Brian W. Kruse was appointed Douglas County Election Commissioner on January 1, 2016, and January 1, 2020 by Governor Pete Ricketts, currently United States Senator. He was recently reappointed by Governor Pillen for another four year term beginning, January 1, 2024. (appointments are four year terms)

Previously, Kruse worked in the funeral industry as a Funeral Director in the Omaha area. Additionally, he has also worked in the Office of the State Treasurer of Nebraska as an Assistant Administrator in Unclaimed Property.

The commissioner holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Wayne State College, Wayne, NE, where he majored in History and minored in Political Science. He serves as a member of the City of Omaha's Administrative Board of Appeals and on the CHAD Board (Combined Health Agencies Drive). Kruse is the former clerk/treasurer of Sanitary Improvement District 415.

During his career, Kruse has volunteered for numerous political campaigns and charitable causes. He is a member at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, where he has served on the Parish Council and was the founding Chairman of the Outreach Ministry Council as well as being involved in many other activities there and in the community.

The Commissioner is active in numerous professional organizations including:

- NACo National Association of County Officials
- NACO Nebraska Association of County Officials as Co-Chair of the Election Law Committee and Audit Committee
- Has been appointed to the, U.S. Election Assistance Commission Standards Board.

Kruse has conducted numerous successful elections since being appointed.