



# The Ninety-Three

September 15, 2023

## Joint Public Hearing Reminders



John Spatz, NASB; Lynn Rex, League, and Jon Cannon, NACO, prepared a **video** sharing helpful reminders for the **upcoming joint public hearings**.

A message from Jon:

*We hope the postcard season goes well for every county involved. NACO and MIPS have worked hard to make the process as smooth as possible for affected political subdivisions. We recently joined our friends from the Nebraska League of Municipalities and the Nebraska Association of School Boards in this video with some important reminders and tips. Please let us know if there is any way we can help!*

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## **NACO Legislative Conference**

REGISTER NOW

NACO   
**LEGISLATIVE  
CONFERENCE**

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2023  
NIELSEN COMMUNITY CENTER, WEST POINT

[Register Here](#)

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## **Upcoming NACO District Meetings**

**Central** – September 21st, Holiday Inn, Kearney - *Pre-registration Closed*

**Panhandle** – September 27th, Prairie Winds Community Center, Bridgeport

**West Central** – September 28th, Mid-Plains CC North, North Platte

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Registration - 8:00-9:00 a.m.

Business Meeting - 9:00-10:15 a.m.

Affiliate Breakout Sessions -10:15 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Lunch - 12:00-1:00 p.m.

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## **Preliminary Meeting Agendas**

[Central](#)

[Panhandle](#)

[West Central](#)

[Register Here](#)

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# **Pre-Register for the Annual Conference Now**



## 2023 NACO ANNUAL CONFERENCE

DECEMBER 13-15, YOUNES CONFERENCE CENTER NORTH, KEARNEY, NE

# PRE-REGISTRATION OPEN NOW

Register at [www.nebraskacounties.org](http://www.nebraskacounties.org)

Registration Deadline: November 22, 2023

**JOIN US IN DECEMBER**

Conference registration will also open on August 1, 2023. The cost is \$150.00 per attendee and \$100.00 per guest. A spouse is considered a guest.

The registration deadline is November 22, 2023 at 11:59 P.M. CT.

All cancellations after November 22, 2023 are subject to a \$50.00 administrative fee.

[Click Here for Registration and More](#)

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## Annual Conference Hotel Reservations

**If you reserved multiple rooms for your county, you must provide a rooming list with guest names and stay dates to the Younes Team by September 18th.** Any unclaimed rooms after September 18th will be placed back into the general NACO block for other attendees/counties to reserve.

## Annual Conference Agenda

### Wednesday, December 13 - 8:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

- Exhibit Hall Opens at 8:00 A.M.
- Affiliate Groups may start as early as 9:00 A.M. and end as late as 4:00 P.M. Please note County Board session starts at 10:00 A.M. and ends at 3:00 P.M.
- Sponsored Dinner and Hospitality Suites will be at Younes Center South in the evening.

### Thursday, December 14 - 8:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

- Exhibit Hall Opens at 8:00 A.M.
- General Session begins at 9:00 A.M.
  - Speaker - Richard Hight
- Morning Breakout Session begins at 11:00
  - TIF (Tax Increment Financing) 2.0
  - Long Term Care Crisis in Rural Communities
  - Strategies to Address Mental Health in the Workplace
  - Natural Disaster Recovery and Community Impact
  - Childcare Demographics
- Lunch at 12:00
- Afternoon Breakout Session begins at 2:00
  - Tips on Effective State Legislative Advocacy
  - Planning for a Cybersecurity Incident
  - Grid Up, Power Down
  - Navigating Public Financing and Bonds
  - Housing Issues Facing both Rural and Urban Areas
- Door prizes in Exhibit Hall at 3:30 P.M.
- Sponsored Dinner and Hospitality Suites will be at Younes Center South in the evening.

### Friday, December 15 - 7:00 A.M. - 10:30 A.M.

- NACO Business Meeting (Breakfast Provided)

We have arranged for a single bus to provide transportation services for hotel guests in the Younes campus area. The bus will be available for pick up and drop off between 8:00 A.M. and 11:30 P.M. on both Wednesday and Thursday.



# Submit Your Award Nominations Now

Nomination forms for the 2023 **County Official of the Year Award**, **Lifetime Achievement Award**, and **Next Generation Award** are available for submission.

