

# Nelson County 2026 primary election results

Following are the unofficial results of Nelson County's vote during the 2026 primary election. A total of 800 ballots were cast out of 2,392 eligible voters (33.44%). In each of the following races, voters were instructed to vote for one candidate unless otherwise noted.

## REPUBLICAN RACES

### Representative in Congress

Julie Fedorchak ..... 357 (78.81%)  
Alex C. Balazs ..... 96 (21.19%)

### Secretary of State

Michael Howe ..... 426 (100%)

### Attorney General

Drew Wrigley ..... 433 (100%)

### Agriculture Commissioner

Doug Goehring ..... 432 (100%)

### Public Service Commissioner

S. Haugen-Hoffart ..... 251 (59.90%)

Deven Styczynski ..... 168 (40.10%)

### Public Service Commissioner

#### (unexpired two-year term)

Jill Kringstad ..... 215 (51.44%)

Chris Olson ..... 203 (48.56%)

### Tax Commissioner

Brian Kroshus ..... 429 (100%)

### State Senator, District 29

Terry M. Wanzek ..... 428 (99.77%)

Write-in ..... 1 (0.23%)

### State Representative, District 29

#### (vote for two)

Kevin Wolsky ..... 362 (52.09%)

Craig Headland ..... 333 (47.91%)

## DEMOCRATIC RACES

### Representative in Congress

Trygve Hammer ..... 255 (99.61%)

Write-in ..... 1 (0.39%)

### Secretary of State

Ryan Braunberger ..... 250 (100%)

### Attorney General

Tim Lamb ..... 248 (100%)

### Agriculture Commissioner

Vern Thompson ..... 254 (99.61%)

Write-in ..... 1 (0.39%)

### Public Service Commissioner

John M. Pederson ..... 248 (100%)

### Public Service Commissioner

#### (unexpired two-year term)

Scot Kelsch ..... 250 (100%)

### Tax Commissioner

Mark Nelson ..... 253 (99.61%)

Write-in ..... 1 (0.39%)

### State Senator, District 29

John Kelly ..... 834 (100%)

### State Representative, District 29

#### (vote for two)

Dianne Norris ..... 253 (98.44%)

Write-in ..... 4 (1.56%)

## NONPARTISAN RACES

### Supt. of Public Instruction

Levi Bachmeier ..... 333 (48.97%)

Tracy Layne Foss ..... 276 (40.59%)

Charles Tuttle ..... 70 (10.29%)

Write-in ..... 1 (0.15%)

### Justice of the Supreme Court

Jerod Tufte ..... 482 (71.94%)

Ariston E. Johnson ..... 188 (28.06%)

### Justice of the Supreme Court

### (unexpired eight-year term)

Douglas A. Bahr ..... 646 (99.85%)

Write-in ..... 1 (0.15%)

### Judge of the District Court

#### No. 2 Northeast Central,

#### unexpired four-year term

Theodore Sandberg ..... 360 (54.22%)

Sarah M. Kyte ..... 304 (45.78%)

### Judge of the District Court

#### No. 5 Northeast Central

M. Jason McCarthy ..... 635 (100%)

### Judge of the District Court

#### No. 6 Northeast Central,

#### unexpired four-year term

Kristi P. Venhuizen ..... 634 (99.69%)

Write-in ..... 2 (0.31%)

### Nelson County Commissioner

#### District 1

Michael Haugland ..... 683 (98.41%)

Write-in ..... 11 (1.59%)

### Nelson County Commissioner

#### District 3

Aaron Mork ..... 655 (96.61%)

Write-in ..... 23 (3.39%)

### Nelson County Commissioner

#### District 5

Cameron Swenson ..... 674 (99.12%)

Write-in ..... 6 (0.88%)

### Nelson County State's Attorney

Joshua Frey ..... 687 (100%)

### Nelson County Sheriff

Kurt Schwind ..... 682 (97.43%)

