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The Ninety-Three

From the Blog: Nebraska Leaders Participate in 2025 NACo Fall Board of Directors Meeting & County Storytellers Symposium

Holt County Supervisor Bill Tielke and Candace Meredith, NACO Deputy Director, joined Mary Ann Borgeson and Chris Rodgers, Douglas County Commissioners and NACo Past Presidents, at the 2025 NACo Fall Board of Directors Meeting & County Storytellers Symposium, held December 4–6 in Wise County, Texas. As members of the National Association of Counties (NACo) Board of Directors, Bill Tielke, Mary Ann Borgeson and Chris Rodgers participated alongside county leaders from across the country in three days of policy discussions, leadership development, and strategic planning.

[Click here](#) to read the full blog post!

2025 NACO Annual Conference Next Week - What You Need to Know

On Wednesday, you'll have the opportunity to connect with your fellow county officials from across the state in your individual affiliate sessions. Your affiliate's agenda can be found [here](#).

On Thursday, attendees can look forward to speeches from Governor Jim Pillen and NACo President JD Clark, dynamic breakout sessions, lunch with senators, and great door prizes. We also encourage attendees to wear their "holiday best" sweaters or other festive apparel!

We're thrilled to have 100 exhibitors this year, and encourage you to visit all of them in the exhibit hall! Also, the Two Rivers Public Health Department will provide influenza and COVID vaccines on Wednesday & Thursday.

The conference wraps up on Friday morning with the NACO Legislative Forum. Don't miss the important discussions about the things that shape policy and impact counties. Stay until the end for another chance to win exciting door prizes!

All of the details relevant to the Annual Conference can be found [here](#) or on our [mobile app](#). We're looking forward to seeing all of you next week!

Nebraska Counties Add New Office, New NACo Members

Check out this great [article](#) from the National Association of Counties about the NACO West Training Center and our 100% membership in NACo.

What Are You "All In" On?

At the 2025 NACO Annual Conference, we're celebrating being "all in" as a 100% NACo membership state.

Whether it's public safety, infrastructure, economic development, or health and human services, counties are **all in** on delivering solutions and building stronger communities across Nebraska.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the 2025 "All In" series!

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As an elected official, I am **all in** on treating others as I would want to be treated - with respect and fairness. That's why it's called the "Golden Rule," because it's a standard we can all agree on. It's a principle that keeps leadership grounded in fairness, respect, and humanity.

I often hear people say they are always greeted with a smile and treated with respect in my office and I take great pride in that. I don't just campaign once every four years; I campaign every day by how I serve the people who walk through my door.

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-JULIE SESTAK
PERKINS COUNTY TREASURER

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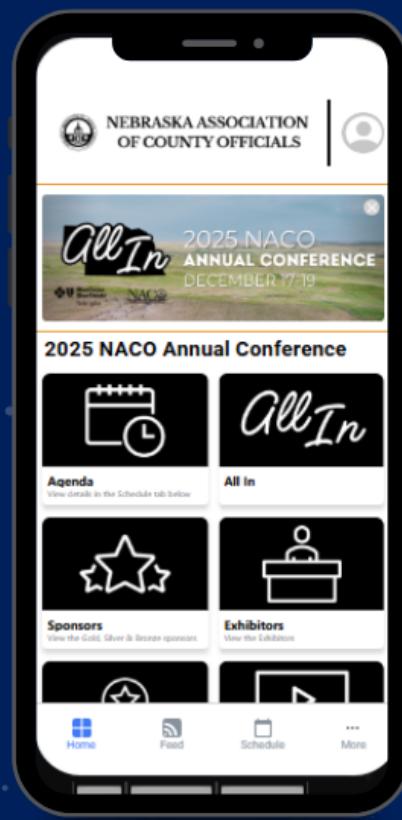
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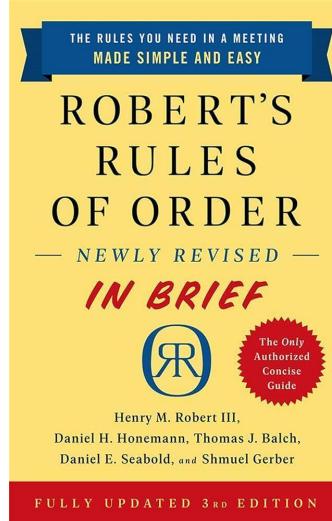


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Are you registered for the 2025 NACO Annual Conference? Download the NACO Connect app for easy access to everything you need to know!