Attach supporting documentation as necessary and please email all submission forms and backup documentation to [candace.meredith@nebraskacounties.org](mailto:candace.meredith@nebraskacounties.org)

The deadline to submit your award nominations is Friday, October 20th.

Announcement of the 2023 recipients will be made at the Annual Conference.

[45th Annual County Official of the Year](#)

[2023 Lifetime Achievement Award](#)

[2023 Next Generation Award](#)

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## Nebraska Initial Proposal Volume I Out for Public Comment

The Nebraska Broadband Office has posted for public comment some important documents:

**Initial Proposal Volume I**

**Unserved Location Codes**

**Underserved Location Codes**

**Community Anchor Institutions**

As well as, **Nebraska's 5-Year Action Plan** which was submitted to NTIA on August 11, 2023.

To review the documents, go to <https://broadband.nebraska.gov/public-comment-page/>.

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## FEMA Seeks Public Input on Simplifying Preparedness Grants

FEMA has published [a notice in the Federal Register](#) seeking comment on how to enhance the management and administration of its [preparedness grant programs](#).

This national engagement will help the agency gain better understanding of how to continue to assist the nation and first responders in building, sustaining and improving our capability to prepare for, protect against, respond to, recover from and mitigate terrorism and other high-consequence disasters and emergencies.

FEMA will host a public listening session and one tribal consultation to allow interested parties to provide feedback.

### **Public Listening Session:**

Date: Tuesday, Sept. 26, 2023

Time: 3 – 4 p.m. ET

[Register to attend](#)

### **Tribal Consultation:**

Date: Wednesday, Sept. 20, 2023

Time: 3 – 4:30 p.m. ET

[Register to attend](#)

[More Information](#)

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The Scotts Bluff County Detention Center and Nebraska Association of County Officials is proud to host...

# Leadership and Ethics

Major Sam L. Davis is a graduate of the Mid-Michigan Corrections Academy and the Michigan Police Academy. He served as Chair of the Jail Administrators for the Michigan Sheriffs' Association until he retired as Jail Administrator with the Ingham County Sheriff's Office (ICSO) in Mason, Michigan. He was then appointed to the Governor's Task Force on Racial Equity. He travels nationally to teach about various leadership topics.

**Speaker** .... Major Sam L. Davis

**Dates** ..... October 24th and 25th, 2023

**Time** ..... 0800 to 1600 hours (MST)

**Location** ... Gering Civic Center  
1050 M st, Gering NE 69341

The event is \$75 per person for both days. The fee includes morning and afternoon refreshments and lunch will be provided.

**RSVP and payment by October 13th, 2023.** Payments can be made out to the Scotts Bluff County Detention Center.

**Scan to register and make payment or go to:**

[www.eventcreate.com/e/leadershipandethics](http://www.eventcreate.com/e/leadershipandethics)



Sponsors



**Major Sam L. Davis**

- Adjunct Professor in Criminal Justice at Michigan State University
- Michigan High School Athletic Association
- Lifetime member of the American Jail Association (AJA)
- Winner of the AJA's President Award
- Secretary and Chair for the AJA's Training and Professional Development Committee
- Leadership Track on the AJA's Conference Planning Committee



The Scotts Bluff County Detention Center is proud to host Major Sam Davis of the American Jail Association on October 24th and 25th 2023 at the Gering Civic Center. Davis is the Secretary and Chair of the AJA's Training and Professional Development



Committee and is an Adjunct Professor in Criminal Justice at Michigan State University. Davis is well versed in many topics, but will be presenting on Leadership and Professional Ethics for this event. Davis has 30+ years in the Criminal Justice Field between Patrol and Detention settings. This event is not specific to only law enforcement though, as these topics apply to all aspects of business. Anyone and Everyone is welcome!

The event will be 2 days in total, and 16 credit hours of continuing education is available to those requiring it. A registration fee of \$75 per person covers both days, refreshments and lunch will be provided on those days. Payments will not be accepted at the event.

Event Registration

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## DED Opens Applications for Second Round of Funding under 2022 Rural Workforce Housing Fund Program

The Nebraska Department of Economic Development (DED) is now accepting second round applications for the 2022 Rural Workforce Housing Fund (RWHF) program year. A Letter of Intent will be due by October 19, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. CT. The last day to submit an application will be Thursday, December 7, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. CT.

