

September 5, 2025



# The Ninety-Three

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## **NACO Annual Conference - County Official Registration Opens Next Week**

County official registration for the 2025 annual conference will open at 8 AM CST next Wednesday, September 10. The hotel reservation form will be made available at 2:30 PM CST the same day.

Please consult the 2025 annual conference [web page](#) for all information relevant to attendees, including the registration policy, agenda overview, hotel reservation details, and other helpful links. Bookmark the web page to ensure you always have access to the most up-to-date information!

# ANNUAL CONFERENCE IMPORTANT DATES

**Aug. 18** Sponsor & Exhibit Hall Registration Opens - 8 AM CST

**Sept. 10** County Official Registration Opens - 8 AM CST  
Hotel Reservation Form Available - 2:30 PM CST

**Oct. 10** Hotel Reservation Form Deadline

**Nov. 21** County Official Pre-Registration Deadline - 11:59 PM CST  
Registration Cancellation Refunds No Longer Available

**Dec. 17** Conference Begins

[Annual Conference Web Page](#)

## Fall 2025 NACO District Meetings

**Southeast** - Thursday, September 11th - Peter Kiewit Lodge, Eugene T. Mahoney State Park, 28500 W Park Hwy, Ashland. **Registration closed. Walk-ins welcome.** [View the agenda here.](#)

**Northeast** - Friday, September 12th - Lifelong Learning Center, Northeast Community College - 601 E Benjamin Ave, Norfolk. **Registration closed. Walk-ins welcome.** [View the agenda here.](#)

**Central** - Thursday, September 18th - The Leadership Center, 2211 Q St, Aurora. **Registration Deadline: 9/11/2025.** [View the agenda here.](#)

**Panhandle** - Wednesday, September 24th - Prairie Winds Community Center, 428 N Main St, Bridgeport. **Registration Deadline: 9/17/2025.** [View the agenda here.](#)

**District Meeting Registration**

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## Free Zoom Workshop - Understanding Medicare

Get the information you need to manage your health care costs and navigate the Medicare transition with confidence.

**When:**

Thursday, September 11 - 12pm CST **or** 6pm CST

**Where:**

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/6654973463...>

**What You'll Learn:**

- The different parts of Medicare
- How and when to enroll
- How to fill coverage gaps

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## Legislative Interim Studies Scheduled

The Legislature's standing committees have begun scheduling public hearings in September and October on interim study resolutions. Some resolutions are a deeper dive into bills that were introduced during the last session and others are ideas for bills that will be introduced in 2026.

Among the studies on issues affecting counties, on September 5, the Natural Resources Committee will hear [LR159](#), an interim study to examine the nameplate capacity tax rate and how it affects privately developed renewable energy in Nebraska.

Controlled burn permits will be examined on September 12 under [LR235](#).

On September 19, the committee will hear [LR225](#) that would examine the need for a Green Amendment that was proposed as [LR22CA](#) during the 2025 session. LR22CA, if passed by the Legislature and adopted by voters, would require the state and political subdivisions to serve as trustees for the state's natural resources.

Hearings are scheduled in October on the Open Meetings Act ([LR192](#)), unfunded mandates ([LR195](#)), county initiatives and referendums ([LR253](#)), and riparian weed control funding

(LR168). A full list of hearing dates and locations can be found [here](#).

Some hearings are limited to invited testimony but public comments are accepted through the online comment button for each resolution.

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## Register for the 2025 NACO Legislative Conference



Mark your calendar for the 2025 NACO Legislative Conference!

If you have a suggestion for a legislative change that impacts your county, please reach out to Beth Ferrell or your NACO [Board of Directors representative](#) prior to the Legislative Conference.

[Register here](#). View the tentative agenda [here](#).

## Nebraska's Updated Move-Over Law Takes Effect

The Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) reminds drivers that the state's updated move-over law took effect on Wednesday, Sept. 3.

Beginning Sept. 3, drivers must slow down and move over when approaching all stopped vehicles and vulnerable road users on the side of the highway. This includes pedestrians, bicyclists, people in crosswalks, and agricultural vehicles or equipment.

[Click here](#) to read NDOT's full press release.

