What’s happening at the NACO Office...

Periodically NACO E-news will provide insight about the current activities within the NACO Office. This section will appear from time to time to make you aware of NACO Board activities and items of interest that pertain to counties.

Here is a snapshot of the current activity in the NACO office...

President Dennis Kimbrough and Executive Director Larry Dix are in Washington, D.C. getting updated on activities from the National Association of Counties. County association presidents and executive directors from numerous states will be attending a 3-day session to discuss events at the national level that will impact all counties across the U.S.

The NACO Board of Directors will meet on January 15th for a business meeting and again on January 16th as the Legislative Committee to review and establish positions on legislative bills.

Numerous meetings are taking place between Nebraska Department of Roads, federal highway authorities, cities and counties to review stimulus package legislation and local project authorization. As of January 2, 2009 only 33 counties have sent in their stimulus “ready to go” project requests. If you do not send in this information, your county will not be considered for federal stimulus package funds. If you have not done so and you plan on having project requests, please check to make sure your information is sent in to the Nebraska Department of Roads.

Register Online for County Board Workshop

View agenda and register for the 2009 County Board Workshop, to be held February 11-13 at the Kearney Holiday Inn & Convention Center. Registration is $80 if received on or before January 23. Registrations received after this date will increase to $90.

New County Board Handbook

A newly revised edition of the County Board Handbook is now available. Copies can be purchased for $80 plus shipping and handling. To get your copy, download and complete the order form on our website. Pre-order for pickup at the County Board Workshop and save shipping and handling charges.

County board members newly elected in November 2008 will receive a handbook as part of their registration if they attend the County Board Workshop and the special session for new board members.
**NDOR Announces Addition of FAQ’s to Local Projects Web Page**

NDOR now has a FAQ page on their website for local federal-aid projects. It is linked on the main page of Local Projects and also on the Federal-aid page:


The link can be accessed below:

**Frequently Asked Questions Page** NEW

NDOR will be putting more questions/answers up soon. The purpose is to provide local public agencies and consultants information and clarification with respect to changes that are occurring with the local federal-aid transportation program.

**News Across the State...**

*Links are to outside sources and may not be available indefinitely*

- **Records spared from trash bin**
  Nebraska City News Press, 12/29/08

- **Bond issued for $65M jail project gets final OK**
  Lincoln Journal Star, 12/30/08

- **Ritinour: no more plea bargains**
  Beatrice Daily Sun, 01/05/09

- **County board learns about sustainability**
  Star-Herald, 01/06/09

- **Antelope County hires interim assessor**
  Norfolk Daily News, 01/07/09

- **County absorbs cost of inmates**
  Sidney Sun Telegraph, 01/08/09

- **County begins zoning process for potential wind energy sites**
  Custer County Chief, 01/08/09

**Reminder...**

Effective January 1, 2009, the standard mileage rate as established by the Internal Revenue Service decreased to **$0.55** per mile from **$0.585** per mile.

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**2009 Directory of County Officials**

The order form for the NACO 2009 Directory of County Officials is available online. 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.

**Download the order form**