2022 RWHF awards from the first application round were announced May 11, 2023. A total of \$22,805,000 was awarded to 27 organizations of the approximately \$29,555,112 available. The Department is initiating a second application round for the 2022 program year cycle for the remaining amount of approximately \$6,750,112.

Eligible applicants are Nebraska based 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(6) non-profit housing or related service organizations. More details about this funding opportunity are found in the 2022 RWHF Application Guidelines – Round Two at <https://opportunity.nebraska.gov/programs/housing/rwhf/>. A copy of the guidelines can also be requested by contacting Nick Dropinski at 402-580-0713 or [nick.dropinski@nebraska.gov](mailto:nick.dropinski@nebraska.gov).

The Letters of Intent must be submitted to [nick.dropinski@nebraska.gov](mailto:nick.dropinski@nebraska.gov). Applications shall be submitted electronically through DED's Grant Management System, AmpliFund, at any time after the application live date and before the due date. The application can be found here: [AmpliFund RWHF Application](#). Please refer to the Application Guidelines as well.

Individuals requiring sensory accommodations, including interpreter services, Braille, large print or recorded materials should contact Lori Cole at 402-471-3746 or [lori.cole@nebraska.gov](mailto:lori.cole@nebraska.gov).

[Web Source](#)

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# NACo Leadership Academy Graduates

**We want to acknowledge and congratulate the April NACo Leadership Academy graduates from Nebraska.** They join over 10,000 graduates and current participants from across the country benefitting from the 12-week online program enabling existing and emerging county leaders to achieve their highest potential.

David Kruger, Highway Superintendent, Washington County

John Jaeckel, Operations Manager, Douglas County

Karin Caldwell, Administrative Assistant, Douglas County

LaKeidra Roatch, Veteran Service Officer, Douglas County

Latasha Jones, Lead Community Program Specialist, Douglas County

Leeann Derry, Clerk 2, Douglas County

Mary Hagge, A Shift Supervisor, Douglas County

Matt Thieman, Lead Program Analyst, Nebraska State Association of Counties

Patti Jurjevich, Regional Administrator, Douglas County

Randy Walther, Finance and Contracts Analyst, Douglas County

Ryan Crawford, Specialist, Douglas County

Steven Leighton, Shift Supervisor, Douglas County

Todd Connely, Specialist, Douglas County

Tracy Colledge, General Assistance, Douglas County

Tyler Graham, Shift Supervisor, Douglas County

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## FEMA and FCC Plan Nationwide Emergency Alert Test Oct. 4.

FEMA, in coordination with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), will conduct a [nationwide test](#) of the [Emergency Alert System](#) (EAS) and [Wireless Emergency Alerts](#) (WEA) on Oct. 4.

The national test will consist of two portions, testing WEA and EAS capabilities. Both tests are scheduled to begin at approximately 2:20 p.m. ET on Wednesday, Oct. 4.

The WEA portion of the test will be directed to all consumer cell phones and will be the third nationwide test, but the second test to all cellular devices. The test message will display in either English or Spanish, depending on the language settings of the wireless

handset. The EAS portion of the test will be sent to radios and televisions. This will be the seventh nationwide EAS test.

Read more [here](#).

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## Greater Nebraska Rural Opportunities Interview Sessions Oct. 20

**Friday, October 20, 2023 • 12:00 - 5:00 p.m.**

In an effort to provide attorneys and law students with an opportunity to experience the practice of law in Greater Nebraska, the Nebraska State Bar Association is conducting its Rural Practice Initiative Program. We hope to connect participating law students with firms looking to hire associates or law clerks in Greater Nebraska.

If you are interested in interviewing, **return the completed form** (*find appropriate form below*) to **Sam Clinch** at the NSBA by email at [sclinch@nebar.com](mailto:sclinch@nebar.com) or US Mail at 635 S. 14th St #200, Lincoln, NE 68508. Please return the form below by **October 13, 2023**.

[Law Firms](#)

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Lincoln, NE 68508  
Telephone: 402.471.7810

Software and services designed for government and schools

Contact: [Kathryn Hutcherson](#)  
402-471-7810

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