

May 22, 2026



# The Ninety-Three

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## **NACO LB663 Committee Developing Toolkit to Support County Land Use Issues**

At the conclusion of this year's legislative session, NACO President Valery Bell established a working committee to develop a Land Use Permitting Toolkit and GIS Dashboard aimed at supporting county board members as they navigate land use development considerations related to energy, livestock, and broadband projects. [Head to our blog](#) to read more about the committee's progress.

To continue these conversations and support county officials across Nebraska, NACO will host a [Land Use Permitting Forum](#) on June 3. The forum will provide an interactive discussion focused on updates to LB 663, while also exploring best practices and highlighting the challenges and successes counties are experiencing throughout the permitting process.

[Click here to register for the NACO Land Use Forum.](#)

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## **Deadline Next Wednesday: Register for County Board Workshop & Land Use Forum**

### **[Land Use Permit Forum](#)**

Date: Wednesday, June 3, 2026 - 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Location: Younes Conference Center North, Kearney

Registration Fee: \$0

Deadline: 5/27/2026 at 11:59 pm

### **[County Board Workshop](#)**

Dates: Wednesday, June 3 – Thursday, June 4, 2026

Location: Younes Conference Center North, Kearney

Registration Fee: \$125 in Advance, \$150 at the door

(Registration includes dinner on 6/3, breakfast and lunch on 6/4)

Guest dinner ticket for 6/3: \$35

Registration Deadline: **5/27/26 at 11:59 pm CST**

Cancellation Policy: Registrants who submit a written cancellation prior to the 5/27/2026 deadline are eligible for a full refund. Registrants who do not submit a written cancellation prior to the 5/27/2026 deadline, do not attend, and did not pay are subject to a \$50.00 administrative fee, including No Shows. Registrations are non-transferable.

**Submit cancellation notices to [peggy.brass@nebraskacounties.org](mailto:peggy.brass@nebraskacounties.org).**

NACO Hotel Block at Crowne Plaza, \$149.95, 308-238-7000

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## **County Budget Prep Refresher Webinar — May 28, 2026**

You are invited to register for a Zoom webinar!

When: May 28, 2026, 02:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Topic: County Budget Prep Refresher

Register in advance for this webinar:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_Gw6L3cvnQ4WS8eFRIZ-5EA](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Gw6L3cvnQ4WS8eFRIZ-5EA)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

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## **FEMA Advisory: DHS Makes \$648 Million Available to Help Firefighters and First Responders Nationwide**

WASHINGTON -- FEMA today announced \$648 million in three funding opportunities to help firefighters and other first responders stay safe while protecting lives and communities nationwide. Through these three funding opportunities, FEMA is empowering fire stations and other first responder organizations to get the equipment, staff, and support they need.

To learn more and to view the full advisory, click the button below.

May 18th - FEMA Advisory

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## Joint Public Hearing Refresher Webinar

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.

Candace Meredith will follow up with County Clerks in the next couple of weeks regarding printer designation and estimated postcard costs for counties interested in working through NACO.

Register Here

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## NACo Alert: House Passes Revised Housing Bill Including Key County Wins

**On Wednesday, May 20, the U.S. House of Representatives passed the 21st Century ROAD to Housing Act ([H.R. 6644](#)), with broad bipartisan support.**

The bill, which passed the Senate in March and was subsequently amended in the House, reflects direct feedback from counties and includes notable changes to preserve funding stability and protect communities from housing disruption.

NACo advocated strongly for changes to the original Senate-passed bill, and the House-amended version reflected several of those priorities. Key wins in the amended bill include:

**Removes the "Build Now Act"** which would threaten the stability of CDBG funding

**Removes the forced sale** of dedicated built-to-rent properties, protecting rental households from displacement

The bill still contains key features of previous versions of the legislation, including:

**Expands the Home Investment Partnerships (HOME) program** to better capture gaps in workforce housing and housing-adjacent infrastructure

**Authorizes up to 20 percent of CDBG funds** for new unit construction, providing counties an additional tool to boost supply

**Local grants** for regional planning and housing strategy implementation

**Streamlined environmental reviews** for modest HUD-assisted projects

For additional details on the legislation, please see [here](#).

## **TAKE ACTION**

Now is the time to act.

The bill now heads back to the Senate for a vote on the House-amended version.

[Contact your Senators](#) today and urge them to pass this legislation.

Use the NACo template letter below to make outreach easy.

[Template Letter](#)

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# **AFAN Scholarship for North American Manure Expo Available to County Officials**

# Scholarship FOR COUNTY OFFICIALS

**2026 NORTH AMERICAN MANURE EXPO**  
**JULY 28-30 WAYNE, NEBRASKA**

**AFAN WILL COVER REGISTRATION COST IN FULL!**

## HIGHLIGHTS

- LIVE MANURE APPLICATION DEMONSTRATIONS
- ON-FARM TOURS OF MODERN LIVESTOCK FARMS
- GAIN REAL-WORLD CONTEXT ON ODOR, DUST, AND FLY CONCERNS
- SEE FIRSTHAND HOW MANURE IS RESPONSIBLY MANAGED
- REAL-WORLD INSIGHT TO INFORM PRACTICAL POLICY DECISIONS

## APPLY NOW!

If interested in attending,  
please email Mindy at  
[mindyr@a-fan.org](mailto:mindyr@a-fan.org)

*limited scholarship available, so apply TODAY!*



**Email Mindy - [mindyr@a-fan.org](mailto:mindyr@a-fan.org)**

# Eakes Office Solutions 2026 County Envelope Sale Open Until June 30th

Eakes Office Solutions is running a sale on custom-printed business envelopes. Prices listed below are good through June 30, 2026.

Fill out an order form [here!](#)

# SAVE

## Custom-Printed Business Envelopes

Prices good through June 30, 2026

Prices for 1 color imprint—Black		Sale Price per Box of 500			
Item #	Description	2 Boxes	5 boxes	10 Boxes	20 Boxes
10REG1COL	#10 Plain	\$43.99	\$39.99	\$35.99	\$32.99
10REG1COLSS	#10 Self-Seal Plain	\$55.99	\$50.99	\$46.99	\$44.99
10WIN1COL	#10 Window	\$48.99	\$44.99	\$40.99	\$38.99
10WIN1COLSS	#10 Self-Seal Window	\$61.99	\$57.99	\$54.99	\$50.99
10TINT1COL	#10 Security Tint	\$47.99	\$43.99	\$40.99	\$38.99
10TINT1COLSS	#10 Self-Seal Security Tint	\$65.99	\$61.99	\$57.99	\$55.99
10WTINT1COL	#10 Window & Security Tint	\$52.99	\$48.99	\$44.99	\$41.99
10WTINT1COLSS	#10 Self-Seal Window & Tint	\$72.99	\$69.99	\$65.99	\$62.99
9REG1COL	#9 Plain	\$42.99	\$39.99	\$36.99	\$33.99

  

Item #	Quantity	Ink Color	Set-Up
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			<input type="checkbox"/> Centered <small>ABC Company 23 South Street City, State 68888-0001</small>
Logo—Please provide art in electronic format at minimum 300 dpi, 600 dpi preferred. A \$25 set-up charge may be applied if imprint needs clean-up.		Clearly write or type exactly what you want printed on each line:	

Eakes Order Form

**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](#).

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## 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.

[2026 Business Memberships](#)

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## PREMIUM MEMBERS



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