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Upcoming Events

[County Board of Equalization Workshop](#) ✓
Kearney, May 14, 2009

[Clerks of District Court Workshop](#) ✓
Kearney, June 3-5, 2009

[NE Association of County Engineers, Highway Superintendents and Surveyors](#) ✓
Valentine, June 9-11, 2009

Clerks, Election Commissioners, and Register of Deeds Workshop
North Platte, June 10-12, 2009

[Treasurers Workshop](#) ✓
Lexington, June 16-18, 2009

Counties' Legislative Day Well Attended

More than 100 county officials representing forty-four counties attended this year's Counties' Legislative Day in Lincoln yesterday. County officials met at the NACO office before going across the street to the Capitol where they were welcomed by Governor Dave Heineman, Speaker of the Legislature Mike Flood, and NACO Executive Director Larry Dix. Senators Arnie Stuthman, Deb Fischer, and Kathy Campbell also addressed the group.

Following the morning session, lunch was served at the Cornhusker Marriott, where officials and 21 senators had the opportunity to visit about various issues.

The afternoon was spent viewing floor debate, visiting various state agencies, and touring the State Capitol and Governor's mansion.

Register for County Board of Equalization Workshop—May 14th

[Agenda](#) and [registration](#) information is now available on the NACO website for the 2009 County Board of Equalization Workshop to be held Thursday, May 14 at the Holiday Inn & Convention Center in Kearney. County Board members, clerks, assessors and county attorneys can all benefit from this biennial workshop that will provide an overall review of the county board of equalization's responsibilities in the equalization process. Speakers include Ruth Sorenson, Property Tax Administrator and William Warnes, TERC Chairperson, and Barry Couch, CAE, as well as representatives from various county offices.

Save the Date: Free Webinar, Leading in Tough Times:

This 75-minute Webinar, *Leading in Tough Times: County Budget Strategies During Recession*, will be held Thursday, May 7, at 1 p.m. (CDT).

Across the nation our counties are facing shrinking revenue sources, fewer staff and higher demands. This session will focus on maximizing revenue sources, getting the most out of short term budget cuts and making decisions with tight margins to invest in your county's long term economic recovery and fiscal health.

To register, click on the following link:

<https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/777059361>

For more information contact Carrie Clingan at 202/942-4246 or cclingan@naco.org

NDOR ARRA Project Updates

To view Nebraska Department of Roads ARRA (federal stimulus funding) project updates, click [here](#).



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NACo Accepting Applications for the 2009 County Courthouse Award

Information on the 2009 NACo County Courthouse Award is now available on the NACo website at www.naco.org under the Awards section. Established several years ago, the County Courthouse Award is sponsored by Siemens and recognizes innovative governance by county elected officials from NACo member counties. Award winners receive an engraved plaque that they can display in their county, recognition at the 2009 NACo Annual Conference and a \$5000 college scholarship to present to a graduating high school senior. Awards will be given out in three categories: rural, suburban and urban. All NACo members are encouraged to apply. Applications must be received by May 8, 2009 to be considered. If you have questions, please contact NACo Associate Legislative Directors Dalen Harris or Erik Johnston at (202) 393-6226 or by email at dharris@naco.org or ejohnston@naco.org.



Going Green for National County Government Week—May 3-9

First celebrated in 1991, National County Government Week (NCGW) was created by the National Association of Counties to raise public awareness and understanding about the roles and responsibilities of the nation's 3,068 counties. The community outreach events held during the week will help residents better understand how counties serve the community.

Counties play an important role in protecting and enhancing the health, welfare and safety of their residents in sensible and cost-effective ways. Including in this responsibility is protecting the environment and wise use of our natural resources. That's why the theme for this year's NCGW is "Greening Our Future."

For additional information and to get useful tools for use in promoting and celebrating this year's NCGW, click [here](#).

News Across the State...

Links are to outside sources and may not be available indefinitely

[Commissioners learn of way to lock in fuel prices](#)
Norfolk Daily News, 3/18/09

[Mytty enjoys his position as Dodge County Clerk](#)
Fremont Tribune, 3/26/09

[Countywide effort urged for economic development](#)
West Point News, 4/7/09

[Bad economy keeps county cops hopping](#)
Omaha World Herald, 4/14/09

Directory Updates...

Gosper County Commissioner—Bruce Bader was appointed to replace Gary Robb, who has resigned.

Webster County Weed Emergency Manager — Robert Willcott was appointed to replace Leo Zadina, who has resigned.

The NACO & MIPS offices will be closed on Friday, April 24th in observance of Arbor Day

2009 Walk For Your Life Challenge

In response to the feedback received from last year's challenge, the NACO Board of Directors and Executive Director will ask county officials, employees and their family members to step up to the challenge again. This year, the Walk For Your Life program will begin on June 1 and end September 27. Each county will comprise a team, and will designate a team leader, who will be responsible for gathering data and reporting it to NACO. Detailed information will be e-mailed to county clerks.



If you are aware of any news that may be of interest, please let us know

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