

January 24, 2025



# The Ninety-Three

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## 2025 NACO Board of Directors

Over the past two days, the NACO Board of Directors convened in Lincoln to address the legislation impacting counties this session and outline initiatives that will drive NACO's work in 2025.

We are grateful for the commitment and expertise of our 2025 Board of Directors:

### **NACO Board Officers**

Diana Hurlburt, President, Garfield County Commissioner

Charlie Knapper, Vice President, Scotts Bluff County Commissioner

Troy Uhlir, Second Vice President, Madison County Commissioner

Micaela Wuehler, Secretary/Treasurer, Lincoln County Commissioner

Terry Keebler, Past President, Johnson County Assessor

### **NACO Board of Directors**

Mary Ann Borgeson, Representative of Douglas County, Douglas County Commissioner

Rick Vest, Representative of Lancaster County, Lancaster County Commissioner

Angi Burmeister, Representative of Sarpy County, Sarpy County Commissioner

Bill Maendele, Central District Representative, Buffalo County Commissioner

Kim Kwapnioski, Northeast District Representative, Platte County Supervisor

Steve Burke, Panhandle District Representative, Box Butte Commissioner

Mark Schoenrock, Southeast District Representative, Jefferson County Commissioner

Corey Crandall, West Central District Representative, Keith County Commissioner

Terry Keebler, Assessors, Johnson County Assessor

Shawn Eatheron, Attorneys, Buffalo County Attorney

Amber Mulbery, Clerks of the District Court, Saline County District Court Clerk

Amy Nelson, Clerks, Election Commissioners, Register of Deeds, Fillmore County Clerk

Neil Miller, Sheriffs, Buffalo County Sheriff

Pam Dingman, Highway Superintendents, Engineers & Surveyors, Lancaster County Engineer

Valery Bell, Treasurers, Box Butte County Treasurer

Bill Tielke, NACo Nebraska Representative, Holt County Supervisor

Joshua Skavdahl, WIR Nebraska Representative, Sioux County Commissioner

[NACO Website](#)

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## The 2025 County Board Handbook Is Now Available for Order

The 2025 County Board Handbook is available for \$80.00. Please fill out the form linked below if you would like to order a County Board Handbook.

[Order Form](#)

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## 2025 County Chair Workshop

This workshop is for County Board Chairs and Vice Chairs.

**Friday, February 14, 2025 | 8:00 am - 4:00 pm**

Younes Conference Center North - Crowne Plaza, 707 Talmadge St, Kearney, NE 68845

Deadline to pre-register: February 7, 2025 by 5:00 PM

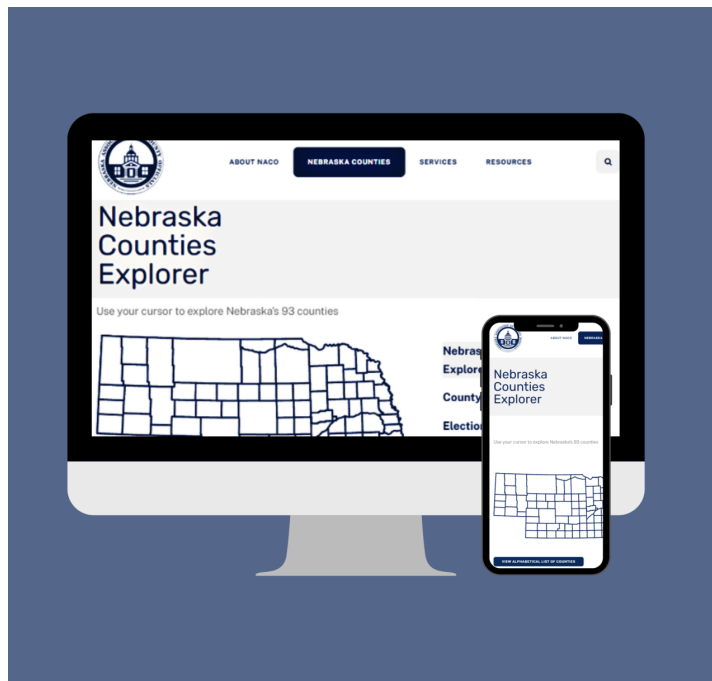
Registration fee: \$0

Walk-in registrants welcome after deadline.

[Register Here](#)

[Agenda](#)

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## NACO Nebraska County Explorer: Latest Updates

NACO added helpful new data to each county's [Counties Explorer](#) page on the NACO website. Under the "Demographics" tab, data on household size and residential building permits was added. Under the "Education and Employment" tab, data on local business revenues, grain elevator capacity, and railroad mileage was added. All of the Counties Explorer data was also updated to the most recent year available.

[Click to Begin Exploring](#)

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## Stay Informed with NACO's Legislative Resources

As the legislative session gets underway, NACO is here to help county officials stay informed and engaged. Subscribe to the Legislative Newsletter for weekly updates delivered to you inbox and access the Legislative Report on our YouTube channel for the latest legislative information.

Need more information? Visit the Nebraska Legislature's webpage to find details on specific bills, and watch live streams of Unicameral debates and hearings on Nebraska Public Media.

