

October 25, 2024



The Ninety-Three

National Association of County Officials (NACo) Ex Officio Director Nominations

The NACO Board of Directors is seeking nominations for the NACo Ex Officio Director. This position is the Nebraska Representative of the National Association of County Officials (NACo) Board of Directors and would be responsible for attending NACo Board of Directors meetings, participate in national conferences as well as provide the NACO Board of Directors quarterly reports.

If you are interested in learning more about the NACo Representative for Nebraska please reach out to Candace Meredith at candace.meredith@nebraskacounties.org

Legislative Interim Studies Scheduled

On October 25, the Legislature's Health and Human Services Committee will take testimony about funding emergency medical services in rural communities during a public hearing on [LR428](#). The hearing will begin at 9:00 a.m. (Central) in Room 1510 of the State Capitol and will be livestreamed on [Nebraska Public Media](#).

Upcoming hearings will focus on other health and human services, education, retirement, and transportation issues. Hearings on inheritance taxes ([LR314](#)) and unfunded mandates ([LR435](#)) are expected to be scheduled next month. A full list of hearing dates can be found [here](#).

Interim study resolutions are introduced during the regular legislative session to study issues following the adjournment of the legislative session. Ideas generated from the studies are often introduced as legislation in the following session.

2024 NACO ANNUAL CONFERENCE

DECEMBER 18-20 | YOUNES CONFERENCE CENTER NORTH, KEARNEY



REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Register at www.nebraskacounties.org
Registration Deadline: November 22, 2024



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Annual Conference Registration

Conference registration is now until November 22nd. The cost is \$160.00 per attendee and \$100.00 per guest. A spouse is considered a guest.

The registration deadline is November 22, 2024 at 11:59 pm CST.

All cancellations after November 22, 2024 are subject to a \$50.00 administrative fee.

[Registration](#)

[NACO Annual Conference Webpage](#)

Annual Conference Agenda Overview

Wednesday, December 18th

- Registration Opens at 7:00 A.M.
- Exhibit Hall Opens at 7:00 A.M.
- Affiliate Group Sessions may start as early as 8:00 A.M. and end as late as 4:00 P.M.
 - **Assessors** - Session starts at 8:00 A.M.
 - **Clerks of the District Court** - 8:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.
 - **Clerks, Register of Deeds, Election Commissioners** - 8:00 A.M.-4:00 P.M.
 - **County Board Members & Attorneys** - 10:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.
 - **Emergency Managers** - 8:30 A.M. - 3:30 P.M.
 - **Health Directors** - 8:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.
 - **Highway Superintendents, Engineers, Surveyors** - 8:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.
 - **Planning and Zoning** - 9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.
 - **Sheriffs** - 10:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.
 - **Treasurers** - 9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.
 - **Veteran Service Officers** - 8:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.
 - **Weed Control Superintendents** - 8:15 A.M. - 3:30 P.M.
- Sponsored Dinner and Hospitality Suites will be at Younes South in the evening.
- Shuttle will be available for pick up and drop off at hotels on and around the Younes campus from 8:00 A.M. to 11:30 P.M.

Thursday, December 19th

- Registration Opens at 7:00 A.M.
- Breakfast Buffet at 7:30 A.M.
- Exhibit Hall Opens at 7:00 A.M.
- Opening Session starts at 8:00 A.M.
- Breakout Sessions from 11:00 A.M. to 2:30 P.M. (Lunch Provided)
- NACO Business Meeting following breakout sessions **(New this year! Moved from Friday)**
- Door Prizes before Business Meeting 2:45 p.m.
- Sponsored Dinner and Hospitality Suites will be at Younes Center South in the evening.
- Shuttle will be available for pick up and drop off at hotels on and around the Younes campus from 8:00 A.M. to 11:30 P.M.

Friday, December 20th

- Breakfast & NACO Legislative Forum **(New this year!)** from 7:00-9:00 AM

Annual Conference Hotel Reservations

Rooming lists with guest names and stay dates were due to hotels on the Younes campus on October 11. Any unclaimed rooms after October 11th were placed back into the general NACO block for other attendees/counties to reserve.

If you have questions about hotel reservations, please call 308-237-8813 or email youneshotels@gmail.com

Off Campus Hotel Options

More Information on Hotel Reservation Process

Nebraska Association of Emergency Management (NAEM) Award Nominations

The Nebraska Association of Emergency Management is taking nominations to recognize outstanding contributions in emergency management.

Please note the nomination deadline has been changed to **January 3, 2025**.

Please use the following links to access the specific nomination forms or visit the NAEM Website [Award Nominations](#).

