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The Ninety-Three

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Nebraska Examiner Op-Ed - Nebraska can cut property taxes. It can't eliminate the bill.

Last week, the Nebraska Examiner published an op. ed. by NACO Executive Director Jon Cannon about the property tax debate, potential consequences for essential county-provided services, and what a sustainable path forward looks like to achieve meaningful tax relief while ensuring counties have the resources they need to meet their communities' needs. [Click here](#) to read the full op-ed!

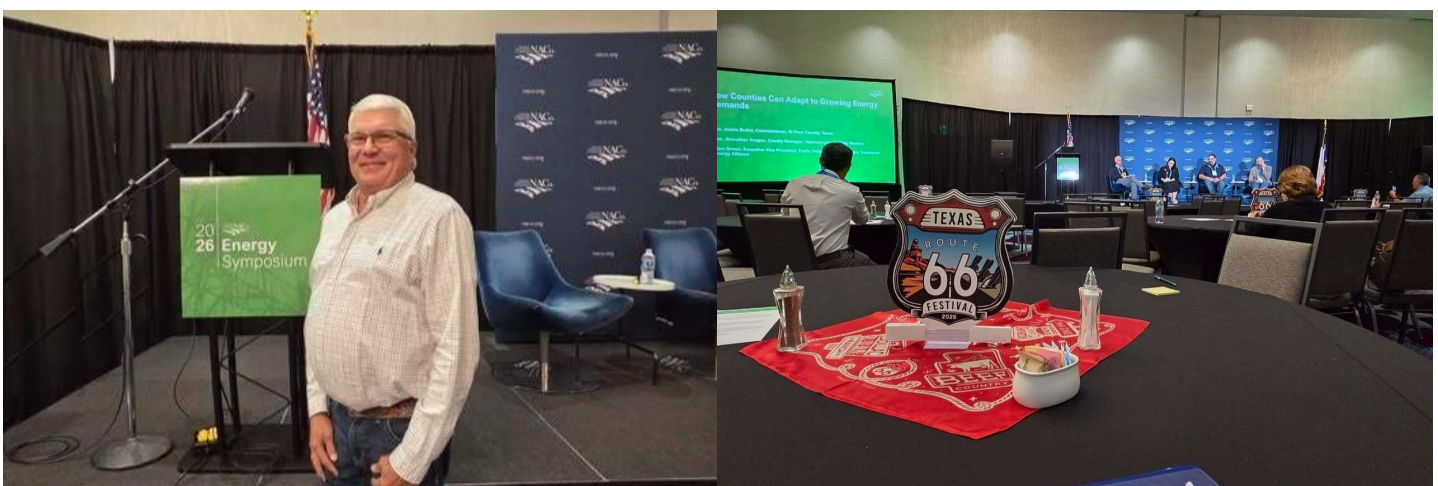
Nebraska Examiner Op-Ed

Reflections from the Inaugural NACo Energy Symposium

Holt County Supervisor Bill Tielke and NACO Deputy Director Candace Meredith recently had the opportunity to participate in the inaugural NACo Energy Symposium in the Texas Panhandle. The symposium, hosted by NACo's Rural Action Caucus and Rural Energy Academy, brought county officials together to learn more about energy development, data centers, community engagement, and the role counties may play as new projects are considered.

[Head to our blog](#) to read Candace's full takeaways from the symposium.

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NACO Legislative Conference Registration Closes October 9th

Registration for the 2026 NACO Legislative Conference closes on October 9th. We are excited to announce that Gubernatorial candidate Brett Lindstrom, Lieutenant Governor candidate Ben Steffen, and Lieutenant Governor Joe Kelly have been added to our agenda! Please click here to register and to view more details about the conference: https://nebraskacounties.org/about_naco/event-calendar.html/event/2026/10/16/naco-legislative-conference/544657.

If you have any questions about registration or cancellation, please contact Peggy.Brass@NebraskaCounties.org.

