

The Ninety-Three

Hundreds Attend County Board & Board of Equalization Workshops in Kearney

Thank you to all of the county officials, sponsors, and speakers who attended the County Board Workshop & Board of Equalization Workshop in Kearney for two days of learning, collaboration, and networking!

In addition to the educational sessions and great speakers, NACO awarded the 2025 County Board Member of the Year Award to Nance County Supervisor Tim Cornwell. NACO also recognized 30 county board members who earned their Level 1 County Board Certification and those who completed the County Official Online Learning Network.

Presentations from both workshops are available <u>on the NACO website</u> in the education catalog.





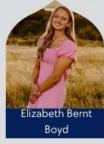


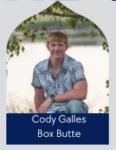


2025 NACO Scholarship Recipients

TO THE WINNERS







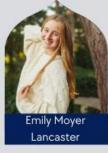








Sydney Sybrant, Rock County















SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

Congratulations to the 2025 NACO scholarship recipients who prepared outstanding essays highlighting the significance of county government. Best wishes for a bright and successful future!

Isabelle Reichman, Deuel County, 2025 Ronda Dix Memorial Scholarship Gavin Bell, Box Butte County
Elizabeth Bernt, Boyd County
Cody Galles, Box Butte County
Claire Gartner, Hall County
Kaiah Johnson, Hitchcock County
Lacy Lemburg, Merrick County
Ryan Locke, Stanton County
Emily Moyer, Lancaster County
Jaydrian Parra, Antelope County
Kailer Pohl, Butler County
Abigail Rich, Buffalo County

West Point News: Collaborative Map Project Unites all 93 Nebraska Counties

The Nebraska Collaborative Map Project - an initiative by the Museum of Nebraska Art that sought to showcase artwork from across Nebraska's 93 counties - has been completed. West Point News wrote that "the project aims to foster community engagement and pride by encouraging participants to depict elements that make their county distinctive."

You can read more about the project and purchase a copy of the mural by <u>visiting the West</u> Point News website.

Now Accepting Policy Resolutions for the 2025 NACo Annual Conference

Submit policy resolutions by June 11

In preparation for the National Association of Counties (NACo) <u>2025 Annual Conference</u>, we encourage members to get involved and have your voice heard in Washington by submitting a policy resolution or platform change.

All policy resolutions and platform changes must be submitted electronically using the form on <u>this page</u> by **June 11**. The <u>American County Platform</u> is NACo's permanent policy document. When necessary, it is amended at the annual meeting.

Platform changes are permanent amendments to the American County Platform that broadly guide NACo's federal advocacy efforts and publicly state NACo's general policy goals. To submit a platform change, please upload a Word document here. Please upload a document that utilizes the Word Track Changes feature to denote any additions or removals from the American County Platform.

Policy resolutions are generally single-purpose documents addressing a specific issue or piece of legislation. Resolutions draw attention to a topic of current concern, clarify parts of the broadly worded platform, or set policy in areas not covered by the platform. All interim policy resolutions submitted at the 2025 Legislative Conference must be renewed. To submit a policy resolution please utilize **this portal**.

Contact our <u>Government Affairs staff</u> with any questions regarding the policy resolution process.

IMPORTANT REMINDER

If you plan to submit a policy resolution or platform change, you (or a designated representative) must appear in person at the relevant steering committee meeting at the 2025 Annual Conference to introduce and explain the resolution.

Register for the 2025 Annual Conference:

During NACo's <u>2025 Annual Conference</u>, from July 11-14 in the City and County of Philadelphia, Pa., nearly 2,000 elected and appointed county officials will discuss federal policy issues that impact counties.

All county officials are welcome to attend policy steering committee meetings, workshops, plenary sessions, and more.

Understanding Medicare NACO Webinar June 12

We're excited to invite you to our free **Understanding Medicare** webinar—a helpful, nopressure session designed to give you confidence as you transition to Medicare. Whether you're just getting started or looking to brush up on the basics, this session will provide valuable guidance for you and your family.

What You'll Learn:

- The different parts of Medicare
- How and when to enroll
- How to fill coverage gaps

The next webinar is Thursday, June 12 at either 12:00pm or 6:00pm central time.

Can't make it on the 12th? There will be more opportunities to participate in the coming months. Each date offers two-time options: 12:00 pm or 6:00pm central time (your choice!):

Thursday, July 10

Thursday, August 7

Thursday, September 11

This workshop is designed to be easy to follow and packed with practical tips—so you can make informed decisions and manage your retirement healthcare with confidence.

No registration needed! Just click the link below to join on the date and time that suits you best:

☐ Join the Webinar

We look forward to having you with us!

Upcoming Savi Student Loan Webinar: Policy Updates for Government Employees

NACo has partnered with Savi, a student loan benefit that helps borrowers navigate their forgiveness and repayment options.

Savi is hosting a special workshop exclusively for government employees on **Thursday, June 26 at 1PM CST** to address the resumption of federal student loan collections on defaulted loans.

With over 2 million borrowers already experiencing drops in their credit scores due to missed payments, the consequences of default—including wage garnishment, higher borrowing costs, and housing challenges—are becoming increasingly real. Join us to learn how these changes may impact you, what steps you can take to protect your financial well-being, and get your questions answered live by Savi's student loan experts.

Click Here to RSVP

Can't wait until this session to learn more? Sign up for Savi today at <u>nacobenefits.bysavi.com</u> to get started with the Savi tool and to receive our email communications to keep you in the loop.

We hope to see you there!

Eakes Office Solutions: NACO Preferred Partner Offers County-Specific Sales

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Registration Open for 2025 Thriving Children Conference

Registration is now open for the 8th annual Thriving Children, Families, and Communities Conference! Join hundreds of community leaders and be part of conversations driving real change in Nebraska.

The Thriving Children, Families, and Communities Conference envisions a Nebraska where every community is empowered and united in its commitment to high-quality early childhood education and care.

By fostering collaboration, amplifying local voices, and equipping leaders with knowledge and tools, the conference inspires action to address critical challenges and embrace new opportunities. Together, we are building a future where every Nebraska child and family can thrive.

When:

Tuesday, September 16 - Thriving Children, Families, and Communities Conference

Evening of Tuesday, September 16 - C4K Convening kicks off with a celebratory dinner for C4K Pillar and Planning Communities

Wednesday, September 17 - C4K Convening Day

Where:

Younes Conference Center North 707 Talmadge Street, Kearney, NE 68845

Click here to register.



What is a NACO Business Member?

Support provided by our generous business members helps NACO continue to expand our educational programming for Nebraska county officials. Business members enjoy a number of benefits, including features on our website and social media pages. We also offer our business members a complimentary exhibit booth at the County Board Workshop, discounts on sponsorships, and 15% off the cost of booking our NACO West Training Center in Ogallala.

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