

NOTICE OF 2026 GENERAL ELECTION

ANTELOPE COUNTY, NEBRASKA

Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, the 3rd day of November, 2026, at the designated polling places in the precincts of Antelope County, Nebraska, an election will be held for nominating, or in some cases electing, candidates to various offices and for voting on measures. The polls will open at 8:00 am and close at 8:00 pm. Some races may not appear on your ballot as the candidates and issues are elected by specific subdivisions, districts or wards. 4 Year Terms unless other wise noted. If Party is not listed, there are no filings.

UNITED STATES SENATORIAL TICKET

For United States Senator
6 Year Term - Vote for ONE

Pete Ricketts - Republican
Mike Marvin - Legal Marijuana NOW
Robin Richards - Nebraska Working People
Chuck Conboy - America First
By Petition - Dan Osborn

CONGRESSIONAL TICKET

For Representative in Congress

District 03

2 Year Term - Vote for ONE

Adrian Smith - Republican
Becky Kelly Stille - Democratic
David J. Else - Legal Marijuana NOW
Macey Budke - Nebraska Working People
By Petition - Mark Cohen

STATE TICKET

For Governor and Lt. Governor

Vote for ONE

Republican

Jim Pillen and Joe Kelly
Democratic

Lynne Walz and Ben Steffen

Legal Marijauna Now

Rick Beard and Keenya Barnes
America First

Brett Lindstrom and Michael Picard

For Secretary of State

Vote for ONE

Scott Petersen - Republican
Sarah J. Slattery - Democratic
Paul Rumbaugh - Nebraska Working People
Bob Krist - America First

For State Treasurer

Vote for ONE

Joey Spellerberg - Republican
Daniel Ebers - Democratic

For Attorney General

Vote for ONE

Mike Hilgers - Republican
Jocelyn Brasher - Democratic

For Auditor of Public Accounts

Vote for ONE

Mike Foley - Republican
John Knight - America First

NON PARTISAN TICKET

For Member of the Legislature

District 40

Vote for ONE

Barry DeKay

For Member of the

State Board of Education

District 06 - Vote for ONE

Sherry Jones
Grady Erickson

Northeast Community College

For Board of Governors

District 01 Vote for ONE

Delbert J. Ames

Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources

District for Board of Directors

Subdistrict 01 - Vote for ONE

Chad A. Korth

Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources

District for Board of Directors

At Large - Vote for ONE

James G. Aschoff
Layne Roth

Upper Elkhorn Natural Resource District

For Board of Directors

Vote for ONE

Kevin Blair - Subdistrict 05
Aaron Rice - Subdistrict 06
Matthew Beckman - Subdistrict 07
Chris Dierks - At Large

Elkhorn Rural Public Power District

Subdivision 03

6 Year Term - Vote for ONE

David Hoefer

North Central Public Power District

Subdivision 02

6 Year Term - Vote for ONE

Brian Fanta

Educational Service Unit No. 1

District 09 - Vote for ONE

Tabitha Gilsdorf

Educational Service Unit No. 7

District 01 - Vote for ONE

No Filings

Educational Service Unit No. 8

District 03 - Vote for ONE

Gary Arehart

NON PARTISAN TICKET CONT.

