

April 4, 2025



The Ninety-Three

Happy National County Government Month!

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April 2025



This month, we celebrate counties and the important work that local governments do to provide essential services to Nebraskans.

Follow along in April as we highlight key resources and educational tools that you can use to learn more about local government, Nebraska counties, and all of the ways that counties help our communities thrive.

Last year, we launched our “How Nebraska Counties Work” resource hub where you can access valuable information about your county. Scan the QR code or visit the link below to check it out.

Keep an eye on our page during the month of April to help us celebrate National County Government Month!



nebraskacounties.org/how-nebraska-counties-work

Limited Space Still Available for 2025 County Official Online Learning Network

Registration for the County Official Online Learning (COOL) Network closes soon!

If you're a newly elected or appointed county official, this course is a great opportunity to connect with other county officials, university professors, and local government experts through self-paced online content, discussion forums, weekly live webinars, and a final in-person session. **The enrollment deadline is April 15**, so [register now to secure your spot](#).

The COOL Network is a hybrid educational course that includes a three-week online session in May, followed by one in-person session in Kearney, NE, on June 4, 2025. **Topics covered will include:**

- The purpose, structure, and funding of county government
- Government finance, expenditures, and mandates
- Courthouse infrastructure, Information Technology risk management
- Visioning and strategic planning

This course provides an excellent transition to the Institute of Excellence, a professional development program for county officials designed to cover topics such as county data exploration, leadership, and community engagement. The Institute of Excellence kicks off in August, so be on the lookout for registration details this summer.

Session Starts: May 5, 2025

Enrollment Deadline: April 15, 2025

[COOL Network Registration](#)

Upcoming NACO Workshops

Click on the event to register.

NACO Budget Workshop #1

May 8, 2025

Holthus Convention Center - York

Register by May 1, 2025.



NACO Budget Workshop #2

May 15, 2025

NACO West- Ogallala

Register by May 8, 2025.



Board of Equalization Workshop

June 4, 2025

Younes North - Kearney

County Board Workshop

June 4-5, 2025

Younes North - Kearney

County Clerk, Register of Deeds, & Election Commissioner Workshop

June 4-6, 2025

Younes South - Kearney

NACO West Sees Continued Success in 2025

The state-of-the-art NACO West Training Center has hosted a number of great events so far in 2025. Whether it's a board meeting, a conference, or a panel discussion, we're proud to provide a seamless experience for anyone who hosts their events at NACO West.

If you or someone you know is looking for a place to host a meeting, educational workshop, or training event, NACO West is the place to be! [Click here for more information.](#)



2025 NACO Outstanding County Board Member of the Year Nomination Form

Nominations for the 2025 Outstanding County Board Member Award are open to county board members who have been in office for at least two (2) terms. Criteria used for selecting the 2025 recipient includes: member will have been active on regional boards, been chairman of their county board, participated in the legislative process, or appointed to a statewide committee. Regular attendance at NACO educational opportunities, events, and meetings is also required. Please keep your answers concise but be sure to include all pertinent information.

Announcement of the recipient of this award will be made after the Wednesday evening meal at the County Board Workshop in Kearney.

Submit nomination form to candace.meredith@nebraskacounties.org by May 2, 2025.

Nomination Form

Nebraska Broadband Office Approves Applicants for Broadband Equity, Access, & Deployment Program

The Nebraska Broadband Office has announced that 26 organizations are officially [Approved Applicants](#) for the Nebraska Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment program (BEAD), and can proceed to the Project Applications part of the process. The NACO team will be reaching out to counties this month to schedule BEAD planning meetings in May.

The BEAD program seeks to ensure that all of Nebraskans have access to reliable broadband services. To learn more about the project area in your county, [click here](#).

New NACO Medicare Team Offers Guidance to County Employees and Communities

NACO is partnering with local Medicare Supplement experts to help assist employees as they transition from traditional health insurance to Medicare coverage. Our new partners have been fully vetted and are ready to help!



Medicare Guidance for County Employees & Communities

Navigating Medicare can feel overwhelming, but you don't have to do it alone. The **Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO)** is committed to supporting county employees and the communities they serve by providing trusted Medicare resources. Whether you're approaching retirement or simply exploring your options, we're here to help.

To ensure you receive expert guidance, NACO has partnered with licensed insurance agents at Pro Insurance Resources—a team of knowledgeable and caring professionals dedicated to making the Medicare transition seamless.

If you are nearing retirement, aware of a community member considering Medicare options or have a family member seeking support, contact your NACO District agent to schedule a consultation today.

"Medicare can be a complex and stressful process. We understand that resources are limited in rural Nebraska, which is why this partnership is a wonderful opportunity for all we serve. By providing access to qualified and compassionate professionals, we're ensuring individuals get the support they need to make informed decisions."

— Candace Meredith,
NACO Deputy Director



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Apply for the 2025 NACo Achievement Awards

The National Association of Counties Achievement Awards honor exceptional initiatives and

services provided by county governments. Eighteen winners will be recognized for the work they're doing to drive progress and innovation in their communities. [Click here](#) to learn more and apply by April 11.

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