

May 17, 2024



The Ninety-Three

Registration for County Budget & Board Workshops

Join us at the Younes Center in Kearney this June for the 2024 County Budget Workshop and County Board Workshop!

The **County Budget workshop** will begin at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, June 12, and will include presentations from the state auditor's office, property assessment division at NDOR, Zelle HR on the salary study and **employee compensation data base**, and **Governor Pillen** is scheduled to address the group. Additionally, there will **Budget software demonstrations** taking place throughout the morning.

After the Budget Workshop concludes around lunchtime, the **County Board Workshop** will begin and continue into the evening with a banquet, keynote speaker, exhibit hall, game room social, and more. The workshop will resume on Thursday, June 13, with breakfast, breakout sessions, and lunch.

Sessions will include topics on **broadband readiness, NDOT updates, Nebraska tourism, planning & zoning, artificial intelligence, NEMA grants**, and more.

Additional information for both workshops can be found in the agendas and registration links provided below.

County Budget Workshop

Wednesday, June 12 - 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Deadline to Register: June 5, 2024

[County Budget Workshop Registration](#)

[Agenda](#)

County Board Workshop

Wednesday, June 12 - Thursday, June 13

Deadline to Register: June 5, 2024

[County Board Workshop Registration](#)

[Agenda](#)

NACREC Workshop Registration

Wednesday, June 12, 2024 - Friday, June 14, 2024

Younes Center South, Kearney, NE

Deadline to Register: 6/3/2024

[NACREC Registration](#)

2024 NACO Scholarship Recipients

Congratulations TO THE WINNERS



Mason Bodlak
Thurston



Allie Boehr
York



Makinley Cadwallader
Holt



Delaney Collins
Gosper



Dylan Frohberg
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Britney Klein
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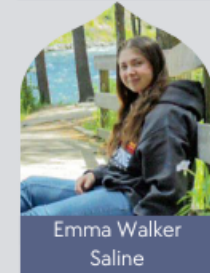
Jazmine McNally
Wheeler



Lacey Paxton
Holt



Sara Weisheit
York



Emma Walker
Saline

**RONDA DIX MEMORIAL
SCHOLARSHIP WINNER**

Congratulations to all the 2024 NACO scholarship recipients who prepared outstanding essays highlighting the significance of county government. Best wishes for a bright and successful future!

Mason Bodlak - Thurston County

Allie Boehr - York County

Makinley Cadwallader - Holt County

Delaney Collins - Gosper County

Dylan Frohberg - Stanton County

Autumn Key - Knox County

Britney Klein - Sioux County

Conner Kohout - Saline County

Brock Koranda - Cedar County

Jazmine McNally - Wheeler County

Lacey Paxton - Holt County

Sara Weisheit - York County

Ronda Dix Memorial Scholarship Winner

Emma Walker - Saline County

NACO Scholarship Webpage

Secretary Evnen applauds election workers on successful rollout of voter ID

Nebraska Secretary of State Bob Evnen says poll workers and county election offices did a remarkable job handling Nebraska's first statewide election with voter ID. Poll workers were able to reference voter ID training material available at the polling places and their county election contacts to resolve minor issues throughout the day.

"Nebraskans should be proud of their county election officials who stepped up to the plate to successfully implement voter ID," Secretary Evnen said. "We owe a debt of gratitude to our friends and neighbors who served at polling places and election offices to ensure ballots were cast securely and independently."

Some county election offices are finishing up counting approximately 13,000 ballots. More than 333,000 Nebraskans took part in the primary election. Based on preliminary evaluations, the Secretary of State's Elections Division estimates that less than six hundredths of one percent (0.058%) of voters didn't have acceptable IDs and voted provisionally – meaning their ballots have not been counted yet. For their votes to be accepted, those voters will need to present their acceptable IDs to their county election offices by the end of the business day on Tuesday, May 21.

Unofficial election results are posted at electionresults.nebraska.gov. As with every statewide election, the Secretary of State's office and county election officials will conduct a post-election audit to verify the accuracy of the results. Additionally, county election offices will do their own checks and balances, such as canvassing their results. Members of the Nebraska State Board of Canvassers will convene in June to certify election results of the May 14 primary election.

Nebraska Secretary of State Office Election Results

County Election Results

Nebraska Joins Western Interstate Region



The Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO) is proud to announce that the state of Nebraska has been accepted into the Western Interstate Region (WIR) of the National Association of Counties (NACo), as a probationary member. WIR is affiliated with NACo and is dedicated to the promotion of western interests within NACo. These interests include public lands issues (including use and conservation), community stability, economic development, and the promotion of the traditional western way of life. WIR is dedicated to promoting a clearer understanding of challenges facing county officials of the 16 western states and serves as a valuable resource for exchanging information about western county governments for NACo, Congress, the administration, and to all county officials.

