



20 | ANNUAL 25 | CONFERENCE

YOUNES CENTER NORTH | DECEMBER 17-19, 2025



FINAL

Tuesday, December 16, 2025

3:00 PM - 6:00 PM	Registration Open Coffee and Tea sponsored by Zelle HR Solutions and Valmont Structures
3:00 PM - 6:00 PM	Vendor Set up in Exhibit Hall

Wednesday, December 17, 2025

7:00 AM - 4:00 PM	Registration Open
7:00 AM - 4:00 PM	Exhibit Hall Open
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM	Affiliate Sessions (See schedules below)
8:00 AM - 12:00 AM	Bus Transportation Available

Assessors - Gold 1

8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Property Assessment Division
12:15 PM - 1:30 PM	Lunch & Exhibit Hall
1:30 PM - 3:30 PM	Neighborhood Watch - Derrick Niederklein, MIPS Deputy Director
3:30 PM - 4:00 PM	Exhibit Hall

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

8:00 AM - 8:30 AM	NPERS Employer Information - Vanessa Hohlen & Aaron McArthur
8:30 AM - 9:00 AM	MIPS Update: Clerk's New Software and Installation Progress and NACO Update: Mentoring Program and Clerk's Excellence Initiative
9:00 AM - 9:30 AM	Review Budget Filings with New Requirement for Tax Statement - Jeff Schreier, Nebraska Auditor of Public Accounts
9:30 AM - 10:30 AM	Finance Division Child Support Enforcement, NE Dept of HHS - Stephanie Lofton and Janet Isbach
10:30 AM - 11:00 AM	Break and Visit the Exhibit Hall
11:00 AM - 11:45 AM	Licensing Software Program and Proposed Regulations from the NE Medical Cannabis Commission - Brenda Hiland, Nebraska Liquor Control Commission
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM	Platinum 2: Election Commissioner Breakout Platinum 3: Register of Deeds Breakout
11:45 AM - 1:30 PM	Lunch and Business Meeting
1:30 PM - 2:30 PM	Ryan L. Burger, CPA with Gabriel Burger & Else CPA PC of Seward, NE 1099's, W-2's, End of Calendar Year report requirements and preparing for audits, etc.
2:30 PM - 3:15 PM	QUESTION and ANSWER session with a selected panel of officials. Bring your questions, concerns, comments, and stories to share.
3:15 PM - 4:15 PM	Nebraska Secretary of State Elections Division, Wayne Bena, Deputy preparing for the 2026 election year, Special Elections, Recalls, Petitions

Clerks of the District Court - Gold 4	
8:00 AM - 8:30 AM	NACM - CDC's who attended
8:30 AM - 9:30 AM	Appeal - Jordan Flynn, Ally Stewart
9:30 AM - 10:00 AM	Post Conviction - Jordan Flynn, Ally Stewart
10:00 AM - 10:45 AM	Break and Visit Exhibit Hall
10:45 AM - 11:30 AM	CRPs and Court Record, Subs and Vacancies, Request for BOE's and Transcripts of Proceedings - Amy Prenda
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM	Lunch
12:30 PM - 1:15 PM	Gold 7, 8, 9: Court System Funding and Legislative Impacts: A Clerk of the District Court Perspective
1:15 PM - 1:30 PM	Break
1:30 PM - 2:15 PM	New Jury Rule/Legislation-Janet Wiechelman
2:15 PM - 3:15 PM	JUSTICE Tidbits, LB-80, LB530, LB150m FAQ's and Updates - JUSTICE BAs
3:15 PM - 4:15 PM	CDC Association Business Meeting - Association Executive Committee
County Board Members and Attorneys - Gold 7, 8, 9	
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Navigating Livestock Zoning and Permitting: Policy, Process, and Public Engagement - Misty Ahmic, Seward County; Matt Nonnenmann, UNMC; Chad Nabity, Hall County; Moderated by Judy Mignery, Adams County
11:00 AM - 11:30 AM	The County Attorney Shortage: Collaborative Solutions for Sustainable Legal Services - Jon Cannon, NACO Executive Director
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM	Lunch and Exhibit Hall Break
12:30 PM - 1:15 PM	Court System Funding and Legislative Impacts: A Clerk of the District Court Perspective
1:15 PM - 2:00 PM	A Refresher on Proper Use of Public Funds and Assets - Craig Kubicek, Deputy Auditor, Nebraska Auditor of Public Accounts
2:00 PM - 2:30 PM	Exhibit Hall Break
2:30 PM - 4:00 PM	Powering Nebraska's Future: A Fireside Chat with NPPD and OPPD Leadership - Javier Fernandez, President and CEO, OPPD; Tom Kent, President and CEO NPPD; Candace Meredith, NACO Deputy Director
Emergency Managers - Bronze 1	
8:30 AM - 9:00 AM	Conducting: Jon Rosenlund, Opening Statements: Pledge of Alliegence, Prayer, NAEM President Welcome
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	NAEM Business Meeting
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	NEMA Presentation: Erv Portis
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Lunch
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	SBA Declaration Process: NEMA and SBA
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM	Hot Meals USA: RAD (Regional Advance Deployment) Teams
2:00 PM - 2:30 PM	Break
2:30 PM - 3:00 PM	NACO Remarks: Jon Cannon
3:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Partnering Your EOC With 911 Dispatch; Jon Rosenlund

