

July 12, 2024



The Ninety-Three

Reporting of Membership Dues Effective July 19th

LB304 was passed this past legislative session and is effective July 19, 2024. This requires political subdivisions to publicly disclose on their websites any membership dues paid annually to any organization or association (such as NACO) or fees paid to any individual lobbyist or lobbying firm. The Final Reading copy of LB304 may be found [here](#).

On MIPS-hosted county websites, a "Public Notices" page can be created/updated to serve the purpose of LB304.

Reach out to webmaster@nebraskacounties.org for more information.

NACO/MIPS Phone Lines Unavailable Friday Afternoon

NACO & MIPS office phone lines will be down today, Friday, July 12th from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM due to essential maintenance on our Internet equipment.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause and appreciate your understanding as we work to improve our services.



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.

Assessors will receive 1-hour of PAD-Approved continuing education for attending.

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

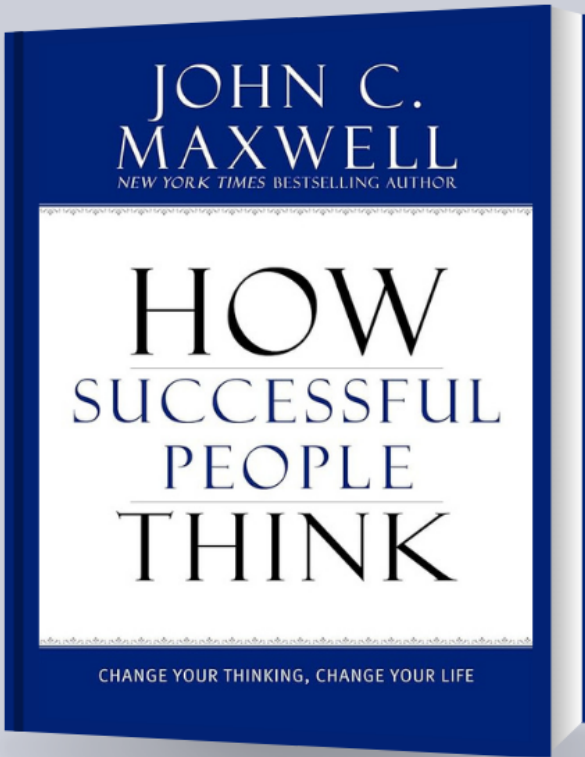
[Register for the Webinar Here](#)

LEADERSHIP BOOK CLUB

How
Successful
People Think:
Change Your
Thinking,
Change Your
Life

by John C. Maxwell

Check with your county clerk to borrow your county's copy. Limited copies may be available at the NACO office for \$10.



JUNE 2024

Twice a year, NACO hosts our Leadership Book Club. Each county is provided with a copy of a book with an emphasis in professional development and leadership. The book club offers an opportunity to read, discuss and network with peers.

The June 2024 pick is How Successful People Think by John C. Maxwell.

Check with your county clerk to borrow your county's copy. Limited copies may be available at the NACO office for \$10.

Leadership Book Club Information

Upcoming Fall District Meetings

September 12 - Southeast District Meeting
Graduate Lincoln Hotel, Lincoln

September 13 - Northeast District Meeting
Lifelong Learning Center, Norfolk

September 19 - Central District Meeting
The Leadership Center, Aurora

September 25 - Panhandle District Meeting
Prairie Winds Community Center, Bridgeport

September 26 - West Central District Meeting
Quality Inn & Suites, Ogallala

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Mark your calendars! Fall district meetings are coming up!

- Southeast District Meeting - September 12 - Graduate Lincoln Hotel, Lincoln
- Northeast District Meeting - September 13 - Lifelong Learning Center, Norfolk
- Central District Meeting - September 19 - The Leadership Center, Aurora

- Panhandle District Meeting - September 25 - Bridgeport Community Center, Bridgeport
- West Central District Meeting - September 26 - Quality Inn & Suites, Ogallala

Registration and agendas coming soon.

2024 Thriving Children, Families, and Communities Conference



REGISTRATION NOW OPEN
Tuesday, September 17, 2024

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8:00 AM - 3:00 PM CT

Younes Conference Center North, Kearney

Registration Deadline: September 9

NACO will be hosting an education track regarding **Governance and Policy** at this year's Thriving Children, Families, and Communities Conference. The conference brings together hundreds of community leaders from across Nebraska to continue building momentum around quality early childhood education and its connection to economic development and community vitality.

Governance and Policy track agenda and details coming soon.

Register at the link below before September 9th.

[Registration and Information](#)

Grant Management Training in Omaha

Omaha Police Department and Grant Writing USA will present a two-day grant management workshop in Omaha on July 29-30, 2024. This in-person training is for grant recipient organizations across all disciplines. Attend this class and you'll learn how to administer government grants and stay in compliance with applicable rules and regulations.

For event details visit: <https://grantstraining.com/om0724>

Beginning and experienced grant managers, grant writers and administrators from city, county and state agencies, healthcare organizations, nonprofits, K-12, colleges and universities are encouraged to attend.

Discounted tuition is \$565 and includes Grant Writing USA's 500-page grant management workbook and reference guide. Please use the code "**ASSN**" at the time of registration to receive this \$30 discount.

Groups of 5 or more receive a \$50 discount per person. Discounts for Grant Writing USA alumni and nonprofits are also available. Please call for details. One discount code per registration.

All health and safety guidelines will be followed. Online reservations are necessary. Payment is not required at the time of registration. **City, county, and state agencies have 30 days after the training to pay.**

Complete event details including learning objectives, class location, graduate testimonials and online registration are [available here](#).

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More than 40,000 agencies across North America have turned to Grant Writing USA for grant writing and grant management training.

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.

Broadband Terminology Information

Toolkit Now Available: Operation Green Light for Veterans

Operation Green Light for Veterans will take place November 4–11, 2024.

A [toolkit](#) is now available, with press release, resolution, and social media templates, among other resources to support county participation.

NACo High Performance Leadership Academy



The **NACo High Performance Leadership Academy**: An **online, 12-week** program to empower **online county government professionals** with fundamental, results-oriented **leadership skills**.

Join more than 200 county leaders across Nebraska who have utilized the NACo High Performance Leadership Academy. The 12-week virtual program is not only an

opportunity to build and refine leadership capabilities, but it's also a chance to collaborate with local government peers in the region for the sharing of ideas and best practices.

The next program kicks off August 5th -- request more information for your county at www.naco.org/skills today!

Assessor Workshop / NCRAAO Conference Registration

Monday, August 19, 2024 - Thursday, August 22, 2024

Younes Conference Center North, Kearney

Assessor Workshop / NCRAAO Conference

Agenda



NACO West Update

Work on the exterior siding and parking lot continues.







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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