Douglas County Commissioner Chris Rodgers’ Campaign for NACo 2nd Vice President Kicked-Off in Washington, D.C.

Douglas County Commissioner Chris Rodgers officially kicked-off his campaign for National Association of Counties (NACo) 2nd Vice President in Washington, D.C. at the 2010 Legislative Conference on March 6. Several Nebraska county officials and NACO staff were in attendance for the annual event and pitched in to help with the campaign. There are three candidates vying for the position. Also running are Burrell Ellis, Chief Executive Officer of Dekalb County, GA, and Joe Giles, Council Member of Erie County, PA.

The candidates’ profiles and a note regarding the election from NACo President Valerie Brown can be viewed on the NACo website by clicking [here](http://www.nacone.org).

The campaign will end on the last day of the NACo Annual Conference and Exposition. Nebraska representatives must be present and registered to vote in order to cast a ballot. We urge you to consider to make plans to attend this year’s conference, which will be held July 16-20 in Reno/Washoe County, NV. Additional information on the conference is available [here](http://www.nacone.org).

Transportation Summit To Be Held In Lincoln

A public meeting will be held on March 30 from 1:00 - 5:00 CST at the Lincoln City Council Chambers for the purpose of determining a way to put our limited federal funds to work as soon as possible and help FHWA Administrator Victor Mendez achieve his state goal of reducing federal review time by 50%.

U.S. Senator Ben Nelson, State Senator Deb Fischer, and FHWA Administrator Victor Mendez will preside over the hearing. Representatives of NACO, the League of Municipalities, ACEC, and the cities Omaha (MAPA) and Lincoln will make formal presentations to the panel. Interested parties are encouraged to attend this public meeting.

Daylight Saving Time

Daylight Saving Time begins this Sunday, March 14th at 2:00 a.m. local time... Don’t forget to set your clocks ahead one hour!

E-911—The Nebraska Public Service Commission has scheduled a Cost Model Implementation Workshop on March 17, 2010, at 1:00 CST to assist in the completion of applications and to answer any questions regarding implementation. Click [here](http://www.nacone.org) to view the notice and locations of workshop. The entire order can be found online by clicking [here](http://www.nacone.org).
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.

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 Annual NACo Conference & Exposition

Online registration and housing is now open for the 2010 Annual NACo Conference and Exposition, July 16-20, in Reno/Washoe County, Nevada.
For more information and to register, please visit www.naco.org.

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

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