

Nebraska Municipal Clerks Newsletter

June 2019

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

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

June's Promise

*I get in my car, roll down the windows,
And feel the warm breeze blowing through my hair.
On Father's Day, I will see a dad enjoying ice cream
With his children that he protects with care.*

*The smell of sun screen lotion is tickling my nose as
I drive past the swimming pool.
I hear laughter when a diver makes a big splash,
Drenching the life guard to keep cool.*

*The playground in the park is busy with swings going
Back and forth and seesaws bobbing up and down.
Families are sitting around a picnic table
Enjoying the day in their hometown.*

*I hear the outfielders at the ball park
Yelling "Hey batter, batter, batter," to everyone.
The ball is hit with power and rests beyond the fence,
While the batter answers back with a home run.*

*I see a woman kneeling and working diligently in her
garden,
Weeding and watering her flowers with pride.
She stops to take a sip of her lemonade
as she enjoys her time outside.*

*The sidewalk is filled with joggers and walkers with
Their dog taking a stroll.
Young bicyclers are going fast on the street
Riding with expert control.*

*Campers of all sizes are heading out of town
To land at their favorite camp site.*



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

*Their days are filled with walks in the woods,
And marshmallows roasting at a campfire each night.*

*Yes, we have flipped the calendar as
The sights, sounds and smells are upon us
Summer is finally here with
June's promise.*

by Linda Jensen

The IIMC Annual Conference at the "Magic City" of Birmingham, Ala., was filled with great sessions and all-conference events. On Sunday, our very own Ellen Freeman-Wakefield facilitated the IIMC Leadership Orientation.

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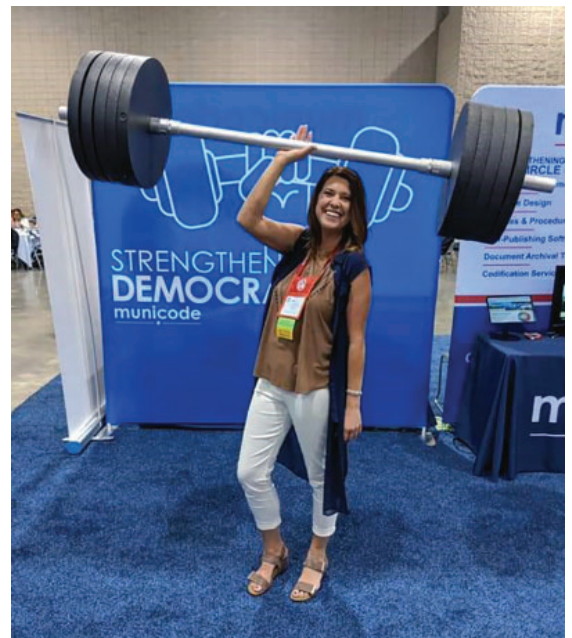
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That evening, I was so disappointed that I was not able to attend the Sunday social event due to airline cancellations. Below, however, is a picture of our Clerks representing Nebraska at the event.



On Monday morning, I proudly carried the Nebraska flag through the flag ceremony. That is an impressive sight to see all 50 states and several countries represented.



Kelly Oelke showing her strength at one of the vendor's booths.

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After seeing the procession of flags from the United States, we enjoyed on-screen clips from several countries while their representatives held their flags with pride.

After the flag ceremony, we heard the amusing Jan McInnis at the opening session. She kept us laughing and learning at the same time. I then attended a session to speak with confidence, comfort and conviction. There I renewed a friendship with Stephanie Pockington from Minnesota.



Linda Jensen and Stephanie Pockington from Minnesota.



Buster Brown manning the silent auction tables.

That evening we were bused to the Regions Field in Birmingham for food, a baseball game between Mississippi and Alabama and fireworks. Yes, Nebraska clerks showed their Husker power by wearing their Husker shirts.



From left: Lea Ann Doak, Betty McGuire, Linda Jensen, and RaNae Edwards, in back.

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On Tuesday, we had another full day with learning sessions. During the opening session, we heard the energetic Matt Booth. He had us up and out of our seats dancing.

After the opening session, I boarded a bus that took us to see the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute. We were taken through the events, struggles, and victories of the Civil Rights movement. I only wish we could have spent more time at the institute. Someday, I would like to return and take more time looking and reading each of the exhibits.



Back to the Birmingham–Jefferson Convention Complex (BJCC) for some down time to enjoy lunch. Then, we attended more interesting sessions.

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From left: Tammy Tisdall, Eliza Butler, Rachel Carl, Kelly Oelke, Erin Saathoff, Betty McGuire and Lea Ann Doak.



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Tuesday afternoon, I attended the Region 8 meeting that was facilitated by the Region 8 Directors Elizabeth Burke from Arizona and RaNae Edwards from Grand Island.

That evening I enjoyed dinner with Rachael Carl and met some of the Utah clerks.



Wednesday was another day filled with sessions. I had the pleasure of meeting Stella Atoruk from Alaska.

Just before the last session I rounded up the Nebraska Clerks for one final picture.



From left: Kelly Oelke, Eliza Butler, Linda Jensen, Tammy Tisdall, Lea Ann Doak, Erin Saathoff, Betty McGuire, RaNae Edwards, and Rachel Carl.

