

April 18, 2025



# The Ninety-Three

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## **Governor Pillen Issues National County Government Month Proclamation**

On April 16, Governor Pillen issued a proclamation recognizing National County Government Month and the essential work that Nebraska's 93 counties do to help our communities thrive!

This National County Government Month, share your County Government Day photos or photos of your courthouse with us by emailing [lauren.franken@nebraskacounties.org](mailto:lauren.franken@nebraskacounties.org) for a chance to be shared in the newsletter or on our Facebook page.



# STATE OF NEBRASKA



## Proclamation

**WHEREAS,**

*The 93 Nebraska counties serving over two million Nebraskans provide essential services to create healthy, safe and resilient communities; and*

**WHEREAS,**

*Nebraska counties fulfill a vast range of responsibilities and deliver services that touch nearly every aspect of our residents' lives; and*

**WHEREAS,**

*Nebraska counties as intergovernmental partners enact local, state, and federal programs to address the needs of all residents; and*

**WHEREAS,**

*Nebraska counties value their responsibility to protect and enhance the health, wellbeing and safety of residents in efficient and cost-effective ways; and*

**WHEREAS,**

*The Nebraska Association of County Officials, in partnership with National County Government Month and the National Association of Counties, has encouraged Nebraska counties to elevate awareness of county responsibilities, programs and services.*

**NOW, THEREFORE,**

*I, Jim Pillen, Governor of the State of Nebraska, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM the month of April 2025 as*


### **NATIONAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT MONTH**



*in Nebraska, and I do hereby urge all citizens to take due note of this observance.*

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand, and cause the Great Seal of the State of Nebraska to be affixed this Sixteenth Day of April, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Five.*

*Attest:*

  
Secretary of State

  
Governor

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## Register for the County Board Workshop!

Register for the 2025 County Board Workshop! Attendees can look forward to two days of informative presentations and collaborative discussions, including a great presentation from [Tim Wynn](#) from Perfect Rules Inc. County Board members can also receive 8 continuing education credit hours to count toward their NACO County Board Certification.

Make sure to join us Wednesday night for our banquet, awards, Pitch tournament, and featured keynote speaker [Tom Turcich](#) - the man who walked around the world. We also have a great lineup of sponsors, business members, and vendors that you can network with in our exhibit hall. If you haven't already submitted a nomination for Outstanding County Board Member of the Year, submit a [nomination form](#) to [candace.meredith@nebraskacounties.org](mailto:candace.meredith@nebraskacounties.org) by May 2nd.

Click the button below to register!

[Register Here](#)





# 2025 **COUNTY BOARD WORKSHOP**

June 4 & 5, Younes Center North, Kearney

Registration & Info

402-434-5660 | [nebraskacounties.org](http://nebraskacounties.org)

## **Register for a Budget Workshop!**

Click on the event to register.

# **NACO Budget Workshop #1**

## **May 8, 2025**

Holthus Convention Center - York

Register by May 1, 2025.



# NACO Budget Workshop #2

May 15, 2025

NACO West- Ogallala

Register by May 8, 2025.

