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LANCASTER COUNTY
NEBRASKA



*League of Women Voters
Lincoln-Lancaster County
2009-2010*

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.

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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. 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.

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
Secretary of State			
Salary – \$85,000	4 years		
John Gale		471-2554	1/2011
Lancaster County Election Commissioner			
Salary – \$73,948.50	4 years		
David Shively		441-7311	9/2011
Chief Deputy Election Commissioner			
Salary – \$53,242.92	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

State Primary	5/11/2010
State General	11/2/2010
City Primary	4/5/2011
City General	5/3/2011

NATIONAL GOVERNMENT

	Term	Phone Web Site	Term Expires
President			
Salary – \$400,000	4 years		
Barack Obama	D		1/2013

Vice President			
Salary – \$227,300	4 years		
Joe Biden	D		1/2013

White House Comment Line: 202/456-1111

White House E-mail Address:
www.whitehouse.gov/contact/

U.S. Senators

Salary – \$174,000 6 years
with no honoraria allowed

Mike Johanns	R	202/224-4224	1/2015
404 Russell Senate Office Building		402/476-1400	
Washington, D.C. 20510		johanns.senate.gov	

Ben Nelson	D	202/224-6551	1/2013
720 Hart Senate Office Building		402/441-4600	
Washington, D.C. 20510		bennelson.senate.gov	

U.S. Representative – District 1

Salary – \$174,000 2 years

Jeff Fortenberry	R	202/225-4806	1/2011
1535 Longworth Office Building		402/438-1598	
Washington, D.C. 20515		fortenberry.house.gov	

(NP = Nonpartisan D = Democrat R = Republican)

STATE GOVERNMENT

www.nebraska.gov

		Phone	Term Expires
Governor			
Salary – \$105,000	4 years		
David Heineman	R	471-2244	1/2011
Lt. Governor			
Salary – \$75,000	4 years		
Rick Sheehy	R	471-2256	1/2011
Secretary of State			
Salary – \$85,000	4 years		
John Gale	R	471-2554	1/2011
Attorney General			
Salary – \$95,000	4 years		
Jon Bruning	R	471-2682	1/2011
Auditor			
Salary – \$85,000	4 years		
Mike Foley	R	471-2111	1/2011
Treasurer			
Salary – \$85,000	4 years		
Shane Osborn	R	471-2455	1/2011
Senators of the Unicameral			
Salary – \$12,000	4 years	NP	
Ken Haar – Dist. 21		471-2673	1/2013
Kathy Campbell – Dist. 25		471-2731	1/2013
Amanda McGill – Dist. 26		471-2610	1/2011
Colby Coash – Dist. 27		471-2632	1/2013
Bill Avery – Dist. 28		471-2633	1/2011
Tony Fulton – Dist. 29		471-2734	1/2013
Norman Wallman – Dist. 30		471-2620	1/2011
Danielle Conrad – Dist. 46		471-2720	1/2011
Board of Education			
No Salary	4 years	NP	
Dist.1 Robert Evnen		437-8500	1/2013
Dist.5 Patricia Timm		228-4054	1/2011
Board of Regents			
No salary; expenses	6 years	NP	
Dist.1 Tim Clare		475-5100	1/2015
Dist.5 Jim McClurg		477-2030	1/2013
Public Service Commissioner – Dist. 1			
Salary – \$75,000	6 years		
Frank Landis	R	471-3101	1/2013