NACO Leadership Book Club: Robert's Rule of Order Newly Revised In Brief



Twice a year, NACO hosts our Leadership Book Club. Each county has a copy of a book emphasizing professional development and leadership. The book club offers an opportunity to read, discuss, and network with peers.

Our December 2025 book is Robert's Rule of Order Newly Revised In Brief, 3rd edition by Thomas J. Balch, Daniel H. Honemann, Shmuel Gerber, Daniel E. Seabold, and Henry Martyn Robert.

Copies for each county courthouse will be available for checkout at this year's Annual Conference in the Clerks' affiliate session on Wednesday in Gold 2-3.

SUPPORT Reauthorization Act of 2025: What it means for counties

On December 1, the bipartisan *SUPPORT for Patients and Communities (SUPPORT) Reauthorization Act of 2025* ([H.R. 2483](#)) was signed into law. The reauthorization renews vital federal funding for programs that seek to prevent opioid overdoses and expand treatment and recovery options. Click [here](#) to read NACo's full write-up on what this means for counties.

Reorganization Meetings to Occur in January 2026

In supervisor counties, the regular meetings of the county board are to be held in January. At its regular meeting of each year, the board must organize by choosing one of its number as chairman, who shall preside at all meetings of the board during the year; in case of his absence at any meeting, the members present must choose one of their number as temporary chairperson. Sections 23-272, 23-274. Similarly, Neb. Rev. Stat. § 23-156 provides the board of county commissioners at its regular meeting in January of each year must elect a chairperson of the board to serve for the ensuing year, and such chairperson shall sign all warrants on the treasurer for money to be paid out of the county treasury.

Individual can vote for himself or herself for county board chair. See [Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission \(NADC\) Advisory Opinion #202](#), adopted by the Commission June 2017 addresses a series of questions related to conflicts of interest, financial gain and compensation. County board members may vote for themselves for the position of chair of the county board even if the chair has a higher salary. There are no “financial gain” and no conflict of interest involved in such a vote where the enhanced compensation for the chair is compensation provided by law.

NAEM Conference- Call for Speakers

The Nebraska Association of Emergency Management is soliciting speakers for its 2026 conference in Kearney, NE. The conference will take place from April 7th to 10th, 2026, at the Younes Conference Center South in Kearney. [Click here to apply](#). Submissions are due December 12th.



The poster for the 2026 NAEM Conference features the Nebraska Association of Emergency Management logo in the top left. The main title "2026 NAEM CONFERENCE" is in large, bold, black and yellow letters. Below it, the subtitle "2026 & BEYOND BUILDING THE FUTURE OF EM" is displayed in a yellow box. A large, tilted banner across the center reads "CALL FOR SPEAKERS OPEN NOW". In the bottom right corner, there is a QR code. The background of the poster shows a small green plant growing out of a crack in a rock, symbolizing growth and resilience. The text "APPLICATIONS DUE DECEMBER 12" is at the bottom in large, yellow, outlined letters. The date "APRIL 7 – 10, 2026" and location "YOUNES SOUTH CONFERENCE CENTER Kearney, NE" are also included. A yellow banner at the bottom encourages attendees to "JOIN US IN KEARNEY, NE – WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU!"

Nebraska Association of Emergency Management Annual Awards Nominations

The Nebraska Association of Emergency Management (NAEM) annual awards nomination process has begun. Click the links below to view the nomination forms and criteria.

- [- 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 Award Nomination](#)

Nominations close January 7, 2026.

2026 Elite Business Memberships Now Open!

Support provided by our generous business members helps NACO continue to expand our educational programming for Nebraska county officials. Business members enjoy a number of benefits, including features on our website and social media pages. We also offer our business members a complimentary exhibit booth at the County Board Workshop, discounts on sponsorships, and 15% off the cost of booking our NACO West Training Center in Ogallala.

Click the button below to learn more about NACO business memberships.

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