Educational Service Unit No. 8

District 05 - Vote for ONE

Cindy Hild

Antelope County Airport Authority Board

At Large - Six Year Term

Vote for TWO

Brian Whitesel
Maurice Soper

Antelope County Airport Authority Board

At Large - Four Year Term

Vote for ONE

Joe McNally

Antelope County Weed Authority Board

Vote for up to TWO

Rachel A. Shrader
Robert Lewis

COUNTY TICKET

For County Commissioner - District 1

Vote for ONE

Neil Williby - Republican

For County Commissioner - District 3

Vote for ONE

Regina L. Krebs - Republican
Don Zegers - Democratic

For County Commissioner - District 5

Vote for ONE

Casey Dittrich - Republican

For County Assessor

Vote for ONE

Kelly Mueller-Oltjenbruns - Republican

For County Attorney

Vote for One

Joseph M. Smith - Republican

For County Clerk

Vote for ONE

Lisa Payne - Republican

For Clerk of District Court

Vote for ONE

Angela F. Mortensen - Republican

For County Sheriff

Vote for ONE

Robert E. Moore - Republican

For County Surveyor

Vote for ONE

No Filings

For County Treasurer

Vote for One

Deb Branstiter - Republican

SCHOOL TICKET

For Elgin Public School Board Member

District 18 - Vote for up to THREE

Lisa Welding
Kimberly Young
Kyle Heithoff

For Neligh-Oakdale Public School Board

District 9 - Vote for up to THREE

Kenny Reinke
Ginny Garzon
Toni Arehart

For Summerland Public School

Board Member-District 115

Vote for up to THREE

Scott Thiele
Austin Twibell
Jeremy Wagner

For Member of Board of Education

Boone Central Schools

Vote for up to THREE

Ben Stuhr
Josh Gompert
Brett Temme

For Creighton Public

School Board Members

District 13

Vote for up to THREE

Dixie L. Hanefeldt
Josh Key
Amy Borgmann
Sarah Strehle
Megan Dufek

For Elkhorn Valley Public

School Board Member

Vote for up to THREE

Ross Tegeler
Sam Johnsen
Marykae Broberg

SCHOOL TICKET CONT.

For Plainview Public

School Board Member

Vote for up to THREE

Wyatt J. Frahm
Timothy E. Rasmussen
Justin T. Doerr
Melissa K. Doerr
Kevin L. Weber
Tom Krause

CITY TICKET

For Elgin City Mayor

Vote for ONE

Mike Schmitt

For Elgin City Council Member

Ward 1

Leigh Kluthe

For Elgin City Council Member

Ward 2

Diane Landers

For Neligh City Mayor

Vote for ONE

Tyler Pedersen
Ray M. Connot

For Neligh City Council Member

Vote for up to TWO

Ted D. Hughes
Stephanie Lundgren

For Tilden City Mayor

Vote for ONE

Steve J. Rutjens
Allen J. Miller

For Tilden City Council Member

Vote for up to THREE

Josh Becker
Joseph Eckert
Halle Hart

VILLAGE TICKET

For Brunswick Village Board Member

Vote for up to

Todd Buck
Craig Forbes
Cory Masat
Austin M. Pittet

For Clearwater Village Board Member

Vote for up to

Brian King
Haily Schlecht
Marsha M. Hart
Jeff Schlecht

For Oakdale Village Board Member

Vote for up to

Brett Kysar
Jasmine Kysar
Shelby Pitzer

For Orchard Village Board Member

Vote for up to

Tyson Schutt

For Royal Village Board Member

Vote for up to

Jim Bright
Adam Barone

JUDICIAL TICKET

For Judge of the Nebraska Workers'

Compensation Court

6 Year Term

Shall Judge Thomas E. Stine be retained in office?

For Judge of the Nebraska Workers'

Compensation Court

6 Year Term

Shall Judge Dirk V. Block be retained in office?

Proposed Constitutional Amendments

and Initiatives: The Secretary of State

will publish a true copy of the title and

text of any amendments or

referendums

once each week for three consecutive

weeks preceding the election.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have

hereunto set my hand and official seal

this 14th day of September, 2026.



Lisa Payne

PROPOSITION No. 1

Shall the City Council of the City of Elgin increase the local option sales and use tax by 0.5%, to an aggregate amount of 1.5%, upon the same transactions within the City on which the State of Nebraska is authorized to impose a tax, subject to the terms and conditions of the Proposition as set out below?

Yes (For the Sales and Use Tax Increase)

No (Against the Sales and Use Tax Increase)

Terms and Conditions: The terms and conditions of Proposition No. 1 are as follows:

Economic Development Portion: If Proposition No. 2 passes, the additional 0.5% City Sales and Use Tax shall be appropriated to the Economic Development Program – also known as an LB840 program – as provided for in the Plan set out in Proposition No. 2. If Proposition No. 2 fails, the 0.5% sales tax increase shall not be implemented.

Termination of Tax: The 0.5% City Sales and Use Tax increase shall automatically terminate on September 30, 2047, unless the tax is extended by a vote of the electorate prior to that date.

