

Nebraska Municipal Clerks Newsletter

April 2019

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

*Linda Jensen, MMC, City Clerk/Treasurer, City of Central City
NMCA President*

Spring's Beginning

I am an apple tree at the edge of the grove. I am awakening from my slumber by the touch of the soft spring breeze. I can feel the warmth of the sun's rays on my naked branches. They remind me that I can now flourish. The warm breeze that I feel on this day may decide to change its course, but I will prevail. My blossoms are anxious to express their beauty. The leaves are ready to fill my branches and grow to provide shade to anything that stops to pay me a visit. The birds will find my branches suitable for their home and I will make sure the nest for the newborns will be safe. I will produce grand foliage for their protection. I feel the breeze getting warmer now. I encourage my blossoms to grow into the finest apples of the grove, as they will provide a food source for my visitors.

"The Anecdote" by Linda Jensen

A huge thank you goes out to Ellen, UNO, and the Education Committee for another educational and successful Clerk's Institute and Academy. Ellen and the committee are to be congratulated. The benefits for attending these conferences are too numerous to mention. Not only do they help you to move forward in your career, but they are essential to achieve your CMC (Certification of Municipal



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Clerk) status. I especially enjoyed the last session on "Dog Poop Initiative."

Congratulations to the following Outstanding Clerks of the year for 2019:



*1st Class City
Betty McGuire,
Wayne*

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*City of the Second
Class
Kathleen Gottsch,
Springfield*



*Village
Deanna Perry, Shelby*

An honor that is well deserved!

The executive board met on Friday, March 22, at the Younes Conference Center. Highlights of the meeting were comments and feedback from the Clerk's Institute and Academy and a discussion on the 2020 Clerk's Conference.

The 2019-2020 Nebraska Municipal Clerk's Association (NMCA) Officers:

- Linda Jensen, Central City - President
- Wendy McKain, Trenton - First Vice President
- Melissa Johnson, Waterloo - Second Vice-President
- Eliza Butler, Omaha - Secretary/Treasurer
- RaNae Edwards, Grand Island - Past President
- Janine Schmidt, Morrill - District 1 Director
- Kandra Kinne, Cambridge - District 2 Director
- Raquel Felzien, Franklin - District 3 Director
- Denise Peterson, Ponca - District 4 Director
- Kelly Oelke, Hickman - District 5 Director



*Pictured from left to right: Denise Peterson,
Linda Jensen, Raquel Felzien, Lea Ann Doak,
Kandra Kinne, Janine Schmidt, Wendy McK-
ain, Kelly Oelke, RaNae Edwards.*

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A special shout out goes to the vendors and the Vendor Committee. Wednesday Hospitality night was a blast! Without their generosity, the conference would not be as successful.

Congratulations to those who were awarded a scholarship to attend the conference. Thanks to the Department of Economic Development for its generous \$5,000. Keep the scholarships in mind to apply next year. Watch the upcoming newsletters for the application. Again, I want to encourage your area associations to make donations to the scholarship fund, as we do not have a silent auction. You can certainly hold a silent auction at your area association meetings to raise money for the scholarship program. Just an idea! The raffles that were conducted at the conference were wonderful. Keep up the good work!

I want to thank RaNae for her hard work during her Presidency for 2017-2019. Congratulations for a "Job Well Done." I only hope that I can fulfill my job as President for the next year with as much poise and confidence. If anyone has a question, please do not hesitate to ask. If I don't know the answer, I can certainly find someone who does.

Wednesday Night Hospitality

Oh what a night! Thank you to the vendors and the Vendor Committee. The food was fabulous and the door prizes were great. Then, we were entertained by Jo Leyland from Imperial. "Who will start the bidding at \$100 for the football autographed by Scott Frost?" she asks. "Yup!" She points to Al Vacanti. "Yup" she says again to the next bidder. "Yup, batter, batter, batter!"

Laughter filled the room. "What did she just say?" "Did we hear her right; batter, batter, batter?"

"Yup, \$225! Batter, batter, batter!" Jo yells out again. "What do you say Mr. Corn shirt?"

Jo had us in stitches.

A HUGE THANK YOU! goes to Al Vacanti from Wisner for his generous bid of \$400 for the football. The money will go toward the scholarship fund.

Another fun filled Hospitality night at Clerk's conference.