Health Directors - Platinum 5	
8:30 AM - 4:00 PM	NALHD Business Meeting
Highway Superintendents, Engineers, Surveyors - Gold 5-6	
8:00 AM - 8:30 AM	NACE Updates: Pam Dingman
8:30 AM - 9:30 AM	Flood Reduction Benefits: Megan Patent-Nygren
9:30 AM - 9:45 AM	The Railroad Yard: Brett Budke and Rob Bauter
9:45 AM - 10:00 AM	Break Exhibit Hall
10:00 AM - 10:30 AM	Upcoming Opportunities: NDOT
10:30 AM - 11:00 AM	Local Projects & Liasons Services Updates: NDOT - Updates to CBMP, Funding Updates, Board Merger, History of Highway Superintendents, LTAP
11:00 AM - 11:30 AM	Bridge Division: NDOT
11:30 AM - 12:00 PM	Infrastructure: NDOT
12:00 PM - 12:30 PM	Lunch Buffet Provided by NACO- Eat in Designated Rooms
12:30 PM - 1:00 PM	Nebraska Board of Engineers & Architects: Allyson Bennett, Professional Services Requirements and Technical Submissions
1:00 PM - 1:45 PM	NACO Updates & Resources: Candace Meredith
1:45 PM - 2:15 PM	NIRMA Updates: Chad Engle & KC Pawling
2:15 PM - 2:45 PM	Biodiesel. Low-Carbon, Liquid Fuel Solution: Eric Lawson, MEG Corp
2:45 PM - 3:00 PM	Exhibit Hall Break
3:00 PM - 3:30 PM	NEMA Update: Erv Portis
3:30 PM - 4:00 PM	Business Meeting
Planning and Zoning - Bronze 3	
9:00 AM - 9:45 AM	Filing System: Cuming County ZA, Becky Lerch
9:45 AM - 10:00 AM	Break
10:00 AM - 11:30 AM	Gold 7, 8, 9: Navigating Livestock Zoning and Permitting: Policy, Process, and Public Engagement - Misty Ahmic, Seward County; Matt Nonnenmann, UNMC; Chad Nabity, Hall County; Moderated by Judy Mignery, Adams County
11:30 AM - 12:00 PM	NACO PZ Business Meeting
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	Lunch
1:00 PM - 2:30 PM	Battery Energy Storage System (BESS): Kent Holm, AI for Planning & Zoning: Kent Holm
2:30 PM - 3:45 PM	Energy Regulations/Sustainable Engineering Systems: Extension Educator, John Hay
3:45 PM - 4:00 PM	Open for Zoning Questions - Open Topics
Sheriffs - Bronze 2	
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	NSA Board Meeting

Treasurers - Gold 11-12

8:30 AM - 9:30 AM	NACT Legislative Panel: Tax Sale Updates, Legislative Changes - Heather Hauschild
9:30 AM - 10:00 AM	ACH Fraud - Michael Page and Brandon Brueggemann
10:00 AM - 10:30 AM	Break
10:30 AM - 11:30 AM	Customer Problems and Solutions - Derrick Niederklein
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM	Business Meeting & Lunch
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	DMV Updates - Betty Johnson

Veteran Service Officers - Gold 10

8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Nuts and Bolts Training
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	Lunch
1:00 PM - 3:30 PM	Nuts and Bolts Training
3:30 PM - 4:00 PM	Business Meeting

Weed Superintendents - Platinum 6

7:00 AM - 8:00 AM	Registration Open
8:15 AM	Roll Call
8:30 AM - 9:00 AM	Legislative Update - Brent Meyer
9:00 AM - 9:30 AM	Nature Conservancy - Rohit Balay
9:30 AM - 10:00 AM	Break and Visit Vendors
10:00 AM - 10:30 AM	NAISMA Update- Todd Boller
10:30 AM - 11:00 AM	Nebraska Forest Service - John Erixson
11:00 AM - 11:25 AM	Ducks Unlimited - Tim Horst
11:30 AM - 12:00 PM	NACO Lunch Buffet
12:00 PM - 12:45 PM	Visit Vendors
12:45 PM	Roll Call
1:00 PM - 1:30 PM	Nebraska Game & Parks Aquatic Invasive Species - Kris Stahr
1:30 PM - 2:00 PM	NACO Updates - Jon Cannon
2:00 PM - 2:30 PM	Pheasants Forever - Andy Houser
2:30 PM - 3:00 PM	Farm Service Agency
3:00 PM - 3:30 PM	Exam



