

July 17, 2026



The Ninety-Three

New Laws Effective July 18

A batch of new legislative changes takes effect July 18, 2026, touching fees, publication requirements, county operations, taxes, law enforcement, and planning and zoning. [Click here](#) for the list of changes, along with the relevant bill and section numbers.

New Laws Effective July 18th

July 23rd Land Use Committee Toolkit Release Webinar

Join us for an upcoming webinar on Thursday, July 23rd, at 10:00 a.m. Central Time.

The NACO Land Use Committee will review LB663 and provide guidance on the newly released toolkit. The link to the toolkit will be available on Monday morning and will be emailed to County Boards, County Clerks, County Attorneys, and Planning and Zoning Administrators.

County board members, attorneys, and planning commission members can earn two continuing education credit hours (relevant to LB663).

Registration Link:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_mcG53K0vT4miUn6YwsNbog

Register for the Webinar

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BEAD Non-Deployment Funds: Awaiting NTIA Guidance on Public Safety Communications

We continue to closely monitor the status of NTIA guidance regarding the use of BEAD non-deployment funds. Based on recent conversations with national associations and representatives, we are optimistic that public safety communications will be included as an eligible use under the forthcoming guidance.

In anticipation, more than 60 county leaders across the state have already signed a letter to Governor Pillen urging support for upgrades and enhancements to public safety communications infrastructure. However, we are holding delivery of that letter until the NTIA guidance is officially released, ensuring our request aligns precisely with the finalized rules.

We will provide an update as soon as the guidance is published.

Send Us Your County Fair Photos!

As we head into county fair season, NACO wants to help share photos from your fair! Snap pictures of the rides, the food, the animals, or any other fun moments, and email them to lauren.franken@nebraskacounties.org so we can feature your county fair on our social media!



FEMA Corps Resumes, Application Period Open for 2027 Class of Future Emergency Managers

The FEMA Corps program announces the open application period for the next cohort of future emergency managers. The program is launching the next application cycle aligned with FEMA's core mission and the Trump administration's priorities, ensuring good use of taxpayer dollars and providing professional opportunities. FEMA is pleased to announce that the application period opened on July 1 and runs until October 19, 2026 for FEMA Corps members and until September 30 for FEMA Corps team leaders.

The new class of FEMA Corps candidates will host approximately 80 members and 10 team leaders, who will begin serving in February 2027 and will finish in November 2027. FEMA Corps teams will deploy nationwide to support emergency management efforts, bolster operational readiness, and assist with locally led, state-managed, federally supported disaster events.

Click the link below to learn more!

[FEMA Corps Application Period](#)

Applications to Pilot New Justice and Behavioral Health Tool in Your County Due July 31

With support from Arnold Ventures, the CSG Justice Center is now offering county leaders a chance to get **free, hands-on support** to identify evidence-informed behavioral health and legal interventions best suited for their community. Provided as part of our new initiative, [Counties Aligning Health & Safety](#), leaders will have an opportunity to use a decision tool uniquely designed to help them identify the right policies and investments to **improve outcomes for people with behavioral health needs at a critical and often overlooked moment**: the period between booking and case resolution.

Applications are due Friday, July 31, 2026. [Click here to learn more.](#)

Joint Public Hearing Refresher Webinar

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Join us on **July 24 at 2:00 p.m. Central Time** for a refresher webinar reviewing new legislation, preparing the pink postcard, and conducting the joint public hearing.

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LEADING WITH YOUR STRENGTHS

In-person, Kearney
9am -12 pm CT

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THRIVING THROUGH CHANGE

Virtual
12pm CT/ 11am MT

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AI ESSENTIALS FOR OFFICIALS

Virtual
12pm CT/ 11am MT

**AUG
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STRATEGIC LEADERSHIP

In-person, Kearney
9am-12pm CT

TO REGISTER:
go.unl.edu/NACOIOE



Registration Fee: \$200
Registration Deadline: August 1, 2026

Registration Open for Thriving Children, Families, and Communities Conference

Registration is now open for the Thriving Children, Families, and Communities Conference!

Big conversations. Even bigger ideas. Join hundreds of people working for Nebraska's future.

This conference brings together people from across Nebraska who know that thriving communities don't happen by accident. They happen when educators, child care providers, business leaders, health professionals, advocates, nonprofits, and local champions come together to focus on Nebraska's most pressing early childhood challenges.

This year will feature inspiring speakers, practical breakout sessions, real stories from Nebraska communities, and plenty of opportunities to connect with others doing meaningful work in early childhood across the state.

Here's what to know:

Tuesday, Sept. 22, 2026

Younes Conference Center North
Kearney, Nebraska

Even better? It's free to attend.

Visit the [conference website to register](#).

2026 NACO Business Members

Support provided by our generous business members helps NACO 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 discounts on sponsorships and 15% off the cost of booking our NACO West Training Center in Ogallala.

2026 business memberships are still open. Click the button below to learn more.

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