



# NACO E-News

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## 2011 Officers

**Steve Erdman, President**  
Morrill County Commissioner

**LeRoy Janssen, Vice-President**  
Wayne County Sheriff

**Leon Kolbet, Sec./ Treasurer**  
Hayes County Commissioner

**Pamela Lancaster, Past President**  
Hall County Supervisor

## Upcoming Events

Legislative Meeting  
Lincoln, January 14, 2011

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Lincoln, January 21, 2011

County Board Workshop  
Kearney, February 9 –11, 2011

NWCA Conference  
Kearney, February 14-17, 2011

NACo Legislative Conference  
Washington, D.C., March 5-9, 2011

**The NACO & MIPS offices  
will be closed  
Monday, January 17th  
in observance of  
Martin Luther King Jr. Day**



## NACO Board to Take Positions on Legislation Beginning Today

NACO board members and other interested county representatives will meet today to review, discuss and take positions on legislation which could impact county government. Next Wednesday will be the last day for senators to introduce new legislation for this session. Another legislative meeting will be held next Friday, January 21 at 9:30 a.m., at the NSEA Building, 605 S. 14th Street in Lincoln. Lunch will be provided. Please notify the NACO office at 402-434-5660 or [leslie@nacone.org](mailto:leslie@nacone.org) ASAP if you plan to attend.

## County Board Workshop

View the [agenda](#) and [register](#) for the 2011 County Board Workshop, to be held February 9-11 at the Holiday Inn & Convention Center in Kearney. The registration fee is \$80 if completed online by January 28. After that date, the registration fee increases to \$90.

## County Board Handbooks

The County Board Handbook and the 2010 Supplement order form is available online. Pre-order for pickup at the County Board Workshop and save shipping and handling. To download the order form, click [here](#) or visit our website.

## 2011 NACO Institute of Excellence

The NACO Institute of Excellence is open to all elected and appointed county officials. Deadline for registration is February 1, 2011. To register, click [here](#). For additional information, contact [Jon Edwards](#), 402-434-5660 ext. 227.

## 2011 Scholarship Applications Available

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

Nationwide Retirement Solutions, the administrator of NACO's deferred compensation program, will award four Nationwide/NACO college scholarships - each worth \$2,000 - to four high school seniors whose parent or grandparent participates in NACO's Deferred Compensation Plan. The scholarship deadline is **January 31, 2011**. For more information about eligibility and application procedures, click [here](#).

## Nebraska Crime Commission Grant Application Deadlines

Jan. 28, 2011 2011 State Juvenile Justice County Aid/County Aid Enhancement Grant  
Apr. 15, 2011 Title V Delinquency Prevention & Juvenile Accountability Block Grant  
The applications and instructions can be accessed on the Crime Commission website:  
<http://www.ncc.negov>.

## Take Advantage of NACo's Web-based Education...



### Getting the Most of Your Conference Attendance

Wednesday, January 19, 2011

1:00 - 2:15 p.m. CST

Welcome to NACo's Legislative Conference! Join this webinar for a review of the conference schedule and opportunities with NACo staff. Begin now to plan your participation for the most benefit to your county and your leadership. To register, click [here](#).

### Communities Working Together for Lasting Solutions: Increasing Civic Understanding

Wednesday, February 2, 2011

1:00 PM - 2:15 PM CST

Increasing the understanding of what county government does and how community members benefit from county services is the first step in building a trusting relationship within your county. This session builds on President Glen Whitley's initiative, "County Government Works." With NACo Tabor Fellow from Kansas State University Research and Extension, Trudy Rice, participants will explore tools they can use to forge better connections with individuals and groups. Join the webinar to see how this interactive process builds positive relationships. This is a NACo member only webinar.

### Communities Working Together for Lasting Solutions: Increasing Public Participation

Wednesday, February 9, 2011

1:00 PM - 2:15 PM CST

How communities work together to make decisions matters. Engaged community members become more supportive and positive about leadership decisions that affect their lives when they're part of productive interactions that are open and civil. NACo Tabor Fellow from Kansas State University Research and Extension, Trudy Rice, will demonstrate tools you can use to tackle problems and nurture relationships using a well thought-out process for educating and engaging the public. This is a NACo member only webinar.

### Communities Working Together for Lasting Solutions: Building Effective Leadership

Wednesday, February 16, 2011

1:00 PM - 2:15 PM CST

Effective county leadership reflects the demographic, economic, social and political changes in your community. To respond successfully to these changes, your community leadership needs to represent everyone. Join Trudy Rice, NACo Tabor Fellow from Kansas State University Research and Extension, to explore ways you can diversify your leadership base, as you prepare new leaders for future responsibilities. This is a NACo member only webinar.

For more information on these, other upcoming and previous webinars, visit the NACo [Web-based Education](#) page.

### U.S. Communities Webinar: Innovative Purchasing Resources for Non-Profits

Monday, January 24, 2011

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM CST

This webinar will provide the following information on new contracts (Food Service, Office Supplies and Playground Solutions), how to enroll in new contracts, new U.S. Communities E-Commerce Marketplace, and additions to the U.S. Communities website. Click [here](#) to register, or visit [www.uscommunities.org](http://www.uscommunities.org) for additional information.

### Internal Revenue Service to Offer Free Webinar

The IRS will be offering a free webinar on Section 218 FICA coverage for state and local government entities on January 27, 2011. For additional information and to register, click [here](#).

### 2011 Directory of County Officials

The order form for the NACo 2011 Directory of County Officials is now available [online](#). Each directory is \$16/tax-exempt and \$17/taxable.

### 2011 NACo Legislative Conference Registration

Online registration is now open for NACo's 2011 Legislative Conference, March 5-9, in Washington, D.C. This meeting brings over 2,000 elected and appointed county officials from across the country to focus on legislative issues facing county government. Click [here](#) for more information and to register.



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

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