2026 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

YOUNES CENTER NORTH | DECEMBER 16-18, 2026

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Tuesday, December 15, 2026

3:00 PM - 6:00 PM	Registration Open | Lanyard Sponsored by Nationwide, Pens Sponsored by MIPS, Tote Bag Sponsored by BlueCross BlueShield of Nebraska
3:00 PM - 6:00 PM	Vendor Set up in Exhibit Hall

Wednesday, December 16, 2026

7:00 AM - 4:00 PM	Registration Open | Coffee and Tea Sponsored by National Association of Counties and First Concord Benefits Group
7:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Exhibit Hall Open
8:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Free Professional Headshots for Attendees Sponsored by Zelle HR Solutions - Silver Ballroom at the Zelle HR Booth
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM	Affiliate Sessions (See schedules below)
8:00 AM - 12:00 AM	Bus Transportation Available
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Lunch | Affiliate Times Designated in Schedules Below Menu: Baked Potato Bar with Diced Brisket and Pulled Pork
3:30 PM - 5:00 PM	Exhibit Hall Networking & Snacks | Menu: Hors d'Oeuvres

Assessors - Gold 1

8:00 AM - 9:30 AM	Property Assessment Division
9:30 AM - 10:00 AM	Visit the Exhibit Hall
10:00 AM - 11:30 AM	Unique Properties - Mike Weeks, Vanguard
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM	Lunch
12:30 PM - 2:00 PM	Replacement Costs Through the Eyes of an Old Contractor - Roy Meusch, Buffalo County Assessor
2:00 PM - 2:30 PM	Break
2:30 PM - 4:00 PM	Mini Storage Facilities - Derek Niederklein

Clerks, Register of Deeds, Election Commissioners - Gold 2-3

7:30 AM - 8:00 AM	Doors Open and Getting Settled
8:00 AM - 8:15 AM	Welcome & Announcements
8:15 AM - 9:00 AM	Jenna Gilbert, Chair Yoga & Computer Neck
9:00 AM - 9:30 AM	Auditor Updates - Jeff Schreier
9:30 AM - 10:00 AM	MIPS Updates
10:00 AM - 10:30 AM	Break
10:30 AM - 11:00 AM	Payroll, Taxes, End of Year – Ryan CPA
11:00 AM - 12:30 PM	Lunch & Business Meeting – Retirement Awards
12:30 PM - 1:00 PM	AI Best Practices – Applied Connective
1:00 PM - 1:45 PM	NLTA-Sam Cooper
1:45 PM - 2:15 PM	Department of Revenue
2:15 PM - 3:00 PM	Break
3:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Elections - Wayne Bena, Deputy Secretary of State
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Exhibit Hall Networking & Snacks

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Clerks of the District Court - Gold 4

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Business Meeting
9:00 AM - 9:15 AM	Welcome
9:15 AM - 9:30 AM	Shannon Seim - Legal Aid-Legal Assistance for SRL's
9:30 AM - 9:35 AM	Clerk Collab X - Tina DeVoe
9:35 AM - 9:45 AM	Safety and Filing Safety Reports - Vickie Prince
9:45 AM - 10:00 AM	Morning Break
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Appeals - Ethan Ostdiek & Abigail Cook from Lancaster County
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Child Support - Complex Judgments - Tina Zegers
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	Lunch
1:00 PM - 1:45 PM	Ethics - Corey O'Brien
1:45 PM - 2:45 PM	Ethical Decision Making - Leah Cech, Deb Hand, Greg Sunderman
2:45 PM - 3:00 PM	Afternoon Break
3:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Exhibit Hall Snack and Networking
3:30 PM - 4:00 PM	Optional Game: Are You the Smartest District Court Clerk?

County Board Members and Attorneys - Gold 10, 11, 12

9:00 AM - 9:30 AM	Fostering Collaboration - Jordan Grummert Rasmussen, Nebraska Extension
9:30 AM - 10:00 AM	NACE Federal Transportation - Kevan Stone and Pam Dingman
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Property Taxes Through the Years: History, Trends, and Data
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Lunch and Exhibit Hall Break
12:00 PM - 12:30 PM	Artificial Intelligence - Applied Connective
12:30 PM - 1:30 PM	Reinvesting in Our Youth: A State and County Partnership- Sarah Hoyle, Amy Hoffman, Chris Reid
1:30 PM -3:30 PM	Data Centers and Local Decisions: Land Use, Resources, and Community Benefits (2.0 Credit Hours for the LB663 Requirement) - Panelists: Senator Mike Jacobson; John Winkler, Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District; Dustin Marvel, OPPD; Craig Bennett, Miller & Associates Consulting; Isabella Peterson, Nebraska Department of Water, Energy, and Environment. Moderator: Candace Meredith, NACO Deputy Director
3:30 PM - 5:00 PM	Snack Break in the Exhibit Hall