Al Vacanti, Wisner

Municipalities should report flood damage on federal-aid routes

The Nebraska Department of Transportation has begun to assess damages brought about by the 2019 spring flooding. We want to make sure that all municipalities report to us any damage on your federal-aid routes. All damages greater than \$5,000 are eligible for federal emergency relief reimbursement. If you have damage on one of your federal-aid routes or have questions regarding routes within your municipalities, please contact one of the three people below.

- Paul Kieper 402-479-3944 paul.kieper@nebraska.gov
- Jeff Soula 402-479-3562 jeffrey.soula@nebraska.gov
- Jodi Gibson 402-479-4337, Jodi.gibson@nebraska.gov

Be careful with electricity in your workplace

Electricity is what keeps most workplaces flowing, but it also can cause deadly accidents if you and your coworkers are not careful. Follow these safety tips to prevent injuries wherever electricity is in use (which is just about everywhere):

- **Follow the instructions.** Install all appliances in line with manufacturers' guidelines. Don't take shortcuts or assume that precautions are unnecessary.
- **Don't overload outlets.** An outlet with too many appliances plugged in can start a fire. Be sure your wiring can handle the load you are putting through it.
- **Use the right connections.** Power strips and surge protectors are safer than ordinary extension cords. Be sure to use non-conductive plugs and check on whether the cords can accommodate the power they are transmitting.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Raquel Felzien	Franklin	5/1
Dawn Gall	Howells	5/1
Kimberley Wright.....	Mitchell	5/3
Jessie Faber	Grant.....	5/4
Kelly Havlovic.....	Prague	5/10
Marla Newman	Sutton.....	5/11
Cindy Dickinson	Scottsbluff.....	5/12
Erin Saathoff	Beatrice.....	5/13
Ann Chytka.....	Decatur.....	5/13
Myrna Mulligan.....	Haigler.....	5/13
Tori Holm.....	Paxton.....	5/14
Kandis Koozer	Gretna.....	5/17
Roxanne Mrasek.....	Cedar Creek.....	5/18
Melissa Harrell	Wahoo	5/20
Jolyn Hare	Culbertson.....	5/21



Roxanne Meyer.....	Hooper	5/21
Sherrie Bartell.....	Sutton.....	5/21
Al Vacanti.....	Wisner	5/21
Melissa Waggoner.....	Potter	5/26
Arlene Molczyk.....	Comstock.....	5/27

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2017 winner Nova Romero from Monterey Peninsula Regional Water Authority, CA

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**Winner drawn at IIMC Annual Conference in Birmingham, AL, on May 22, 2019. Winner need not be present to win.
For ticket numbers or stubs email rbohlhauer@amlegal.com**

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Municipal Legal Calendar

(All statute citations to Revised Statutes of Nebraska)

JUNE 2019

CITIES OF THE FIRST CLASS

Within 10 working days following meeting
or before next meeting
(whichever is sooner).....Clerk to have minutes available for public inspection.
(84-1413)

Within 15 days of Passage.....Clerk publishes ordinances passed. (16-405)

As determined by the Mayor
and CouncilBoard of Equalization meets. (16-707)

Within 30 days following
Council meeting.....Clerk publishes official proceedings of meetings,
including claims. (19-1102)

Within 20 days after end of month.....Treasurer files monthly financial report. (16-318)

* *Clerk must prepare agenda prior to next Council
meeting. (84-1411)

CITIES OF THE SECOND CLASS

Within 10 working days following
meeting or before next meeting
(whichever is sooner).....Clerk to have minutes available for public inspection.
(84-1413)

Within 15 days of Passage.....Clerk publishes or posts ordinances passed.
(17-613)

Within 30 days following
Council meeting.....Clerk publishes official proceedings of meeting.
(19-1102)

Within 20 days after end of month.....Treasurer files monthly financial report. (17-606)

* *Clerk must prepare agenda prior to next Council
meeting. (84-1411)

VILLAGES

Within 10 working days following
meeting or before next meeting
(whichever is sooner).....Clerk to have minutes available for public inspection.
(84-1413)

Within 15 days of Passage.....Clerk publishes or posts ordinances passed. (17-613)

Within 30 days following
trustees' meeting.....Clerk publishes official proceedings of meeting,
including claims. (19-1102)

Within 20 days after end of month.....Treasurer files monthly financial report. (17-606)

* *Clerk must prepare agenda prior to next Board
meeting. (84-1411)