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Press Release - Gov. Pillen Announces Appointments to the Newly Created Data Center Task Force

LINCOLN, NE – Governor Jim Pillen announced his appointment of 17 members to the state's newly created Data Center Task Force. Authorized by the Governor's executive order (EO 26-17) and overseen by the Nebraska Department of Water, Environment and Energy (DWEE), this group will help evaluate the impact of data centers on Nebraska's water resources, power grids and local infrastructure.

[Click here to read the full press release.](#)

Registration Now Open for 2026 NACO Fall District Meetings!

[Southeast District Meeting](#) - Thursday, September 10th - 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. CST

- Peter Kiewit Lodge, Eugene T. Mahoney State Park, 28500 W Park Highway, Ashland

Registration Deadline: September 3rd

[Northeast District Meeting](#) - Friday, September 11th - 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. CST

- Lifelong Learning Center, Northeast Community College - 601 E Benjamin Ave, Norfolk

Registration Deadline: TODAY, August 28th!

[Central District Meeting](#) - Thursday, September 17th - 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. CST

Youssef Center North, 507 Toland Street, Kearney

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Registration Deadline: September 10th

Pandhandle District Meeting - Wednesday, September 23rd - 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. MT

- *Prairie Winds Community Center, 428 N Main Street, Bridgeport*

Registration Deadline: September 16th

West Central District Meeting - Thursday, September 24th - 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. MT

- *NACO West Training Center, 102 Diamond Springs Trail, Ogallala*

Registration Deadline: September 17th



FALL 2026 NACO DISTRICT MEETINGS

Sept. 10

Southeast District Meeting
Mahoney State Park

Sept. 11

Northeast District Meeting
Norfolk

Sept. 17

Central District Meeting
Kearney

Sept. 23

Panhandle District Meeting
Bridgeport

Sept. 24

West Central District Meeting
Ogallala

NACO Legislative Conference Registration Now Open

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Registration for the 2026 NACO Legislative Conference is [now open on our website](#). The conference will be held on Friday, October 16th at Nebraska's Big Rodeo Fairground and Event Hall in Burwell, NE.

Tentative Agenda:

8:00 - 9:00 AM - Registration/Networking/Breakfast
9:00 - 9:15 AM - Pledge of Allegiance and Welcome
9:15 - 10:00 AM - Land Use Forum
10:00 - 10:30 AM - Senator Invited to Speak
10:30 - 10:50 AM - Networking Break
10:50 - 11:45 AM - Property Tax Forum
11:45 AM - 12:30 PM - Lunch
12:30 - 2:30 PM - NACO Platform and Legislative Proposals
2:30 - 2:45 PM - Break
3:30 PM - Conclude

Register for the Legislative Conference

NACo Resource Roundup: Data Centers, Tech Xchange Webinars, and Additional Resources

Find tools and solutions for navigating data center development

NACo's [Data Centers Resource Hub](#) brings together strategies, resources and county examples to help local leaders navigate data center development, from permitting and infrastructure planning to community engagement and long-term economic considerations.

Explore [practical tools](#): Access NACo's data centers primer, county spotlights, partner resources and other tools to help counties evaluate proposals, plan for development and strengthen local oversight.

Watch the Annual Conference summit: At the 2026 NACo Annual Conference & Expo, [county leaders and industry experts examined](#) how rapid data center growth is affecting local economies, land use, public revenues and electricity infrastructure. [Watch the recording](#) and [view the slide deck](#).

Check out NACo's [Data Centers Resource Hub](#) for more resources and the latest information.

Find practical solutions in upcoming Tech Xchange webinars

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The [NACo Tech Xchange](#) connects county IT professionals and county leaders around technology issues facing counties. Upcoming sessions help counties strengthen cyber resilience, prepare for Election Day and find funding opportunities for technology investments.

Technology funding — Aug. 25: Learn how counties can connect communications technology needs with federal and state grant opportunities in justice reform, rural health, mental health and public safety, including strategies for framing investments around funder priorities. [Register for the webinar.](#)

Visit the [NACo Tech Xchange](#) for additional resources and information.

From NACo: While Members Are Home, Meet With Your Delegation

Congress is in recess until Aug. 31 — the best window all year to get face time with your senators and representatives in the state or district. NACo is meeting with congressional, White House and federal agency staff throughout recess, and county voices carry the most weight on these three items right now:

Grants Management — OMB Uniform Guidance delay

The Senate has passed a [Continuing Resolution](#) (CR) delaying the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) Uniform Guidance rewrite (2 CFR Part 200) until Dec. 11; without it, the rule takes effect Oct. 1. NACo needs the U.S. House of Representatives to act.

Ask: Urge your representatives to support the Senate CR and the Uniform Guidance delay.

[OMB Resource Hub](#) | [Template Letter](#) | [Talking points](#) | [County OMB prep guide](#)

Elections — SAVE America Act

The *SAVE America Act* ([H.R. 7296/S. 1383](#)) is moving on two tracks — the *National Defense Authorization Act* ([NDAA; H.R. 8800](#)) and Reconciliation 3.0 ([H. Con Res. 113](#)) — both of which would impose new documentary proof of citizenship and ID requirements on counties.

Ask: Share your county's concerns about staffing, budget and voter services with both your senators and representatives.

[SAVE America Act Resource Hub](#) | [Template letter](#)

Transportation — Surface transportation reauthorization

The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) ([P.L. 117-58](#)) expires Sept. 30. Counties own 44% of public road miles and 38% of bridges and rely on Highway Trust Fund (HTF) dollars to keep projects moving. NACo wants a full, multiyear reauthorization like the *BUILD America 250 Act* ([H.R. 8870](#)) — or, at minimum, a clean extension that keeps HTF funds flowing and carries forward IIJA Division J funding to avoid a funding cliff.

Ask: Urge your representatives to support a House floor vote on BUILD America 250, or a clean extension before September 30.

[Surface Transportation Reauthorization Hub](#) | [Template letter](#)

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NACO Annual Conference to be Held December 16-18 in Kearney, Award Nominations Now Open

Hotel Room Reservation and Registration will open on Wednesday, September 9th at 1:30 PM MT/2:30 PM CT. More information will be provided regarding the hotel reservation form submission in the coming weeks.

Every year, county officials have an opportunity to nominate their peers for the Next Generation, Lifetime Achievement, and County Official of the Year awards, which are presented to the winners at the Annual Conference. Award nominations are now open, and we encourage you to submit your nomination as soon as possible. The deadline for nominations is Friday, October 16th.

- [Next Generation Award](#)
 - [Lifetime Achievement Award](#)
 - [County Official of the Year Award](#)
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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.

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