Emergency Managers - Bronze 1

8:00 AM - 9:30 AM	NAEM Business Meeting
9:30 AM - 10:00 AM	Break
10:00 AM - 11:30 AM	NEMA
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM	Lunch
12:30 PM - 1:00 PM	Break
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM	Semi Trucks and Mapping
2:00 PM - 2:30 PM	Break
2:30 PM - 4:00 PM	First Responder GPS
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Exhibit Hall Networking and Snacks

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Health Directors - Platinum 5

8:30 AM - 9:30 AM	Coffee with Board of Health Members
9:30 AM - 12:30 PM	Closed Meeting (NALHD Members Only)
12:30 PM - 1:30 PM	Lunch Break
1:30 PM - 4:00 PM	Closed Meeting (NALHD Members Only)
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Exhibit Hall Snack and Networking

Highway Superintendents, Engineers, Surveyors - Gold 5-6

8:00 AM - 8:30 AM	NACE – Executive Director Kevan Stone / NACE President Pam Dingman
8:30 AM - 9:30 AM	Speaker Buck Rasmussen: Building a Championship Mindset
9:30 AM - 10:00 AM	Break/Exhibit Hall
10:00 AM - 10:15 AM	Jodi Gibson NDOT-LTAP Training Discussion/Survey & Feedback
10:15 AM - 11:00 AM	Jodi Gibson NDOT-How to Navigate Emergency Relief Program Request
11:00 AM - 11:30 AM	Bob Rea NDOT-Maintenance Strategies
11:30 AM - 12:00 PM	Ross Barron NDOT Bridge Updates
12:00 PM - 12:30 PM	Lunch – Buffet and return to designated room to eat
12:30 PM - 1:15 PM	Diversified- Safety & Compliance – CDL Drug Testing and Record Retention
1:15 PM - 2:00 PM	Nebraska State Patrol – Post Accident Investigation and Reconstruction
2:00 PM - 2:15 PM	Break /Exhibit Hall
2:15 PM - 3:00 PM	NIRMA – KC Pawling: Managing Motorgrader Incidents
3:00 PM - 3:05 PM	Course Evaluation Submittal - LTAP
3:05 PM - 3:30 PM	Business Meeting – Agenda to be determined
3:30 PM - 5:00 PM	Exhibit Hall Snack and Networking

Planning and Zoning - Bronze 3

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Steve Martin, Executive Director
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Floodplain Training & Resources – Elijah Kaufman, NDWEE State Coordinator
10:00 AM - 10:20 AM	Break
10:30 AM - 11:30 AM	Medical Cannabis Commission Discussions - Jessica Sodeke, MCC Program Manager; Jarrod Boitnott- MCC Attorney
11:30 AM - 12:15 PM	Lunch in Room
12:15 PM - 1:15 PM	Data Center Discussion - John Hay, UNL - Extension Educator
1:15 PM - 1:30 PM	NACO PZ Business Meeting
1:30 PM - 3:30 PM	Land Use Permitting on Data Centers - Group meeting with County Commissioners
3:30 PM - 4:15 PM	Mapping Tool – Oliver Borchers Williams, NACO Data Research Analyst
4:15 PM - 5:00 PM	Exhibit Hall Snack & Networking

Sheriffs - Bronze 2

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	NSA Board Meeting

Treasurers - Gold 8-9	
8:00 AM - 8:30 AM	Registration & Sign-In
8:30 AM - 10:30 AM	DMV Updates - Betty Johnson
10:30 AM - 11:00 AM	Break
11:00 AM - 11:30 AM	Business Meeting
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM	Lunch
12:30 PM - 1:30 PM	NDOR Frequently Asked Questions - Mike Walsh and Scott Arlt
1:30 PM - 2:00 PM	Break
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Auditor Updates - Jeff Schreier, Nebraska Auditor of Public Accounts

Veteran Service Officers - Gold 7	
7:30 AM - 12:00 PM	TBD
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	Lunch
1:00 PM - 4:00 PM	TBD