JUDICIAL

	Phone	Term Expires
State Supreme Court Judges		
Salary – \$139,277.61	6 years MP*	
Chief Justice Michael Heavican	471-3738	1/2011
Assoc. Justice Ken Stephan	471-3737	1/2013
Nebraska Court of Appeals		
Salary – \$132,313.72	6 years MP*	
Richard Sievers	471-3732	1/2015
3rd Judicial District Judges		
Salary – \$128,831.78	6 years MP*	
Jodi Nelson	441-7302	1/2011
John Colborn	441-7303	1/2011
Steven Burns	441-7675	1/2013
Jeffre Chevront	441-7065	1/2011
Robert Otte	441-7304	1/2013
Paul Merritt, Jr.	441-7301	1/2011
Karen Flowers	441-7509	1/2013
3rd Judicial District Juvenile Judges		
Salary – \$128,831.78	6 years MP*	
Roger Heideman	441-7385	1/2011
Toni Thorson	441-8487	1/2011
Linda Porter	441-7406	1/2015
Reggie Ryder	441-6341	1/2013
State Workers Compensation Court		
Salary – \$128,831.78	6 years MP*	
Michael High	471-3923	1/2015
Laureen Van Norman	471-3924	1/2015
Ronald Brown	(402) 595-3900	1/2011
John Hoffert	471-3923	1/2011
J. Michael Fitzgerald	471-3924	1/2013
Michael Cavel	(402) 595-3900	1/2011
James Coe	(402) 595-3900	1/2011
Lancaster County Judges		
Salary – \$125,349.84	6 years MP*	
James Foster	441-7656	1/2011
Gale Pokorny	441-8988	1/2011
Laurie Yardley	441-8741	1/2011
Mary Doyle	441-8975	1/2013
Susan Strong	441-7655	1/2011
Jean Lovell	441-8976	1/2015

*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

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.

County Commissioners	Term Phone	Expires	
Salary – \$ 36,391	4 years		
Ray Stevens – Dist. 1	R	441-7447	1/2011
Larry Hudkins – Dist. 2	R	441-7447	1/2013
Deb Schorr – Dist. 3	R	441-7447	1/2011
Bernie Heier – Dist. 4	R	441-7447	1/2013
Bob Workman – Dist. 5	R	441-7447	1/2011
Assessor/Register of Deeds			
Salary – \$108,203	4 years		
Norman Agena	R	441-7463	1/2011
Attorney			
Salary – \$129,130	4 years		
Gary Lacey	R	441-7321	1/2011
Clerk			
Salary – \$72,782	4 years		
Dan Nolte	D	441-7481	1/2011
Sheriff			
Salary – \$104,602	4 years		
Terry Wagner	R	441-6500	1/2011
Engineer			
Salary – \$102,192	4 years		
Don Thomas	R	441-7681	1/2011
Treasurer			
Salary – \$76,304	4 years		
Richard Nuernberger	R	441-7425	1/2011
Clerk of the District Court			
Salary – \$76,299	4 years		
Sue Kirkland	R	441-7328	1/2011
Public Defender			
Salary – \$129,130	4 years		
Dennis Keefe	D	441-7631	1/2011
Corrections – Appointed Position			
Salary – \$101,791			
Mike Thurber		441-7530	

LINCOLN CITY GOVERNMENT

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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.

MAYOR	Chris Beutler	441-7511
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(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

CITY DEPARTMENTS	Director	Phone
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(Directors are appointed by the mayor with council approval, unless noted)

Building and Safety	Chuck Zimmerman	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	John Hendry	441-7281
Libraries	Pat Leach	441-8500
	<i>(appointed by the Library Board of Trustees)</i>	

City Government continued

Parks and Recreation	Lynn Johnson	441-7847
• Personnel	Mark Koller	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	– Jayne Snyder	441-8793	5/2013
	– Adam Hornung	441-8795	5/2013
	– Eugene Carroll	441-7573	5/2013
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	5/2015
Phyllis Chambers	488-8814	5/2011
Edward P. Raines	421-6229	5/2013
Walter Zink II	488-6336	5/2015

Lincoln Electric System Administrator

(appointed by LES Administrative Board)

Douglas Curry	475-4211
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SPECIAL DISTRICTS

LOWER PLATTE SOUTH NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT

476-2729 / 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)