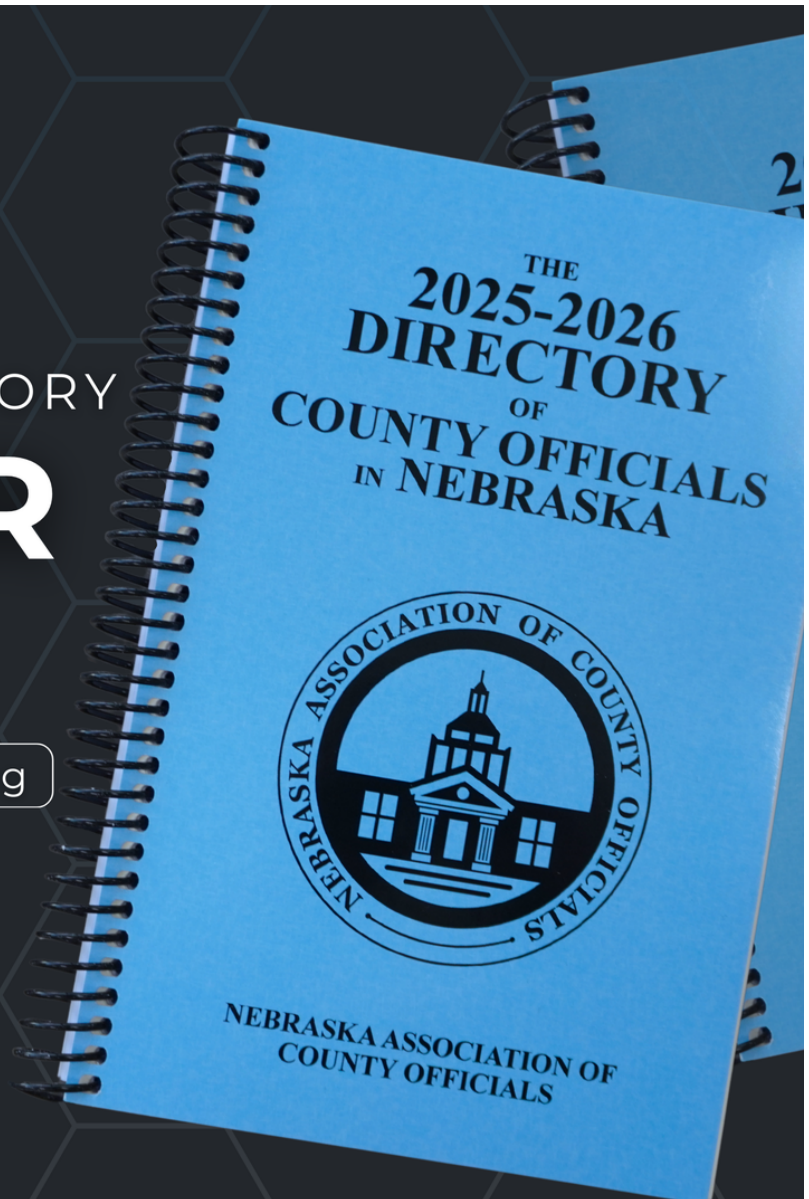


## Order Your 2025-2026 NACO Directory of County Officials!

2025-2026 DIRECTORY

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[www.nebraskacounties.org](http://www.nebraskacounties.org)



Are you looking for a resource that tells you who's who in Nebraska county government? The 2025-2026 NACO Directory of County Officials in Nebraska is your go-to guide.



This comprehensive publication includes names, addresses, emails, and phone numbers of every county official in the state, along with a listing of county board meeting days, NACO districts, and county seats.

Click the button below for more details and to fill out an order form.

Directory Order Form

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## NACO West Sees Continued Success in 2025

The state-of-the-art NACO West Training Center has hosted a number of great events so far in 2025. Whether it's a board meeting, a conference, or a panel discussion, we're proud to provide a seamless experience for anyone who hosts their events at NACO West.

If you or someone you know is looking for a place to host a meeting, educational workshop, or training event, NACO West is the place to be! [Click here for more information.](#)

Have you attended an event at NACO West? [Leave us a five star review!](#)



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## Outstanding County Board Member Nominations

# Close Soon

Nominations for the 2025 Outstanding County Board Member Award are open to county board members who have been in office for at least two (2) terms. Criteria used for selecting the 2025 recipient includes: member will have been active on regional boards, been chairman of their county board, participated in the legislative process, or appointed to a statewide committee. Regular attendance at NACO educational opportunities, events, and meetings is also required. Please keep your answers concise but be sure to include all pertinent information.

Announcement of the recipient of this award will be made after the Wednesday evening meal at the County Board Workshop in Kearney.

**Submit nomination form to [candace.meredith@nebraskacounties.org](mailto:candace.meredith@nebraskacounties.org) by May 2, 2025.**

**Nomination Form**

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## SFY2026 Title II Formula Grant Program

The Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice is pleased to announce the availability of the **SFY2026 Title II Formula Grant Program**. The Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) outlines general guidelines, eligibility, funding requirements, and application instructions. Please read the NOFO thoroughly to ensure all requirements are met in the application. This application form, funding priorities, and required attachments are different than the state grants (CBA, EB, JS) so make sure to check all requirements carefully. The attached documents are also located at the following website: <https://ncc.nebraska.gov/grant-apps>.

### **SFY2026 TITLE II FORMULA GRANT PROGRAM: \$409,122**

The maximum award by category is listed below. There is no match required under this program:

Delinquency Prevention - \$195,249

Positive Youth Development - \$139,660

Juvenile Justice System Improvement - \$74,213

Eligible applicants include state and local government agencies, state and federally recognized Indian tribes, and nonprofit organizations providing direct services to at-risk youth and youth involved in the juvenile justice system. Priority will be given to applications that implement evidence-based programs and promising practices.

All applicants applying for the SFY2026 Title II Formula Grant Program shall submit an application using the below link through Amplifund.

<https://ne.amplifund.com/Public/Opportunities/Details/33b4f454-ba49-4439-aa3b-31fdf30eb47c>

EMAIL APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

For instructions on how to submit an application through Amplifund, please refer to the video guide found here: [https://rooms.vidyard.com/rooms/\\_wEY6z9GESNh2IBhuCwvlw?vy\\_player\\_uuid=92KSHRHx8zy5sqiHhGBJNs](https://rooms.vidyard.com/rooms/_wEY6z9GESNh2IBhuCwvlw?vy_player_uuid=92KSHRHx8zy5sqiHhGBJNs)

**Application Deadline: May 9, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.**

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## Submit Your Photos for a Chance to Win!

NACO is proud to present the Wildlife Wonders Photography Contest! Enter your photos of Nebraska wildlife for a chance to win a cash prize and a featured spot in our annual calendar!

### How to Submit Entries

First, review the [rules](#)!

Then, take a spectacular photo of a native plant or animal someplace in a Nebraska county (but see rules for resolution requirements!)

Finally, submit your photo(s) [here](#) (limit of 3 photographs)

For more information about photo resolution using an iPhone, click [here](#).

For more information about photo resolution using an Android, click [here](#).

**Questions?** Contact Luke Bonkiewicz at [Luke.Bonkiewicz@NebraskaCounties.org](mailto:Luke.Bonkiewicz@NebraskaCounties.org).



# Wildlife Wonders

## PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

Take a spectacular photo of a native plant or animal someplace in a Nebraska county.



13 Winning Photographs will be featured in NACO's annual calendar! Grand Prize Winner will receive \$100!

ENTRY  
DEADLINE:

**August 1**

WINNERS  
ANNOUNCED:

**Mid-September**

For entry rules and photo criteria, visit our website:

**[www.nebraskacounties.org](http://www.nebraskacounties.org)**



## What is a NACO Business Member?

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 becoming a NACO Business Member!

**NACO Business Memberships**

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