NACO and MIPS Phone System Changes

The updating of the NACO and MIPS phone system has been completed. The new system includes features commonly seen in many of our courthouses such as automated directory, voice mail, call forwarding, etc. The phones are being answered by an auto attendant. You will be presented with a menu to determine if you want to access the NACO staff directory or the MIPS staff directory. You will then be able to search for the person you wish to talk to. The phone numbers remain the same.

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402-434-5660
Staff Extensions

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402-434-5685
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Open Meetings Act Revisions

On August 30, 2009, revisions to the Open Meetings Act will go into effect. Poster-sized copies reflecting the changes are available through NACO for $2.00 each plus shipping and handling.

2009 Road & Street Program Workshops

The NDOR & NE-LTAP are offering a series of 90 minute regional workshops:

Managing County Road and Municipal Street Programs: “Getting Results and Staying out of Trouble.”

For more information, click here.

Walk For Your Life Challenge 2009...

Reporting from 33 counties, NACO and MIPS shows 687 participants with a total of 55,600 miles for the months of June and July for a cumulative average of 81 miles per participant. Perkins County has the highest cumulative average at 150 miles per participant, with Wayne and Platte counties following with 127 and 125 miles per participant. A complete summary has been sent to each county contact person. A reminder that reports for August mileage are due by September 5th.
Grant Writing & Grant Management Training Opportunities in Nebraska

The Metropolitan Area Planning Agency (MAPA) and Grant Writing USA will present a two-day Grant Writing Workshop in Omaha on October 19-20, 2009. Beginning and experienced grant writers will learn how to write winning grant proposals and find grant funders. Tuition is $425 and includes class workbook and accompanying resource CD that's packed full of tools and more than 200 sample grant proposals.

If your office already receives government grants, then consider the two-day Grant Management Workshop presented in partnership with LifePoint by BryanLGH, in Lincoln on November 19-20, 2009. If you don’t know what to do, staying in compliance with federal grant requirements can be daunting, however, experienced Grant Writing USA instructors teach attendees compliance steps in an organized, comprehensive, and easy to understand manner. Tuition is $595 and includes Grant Writing USA's 450-page grant management workbook and reference guide.

Attend both the writing and management class and receive $100 off combined cost of tuition. Multi-enrollment discounts are also available. Seating is limited, online reservations are necessary.

For more information please call 800-814-8191 or visit: http://www.grantwritingusa.com/events.html

News Across the State...
Links are to outside sources and may not be available indefinitely

County making budget cuts
North Platte Telegraph, 8/11/09

Mail-in elections a growing trend
Omaha World Herald, 08/13/09

County budget debate continues
York News-Times, 08/15/09

2009 Legislation
August 30, 2009 is the effective date for bills which do not have an emergency clause or other effective language. For additional information about 2009 legislation, see either www.nacone.org (legislative section) or the Nebraska Legislature’s website — www.nebraskalegislature.gov.

Education Foundation Memorial Gift Program
A gift to NACO’s Education Foundation ensures that the children of county officials and county employees are eligible to apply for scholarships to continue their education at Nebraska’s higher education institutions. Whatever their passion – history, art, music, science, education, sports – the NACO Education Foundation will provide them an opportunity to fund their education beyond the K-12 level.

Memorial gifts to NACO’s Education Foundation are tax exempt and a lasting legacy in honor of your loved one’s commitment to educating the children of Nebraska’s county officials and county employees.

For more information about how to make a memorial gift, please contact Jon Edwards at jon.edwards@nacone.org or at 402-434-5660.

Directory Updates...
Nance County Supervisor
Gene Burton
PO Box 566, Fullerton, NE 68638
(appointed to fill vacancy created by the death of Henry Santin)

Polk County Emergency Manager
Bob Carey
PO Box 567, Osceola, NE 68651
Phone 402-747-2231 Fax 402-474-5981 bcarey@pcsheriff.com

Kimball County Highway/Weed Superintendent
Gerald D. Robbins (Jerry)
(appointed to fill vacancy created by the resignation of Terry Flick)