Updated LB663 Land Use Toolkit Now Available on NACO Website

NACO has updated the 2026 Land Use Permit Toolkit with additional content. The new section, "County Zoning Maps: Modernization and Accessibility," explains what a county zoning map is, summarizes pertinent statutes, details the conversion of paper zoning maps to GIS-based zoning maps, and discusses shared GIS services in general. NACO expects to further amend the Land Use Permit Toolkit with up-to-date content as we meet with county officials at district meetings and continue working with the Land Use Committee.

The most current Land Use Permit Toolkit can be found [here](#).

2026 Annual Conference Hotel Registration Form Closes NEXT WEEK, October 9th

The hotel reservation form and attendee registration for the 132nd NACO Annual Conference are open.

County officials planning to attend the Annual Conference **must complete the [online form](#) to request a room in the NACO block at the Younes Conference Center Campus**. The form will be available until Friday, October 9th at 5:00 PM CT. Please direct all questions about hotel reservations to the Younes staff at 308-237-8813 or by email youneshotels@gmail.com.

Conference Registration is also open on the [NACO website](#). The cost is \$165.00 per attendee and \$100.00 per guest. A spouse is considered a guest. The pre-registration deadline is November 20th, 2026, at 11:59 PM Central Time. All cancellations after November 20th are subject to a \$75.00 administrative fee.

[Click here for an agenda overview](#). Please note that this is subject to change. We encourage you to bookmark the [Annual Conference landing page](#) for registration, agendas, and the most up-to-date conference information.

Interim Study Special Hearing Schedule

The Legislature's standing committees have begun scheduling public hearings on issues designated for study over the interim. The legislative resolutions are introduced by senators during the regular session. Ideas generated from the studies are often introduced as legislation in the following session. A full list of the resolutions can be found [here](#), and hearings are [here](#).

Here are some of the hearings of interest to counties. Note that other studies may be heard at the same hearing. Hearings held at the State Capitol are generally livestreamed on [Nebraska Public Media](#).

October 9th, 9:00 AM

Appropriations Committee, Room 1524

[LR452](#) (Spivey) Interim study to examine funding sources, fee structures, service types, oversight structures, reimbursement structures, and appropriations for cross-system services between child welfare and juvenile justice

Comprehensive Plan and Regulation Essentials Webinar

Please join us for a Comprehensive Plan and Regulation Essentials Webinar on Wednesday, October 7th, 2026, at 2:00 PM Central Time. This two-hour webinar is available for two credit hours for county boards, county attorneys, and planning commissions.

The webinar will assist in the understanding of essential elements of comprehensive plans, zoning maps, conditional use permits, and local land-use regulations. We will also examine how LB663's land-use application timelines are affecting Nebraska counties.

Click the link below to register.

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Z4A_sWWfQmeN-GLuIdmAcw

Nationwide to Host Retirement Planning and Financial Wellness Webinar Series in October

Nationwide is hosting a [series of webinars](#) in October designed to give you the insights, guidance, and educational materials you need to make the most of your retirement savings plan. [Click here](#) to view the webinar schedule and to register.

Elite Business Member Spotlight: NextEra Energy Resources

[NextEra Energy Resources, LLC](#), together with its affiliated entities, is the largest energy infrastructure developer in the U.S. With approximately 37,505 megawatts of net generating capacity in operation as of year-end 2025, the company develops and operates a diverse portfolio that includes renewables, battery storage, natural gas, and nuclear.

NextEra Energy Resources subsidiaries own and operate four wind energy facilities in the state, with additional energy generation and battery energy storage projects in development and construction. NextEra Energy Resources' total infrastructure investment in Nebraska is approximately \$1.4 billion. In 2025, our projects generated approximately \$1.3 million in property taxes. Additionally, since 2018, NextEra Energy Resources has contributed approximately \$650,000 to various organizations in Nebraska, including schools and local nonprofits.

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