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Upcoming Events

NACo Legislative Conference
Washington, D.C., March 6-10, 2010

Central District Meeting
Grand Island, March 18, 2010

Northeast District Meeting
Norfolk, March 19, 2010

Panhandle District Meeting
Gering, March 23, 2010

Southeast District Meeting
Mahoney Park, March 26, 2010

NWCA Spring Training
Hastings, March 30-31, 2010

Assessor Spring Educational Workshop
Grand Island, April 6-8, 2010

NAEM Conference
Kearney, April 16, 2010

Douglas County Commissioner Chris Rodgers announces candidacy for NACo 2nd Vice President



The Nebraska Association of County Officials is pleased to announce Chris Rodgers as a candidate for National Association of Counties (NACo) 2nd Vice President. Chris is a member of the Douglas County Board of Commissioners. His fellow Douglas County Commissioners describe him as “a remarkable chair” and “extremely involved.” Chris is well-informed on issues facing counties of all sizes. He has been

appointed to several positions in National Association of Counties, as well as serving on numerous committees on behalf of the Nebraska Association of County Officials and Douglas County.

Chris is now in his second term and was elected to the Douglas County Board of Commissioners in 2004. He has served on many committees within Douglas County and currently chairs the Child and Youth Services Committee and the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council. Chris has taken an active role in the National Association of Counties (NACo) Justice and Public Safety Committee of which he currently is Vice Chair.

Chris earned a degree in journalism and a Masters of Business Administration from Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska. He also received a Masters of Public Administration from the University of Nebraska at Omaha. In addition to his public service, Chris is a senior community associate for the University of Nebraska at Omaha where he leads its privately-funded, pilot initiative to strengthen prisoner re-entry programming and reduce recidivism.

The Nebraska Association of County Officials Board of Directors and staff support Chris Rodgers’ candidacy for National Association of Counties (NACo) 2nd Vice President. Chris will officially launch his campaign during the National Association of Counties (NACo) Legislative Conference in Washington, D.C., in March.

As you are aware, associated with a campaign of this magnitude are some costs. We believe it is important that Nebraska is represented on a national level and would encourage you to make a personal financial contribution to the Chris Rodgers for NACo 2nd Vice President campaign. Please make the checks payable to Chris Rodgers for NACo 2nd Vice President and send them to the NACO Office.

To view Chris’ candidate profile on the NACo website, click [here](#).



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Upcoming Webinars...
NACo Prescription Discount Card Program: An Easy Tough Times Solution for Your County's Residents Thursday, March 18, 1-2:30 p.m. CST

Find out what 1,300 other counties already know about how easy it is to provide your residents with big savings on their medicine costs by participating in NACo's Prescription Discount Card Program. Program experts from NACo, CVS Caremark and fellow county officials will describe how the **free**, NACo member benefit program has resulted in **\$250 million** in savings for residents across the country. Register today to learn how easy it is to implement the program and start saving! The discount card program includes all the support, resources, and media/press materials so you can provide another "tough times" solution to your residents. Too good to be true? Find out for yourself.

To register, go to <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/739076707>

Please contact Andrew Goldschmidt at 202-942-4221 or agoldschmidt@naco.org with questions.

Why Should a County Conduct a Road Safety Audit? – Rural Road Safety Webinar Series Thursday, March 25, 1-2:30 p.m. CST

The enormous cost – human and financial – of road accidents continues to devastate families and counties. This free webinar, the second in a series of three, teaches the basics of County Action Plans, Strategic Highway Plans, and Road Safety Audits (RSA). Participants will learn about the benefits of a county RSA and the legal issues surrounding safety audits. Co-sponsored by the Federal Highway Administration, the National Association of County Engineers and NACo.

To register, go to <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/391840435>

Please contact Cindy Wasser at 202-942-4274 or cwasser@naco.org with questions.

News Across the State...

Links are to outside sources and may not be available indefinitely

[Jail revenues--and costs--are up](#)

Grand Island Independent, 02/08/10

[County wellness program draws 'big loser' hopefuls](#)

Star Herald, 02/08/10

[Jail expansions may be at saturation](#)

Journal Star, 02/14/10

[Pride in jail almost palpable](#)

Kearney Hub, 02/18/10


2010 NACo Western Interstate Region Conference, May 26-28

NACo's Western Interstate Region Conference focuses on public lands and other issues critical to the western region of the United States. It provides county officials with the opportunity to hear speakers, discuss legislation, and network with other officials to exchange information on those issues.

Click [here](#) for more information and to register for the 2010 NACo WIR Conference.

2010 NACO Scholarship Applications

Nebraska high school seniors who are the children or stepchildren of county officials or employees are encouraged to apply for one of twelve \$1000 scholarships. Additional information and the downloadable [application](#) can be found under the 'Services' tab on the NACO website.

**2010 Directory of County Officials**

The NACO 2010 Directory of County Officials is now available. The directory is an annual publication that provides names and contact information for elected and appointed county officials in the state. Each directory is \$16 if tax-exempt and \$17 if taxable.

[Online directory order form](#)

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

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