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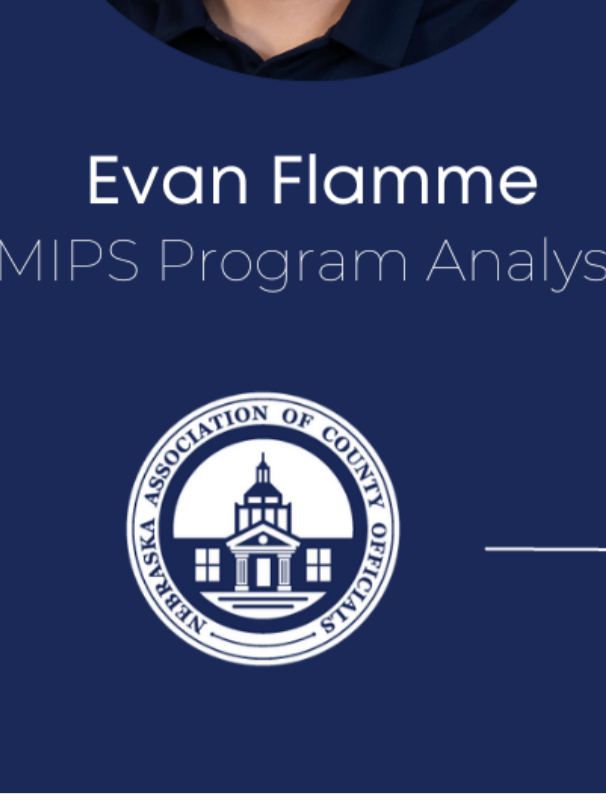
May 19, 2023

## NACO & MIPS Welcome New Team Members

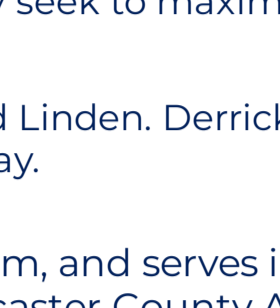
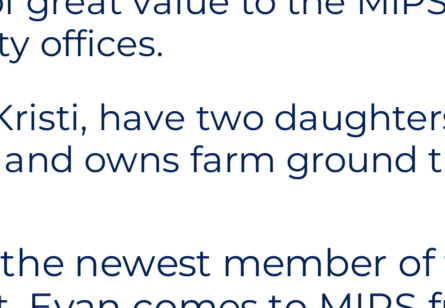
# WELCOME TO THE TEAM



**Derrick Niederklein**  
MIPS Deputy Director



**Evan Flamme**  
MIPS Program Analyst



NACO and MIPS are excited to welcome the new Deputy Director for MIPS, **Derrick Niederklein** and new MIPS Program Analyst, **Evan Flamme**.

Derrick most recently served as Chief Deputy Assessor in Lancaster County, where he valuation efforts and the county's appraisal staff, and previously served as Field Operations Manager for the Property Assessment Division. He is designated as an Assessment Administration Specialist through the International Association of Assessing officers, holds MA and BA degrees in business management, AAS degree in Ag Business Management Technology, and is a frequent contributor to tax policy, assessment, and organizational leadership initiatives. His experience and drive to serve counties will be of great value to the MIPS team as they seek to maximize the resources provided to county offices.

He and his wife, Kristi, have two daughters, Berkley and Linden. Derrick grew up in rural Jefferson County and owns farm ground there to this day.

Evan Flamme is the newest member of the MIPS team, and serves in the role of Program Analyst. Evan comes to MIPS from the Lancaster County Assessor's Office, where he worked as a Residential Appraiser, and later became the office's Statistical Modeling Analyst. Evan was primarily responsible for the calibration of residential and commercial valuation models, CAMA system maintenance, and coordinated various data integrations. His mass appraisal and CAMA system experience make Evan an exciting addition to the MIPS team.

Evan is a graduate of the University of Nebraska-Kearney, and lives in rural Otoe County with his wife Alex, and black lab named Baru.

Welcome Derrick and Evan!

[MIPS Homepage](#)

## Federal Grant Application Resources

NACO is working to provide resources to those counties interested in seeking federal grant dollars for infrastructure projects, such as bridges. Counties have requested resources related to grant writing technical expertise, as well as information about how to solicit and screen consultants.

NACO has developed two resources for county officials. First, NACO has developed a list of Nebraska-based consultants who can assist counties with preparing and submitting federal grants. Second, NACO has developed an RFQ template for counties interested in putting out an RFQ to identify and screen consultants.

Please see our updated Resources webpage for more information.

If you have any questions, Luke Bonkiewicz via email at [luke.bonkiewicz@nebraskacounties.org](mailto:luke.bonkiewicz@nebraskacounties.org) or by phone at 402.434.5660 x226.

[Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act](#)

# Upcoming Events

**JUNE 7** | Board of Equalization Workshop

**JUNE 7-8** | County Board Workshop

**JUNE 14-15** | County Treasurer Workshop

**JUNE 14-16** | County Clerk, Register of Deeds, Election Commissioner Workshop

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[Click Here to Register](#)



## Cash Reserve Budget Planning Webinar

It's not too late to register for the Cash Reserve Budget Planning Webinar! On May 24, 2023, NACO will host a webinar with a presentation from Jeff Schreier, Audit Manager at the Nebraska Auditor of Public Accounts on cash reserves. Jeff Schreier will review the purpose of a cash reserve, statutory guidelines, and best practices when building adequate cash reserves into budgets.

**When:** May 24, 2023 02:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

**Topic:** Cash Reserve Budget Planning

Register in advance for this webinar:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/WN\\_LpUilZQVNRDOfqf66BcJydQ](https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/WN_LpUilZQVNRDOfqf66BcJydQ)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

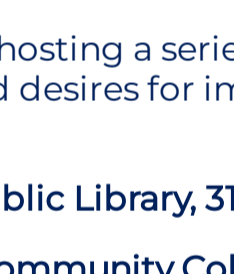


# Join us at the GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY

for the new NACO West Office.

FRIDAY, JUNE 2 | 11 AM MT

HIGHWAY 61 & DIAMOND SPRINGS TRAIL OGALLALA, NE



After the ceremony, the Zelle Human Resource Solutions team invites you to lunch at Crandall Creek Golf Club. Stay for a complimentary round of golf following lunch.

## LUNCH + NETWORKING WITH ZELLE HR

FRIDAY, JUNE 2, 12:30 PM MT

CRANDALL CREEK GOLF CLUB

359 RD EAST 85 OGALLALA, NE 68153

RSVP TO LEANNE BY MAY 25

402.219.9056 OR

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## Additional Broadband Access and Digital Opportunities Community Listening Sessions Announced

Nebraska Public Service Commission is hosting a series of Community Listening Sessions to learn more about community needs and desires for improving broadband access and increasing digital opportunities.

**Hastings, May 24, 5:00 p.m., Hastings Public Library, 314 N. Denver Avenue**

**Beatrice, May 30, 5:00 p.m., Southeast Community College, 4771 W. Scott Road**

**Waverly, May 31, 5:00 p.m., Waverly Community Foundation Community Center, 1130 N. 141st Street**

The listening sessions are designed to engage a diverse cross section of Nebraskans to inform the development of comprehensive plans to best address digital equity needs throughout the state and broadband deployment for unserved and underserved Nebraskans.

Citizens and stakeholders attending the planned events will be provided an opportunity to share their needs and concerns when it comes to broadband deployment and digital equity in Nebraska. Detailed information on the Broadband Equity, Access and Deployment or BEAD program and the Digital Equity Planning Initiative as well as the current state of broadband adoption and affordability will be provided.

Community Listening Sessions are planned in June for Broken Bow, Fremont, Kearney, Lexington, McCook, North Platte, Pender, Schuyler and South Sioux City. Locations, times and dates for the June community listening sessions will be announced and posted to the Community page of the [Broadband Nebraska](#) website

Anyone requiring reasonable accommodation to participate should reach out to Rachael at 531-893-1522 or [rachael.surmick@nebraska.gov](mailto:rachael.surmick@nebraska.gov).

Registration is encouraged but not required. [Register here.](#)



## Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant

The fiscal year 2023 [Notice of Funding Opportunity \(NOFO\)](#) for Safe Streets and Roads for All grant is live on Grants.gov and open for applications.

**The application deadline is 5:00 p.m. (EDT) Monday, June 10, 2023.**

See the links below for more details:

[Safe Streets and Roads for All \(SS4A\) Grant Program](#)

[Fiscal Year 2023 Grant Application Webinars](#)

## Alliance for the Future of Agriculture in Nebraska (AFAN) County Official Tour

# JOIN US FOR A SOUTHEAST NEBRASKA MODERN LIVESTOCK FACILITY TOUR

This is an opportunity to see modern livestock facilities firsthand. There will be open discussion around livestock sitings, setbacks, odor, manure management, and more! Facilities will be located around the Saline County area. \*Specific addresses will be shared after RSVP is received\*

Lunch is provided and free to all attendees.



**JUNE 13, 10AM**

For questions contact Steve Martin or Kris Bousquet at 402.421.4472

RSVP's are due **June 2nd** and can be sent to Mindy at [mindyr@a-fan.org](mailto:mindyr@a-fan.org).

## 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 addressing 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 low to no-cost resources to help build cyber resilience.*

## NACO Sponsor Spotlight



# BlueCross BlueShield Nebraska

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Health Insurance Provider

Contact: [Brett Young](#)  
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