[Legislative Newsletter](#)

[NACO YouTube Channel](#)



## Kick Off 2025 with NACO West!

Happy New Year! As we welcome 2025, we're thrilled about the opportunities that lie ahead. The doors to NACO West are open, and our team is dedicated to handling all the details for your meetings, allowing you to focus on sharing ideas and building connections. Whether you need to host an affiliate meeting, educational workshop, training event, or board meeting, NACO West is here to meet your needs. While virtual meetings offer convenience, there's nothing quite like the energy of in-person interactions! Let's make 2025 a year full of new ideas, partnerships, and opportunities.

Click the button below to discover how we can make your meeting a success.

[Click Here!](#)

**Seeing is believing - stop by and see how we will elevate your next event. We can't wait to see you!**

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**Become a 2025 NACO Business Member**

### Connect your company with county officials across Nebraska

Support from our valued NACO Business Members enables us to provide high-quality educational programs and resources to Nebraska county officials.

Benefits	Elite \$2000/Year	Premium \$750/Year
Your company on our website	✓	✓
Opportunity to provide offers to the NACO Network	✓	✓
First notification of any sponsorship opportunities, including annual conference	✓	✓
Your logo in our weekly online newsletter for the year	✓	✓
15% discount on a sponsorship or booth at the 2025 NACO Annual Conference (December 2025, Kearney)	✓	✓
15% discount on NACO West Office Jack Mills Training Center rental in Ogallala, NE	✓	✓
One social media announcement of membership	✓	
One educational article in our weekly online newsletter highlighting your company's services	✓	
Your logo scrolling on our NACO home page for the year	✓	
Monthly Elite Member spotlight on the NACO home page	✓	
Complimentary Exhibit Booth at the 2025 County Board Membership Workshop (June 2025, Kearney)	✓	

Ready to maximize your opportunities with NACO in 2025? Scan Here to Apply!



[Learn More and Apply Here](#)

# Savi Available to NACO Benefit Services Groups



**Looking for support  
navigating your  
student loans?**

*As a Nebraska County employee, you and your family now have access\* to Savi - a straightforward financial wellness benefit to keep your student loans on track.*

**Create your free account at  
[nacobenefits.bysavi.com](https://nacobenefits.bysavi.com) to see if you  
qualify for a lower monthly payment or  
student loan forgiveness**

\*To receive your coupon code for Savi Essential (typically \$70), please email [candace.meredith@nebraskacounties.org](mailto:candace.meredith@nebraskacounties.org). Coupon codes are available exclusively to Nebraska County employees.

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## NAEM Emergency Manager Award Nomination Deadline Extended

The NAEM Nomination Committee invites your participation in recognizing the outstanding contributions of Emergency Management professionals in our state by submitting nominations for the prestigious "NAEM Emergency Manager Awards" through the Nebraska Association of Emergency Management (NAEM).

The NAEM awards program is an excellent opportunity to celebrate the dedication, innovation, and leadership demonstrated by individuals and teams working tirelessly to ensure our communities' safety and resilience. As an elected official, your nomination carries significant weight and reflects your commitment to supporting those who safeguard our citizens during times of crisis.

## **Award Categories:**

**Emergency Manager of the Year**

**New Emergency Manager of the Year**

**Deputy Director or Administrative Assistant of the Year**

**Emergency Management Support Nomination**

**Lifetime Achievement Nomination**

We encourage you to nominate individuals with exceptional skill, leadership, or innovation in their emergency management efforts. The nomination process is straightforward and involves providing details about the nominee's achievements and their impact on the community.

## **Key Details for Submission:**

**Deadline:** Extended to January 31st

**Submission Link:** NAEM Award Nominations

**Submissions Directed To:** [ggoebel@otoecountyne.gov](mailto:ggoebel@otoecountyne.gov)

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# **2026 Office of Violence Prevention Grant**

The **Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice** is pleased to announce the availability of the **2026 Office of Violence Prevention [OVP]**. The Request for Application [RFA] outlines general guidelines, eligibility, funding requirements, and application instructions. You are encouraged to distribute and post this announcement. Please read the RFA thoroughly to ensure all requirements are met in the application. The attached documents are also located at the following website:

<https://ncc.nebraska.gov/grant-apps>

## **2026 OFFICE OF VIOLENCE PREVENTION: \$616,160.00**

All applicants applying for the **2026 Office of Violence Prevention [OVP]** shall submit an application using the below link through Amplifund.

<https://ne.amplifund.com/Public/Opportunities/Details/f8092924-bfc1-4c83-b86e-a246bb535653>

Applications are accepted electronically by completing the application and submitting all required documents to AmpliFund's online application system (see applicable announcement for more information and instructions; announcements are attached and accessible in AmpliFund; announcements will be on the NCC website by the end of the next business day)

For assistance or questions regarding the SFY 2026 OVP please contact Chris Carlile, Director of Justice Programs at (402) 417-3673 or [christine.carlile@nebraska.gov](mailto:christine.carlile@nebraska.gov).

For assistance with AmpliFund, reach out to Nebraska AmpliFund Support at (844) 735-0239 or [support@ne-amplifund.zendesk.com](mailto:support@ne-amplifund.zendesk.com). Applicants may also access resources and chat with AmpliFund Support staff through the AmpliFund Customer Support Portal at <https://ne-amplifund.zendesk.com>.

**EMAIL APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

**PAPER APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

**LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

For instructions on how to submit an application through Amplifund, please refer to the video guide found here: <https://streamlinksoftware.wistia.com/medias/2j9ul4o1kx>

**Application Deadline: February 24, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. CST**

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## RESOURCES

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