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Election 2018: Clerk District Court Republican Primary

Apr 25, 2018

Dori Heath

Years Sarpy County resident: 2.

Age: 58.

Occupation/employer: Chief Deputy (second in command), Sarpy County Clerk of the District Court.

Elected Offices Held: Clerk of the District Court for Colfax County, 2003-2017. Former president of the Nebraska Clerks of the District Court Association

Tell us something about yourself.



Heath

Dori is a lifelong Nebraskan who moved to the Bellevue area to marry her husband, Brad, and accept the chief deputy position at the Sarpy County Clerk of District Court. Prior to that, she had a long and distinguished career in the Nebraska courts, including being elected four times as Clerk of District Court in Colfax County. She traces her strong work ethic back to becoming a cancer survivor at age 24. Her resulting strength, faith and positive attitude give her drive, determination and empathy for others. She is pro-life and has two sons, Collin and Geoff. Dori earned her master's degree at Creighton University and is a member of Rotary Club, Teammates, American Legion and served 10 years on the board of Alegent Health (CHI) Memorial Hospital.

Why should voters elect you Clerk of the District Court?

Running this campaign as the most qualified candidate in the race, Dori can point to an unparalleled record of accomplishment. From four elected terms as Clerk of District Court in Colfax County to current service as chief deputy in Sarpy County, no other candidate is better prepared to lead an effective and efficient office as Clerk of the District Court. Recognized by her peers for her leadership skills and excellence in office, they elected Dori president of their state association and 29 District Court Clerks from across the state endorse her in this election. She is also endorsed as the most qualified candidate by retiring Sarpy County Clerk of District Court Carol Kremer, County Clerk Deb Houghtaling and Bellevue Mayor, Rita Sanders.

Angie Morones-Harris

Years Sarpy County resident: 21.

Age: 40.

Occupation/Employer: Case Analyst for Clerk of District Court, Sarpy County.

Elected Offices Held: N/A.

Tell us something about yourself.

I cannot tell voters about myself without talking about events over the past year. Right at the time I announced I was running for office, I was diagnosed with ovarian cancer. It was a difficult road, but I have won the battle. My husband Randy was my rock during my fight. Right about the time I was finishing treatment Randy became ill. Randy was soon diagnosed with testicular cancer. We went from one battle right to the next. Randy always remained strong, but on April 6 he lost his battle. One thing he insisted was that I keep running. So, here I am.



Morones-Harris

I am a conservative, pro-life and limited government Republican. That is how I will run the office.

Why should voters elect you Clerk of the District Court?

I am a limited government, conservative Republican, and I have worked in the Clerk of the District Court Office for over 19 years. I have trained in every aspect of the job.

I understand how we can make the office more efficient and effective. I will seek to cross train all employees so that if someone is absent or on vacation, the important work of the office will continue seamlessly.

I will create better communication with court employees so that we can provide more timely and efficient service.

As a true fiscal conservative, I will start each year with a zero-sum budget and have a goal to come in under budget and return money back to the county. I will be open and accessible.

Barb Pousson

Years Sarpy County resident: 16.

Age: 56.

Occupation/employer: State of Nebraska as Sarpy County Court Clerk-Judicial Administrator.

Elected offices held: None.

Tell us something about yourself.



My name is Barb Pousson, as a lifelong conservative, I have lived Pousson in Sarpy County for 16 years. Marcus (Duke) Pousson and I have been married for 27 years and have three sons, Adam, Darren and Joe. I am an active member of St.

Columbkille Catholic Church, an EMHC and serve on the finance committee, a volunteer and board of directors member of the Tri-City Food Pantry, a member of the American Legion Auxiliary and a former board of director member of the Papillion South High School Defenders.

I have a bachelor of science in business administration from Wayne State College and I am a certified court manager from the National Center for State Courts.

Why should voters elect you Clerk of the District Court?

I should be elected as the next Clerk of the District Court because I am the only candidate with the proven experience, strong professionalism and community relationships to aid and promote the judicial process.

I have 16 years as the current Sarpy County Court Clerk supervising 18 clerks, 25 years total as a court manager. I use and promote the use of technology to the fullest to achieve the most efficient work processes.

Sarpy County Sheriff, Jeff Davis and Sarpy County Public Defender Tom Strigenz endorse me. These experienced county leaders have the confidence, trust and support in me because they know I am the best person for the job.

Paul Cook

Years Sarpy County resident: 55.

Age: 60.

Occupation/employer: Private security contractor

Elected offices held: Bellevue City Council (2103 to present);
Sarpy County commissioner (2005-2008)



Cook

Tell us something about yourself.

As a life-long Nebraska resident, I have lived in Sarpy County for 55 years. My wife, Anita, and children, Megan and Daniel, and I, live in Bellevue, and are members of St. Mary's Church. I graduated from St. Mary's, Bellevue High, and UNO. I have 11 siblings, and 8 live in the Sarpy County area.

I am a retired Omaha police captain, serving over 26 years with the department, and was promoted to sergeant, lieutenant, and captain during my career. I worked in several units, and gained valuable experience and knowledge, while managing staff of 15 to 100 employees.

I am a volunteer member of the Offutt Advisory Council and Knights of Columbus. I have also volunteered in our schools, and as a youth sports coach.

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I have numerous years of supervisory and management experience, including overseeing the records section for the Omaha police. Responsibilities included processing, managing, and security of all police reports and documents for the department. This unit includes the main customer service

counter at police headquarters. I managed approximately 80 employees, with responsibility for serving the public 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

As a Sarpy County commissioner, councilman, and police captain, I gained extensive knowledge and experience in preparing and presenting annual budgets. I have excellent written and oral communication skills.

As the Clerk of the District Court I will serve with integrity, loyalty, leadership, and compassion. It would be an honor to receive your vote in the Primary Election on May 15th, 2018.