Write-in ..... 18 (2.57%)

### Constitutional Measure 1

#### Relating to single-subject

#### amendments

Yes ..... 565 (77.82%)

No ..... 161 (22.18%)

### Official County Newspaper

Lakota American ..... 717 (100%)

## CITY ELECTIONS

### Aneta Council Member

#### (vote for two)

Myron Ham ..... 41 (47.13%)

Kelly Kueber ..... 40 (45.98%)

Write-in ..... 6 (6.90%)

### Aneta Park Board Member

#### (vote for two)

Jennifer Rusten ..... 41 (51.90%)

Cheryl Whitman ..... 28 (35.44%)

Write-in ..... 10 (12.66%)

### Publish Aneta City Council

#### Minutes

Yes ..... 35 (85.37%)

No ..... 6 (14.63%)

### Lakota Mayor

#### (unexpired two-year term)

Richard Riely ..... 133 (68.56%)

William Solberg ..... 61 (31.44%)

### Lakota Council Member

#### (vote for three)

Dan Ferguson ..... 173 (31.06%)

Jesse Schuh ..... 154 (27.65%)

Cole Varnson ..... 138 (24.78%)

Dennis Fahey ..... 89 (15.98%)

Write-in ..... 3 (0.54%)

### Lakota Park Board Member

#### (vote for two)

Beau Snyder ..... 181 (87.86%)

Write-in ..... 25 (12.14%)

### Publish Lakota City Council

### Minutes

Yes ..... 176 (92.15%)

No ..... 15 (7.85%)

### McVille Mayor

Brent Messner ..... 93 (97.89%)

Write-in ..... 2 (2.11%)

### McVille Council Member

#### (vote for two)

Chellbi Ressler ..... 85 (49.71%)

Melissa Joramo ..... 82 (47.95%)

Write-in ..... 4 (2.34%)

### McVille Park Board Member

#### (vote for two)

George Kobel ..... 86 (49.14%)

Ronald Miller ..... 84 (48%)

Write-in ..... 5 (2.86%)

### Publish McVille City Council

#### Minutes

Yes ..... 84 (86.60%)

No ..... 13 (13.40%)

### Michigan Mayor

Lauri Rysavy ..... 55 (94.83%)

Write-in ..... 3 (5.17%)

### Michigan Council Member

#### (vote for two)

Brandon Lulay ..... 57 (75%)

Write-in ..... 19 (25%)

### Michigan Park Board Member

#### (vote for three)

Write-in ..... 64 (100%)

### Publish Michigan City Council

#### Minutes

Yes ..... 52 (88.14%)

No ..... 7 (11.86%)

### Pekin Mayor

Duane Avdem ..... 17 (94.44%)

Write-in ..... 1 (5.56%)

### Pekin Council Member

#### (vote for two)

Gary Beier ..... 15 (46.88%)

Rodney Haugland ..... 15 (46.88%)

Write-in ..... 2 (6.25%)

### Publish Pekin City Council

#### Minutes

No ..... 10 (58.82%)

Yes ..... 7 (41.18%)

### Petersburg Council Member

#### (vote for two)

Brian Johnson ..... 41 (49.40%)

Kevin Sundre ..... 40 (48.19%)

Write-in ..... 2 (2.41%)

### Petersburg Park Board Member

#### (vote for two)

Write-in ..... 27 (100%)

### Publish Petersburg City Council

#### Minutes

Yes ..... 43 (93.48%)

No ..... 3 (6.52%)

### Tolna Council Member

#### (vote for two)

Cheryl Forde ..... 40 (49.38%)

Bret Poehls ..... 36 (44.44%)

Write-in ..... 5 (6.17%)

### Tolna Park Board Member

#### (vote for three)

Judy Lane ..... 40 (66.67%)

Write-in ..... 20 (33.33%)

### Publish Tolna City Council

#### Minutes

Yes ..... 40 (85.11%)

No ..... 7 (14.89%)