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Well, that takes you to the grand finale with the awesome banquet.



From left: Lea Ann Doak, Linda Jensen, Rachel Carl and Betty McGuire.

I was awed by the drummers leading the IIMC Board and the Region Directors to the front table. RaNae Edwards ought to be commended to take the initiative to represent the following 11 states in our region: Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming. "We are proud of you, RaNae."

Thursday, I boarded the plane to take me back to Nebraska. I have been to 11 of these conferences and I am always amazed at them. I believe it is a privilege to attend and I am never too old to learn.

We will see you at the League's Municipal Accounting and Finance Conference on June 12-14 at the Graduate Hotel in Lincoln. At that conference, there will be an Executive Board Meeting.

Enjoy the outside and remember your father on Father's Day.

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

League magazine available on website

The League of Nebraska Municipalities wants to remind Clerks that the *Nebraska Municipal Review* is available on the League's website at <http://www.lonm.org/> under the "News" tab.

As always, we encourage you to share the news from your city or village with fellow municipal officials across the state by sending information for the *Nebraska Municipal Review* to the League of Nebraska Municipalities, Attn: Lynn Marienau at 1335 L Street, Lincoln, NE 68508, 402-476-2829 by phone or lynnm@lonm.org by e-mail.

What is the difference between a bill and a resolution?

A bill changes the Nebraska Statutes and must go through the lawmaking process from introduction to Final Reading. A resolution, on the other hand, pertains to an internal rule of the Legislature, official declaration, interim study, ballot initiative or a constitutional amendment.

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Connie Carlton	Elmwood.....	July 1
Wendy McKain	Trenton	July 2
Amy Mason.....	Wymore	July 2
Sharon Ketteler	Albion.....	July 3
Tricia Mareno	Imperial	July 3
Cynthia Sanders.....	Guide Rock.....	July 6
Samantha Rife.....	Trenton	July 6
Holly Plejdrup	Wood River	July 9
Janine Schmidt.....	Morrill	July 10
Robin Sullivan.....	Brainard	July 12
Patty Lamberty	Arnold.....	July 17
Geri Anthony.....	Sidney	July 17
Janelle Kline	Columbus.....	July 18
Lea Ann Doak	McCook.....	July 18
Tim Macke	Mullen.....	July 18

2019 Interim Study Resolutions of Interest to Municipalities

May 22 was the deadline for Senators to file interim study resolutions. Many interim studies introduced relate to municipalities. For example, there are studies relating to the detachment of territory from the corporate limits of municipalities, urban development for municipalities, density bonuses, solar energy, plumbing codes, accounting and financial reporting for municipalities, a review of the Rural Broadband Task Force and municipal rental housing inspection among others.

After the Legislature adjourns in May, standing committees will begin to hold meetings and public hearings on these interim studies. The League will keep municipalities updated on when those hearings are scheduled. The hearings typically begin in late summer or early fall. To review all the interim study resolutions introduced, please visit the Unicameral's website at nebraskalegislature.gov.



Gloria Riley.....	Dorchester.....	July 21
Laurie Jauken.....	Elwood	July 21
Salene Ulrich	Garland	July 21
Brenda Daniels.....	Verdon.....	July 26
Rosie Russell	Ralston	July 29
Katy Mattheis	Yutan	July 29
Rebecca Sandman...	Utica	July 30

Municipal Legal Calendar

(All statute citations to Revised Statutes of Nebraska)

AUGUST 2019 CITIES OF THE FIRST CLASS

Within 10 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)
Within 30 days of Council meeting.....Clerk publishes official proceedings of meeting, including claims. (19-1102)
August 1Political subdivisions subject to city levy submit preliminary request for levy allocation to City Council. (77-3443)
Prior to Notice of Budget Hearing..Proposed annual or biennial budget statement available to public. (13-504) *
Before August 15.....Job titles and salaries of employees shall be published. (19-1102)
On or before August 20.....Should have received the current taxable value of all property subject to levy from the County Assessor. (13-509)
On or before September 1.....City Council determines the final allocation of levy authority for its subdivisions (77-3443)
On or before September 20File adopted budget statement with County and State Auditor's Office (13-508)*
On or before September 20File information on trade names and interlocal agreements with State Auditor's Office (13-513)
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 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. (17-613)
Within 30 days of Council meeting.....Clerk publishes official proceedings of meeting, including claims. (19-1102)
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Within 20 days after end of month..Treasurer files monthly financial report. (17-606)
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VILLAGES

Within 10 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. (17-613)
Within 30 days of Board of Trustees' meeting.....Clerk publishes official proceedings of meeting, including claims. (19-1102)
August 1Political subdivisions subject to village levy submit preliminary request for levy allocation to Village Board. (77-3443)
Prior to Notice of Budget Hearing..Proposed annual or biennial budget statement available to public. (13-504) *
Before August 15Job titles and salaries of employees shall be published. (19-1102)
On or before August 20.....Should have received the current taxable value of all property subject to levy from the County Assessor. (13-509)
On or before September 1.....Village Board determines the final allocation of levy authority for its subdivisions (77-3443)
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* Does not apply to cities with a biennial budget that are in the second year of the biennial budget period.