PROPOITION No. 2

Shall the City of Elgin establish an economic development program as described here by appropriating annually from local sources of revenue approximately \$65,962.60 for 20 years?

Yes (For the Program)

No (Against the Program)

Terms and Conditions: The Economic Development Program, as adopted by the City Council, is summarized as follows:

Goals of the Program: The goal of the Program is to provide quality jobs for the citizens of the City and the local area. Funds will be used to encourage and assist existing and new Qualifying Businesses to create and retain jobs, through direct or indirect financial assistance.

Eligible Activities: Activities eligible for the Program include, but are not limited to, direct loans or grants for fixed assets or working capital, loan guaranties, grants for public works improvements, grants or loans for job training, real estate purchases and options, issuing bonds, paying City staff or contracted administration expenses, providing technical assistance, location expenses, equity investments, and grants or loans for the construction or rehabilitation of housing pursuant to a Workforce Housing Plan or an affordable housing action plan.

Qualifying Businesses: Eligible businesses include those deriving principal income from manufacturing, research and development, processing/storing/transporting/selling goods in interstate commerce, selling services in interstate commerce, headquarters facilities, telecommunications, tourism, film production, early childhood care, retail trade, and housing construction/rehabilitation pursuant to a Workforce Housing Plan or an affordable housing action plan. Because the City has a population of 5,000 or less, any business may be considered a Qualifying Business.

Duration of the Program: The Program shall be effective starting July 1, 2027, and shall continue in existence through September 30, 2047.

Years of Collection: The sales tax collections to fund the Program will be collected from July 1, 2027, to September 30, 2047.

Source of Funds: The Program will primarily be funded by an additional City Sales Tax of 0.5%.

Total Amount to be Collected: The total amount proposed to be directly collected from local sources is estimated to be \$1,330,245.77 for the first twenty-one fiscal years.

Bond Issuance: The City proposes to and may issue bonds pursuant to the Act to fund and carry out the Program.

Additional Sources of Funds: Additional funds from noncity sources, including grants, state or federal funds, or donations, will be sought beyond those derived from local sources of revenue.

The City of Neligh presently imposes a 1% sales tax on taxable sales within the City. Shall the City of Neligh, Nebraska, impose an additional .5% sales and use tax for the financing of street improvement projects and the underlying utility improvements associated with the street improvement projects? The additional tax would be of the purchase price upon the same transactions within the City on which the State of Nebraska is authorized to impose a tax.

☐ FOR SUCH INCREASED TAX

☐ AGAINST SUCH INCREASED TAX

SHALL the governing body of the Village of Clearwater impose a sales and use tax upon transactions within such municipality on which the State of Nebraska is authorized to impose a tax in an amount of two percent, which is one-half percent greater than the existing rate of one and one-half percent; no reductions or elimination of other taxes or fees will result; the projects funded by the extra half percent shall be for public infrastructure projects, which will not provide savings or efficiencies other than the replacement of existing infrastructure in need of replacement; the years within which the extra one-half percent shall be collected shall be from July 1, 2027, through September 30, 2036, or, if bonds are issued and the extra one-half percent is pledged for payment of such bonds, until payment of such bonds and any refunding bonds, whichever is later; and zero percent of the revenue collected from the extra one-half percent of local option sales tax shall be used for the purposes of an interlocal agreement dated May 11, 2026, between the Village of Clearwater and Antelope County, Nebraska, whose overall purpose is the long-term development of unified governance of public infrastructure projects, and there are no other parties to said agreement.

Yes (For such additional one-half percent of Local Option Sales Tax)

No (Against such additional one-half percent of Local Option Sales Tax)

Polling sites: Tilden Precinct and Tilden 1st Ward-Tilden Public Library; Oakdale Precinct-Oakdale Community Center; Neligh Precinct-Legion Post 172, Neligh; Brunswick Precinct-Brunswick Community Room; Elgin Precinct-KC Hall, Elgin; Royal Precinct-Royal Auditorium; Clearwater Precinct-American Legion Post 267, Clearwater; Orchard Precinct-Orchard Community Room.