



## County One Of Only Six As Dual Position Appointment Made

Judges in Nebraska's 8th Judicial District have chosen a new clerk magistrate for Greeley County. Lisa Bower of Ord will serve county court as Clerk Magistrate and district court as the ex officio Clerk of the District Court beginning February 8, 2021.

The dual position was created recently with the agreement by Greeley County to merge the duties of County Clerk Magistrate and District Court Clerk. The District Court duties were previously performed by the Greeley County Clerk's office.

Greeley County is one of only six counties in Nebraska to have the two court systems' clerking responsibilities resting with one clerk.

County Judge Kale Burdick made the presentation to Ms. Bower. Also in attendance were Nebraska Supreme Court Chief Justice Mike Heavican and Corey Steele, State Court Administrator.

Noting the county and district court responsibilities, Trial Court Services Director Sheryl Connolly remarked, "Greeley County requested transfer of the ex officio duties of the clerk of

district court to the county court clerk magistrate to improve efficiency and conserve county resources. This new position was created to ensure staffing to effectively accomplish those goals, and Lisa's experience with district court work will serve her well as she assumes her new responsibilities." She added, "The Judicial Branch encourages and supports a unified court clerk's office in locations where the county is agreeable."

Bower previously served as deputy clerk of Valley County, where she did the work for the ex officio clerk of district court there.

As clerk magistrate, Bower will work under the general direction of County Court Judges Kale Burdick, James Orr, and Tami Schendt; as ex officio clerk, she will provide support to District Court Judge Karin Noakes.

Bower will be responsible for providing public service and managing the records, finances, and general operation of the courts. She will also work with the Administrative Office of the Courts and Probation to identify and implement improved effi-

ciencies in the combined county and district court offices.

She fills the new position, replacing Clerk Magistrate Roberta (Bert) Meschke who continues to serve in Valley, Garfield, and Wheeler Counties.



County Judge Kale Burdick, Lisa Bower and Corey Steele State Court Administrator.