward 643-4340 1/2011

Doug Merryman – Geneva 759-4865 1/2009

## Subdistrict 2

Ed Heiden – Sterling 866-2205 1/2011

Gene Watermeier – Unadilla 269-2632 1/2009

## Subdistrict 3

Darryl Baker – Beatrice 228-1432 1/2011

Robert J. Feit – Beatrice 228-1363 1/2009

## Subdistrict 4

Nancy Seim – Lincoln 467-4953 1/2011

Ruth M. Johnson – Lincoln 435-5817 1/2009

## Subdistrict 5

Jacki Allensworth – Lincoln 484-4141 1/2011

Helen E. Griffin – Lincoln 488-0140 1/2009

## At Large

Richard O. Scott – Lincoln 483-1326 1/2009

## FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICTS

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

## SANITARY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS

For information about representatives of the Sanitary Improvement District, contact the Election Commissioner's office at 441-7311.

## 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.gov](http://www.hickman.gov)

		Phone	Term Expires
<b>Mayor</b>			
Salary – \$200/month, \$50/meeting	4 years	792-2212	
James Hrouda			12/2010

### City Council

Salary – \$100/month, \$50/meeting	4 years	792-2212	
Richard B. Harms			12/2010
Michael Cejka			12/2010
David F. Dykmann			12/2010
Doug Hanson			12/2008
Steve N. Noren			12/2008
Kim Hoelsing			12/2008

## CITY OF WAVERLY

[www.waverlyne.org](http://www.waverlyne.org)

		Phone	Term Expires
<b>Mayor</b>			
Salary – \$6,000	4 years	786-2312	
Ron Melbye			12/2008

### City Council

Salary \$3,000	4 years	786-2312	
John Hestermann			12/2010
Terry Brown			12/2010
Chad Neuhalfen			12/2008
Tina M. Sonderoth			12/2008

# LINCOLN BOARD OF EDUCATION

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

	<b>Phone</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
District 1 – Kathy Danek	464-8549	5/2009
District 2 – Richard Meginnis	489-2745	5/2011
District 3 – Barbara Baier	475-7291	5/2009
District 4 – Ed Zimmer	430-7814	5/2011
District 5 – Keith Prettyman	423-3350	5/2009
District 6 – Lillie Larsen	488-7038	5/2011
District 7 – Don Mayhew	421-1491	5/2009

## COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICTS

District OR1 – Palmyra	780-5327
District 2 – Crete	826-5855
District 5 – Milford	761-3321
District 34 – Freeman	988-2525
District 82 – Wilber-Clatonia	821-2508
District 145 – Waverly	786-2321
District 148 – Malcolm	796-2151
District 160 – Norris	791-0000
District 161 – Raymond	785-2685

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# POLITICAL PARTIES

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

**Green Party** [www.nebraskagreens.org](http://www.nebraskagreens.org)  
P.O. Box 85442  
Lincoln, NE 68501

*Steve Larrick* 435-5612  
*Co-chair*  
*Barbara van den Berg*  
*Co-chair*

**Nebraska Democratic Party** **434-2180**  
1327 H Street, Suite 200  
Lincoln, NE 68508  
[www.nebraskademocrats.org](http://www.nebraskademocrats.org)

*Steve Achelpohl, Chair*  
*Matt Connealy, Executive Director*

**Nebraska Party** [www.nebraskaparty.org](http://www.nebraskaparty.org)  
87288 543 Avenue  
Wausa, NE 68786

*Paul & Kelly Rosberg, Chairs* 402-586-2579

**Nebraska Republican Party** **475-2122**  
1610 N Street  
Lincoln, NE 68508  
[www.negop.org](http://www.negop.org)

*Mark Quandahl, Chair*  
*Tiffany Carlton, Executive Director*