	Phone	Term Expires
Subdistrict 1		
David Potter – Valparaiso	784-0262	2011
Don Jacobson – Lincoln	477-2523	2013
Subdistrict 2		
Marsha Babcock – Elmwood	994-2067	2013
David Nielsen – Weeping Water	267-5261	2011
Subdistrict 3		
Ronald Case – Lincoln	464-8969	2011
Larry Swanson – Lincoln	483-1274	2013
Subdistrict 4		
Dean Petersen – Lincoln	484-0474	2011
Phyllis Hergenrader – Lincoln	421-7085	2013
Subdistrict 5		
Steven Larrick – Lincoln	435-5612	2011
Greg Osborn – Lincoln	441-1545	2013
Subdistrict 6		
Elaine Hammer – Lincoln	477-0242	2011
Doug Samuelson – Lincoln	742-7509	2013
Subdistrict 7		
Dan Steinkruger – Lincoln	483-0197	2011
Russell Barger – Lincoln	325-9252	2013
Subdistrict 8		
Ronald D. Svoboda – Lincoln	488-8097	2011
Larry Hall – Lincoln	483-6300	2013
Subdistrict 9		
Robert Andersen – Lincoln	483-5455	2011
Larry Zimmerman – Lincoln	489-0829	2013
Subdistrict 10		
Ken Reitan – Lincoln	423-3540	2013
Jason Hayes – Lincoln	477-3272	2011
At Large		
David Landis – Lincoln	466-9352	2011

NORRIS PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT

423-3855 / 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

Subdivision 1		
Berneal Warner – Waverly	786-3699	2013
Subdivision 2		
Dennis Buel – Hickman	792-2070	2013
Subdivision 3		
Gary Kroese – Firth	988-3955	2011
Subdivision 5		
Allen Sieck – Martell	794-4955	2015
Subdivision 7		
Frank Sobotka – Lincoln	423-0652	2011

NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT

466-9778

www.nppd.com

Subdivision 1

Dennis Rasmussen – Lincoln 474-3810 1/2015

Subdivision 2

Mary Harding – Lincoln 438-5917 1/2015

SOUTHEAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Board of Governors

471-3333

www.southeast.edu

No Salary 4 years NP

Subdistrict 1

Lynn Schluckebier – Seward 643-4340 1/2011

Carl Humphrey – Waverly 786-2919 1/2013

Subdistrict 2

Ed Heiden – Sterling 866-2205 1/2011

Gene Watermeier – Unadilla 269-2632 1/2013

Subdistrict 3

Darryl Baker – Beatrice 228-1432 1/2011

Robert Feit – Beatrice 228-1363 1/2013

Subdistrict 4

Nancy Seim – Lincoln 467-4953 1/2011

Ruth Johnson – Lincoln 435-5817 1/2013

Subdistrict 5

Jacki Allensworth – Lincoln 484-4141 1/2011

Helen Griffin – Lincoln 488-0140 1/2013

At Large

James Garver – Lincoln 435-0400 1/2013

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.

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.ne.gov

	Phone	Term Expires
Mayor		
Salary – \$250/month, \$100/meeting 4 years	792-2212	
James Hrouda		12/2010

City Council

Salary – \$150/month, \$100/meeting 4 years	792-2212	
Richard Harms		12/2010
Michael Cejka		12/2010
David Dykmann		12/2010
Doug Hanson		12/2012
Steve Noren		12/2012
Phil Goering		12/2012

CITY OF WAVERLY

www.citywaverly.com

	Phone	Term Expires
Mayor		
Salary – \$6,000 4 years	786-2312	
Michael Werner		12/2012

City Council

Salary \$3,000 4 years	786-2312	
John Hestermann		12/2010
Terry Brown		12/2010
Chad Neuhalfen		12/2012
Joe Dalton		12/2012

LINCOLN BOARD OF EDUCATION

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

	Phone	Term Expires
District 1 – Kathy Danek	464-8549	5/2013
District 2 – Richard Meginnis	489-2745	5/2011
District 3 – Barbara Baier	475-7291	5/2013
District 4 – Ed Zimmer	430-7814	5/2011
District 5 – Kevin Keller	327-8432	5/2013
District 6 – Lillie Larsen	488-7038	5/2011
District 7 – Don Mayhew	421-1491	5/2013

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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*“People should be part of the
decisions that affect their lives.”*

- Helen Boosalis

POLITICAL PARTIES

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

Nebraska Democratic Party **434-2180**
1327 H Street, Suite 200
Lincoln, NE 68508
www.nebraskademocrats.org

Vic Covalt, Chair
Jim Rogers, Executive Director

Nebraska Republican Party **475-2122**
1610 N Street
Lincoln, NE 68508
www.negop.org

Mark Fahleson, Chair
Perre Neilan, Executive Director