[Emergency Manager of the Year](#)

[New Emergency Manager of the Year](#)

[Deputy Director or Administrative Assistant of the Year](#)

[Emergency Management Support Nomination](#)

[Lifetime Achievement Award Nomination](#)

LB1204 Local Tobacco License Report

[LB 1204](#) passed earlier this year now requires county clerks to report to the Nebraska Department of Revenue (DOR) the notification of granting a local tobacco license.

The initial report from the counties for 2025 will be due January 31, 2025.

This report must be filed even if the county has no tobacco licensees. Nebraska Department of Revenue is in the process of finalizing the reporting method. It will be done either through the electronic document and application hub (eDASH) or DOR's secure file sharing system.

Nebraska Association of County Officials Benefit Services + Savi



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Looking for support navigating your student loans?

As a Nebraska County employee, you and your family now have access to Savi - a straightforward financial wellness benefit to keep your student loans on track.*

**Create your free account at
nacobenefits.bysavi.com to see if you
qualify for a lower monthly payment or
student loan forgiveness**

*To receive your coupon code for Savi Essential (typically \$70), please email candace.meredith@nebraskacounties.org. Coupon codes are available exclusively to Nebraska County employees.



New this year is NACO's partnership with Savi!

Savi assists with the application process for the Public Service Loan Forgiveness and other ideas to help manage student loan debt.

The Public Service Loan Forgiveness program was passed with bipartisan support under the Bush administration in 2007.

As a Nebraska County employee, you and your family have access to Savi.

Create your free account at naco.benefits.bysavi.com to see if you qualify for a lower monthly payment or student loan forgiveness.

To receive a coupon code for Savi Essential, email candace.meredith@nebraskacounties.org.

[Sign up for their upcoming webinar](#) on October 29th at 2PM ET, focused exclusively on helping borrowers entering repayment for the first time.

Join to learn about:

- Guidance on determining who services your loans and how to set up your loan payments.

- An overview of federal repayment plans and how to choose the best option for your financial situation.
 - Tips on budgeting to manage payments while balancing other financial goals.
 - Information on income-driven repayment plans, loan forgiveness programs, and other relief options.
 - How Savi can help you lower your monthly student loan payment and apply for loan forgiveness programs like Public Service Loan Forgiveness.
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Cyber Security Key Points October: Email & Internet Use

CYBER SECURITY KEYPOINTS

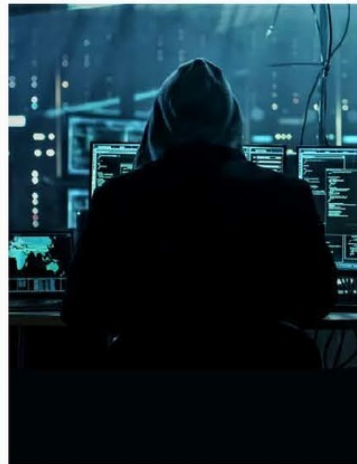
October

From the County
Network Security
Cooperative



Beware of Public Wi-Fi for Sensitive Tasks

When using public Wi-Fi, avoid accessing sensitive accounts or sharing personal information. Hackers can easily intercept data over unsecured connections. Use a Virtual Private Network (VPN) to keep your internet activity secure.



Check for HTTPS on Web sites

When entering sensitive information online, always ensure the website starts with **https://**. This means the site is encrypted, protecting your data from being intercepted by hackers.



Verify Unexpected Password Reset Requests

If you receive an email prompting you to reset your password for an account you didn't request, be cautious. Social engineers might be trying to gain access. Always initiate password resets directly from the website, not through email links.

Fake Security Alerts

Beware of urgent "security alerts" claiming that your account has been compromised. These phishing emails often direct you to fake login pages to steal your credentials. Always visit websites directly rather than clicking on links in emails.

The County Network Security Cooperative is a collaboration of partners including:



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Disclaimer: This document reflects current guidance and is subject to change due to the evolving cyber security environment.

Download the Flyer



Cybersecurity Awareness Month

October

BOGO Deal

Enroll one leader in the NACo Cybersecurity Leadership Academy, and a second participant is **free**.

www.naco.org/cyberskills



Think and act like a cybersecurity leader.

Toolkit Now Available: Operation Green Light for Veterans

OPERATION GREEN LIGHT FOR VETERANS

November 4-11, 2024



#OperationGreenLight | NACo.org/OperationGreenLight



Operation Green Light for Veterans will take place November 4–11, 2024.

A [toolkit](#) is now available, with press release, resolution, and social media templates, among other resources to support county participation.

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