Read more about this year's WIR Conference here: [Mariposa County finds third time's a charm for WIR | National Association of Counties \(naco.org\)](#).

Read the full NACO press release here: [Nebraska Joins Western Interstate Region](#)

Is Your County Broadband Ready?

NACO is developing a **toolkit** aimed at preparing counties to be "**Broadband Ready**". Over the past month, we've collaborated with stakeholders from across Nebraska to explore strategies for leveraging the county's authority to safeguard our infrastructure and right of ways and building collaborative partnerships with internet providers while ensuring reliable and sustainable internet services for our citizens. In partnership with Universal Broadband Consulting, NACO is in the process of developing a toolkit to aid counties in achieving Broadband Ready status.

If your county is interested in piloting the Broadband Ready program, please reach out to Candace Meredith.

Upcoming Webinar: Strategies for County Leaders to

Improve Employee Mental Wellbeing

Mental wellbeing is key to a healthy, productive workforce. But each year, [nearly 1 in 5 U.S. adults](#) experience a mental health challenge that impacts them at home and work. Register today for an engaging webinar on June 12 where experts from the [National Council for Mental Wellbeing](#) and the National Association of Counties, and county leaders will discuss transformative strategies for improving workplace mental health. Don't miss this opportunity to learn how your county can make a positive impact on your team and community. [Register now.](#)

2024-25 Nebraska Early Childhood Policy Leadership Academy

First Five Nebraska is now recruiting applicants for the 2024-25 Nebraska Early Childhood Policy Leadership Academy (PLA). This initiative is the state's premier leadership development program focused on building a statewide early childhood policy movement to create stronger opportunities for all Nebraskans.

Now in its sixth year, over a hundred participants have graduated from the PLA representing early care and learning, healthcare, business and industry, economic development, K-12 and higher education, community service organizations and more. Participants in the program learn about the place of early childhood services and supports in local infrastructure, how engage influencers and policymakers, and grassroots advocacy strategies that get results.

Interested in building a policy movement to create a stronger and more prosperous Nebraska? Visit https://bit.ly/About_PLA to learn more about the 2024-25 PLA program and apply online before June 10, 2024.

For questions or additional information, contact Jodi-Renee Girón, Grassroots and Advocacy Advisor, at jgiron@FirstFiveNebraska.org.

Assessor Workshop / NCRAAO Conference Registration

Monday, August 19, 2024 - Thursday, August 22, 2024

Younes Conference Center North, Kearney

Assessor Workshop / NCRAAO Conference



Sales and Marketing Coordinator

NACO is now accepting applications for a Sales and Marketing Coordinator at the NACO West location.

[View the Job Listing](#)



NACO BENEFIT SERVICES



YOUR PARTNER IN COUNTY EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

As stewards of taxpayer dollars, ensuring the well-being and satisfaction of your dedicated officials and staff is key. That's where NACO Benefit Services steps in, offering tailored solutions designed to meet the unique needs of counties across the state. NACO Benefit Services mission is to align with counties to assist in delivering efficient, cost-effective benefit services that alleviate administrative burdens and optimize resources. We understand the significant role benefits play in attracting and retaining employees, that in turn provides the continued success and growth of your county. NACO Benefit Services is available to assist counties with the ever-growing complexities of benefit management. Together, we are committed to providing quality benefits to all Nebraska counties.

BENEFITS FOR ALL NACO POOL MEMBERS AT NO COST TO THE GROUP

- \$15,000 life insurance with Double Indemnity for Law Enforcement
- Long-Term Disability up to \$1,500 a month with Buy-Up options
- COBRA administration
- Employee Assistance plan
- Identity Theft Protection plan
- Student Loan Forgiveness program
- Benefits enrollment platform
- Assistance with federal filing requirements
- Medicare Assistance

CARRIERS WE WORK WITH

UnitedHealthcare
 Aetna
 Medica
 Blue Cross Direct

PRODUCTS



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- Health Savings Accounts
- Cash In Lieu Options
- Section 125 Flexible Spending Accounts
- Supplemental Life Insurance Plans
- Medical Transportation Coverage



- Vision Insurance
- Senior Insurance Options
- Benefits Enrollment Platform
- Wellness Programs

NEED TO EXPLORE OTHER OPTIONS

In addition to the Pool health and dental plans, NACO provides access to insurance plans outside of the Pool as well. If the Pool plan is not the right fit, we can shop for health plans from UnitedHealthcare, Aetna, Medica and Blue Cross direct. We can also bring you a variety of funding options for your health plan – fully insured, level-funded and self-funded.

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