

Nebraska Association of County Officials

2025 County Board Workshop

June 4-5 | Younes Conference Center North, Kearney



WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4, 2025

Session Time	Session	Room
7:30 am - 3:30 pm	Registration	Younes North Foyer
12:00 pm	Exhibit Hall Opens	Silver 7, 8, 9
1:30-2:30 pm	Better Meetings With Robert's Rules of Order - Tim Wynn, Perfect Rules, Inc. <i>This session offers a comprehensive exploration of Robert's Rules, providing participants with advanced insights into managing meetings effectively.</i>	Silver 1, 2, 3
2:30-3:00 pm	911 Systems & PSAPs: Funding, Infrastructure, and Security - Dave Sankey, State 911 Director, Nebraska Public Service Commission <i>This session offers insight on the pressing challenges and emerging opportunities for public safety answering points (PSAPs) and 911 systems.</i>	Silver 1, 2, 3
3:00-4:00 pm	Navigating the New World of Economic Development - K.C. Belitz, Director of the Nebraska Department of Economic Development <i>The days of seeking to grow Nebraska by selling cheap power, land, and labor don't exist anymore. Instead of the traditional model of recruiting a mega-employer from somewhere else, we're taking a new approach of targeted, homegrown economic development. This means investing in our people, places, and existing entrepreneurs to grow the state.</i>	Silver 1, 2, 3
4:00-5:00 pm	Visit Exhibit Hall <i>On the Menu: Buttered Popcorn</i>	Silver 7, 8, 9
4:00-5:00 pm	Legislative Priority Round Table Discussions with NACO District Representatives <i>Got a great policy idea? Bring it to the table! This is your chance to visit with NACO Board of Directors to share and discuss legislative priorities that matter to counties.</i>	Silver 1, 2, 3
5:00-6:00 pm	Social Hour sponsored by Applied Connective	Silver 4, 5, 6, 10, 11, & 12
6:00-7:00 pm	Banquet and Awards sponsored by Master Tech Truck & Equipment <i>On the Menu: Beef Brisket, Ham and Fried Chicken, Green Bean Casserole and Au Gratin Potatoes</i>	Silver 4, 5, 6, 10, 11, & 12
7:00-8:00 pm	Lead Without Limits: Harness the Power of Remarkable Leadership - Tom Turcich, Keynote Speaker	Silver 4, 5, 6, 10, 11, & 12
8:00 - 11:00 pm	Game Room and Pitch Tournament <i>Sponsored by BlueCross BlueShield, NACO Benefit Services, & National Insurance Services</i>	Silver 4, 5, 6, 10, 11, & 12

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7:00 - 10:00 am	Registration		Younes North Foyer
7:00 - 8:00 am	Breakfast sponsored by D.A. Davidson <i>On the Menu: Just Like Home Buffet</i>		Gold 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, & 9
7:00 - 8:00 am	Southeast District Breakfast <i>Southeast District Board Members are invited to a breakfast to learn more about the role of the NACO Executive Officers. In December 2025, the NACO membership will elect a Southeast District County official to serve as NACO Secretary/Treasurer on the NACO Board of Directors.</i>		Gold 12
8:00 - 8:30 am	Exhibit Hall Open		Silver 7, 8, 9
8:30-10:00am	Preparing the County Budgets: Joint Session with County Clerks - Jeff Schreier, Audit Manager, Nebraska Auditor of Public Accounts; Candace Meredith, NACO Deputy Director <i>Get up to date information on legislative changes affecting the county budget process, including updates on cap and growth calculations and best practices on using exceptions. See a demonstration of MIPS budget software and learn how to use it in real time to navigate discussions, enhance transparency, and improve budget outcomes.</i>		Gold 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, & 9
10:00-10:30 am	Exhibit Hall Break		Silver 7, 8, 9
10:30-11:30 am	Breakout Session	Jail Standards - Denny Macomber, Chief of the Jail Standards Division of the Nebraska Crime Commission	Gold 4
		Moving from Flood Recovery to Community Resilience: A Research Update on Local Preparedness Since the 2019 Floods in Nebraska - Zhenghong Tang, Associate Dean for Research and Innovation, College of Architecture Professor, Community and Regional Planning Program; & Jenny B Mason, Director of Community Development and Disaster Recovery, Nebraska Department of Economic Development <i>This presentation will provide a research updates for the flood recovery, mitigation, preparedness towards community resilience after the 2019's floods.</i>	Gold 11
		Nebraska Rural Poll - Dr. L.J. McElravy and Becky Vogt <i>The longest-running poll of rural life in the United States, the Nebraska Rural Poll is an annual survey conducted by Nebraska Extension and its community development division, Rural Prosperity Nebraska.</i>	Gold 10
		Nebraska Board of Engineers and Architects - Amy Habe, Compliance Officer <i>Learn more about the Nebraska Board of Engineers and Architects and when design professionals are required on a building project.</i>	Gold 12
11:30-12:30	Lunch sponsored by Soarin Group <i>On the Menu: Burgers and Brats, Mac & Cheese, Cookies</i>		Silver 4, 5, 6, 10, 11, 12

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12:30 - 1:30 pm	District Breakouts <i>Each District breakout session will be led by NACO Board of Directors Representatives and NACO Staff. During these sessions, you will discuss the issues your county is facing and gather legislative recommendations to help shape NACO's legislative priorities for 2026. After the breakout discussions, we will reconvene as a full group to share reports from each district and NACO updates including Inheritance Tax and before adjourning for the day.</i>	Southeast	Gold 4
		Northeast	Gold 11
		Central	Silver 1, 2, 3
		Panhandle	Gold 12
		West Central	Gold 10
1:30-2:30 pm	District Report and NACO Updates		Silver 1, 2, 3
2:30 pm	Closing & Adjourn		Silver 1, 2, 3