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Data Center Task Force Discusses Local Impacts and Decision-Making

The Governor's [Data Center Task Force recently met](#) to discuss hyperscale data center development in Nebraska. Angi Burmeister, Sarpy County Commissioner, Micaela Wuehler, Lincoln County Commissioner, and Candace Meredith, NACO Deputy Director, serve on the task force, bringing county and local land-use perspectives to the conversation. Head to the [NACO blog](#) to read more about the task force meeting.

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Opioid Settlement Funds: Considering Local Uses

As Nebraska counties consider how opioid settlement funds may best support their communities, the settlement provides a broad range of eligible uses focused on prevention, treatment, recovery, and reducing the impacts of opioid use. Head to our blog for more information and resources.

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NACO Fall District Meetings Wrap Up

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NACO Fall District meetings wrapped up this week! Thank you to all of the attendees for taking the time to connect with fellow county leaders.



Updated LB663 Land Use Toolkit Now Available on NACO Website

NACO has updated the 2026 Land Use Permit Toolkit with additional content. The new section, "County Zoning Maps: Modernization and Accessibility," explains what a county zoning map is, summarizes pertinent statutes, details the conversion of paper zoning maps to GIS-based zoning maps, and discusses shared GIS services in general. NACO expects to further amend the Land Use Permit Toolkit with up-to-date content as we meet with county officials at district meetings and continue working with the Land Use Committee.

The most current Land Use Permit Toolkit can be found [here](#).

2026 Annual Conference Registration and Hotel Reservation Now Open

Both the hotel reservation form and attendee registration for the 132nd NACO Annual Conference are now open!

County officials planning to attend the Annual Conference **must complete the [online form](#) to request a room in the NACO block at the Younes Conference Center Campus**. The form will be available until Friday, October 9th at 5:00 PM CT. Please direct all questions about hotel reservations to the Younes staff at 308-237-8813 or by email youneshotels@gmail.com.

Conference Registration is also now open on the [NACO website](#). The cost is \$165.00 per attendee and \$100.00 per guest. A spouse is considered a guest. The pre-registration deadline is November 20th, 2026, at 11:59 PM Central Time. All cancellations after November 20th are subject to a \$75.00 administrative fee.

[Click here for an agenda overview](#). Please note that this is subject to change. We encourage you to bookmark the [Annual Conference landing page](#) for registration, agendas, and the most up-to-date conference information.

Interim Study Special Hearing Schedule

The Legislature's standing committees have begun scheduling public hearings on issues designated for study over the interim. The legislative resolutions are introduced by senators during the regular session. Ideas generated from the studies are often introduced as legislation in the following session. A full list of the resolutions can be found [here](#), and hearings are [here](#).

Here are some of the hearings of interest to counties. Note that other studies may be heard at the same hearing. Hearings held at the State Capitol are generally livestreamed on [Nebraska Public Media](#).

October 2nd, 10:00 AM

Urban Affairs Committee, Omaha location to be determined

[LR441](#) (Andersen) Interim study relating to the applicability for residential versus commercial building codes and the implications of enacting LB1227, introduced in the One Hundred Ninth Legislature, Second Session

[LR417](#) (Urban Affairs Committee) Interim study to examine innovative approaches to housing development, financing, and ownership in Nebraska

[LR418](#) (Urban Affairs Committee) Interim study to examine inland port authorities, how inland port authorities currently operate, and the progress of inland port authorities in developing land, infrastructure, and opportunities in the areas of the authorities

October 9th, 9:00 AM

Appropriations Committee, Room 1524

[LR452](#) (Spivey) Interim study to examine funding sources, fee structures, service types, oversight structures, reimbursement structures, and appropriations for cross-system services between child welfare and juvenile justice

Comprehensive Plan and Regulation Essentials Webinar

Please join us for a Comprehensive Plan and Regulation Essentials Webinar on Wednesday, October 7th, 2026, at 2:00 PM Central Time. This two-hour webinar is

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available for two credit hours for county boards, county attorneys, and planning commissions.

The webinar will assist in the understanding of essential elements of comprehensive plans, zoning maps, conditional use permits, and local land-use regulations. We will also examine how LB663's land-use application timelines are affecting Nebraska counties.

Click the link below to register.

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Z4A_sWWfQmeN-GLuIdmAcw

2027 Office of Violence Prevention Supplemental Grant

The Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice is accepting applications for the **Supplemental 2027 Office of Violence Prevention [OVP]**. This announcement is an extension of the FY2027 Office of Violence Prevention Request for Application (OVP RFA) released October 31, 2025. Please refer to the [**FY2027 OVP RFA**](#) for grant requirements. All OVP requirements and restrictions apply.

You are encouraged to distribute and post this announcement.. The attached documents will be located at the following website:

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

2027 OVP Supplemental: Approximately \$600,000

All applicants applying for the 2027 Office of Violence Prevention [OVP] shall submit an application using the link below through Euna:

<https://ne.amplifund.com/Public/Opportunities/Details/634f429c-c04f-4c3a-8354-9ae2e17f485c>

EMAIL, PAPER, AND LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

For instructions on how to submit an application through Euna, please refer to the video guide found here:

https://rooms.vidyard.com/rooms/_wEY6z9GESNh2lBhuCwvlw?vy_player_uuid=92KSHRHx8zy5sqiHhGBJNs

Application Deadline: Monday, October 5, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. (CST)

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