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## County Official Award Nominations Now Open!

We are now accepting nominations for the County Official of the Year, Lifetime Achievement, and Next Generation awards. Nominations will be accepted until Friday, October 17, and the award recipients will be announced at the NACO Annual Conference in December.

Click the links below to access the nomination forms:

[County Official of the Year](#)

[Lifetime Achievement Award](#)

[Next Generation Award](#)

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## Upcoming NACo Webinar - How Federal Revenue Sharing Flows from the Federal Government to States to Counties

**Wednesday, September 10, 7am-9am CST**

[Click here to register.](#)

This session will explore key revenue-sharing programs that impact public lands counties and their communities. Oil & gas and timber county revenue sharing are critical for sustaining county budgets, funding essential public services and supporting infrastructure in resource-dependent communities. These revenues help counties offset the costs of maintaining roads,

providing public safety and delivering community programs, especially in public lands counties where local tax bases are limited.

Revenue-sharing programs strengthen local economies, promote long-term community resilience and uphold the partnership between local governments, state governments, the federal government and natural resource industries by ensuring that counties can utilize proceeds from natural resource production to offset impacts from public land development and industry within their jurisdictions.

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## Live Healthy Prescription, Health, and Dental Discount Program

The National Association of Counties (NACo) Live Healthy prescription discount applies to everyday prescription costs. By following a few simple steps to sign your county up, counties can support community health and provide real savings to our residents. The program helps county residents save on prescription medications, with **no cost** to the county. This easy-to-implement program is designed for residents who are uninsured, underinsured, or simply looking to reduce costs.

NACo is working to increase county participation in the [Live Healthy Program](#) by ordering the necessary materials and aiding in distribution efforts. Keep an eye out for further information about next steps.



#### NACo's **Live Healthy Discount program**

delivers health savings to county residents at **NO COST** to the county.

Live Healthy has saved residents **more than \$720 million** on their prescriptions.



Enroll online at [NACorx.org](http://NACorx.org)



Appoint staff to lead the program



Order **NO-COST** print and digital materials



Display materials for residents to save



**Enroll into Live Healthy now**

\*The Live Healthy program is not insurance. Prescription savings may vary by drug and pharmacy; discounts are only available at participating pharmacies. MinuteClinic discounts are available in 33 states and the District of Columbia

## Create a Savi Account for Free Student Loan Repayment Guidance

## What Borrowers Need to Know:

- As of August 1, 2025, student loan interest began accruing again for the nearly 8 million borrowers enrolled in the Saving on a Valuable Education (SAVE) Plan.
- The future of the SAVE Plan remains uncertain. In the meantime, interest is now being added to loan balances, though forbearances that pause payments remain in effect.
- While no immediate action is required, borrowers looking to avoid accumulating interest may want to switch to an active repayment plan. You can explore your options and [enroll directly through your Savi account.](#)

The recent changes to student loan repayment plans may be confusing borrowers. **Please encourage county employees and their dependents to start an account using the link above.** If you would like an email template for sending this information to employees in your county, email [Lauren.Franken@NebraskaCounties.org](mailto:Lauren.Franken@NebraskaCounties.org).

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With Savi, **student loan expertise** is at your fingertips. Savi delivers tailored recommendations based on your unique loan profile with 1:1 support



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## Elite Business Member Spotlight: NextEra Energy Resources



[NextEra Energy Resources](#), LLC, together with its affiliated entities, is the world's largest generator of renewable energy from the wind and sun, and a world leader in battery energy storage. NextEra Energy Resources is helping its customers and stakeholders across the country meet the significant electricity demand with reliable and low-cost energy solutions. Renewable energy is homegrown energy, reducing our dependence on foreign oil and driving economic growth in America.

NextEra Energy Resources subsidiaries own and operate four wind energy facilities in the state, and we also have several projects in development. NextEra Energy Resources' total capital investment in Nebraska is \$822 million as of year-end 2023. Franklin, Webster, Wayne, and Jefferson counties can benefit from millions of dollars in tax revenue over the life of the proposed projects. Additionally, hundreds of construction jobs would be created during the construction phase of each project."

**NACO Business Memberships**

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