

2017 COUNTY BOARD WORKSHOP

WEDNESDAY, MAY 31

5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Registration
8:00 p.m. Buffalo County Hospitality Room

THURSDAY, JUNE 1

7:00 a.m. Registration
8:00 a.m. – 8:15 a.m. Welcome by Larry Dix, NACO Executive Director
8:15 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Employment Law—Melanie Whittamore-Mantzios, Attorney from Wolfe, Snowden, Hurd, Luers & Ahl, L.L.P.—An update on how changes in federal and state laws affect your hiring, discipline and accommodation decisions.
9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Break
10:00 a.m.— 10:30 a.m. John Ricks—Nebraska Tourism Director—An introduction to Mr. Ricks since his new appointment in January of this year and his outlook on how to grow Nebraska through tourism.
10:30 a.m. – 12:00 a.m. Attorney General Doug Peterson—Opioid Abuse and Human Trafficking in Nebraska—An overview and realization of the impact that opioid use and human trafficking have on the citizens of the state of Nebraska.
12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Luncheon
1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Breakout Sessions
A. Open Meetings Laws—Matthew Dunning, Legal Counsel for the Nebraska School Boards Association will review state statute requirements for open meetings and how to conduct public meetings within the scope of the statutes.
B. Media Relations—Willis Mahannah, Editor of the *West Point News* and Zach Pluhacek a journalist for the *Lincoln Journal Star* will present media requirements for gathering news from a statewide journal perspective and also from a local news agency in order to build relationships for effective news reporting.
C. Abandoned Cemetery Upkeep—Cindy Drake, Nebraska Statewide Cemetery Registry Coordinator and Rob Bozell, State Archeologist will address the issue of abandoned cemeteries and the statutory requirements for counties to care for and maintain them.
D. NACO 101—Larry Dix, NACO Executive Director will detail the history, functions and operations and the newly accepted branding of NACO to offer a clear understanding of NACO 's roles and responsibilities.
3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Break
3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Breakout Sessions—Repeat of Above Sessions
A. Open Meetings Laws
B. Media Relations
C. Abandoned Cemetery Upkeep Responsibilities By Statute
D. NACO 101
6:30 p.m. Banquet & Entertainment

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FRIDAY JUNE, 2

- 8:30 a.m. – 9:15 a.m. Legislative Updates—Larry Dix, NACO Executive Director will provide an overview of legislation that was introduced, debated and approved or carried over from the 2017 session of the Nebraska Legislature. He will also address legislation that will need to be watched and needing further resolution in the 2018 legislative session.
- 9:15 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. Planning and Zoning—David Ptak, Hastings City Attorney will relate to the effect and importance of planning and zoning for counties, how it affects economic development and will also answer questions about how the zoning laws can play a role in county valuations.
- 10:15 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Break
- 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Nebraska Department of Roads Projects Update—Kyle Schneeweis, Director of the Nebraska Department of Roads will address the second round of funding for bridge projects and will outline his goals for the upcoming year for the betterment of Nebraska 's road system.
- 11:30 a.m. Adjourn
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