

May 31, 2024



The Ninety-Three

Pre-Registration Deadlines Approaching 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](#)

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.

National Center for Public Lands Counties Resource

Open to all county leaders, the hub serves as a clearinghouse for resources that advance the policy and practice study for public lands counties. Engage with resources,

connect with county leaders from across the country and share updates on the most pressing issues emerging related public lands management, use and access.

[National Center for Public Lands Counties](#) | [National Association of Counties \(naco.org\)](#).

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 jjiron@FirstFiveNebraska.org.



Upcoming JPH Postcard and Hearing Prep Webinar

NACO will be hosting a webinar to review the process of preparing for postcards and joint public hearings.

When: July 18, 2024 - 10:00 AM Central Time

[Register for the Webinar Here](#)

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 West Update

The building is taking shape!





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



- Health Reimbursement Arrangements
- 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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