



The Ninety-Three

October 13, 2023

Calling All 93 Counties! Join Operation Green Light for Veterans



This coming Veterans Day, the National Association of Counties (NACo) and the National Association of County Veteran Service Officers (NACVSO) invite the nation's 3,069 counties, parishes and boroughs to join Operation Green Light and show support for veterans by lighting our buildings green from **November 6 to November 12**. By shining a green light, county governments and our residents will let veterans know that they are seen, appreciated and supported.

The Nebraska Association of County Officials is inviting all 93 counties in Nebraska to participate in Operation Green Light.

How to Join

- Click the link below to visit www.naco.org/operationgreenlight to access the Operation Green Light for Veterans County Toolkit.
- Coordinate with your county Director of Facilities or Building & Grounds to light municipal buildings in green. Options include using projections, flood lights, or green filters for existing lights.
- Support veterans year-round by purchasing supplies from veteran-owned businesses on Amazon Business at www.amazon.com/veteran-owned.
- Email photos of your courthouse to Riley Sigler at riley.sigler@nebraskacounties.org by November 13th to be featured on our Facebook page. The county whose photo has the highest likes by November 20th at 5 PM CST will be declared the Operation Green Light winner, and earn a special prize.

[Click Here for the County Participation Toolkit](#)

NACO Legislative Conference





Yesterday, the Legislative Conference took place at the Nielsen Community Center in Cuming County. It was a great event that brought together county officials to discuss important legislation for the next session. Thank you to Cuming County for hosting and to all who attended.



Award Nominations Deadline October 20th

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

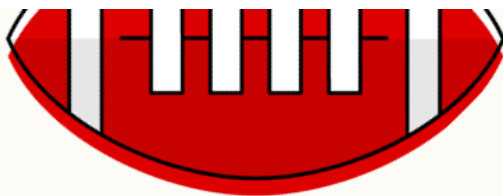
The deadline to submit your award nominations is Friday, October 20th.

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

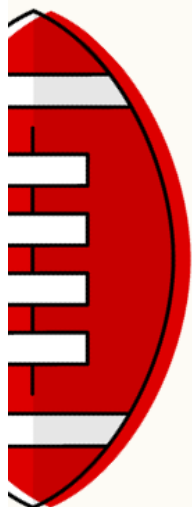
[45th Annual County Official of the Year](#)

[2023 Next Generation Award](#)

[2023 Lifetime Achievement Award](#)



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TAILGATE



NORTHWESTERN VS NEBRASKA

OCTOBER 21, 2023 | 12 PM

NACO OFFICE

1335 H ST, LINCOLN, NE 68508



RSVP to Candace Meredith at candace.meredith@nebraskacounties.org by October 20th.



NACO West Update

The dirt work was completed on October 9th. The general contractor has reported that the concrete crew will be onsite next week.

Picture courtesy of Kelly Sides, Scotts Bluff County Commissioner.



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

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](#)

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.
 - **County Board Session**
 - County Board session starts at 10:00 A.M. and ends at 3:00 P.M.

- Education to include topics on consumption tax, broadband, transportation, and open meetings.
- **Treasurer Session**
 - Education to include topics on motor vehicle fraud, tax sale updates, and investments.
- **Public Health Session**
 - All-day closed meeting.
- **Sheriffs Session**
 - Business meeting to begin at 10:00 A.M.
- Session information coming soon for Assessors, Clerks of the District Court, Highway Superintendents, Weed Management, Emergency Managers, Veteran Service Officers, Planning and Zoning, and NACREC.
- 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.



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OMAHA BRANCH OPEN HOUSE!

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20th 9AM - 2PM



**Friday, October 20th
9AM - 2PM**

9751 S 148th St
Omaha, NE 68138

9:00 am - **Equipment Rodeo**
Precision Construction Equipment Demo

11:00am - 1:00pm - **Lunch Served**

Get to know your local Murphy Tractor
Representatives, enjoy lunch & have the
oppurtunity to win some awesome prizes!

Please RSVP by October 17th to
a Murphy Tractor Rep.

Questions?
402-894-1899
omaha@murphytractor.com



Deadline to Register - TODAY

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.



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

Scan to register and make payment or go to:

www.eventcreate.com/e/leadershipandethics



Sponsors



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](#)

Nebraska EMS Services Community Listening Sessions

Community Listening Sessions will be hosted statewide regarding EMS in Nebraska. These sessions seek information about your concerns, perspectives, and ideas about EMS in the State of Nebraska.

