



# The Ninety-Three

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## NACO Breaks Ground on New Office in Ogallala

Lincoln, NE - June 6, 2023 - The Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO) officially broke ground on its new office in Ogallala, Nebraska, representing a significant milestone for the association as it expands its reach to the western region of Nebraska.

On June 2, NACO executives, county officials, community members, and project stakeholders gathered at the future office site, Hwy 26 and Diamond Spring Trail, to commemorate the occasion. NACO Executive Director Jon Cannon expressed his enthusiasm about the groundbreaking and the association's future in Ogallala. "On behalf of the Board of Directors and employees of NACO, I cannot overstate how excited we are to move forward with this new building in Ogallala. This represents our commitment to project our resources wherever they are needed in our great state, and further our mission of serving all 93 counties. We are incredibly grateful for the support and enthusiasm we have received from the Ogallala and Keith County community."

NACO's decision to establish its new office in Ogallala was strategic. The association recognized a need for a physical presence in Western Nebraska to cater more effectively to the needs of the counties in the surrounding area. Designed by Hewgley and Associates, NACO's new office will include meeting spaces, space for NACO staff, and office suites for lease. Zelle Human Resource Solutions, based in Lincoln, has already committed to leasing one of the office's three suites. The new building will include modern meeting spaces equipped by Applied Connective Technologies. It will accommodate up to 150 people and will be available for rent to associations, governments, and businesses across the state.

Construction on NACO's new office is expected to take about 18 months and aims to be completed by December 2024. Once completed, the new office will be a hub for collaboration and support for organizations in Ogallala and neighboring areas.

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## 2023 Board of Equalization and County Board Workshop Wrap Up in Kearney



The 2023 Board of Equalization and County Board workshop concluded this week, marking two days of education and collaboration. Both workshops brought together officials from across Nebraska to hear from speakers representing various organizations in the state.

The County Board workshop reached its peak during the Wednesday evening session with an inspiring keynote address by Dan Meers, the beloved mascot of the Kansas City Chiefs.

NACO would like to thank all the attendees for their participation and contribution, making this workshop a resounding success.

We hope to see you again next year!

## Cash Reserve Webinar Recording



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## In-person Cybersecurity Training Courses

The Nebraska Preparedness Partnership has partnered with the Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (Teex.org) to bring three in-person cybersecurity training courses to Grand Island. These courses are free of charge. A minimum of 25 registrants are needed, for each course, for them to be held – so please share with others in your community. Organizations of all types and sizes can benefit from these courses. For any questions, please feel free to contact Sandra Hobson ([shobson@neprep.org](mailto:shobson@neprep.org)).

This one-time-only opportunity will be taking place on June 21st and 22nd, 2023, at the Grand Island Police Department. Seating is limited, and students are asked to complete the registration process electronically via the TEEX website prior to attending the course. There are three separate classes requiring TWO separate registrations. Below are the details for each course, along with the links to register:

**Essentials of Community Cybersecurity – AWR136 – 4 hours – 06/21/2023, 8am – noon.**  
Registration Link: <https://my.teex.org/TeexPortal/default.aspx?mo=mCourseCatalog&d=ec&c=awr136&s=682>

*The Essentials of Community Cybersecurity (ECCS) course provides individuals, community leaders, and first responders with information on how cyber attacks can impact, prevent, and/or stop operations and emergency responses in a community. The course also provides a cursory introduction to cybersecurity vulnerabilities, risks, threats, and countermeasures. It explains vulnerabilities of computer systems and networks and how these vulnerabilities can affect communities, organizations, and daily workplace operations. The course introduces actions communities can take in establishing a cybersecurity program. The course provides participants with an awareness of issues. It gives an overview of threats and vulnerabilities without going into too many details to highlight the potential impact a cyber attack could have. Participants discuss some fundamental activities needed to develop a cybersecurity program without addressing the technical details of securing critical infrastructures. The course introduces the Community Cybersecurity Maturity Model (CCSMM) as a framework for understanding community cybersecurity and briefly introduces low-cost or no-cost approaches to securing a community against cybersecurity threats and attacks. The course sets the stage for further efforts in which a community can build a cybersecurity program.*

**Community Preparedness for Cyber Incidents – MGT384 – 12 hours – 06/21/2023 1:00pm – 5:00pm and 06/22/2023 8am – 5pm.**  
Registration Link: <https://my.teex.org/TeexPortal/Default.aspx?mo=mCourseCatalog&d=ec&c=MGT384&s=410>

*MGT 384, Community Preparedness for Cyber Incidents, is designed to provide organizations and communities with strategies and processes to increase cyber resilience. During this 12-hour course, participants will analyze cyber threats and initial and cascading impacts of cyber incidents, evaluate the process for developing a cyber preparedness program, examine the importance and challenges of cyber-related information sharing, and discover how to no-cost resources to help build cyber resilience.*

## NACO Sponsor Spotlight



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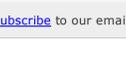
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