2025 | ANNUAL CONFERENCE



FINAL

Thursday, December 18, 2025

7:00 AM - 3:00 PM	Registration Open Coffee and Tea Station sponsored by Zelle HR Solutions and Valmont Structures
7:00 AM - 2:00 PM	Exhibit Hall Open
8:00 AM - 12:00 AM	Bus Transportation Available
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM	Bronze 5: Documentary Viewing Room
4:30 PM - 6:00 PM	Hospitality Room Sponsored by Trane at Younes Center South

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

7:00 AM - 8:30 AM	Menu: Sausage Gravy, Biscuits, Scrambled Eggs, Ham, Hash Browns, Cinnamon Rolls
-------------------	---

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

8:30 AM - 10:00 AM	Opening Session Keynote Speakers: Governor Jim Pillen; J.D. Clark, NACo President
--------------------	--

All Conference Breakout Session #1

10:15 AM - 11:15 AM	Gold 7: Saving Lives in the Heartland: Nebraska's Suicide Prevention Legislation and the Launch of Firearm Safe Storage Partnerships - Leah Hosseinabad, Nebraska Department of Veterans' Affairs
	Gold 1: FEMA Reform: Where are we now? Where might we be going? What are the possible impacts to local communities? - Erv Portis, Nebraska Emergency Management Agency
	Gold 8 & 9: Maximizing Employee Benefits: From Onboarding to Retirement - SuAnn Gabel, Nance County; Jim Daubert, First Concord Benefit Services; Krista Dittman, Pro Insurance Resources; Bryan Jimmerson, Nationwide
	Gold 2 & 3: Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure: From Campaign Finance to Conflicts of Interest - Scott Danigole and Dave Hunter, Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission
	Bronze 1: 2027-2030 Salary Guideline for County Officials Overview & Supplemental Resources - Elaine Menzel and Luke Bonkiewicz, Nebraska Association of County Officials

All Conference Lunch Sponsored by Master Tech Truck & Equipment / Visit the Exhibit Hall

11:30 AM - 12:30 PM	Menu: Carved Turkey, Ravioli, Potatoes, Vegetables, Bread, Garden Salad
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM	Bronze 3: Treasurers Mentorship Group Lunch
	Bronze 2: Clerks, Election Commissioner, Register of Deeds Mentorship Group Lunch
	Boardroom: Clerks of the District Court Mentorship Group Lunch

All Conference Breakout Session #2

12:30 PM - 1:30 PM	Gold 7: Nebraska Manufactured / Modular housing, and Recreational Vehicle Program Overview - Steven Kelso, Nebraska Public Service Commission
	Gold 8 & 9: The Inbox Trap: Best Practices for Public Records and your Cell Phone/Emails - Derek Aldridge, Perry Law Firm
	Gold 1: County Board Topic Discussion led by NACO District Directors
	Gold 2 & 3: Preparing for Medical Marijuana: National Insights and Local Applications - Owen Parker, Iowa Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Compliance and Administration
	Bronze 1: 2027-2030 Salary Guideline for County Officials Overview & Supplemental Resources - Elaine Menzel and Luke Bonkiewicz, Nebraska Association of County Officials

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

1:45 PM - 2:30 PM	National Association of Counties EDGE Game Show Menu: Cookies, Rice Krispie Treats, Pretzels, Popcorn
2:30 PM - 4:00 PM	NACO Business Meeting
4:00 PM - 4:30 PM	Exhibitor Door Prizes
4:30 PM - 6:00 PM	Gold 1: Urban & Micropolitan Counties Conversation

Weed Superintendents - Platinum 6

7:00 AM - 8:30 AM	All Conference Breakfast
8:30 AM - 10:00 AM	NACO Opening Session
10:00 AM - 10:30 AM	Break and Visit Vendors
10:30 AM - 10:35 AM	Roll Call
10:35 AM - 11:00 AM	Natural Resource District - John Thorburn
11:00 AM - 11:25 AM	Nebraska Invasive Species Council - Shannon Smith
11:30 AM - 12:50 PM	All Conference Lunch and Visit Vendors
12:55 PM	Roll Call
1:05 PM - 1:30 PM	Nebraska Department of Transportation - Carson Jones
1:30 PM - 2:00 PM	Natural Resource Conservation Service - Conor Ward
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Nebraska State Patrol - Jason Probasco
3:00 PM - 3:30 PM	NDA Noxious Weed Program Update - Trevor Johnson
3:30 PM	Exam

Friday, December 19, 2025 - 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
-------------------	---