More information below.



October 3, 2023

To All Concerned About the Future of Nebraska EMS:

Nebraska EMS is engaged in an important strategic planning and statewide assessment process that has included two surveys gathering feedback from the EMS system providers, EMS services, and key stakeholders.

We're now seeking to hear your concerns, perspectives, and ideas in a series of Community Listening Sessions to be held statewide, in each of the four EMS regions. These will be carefully facilitated to ensure all voices are heard. The purpose of the listening sessions is to develop and more deeply understand the themes emerging from the survey data. This deeper understanding will enable the assessment work to better understand root causes, the current state, and opportunities for the future.

Please join us in:

Western Region

October 16, 2023 7:00-9:00 pm MT

- Alliance, NE: Knight Museum
- Ogallala, NE: Ogallala Volunteer Fire Department

Central Region

October 17, 2023 7:00-9:00 pm

- Broken Bow, NE: Jennie M. Melham Medical Center, Conference Room A
- Atkinson, NE: Atkinson Fire and Rescue/Ambulance Service

Southeast Region

October 18, 2023 7:00-9:00 pm

- Hastings, NE: Mary Lanning Healthcare
- Beatrice, NE: Beatrice Fire and Rescue

Northeast Region

October 19, 2023 7:00-9:00 pm

- Norfolk, NE: Faith Regional Health Services
- Waterloo, NE: Waterloo Fire and Rescue

The process is being facilitated by SafeTech Solutions, LLP, an independent national EMS consulting firm with broad experience in EMS system assessment and strategic planning. SafeTech has been engaged by the State of Nebraska and the EMS Program to independently lead this process and guide participation.

Helping People Live Better Lives

Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Large Bridge Projects

A Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO), link below, for the Bridge Investment Program (BIP) Large Bridge Project grants (costs greater than \$100 million) was published on September 27, 2023, on www.grants.gov.

A separate NOFO for the other two BIP categories, Planning Project Grants and Bridge Project Grants (Costs not greater than \$100 million), will be issued in the near future. Information on the program is available at [BIP - Funding Programs - Management and Preservation - Bridges & Structures - Federal Highway Administration \(dot.gov\)](https://www.federalhighwayadministration.gov/BIP-Funding-Programs-Management-and-Preservation-Bridges-Structures-Federal-Highway-Administration-dot-gov), which includes a link to the NOFO, a fact sheet on the BIP, and an initial set of Q&As.

In the near future, links for an application template and a Benefit-Cost Analysis (BCA) tool will also be provided. Additional information and guidance will be posted to the website in the near future including a recorded webinar that provides an overview of the BIP.

[Download the BIP NOFO](#)

Nebraska Broadband Office Invites Comment on New Statewide Broadband Map

Do You Receive Access to High-Speed Internet?

As part of the Broadband, Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) program, the Nebraska Broadband Office has launched the State Broadband Availability Map, which identifies the served, underserved, and unserved locations across the state. Unserved locations identified on the map will be prioritized to receive broadband buildout in this program. If there is an error, you must challenge the map to fix it. To verify your level of Internet Service, visit the Nebraska Broadband Map [\(LINK\)](#).

To ensure that Nebraska has access to federal funding opportunities, it is essential that the map reflects all the unserved and underserved broadband serviceable locations. ***As part of the map availability, there will be ongoing public engagement across the state including a series of eight public meetings and an open comment period from Sept. 14 to Oct 14. Details can be found at [\(LINK\)](#).***

The Office will only accept challenges from:

- nonprofit organizations;
- local and tribal governments; and
- broadband service providers.

Nebraskans may submit a challenge by contacting their local government or Regional Economic Development District (EDD) serving their county. The local government or EDD will then submit the challenge on behalf of the residents. A challenge guide will be made available on December 22, 2023, prior to the start of the Challenge Period in early January.

CONNECTING
NEBRASKA



The Nebraska Broadband Office invites comment on the New Statewide Broadband Map. To verify your level of Internet Service, visit the Nebraska Broadband Map at <https://broadband.nebraska.gov/broadbandavailabilitymap/>

As part of the map availability, there will be ongoing public engagement across the state including a series of eight public meetings and an open comment period from Sept. 14 to Oct 14.

Details can be found at <https://ndot.info/community>

NACO Sponsor Spotlight



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Cedar Rapids, IA 52402
Telephone: 319.365.8625

Appraisal Services and Consultation and CAMA and Personal Property Software

Contact: Bob Ehler
bobe@camavision.com

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