Weed Superintendents - Platinum 6	
8:15 AM - 8:30 AM	Roll Call
8:30 AM - 9:00 AM	NAISMA Conference Update
9:00 AM - 9:30 AM	Ducks Unlimited Nebraska Overview - Tim Horst, Land Manager, Ducks Unlimited
9:30 AM - 10:00 AM	Visit Vendors
10:00 AM - 10:30 AM	FSA Update - Pat Lechner, Conservation and Environmental Programs
10:30 AM - 11:00 AM	Christina Hoyt - Bureau Chief - Community Landscape & Forest Health - NE Forest Service
11:00 AM - 11:30 AM	Lauren Keefe - Forest Health Specialist - Nebraska Forest Service
11:30 AM - 12:45 PM	Lunch
12:45 PM - 1:00 PM	Roll Call
1:00 PM - 1:30 PM	Invasive Aquatic Plant Management Update – Kristopher Stahr, Aquatic Invasive Species Program Manager, Nebraska Game and Parks Commission
1:30 PM - 2:00 PM	NACO Update
2:00 PM - 2:30 PM	Pheasants Forever in Nebraska – Cody Baker, Senior FBB, Pheasants Forever & Quail Forever
2:30 PM	Open Forum – Legislative issues, NWCA/NDA Updates, open discussion.
Exam to Follow Last Presentation	

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8:00 AM - 12:00 AM	Bus Transportation Available
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM	Bronze 5: Documentary Viewing Room

All Conference Breakfast Buffet Sponsored by D.A. Davidson - Gold 4, 5, 6, 10, 11, 12

7:00 AM - 8:30 AM	Menu: Scrambled Eggs, Homestyle Sausage Gravy, Freshly Baked Biscuits, Smoked Pit Ham, Hash Brown Patties and Iced Cinnamon Rolls

Opening Session - Gold 4, 5, 6, 10, 11, 12

8:30 AM - 10:00 AM	Opening Session | Keynote Speakers: Dr. Peter Cressy, George Washington Institute | Lisa Quist, Nationwide

All Conference Breakout Session #1 Sponsored by NACO Benefit Services

10:30 AM - 11:30 AM	**Gold 1:** Beyond Roads & Bridges: Finding the Grants Hiding in Plain Sight - Katie LeDoux, Sunflower Grant Writers
	Gold 2-3: The FBI Mission in Nebraska: A Threat Overview and Swatting Briefing - Eugene Kowel, Special Agenda in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation
	Gold 7: Livestock Matrix - Keith Marvin, Marvin Planning Consultants
	Gold 8-9: Record Retention and Paper Hygiene: Survey Results and Practical Solutions
	Platinum 5: County Board Topic Discussion led by NACO District Directors

All Conference Lunch / Visit the Exhibit Hall

11:30 AM - 12:30 PM	Menu: Italian Buffet
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM	Bronze 3: Treasurers Mentorship Group Lunch
	Bronze 2: Clerks, Election Commissioner, Register of Deeds Mentorship Group Lunch

All Conference Breakout Session #2 Sponsored by Applied Connective

12:30 PM - 1:30 PM	**Gold 1:** Rural Railroad Safety - Roger Figard, Railroad Transportation Safety District
	Gold 2-3: Artificial Intelligence - Ed Knott & Jarod Dendinger, Applied Connective
	Gold 7: Human Resources Round Table - Chad Thies, Hannah Murray, and Maddie Hughes, Zelle HR Solutions
	Gold 8-9: Public Record Requests - Leslie Donley, Assistant Attorney General, Legal Services Bureau, Nebraska Department of Justice
	Platinum 5: How to Support Psychological Recovery of Communities Following High-Impact Events - Kurt Mantonya, PhD; Denise Bulling, PhD
	Bronze 1: Urban & Micropolitan Counties Conversation

All Conference Afternoon Session - Gold 4, 5, 6, 10, 11, 12

1:30 PM - 4:00 PM	NACO Business Meeting Menu: Sweet & Savory Snacks
4:00 PM - 4:30 PM	Exhibitor Door Prizes

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8:00 AM - 10:00 AM	NACO Opening Session
10:00 AM - 10:30 AM	Visit Vendors
10:30 AM - 10:35 AM	Roll Call
10:35 AM - 11:00 AM	NRD Update– John Thorburn, Manager, Tri-Basin NRD
11:00 AM - 11:30 AM	NDA Noxious Weed Program update – Tammy Zimmerman
11:30 AM - 12:55 PM	Lunch
12:55 PM - 1:05 PM	Roll Call
1:05 PM - 1:30 PM	NDOT Roadside vegetation – Ryker Starr – NDOT Vegetation Manager
1:30 PM - 2:00 PM	Nebraska Biocontrol Update – Scott Erthum
2:00 PM	Annual Reports – Paul Moyer
Exam to Follow Last Presentation	

Friday, December 18, 2026 - Gold 4, 5, 6, 10, 11, 12	
7:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Legislative Forum Breakfast Door Prizes Sponsored by Oden Enterprises Menu: French Toast, Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Sausage, Breakfast Potatoes, Fresh Fruit

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