

January 2, 2026



The Ninety-Three

Meet Your 2026 NACO Board Officers

From left to right:

Emily Haxby, Gage County Supervisor - Secretary/Treasurer

Micaela Wuehler, Lincoln County Commissioner - Second Vice President

Troy Uhlir, Madison County Commissioner - Vice President

Valery Bell, Box Butte County Treasurer - President

Diana Hurlburt, Garfield County Commissioner - Past President



NACO Legislative Bill Review Webinar

The NACO Board of Directors will discuss and take positions on legislative bills on January 23 at 8:30 am Central Time. Register for the webinar by clicking [here](#).

Legislative Bill Webinar Registration

2026 UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb. 13

County Chair Workshop
Kearney

March 12

Southeast District Meeting
Lincoln

March 13

Northeast District Meeting
Norfolk

March 19

Central District Meeting
Kearney

March 25

Panhandle District Meeting
Bridgeport

March 26

West Central District Meeting
Ogallala

2025 NACO Annual Conference - "All In" Booklet

You can now download the PDF booklet of all of the "All in" statements we received from Nebraska's county officials. [Click here](#) to view and download the PDF.

"All In" Booklet

NACo: White House signs Executive Order on State AI Lawmaking

On Dec. 11, President Trump [signed an executive order](#) aimed at mobilizing federal agencies to challenge existing state laws on artificial intelligence (AI), clarify legal scope for AI model

regulation at the state level, and condition federal funding on the non-enforcement of select state AI laws.

Federal policy framework: The order also calls on presidential advisors to prepare a legislative recommendation to Congress on a uniform federal policy framework for AI that preempts certain state AI laws.

Implications for counties: Counties urge against federal overreach of state and local AI lawmaking, while welcoming opportunities for counties to actively contribute to intergovernmental conversations on establishing a national policy framework on AI.

Read NACo's analysis [here](#).

Now Accepting Interim Policy Resolutions for the 2026 NACo Legislative Conference

In preparation for the [2026 National Association of Counties \(NACo\) Legislative Conference](#), we encourage members to get involved and have your voice heard in Washington by submitting an interim policy resolution.

All interim resolutions must be submitted electronically using the [form on this page](#) by **Tuesday, January 20, 2026**. For details on NACo's policy process, [click here](#).

Reorganization Meetings to Occur in January 2026

In supervisor counties, the regular meetings of the county board are to be held in January. At its regular meeting of each year, the board must organize by choosing one of its number as chairman, who shall preside at all meetings of the board during the year; in case of his absence at any meeting, the members present must choose one of their number as temporary chairperson. Sections 23-272, 23-274. Similarly, Neb. Rev. Stat. § 23-156 provides the board of county commissioners at its regular meeting in January of each year must elect a chairperson of the board to serve for the ensuing year, and such chairperson shall sign all warrants on the treasurer for money to be paid out of the county treasury.

An individual can vote for himself or herself for county board chair. See [Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission \(NADC\) Advisory Opinion #202](#), adopted by the Commission June 2017 addresses a series of questions related to conflicts of interest, financial gain and compensation. County board members may vote for themselves for the position of chair of the county board even if the chair has a higher salary. There are no “financial gain” and no conflict of interest involved in such a vote where the enhanced compensation for the chair is compensation provided by law.

Explore Highlighted NACo Resources From 2025

Throughout 2025, NACo released timely tools and resources to support county leaders in building healthy, safe, and vibrant communities across the country. Below, explore some highlights from the year, and visit NACo's [resource library](#) for more.

Nebraska Association of Emergency Management Annual Awards Nominations

The Nebraska Association of Emergency Management (NAEM) annual awards nomination process has begun. Click the links below to view the nomination forms and criteria.

- [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](#)

Nominations close January 7, 2026.

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 a complimentary exhibit booth at the County Board Workshop, 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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ELITE MEMBERS



PREMIUM MEMBERS



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