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The Ninety-Three

From the Blog: Data Center Task Force Discusses Rural Community Integration and Local Decision-Making

The Governor’s Data Center Task Force met on October 20th in Columbus, Nebraska, to continue discussions on large-scale data center development. Topics included energy and water reporting, ratepayer protections, community engagement, and economic development.

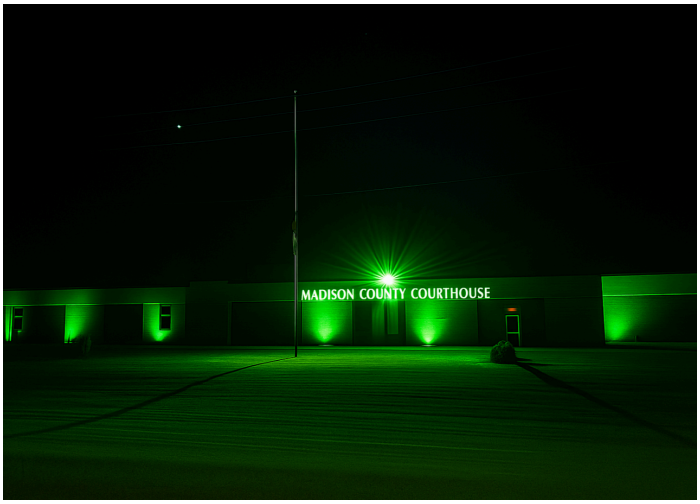
Head to our blog to read Deputy Director Candace Meredith's full takeaways.

NACO Blog

November 2026 Operation Green Light

November 4th-11th, join the National Association of Counties and counties across the country for Operation Green Light! Light your courthouse, county buildings, or other landmarks green in honor of America's veterans. Click the button below to access NACo's Operation Green Light resources.

Share your photos with Lauren.Franken@NebraskaCounties.org so we can post them on our channels!





NACo: Operation Green Light

Counties - Foundation of the Nation - Register for the NACO Annual Conference!

We're excited to announce the theme of this year's NACO Annual Conference: *Counties – Foundation of the Nation*. The theme reflects our celebration of America's 250th and highlights the integral part that counties play in laying the foundation for thriving communities across the nation.

Registration closes November 20th, so please be sure to sign up as soon as you can!

Register Here!

Negotiated an energy or data center agreement? NACo wants to hear from you

Counties are on the front lines of a changing U.S. energy sector. To help counties navigate today's energy landscape, NACo is launching a new initiative to build tools, training, and educational resources to help counties apply community-informed development practices and secure real benefits for residents from energy and data center projects.

NACo is hosting a series of **virtual listening sessions** with county leaders who have negotiated agreements with energy project or data center developers. These small-group, one-hour conversations are a chance to share your story and what you face at the negotiating table. These discussions will directly inform the resources and trainings NACo develops for counties across the country. Separate sessions will focus on energy generation/infrastructure projects and on data centers.

SIGN UP TO TAKE PART IN A LISTENING SESSION

Once you have completed the sign-up form, NACo staff will reach out in the coming days to confirm a particular listening session based on the availability you indicate in the form.

Available sessions (all times listed in Eastern Daylight Time):

Thursday, Oct. 22, 2pm to 3pm ET

Tuesday, Oct. 27, 2pm to 3pm ET

Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2pm to 3pm ET

Thursday, Nov. 5, 2pm to 3pm ET

Nebraska Association of Emergency Management Award Nominations Open

Submit your nominations for the annual Nebraska Association of Emergency Management awards. Nomination categories include:

Emergency Manager of the Year

- New Emergency Manager of the Year
- Deputy Director or Administrative Assistant of the Year
- Emergency Management Support Professional—Statewide and Regional
- Lifetime Achievement Award

You can find award criteria, nomination forms, and more information on the NAEM website.

NAEM Award 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.

November 5, 2026, 9:30 a.m.

Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee, Room 1507

LR384 (Sanders) Interim study to review the Licensing of Truth and Deception Examiners Act and any rules and regulations for truth and deception examiners in furtherance of the purposes of the Occupational Board Reform Act

LR385 (Sanders) Interim study to examine any issues within the jurisdiction of the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee of the Legislature that may arise in the interim

November 6, 2026, 10:00 a.m.

Urban Affairs Committee, Room 1510

LR415 (Conrad) Interim study to examine current practices under Nebraska law related to the designation of real property as blighted and substandard

LR407 (McKinney) Interim study to examine revitalization of urban areas and how cities and villages may utilize the role of culture as a driver of economic development, workforce attraction, tourism, and community revitalization in Nebraska

LR419 (Urban Affairs Committee) Interim study to examine volunteer burnout on municipal boards and commissions and identify specific municipal boards or commissions that could effectively function with a reduced number of members

LR467 (McKinney) Interim study to examine strategies, policies, and investments that cities, villages, and the State of Nebraska may use to make the state more attractive to young people

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Mark Your Calendars! NACO's 2027 Event Dates Now Available

Get a jump on your 2027 schedule! All of NACO's 2027 events are now posted on the event calendar on our website. Click the button below to view the calendar.

2027 NACO Events

Nominations Open: NACo Board of Director Representative for Nebraska

NACO is now accepting nominations for a 2027 Nebraska Board of Directors Representative to the National Association of Counties (NACo). This position gives Nebraska counties a voice on NACo's national board, helping shape federal policy and programs that affect counties across the state.

Any current county elected official is eligible to be nominated. Any questions regarding the appointment, please reach out to Candace Meredith.

Deadline: Nominations must be submitted by December 31.

NACo Board Representative Nomination Form

NACO Business Memberships

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.

2027 NACO Business Memberships are now open on our website! Click here to learn more.

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August 2026-August 2027 Legal Calendar

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