Chris Rodgers’ Campaign for NACo 2nd Vice President Receives Support from Hawaii

Douglas County Commissioner Chris Rodgers has announced that the state of Hawaii has pledged its support towards his effort to become the National Association of Counties (NACo) Second Vice President, Rodgers said of the endorsement, “I greatly thank Hawaii’s county officials for their support. I have a great respect for the commitment they show year after year enduring long hours of travel in support of our great organization. If I am honored to be elected in July, I hope to show the same commitment in serving America’s counties.” The California State Association of Counties (CSAS) has endorsed Rodgers’ candidacy and the state of Missouri has also given a pledge of support.

The campaign will conclude on the last day of the NACo Annual Conference and Exposition, which begins July 16 in Reno/Washoe County, Nevada.

Check us out on Facebook

Facebook is one of the network and communications tools that NACO will be using to keep individuals notified of events happening in county government and NACO. The information on Facebook will supplement CountyLine and E-News. To get to the NACO page, click here. Click the “Like” button to get updates from NACO to your Facebook account.

Court Upholds Assessor’s Method of Valuation

In Vitalix, Inc. v. Box Butte County Board of Equalization, 280 Neb. 186, ___N.W.2d___ (2010), the Box Butte County assessor set the valuation for improvements to property made by a corporation. The corporation protested the valuation, arguing that the property was exempt from taxation because it was public land being used for a public purpose. The County Board of Equalization affirmed the county assessor’s valuation, thus essentially denying an exemption. The County’s decision was appealed to the TERC, which affirmed the board of equalization’s decision. The Supreme Court affirmed TERC’s affirmation of the County Board of Equalization’s decision.

You may view the full text of the opinion at: http://www.supremecourt.ne.gov/opinions/2010/july/jul9/s09-1074.pdf
Upcoming Webinars...

Making Rural Roads Safe, Understanding Retroreflectivity in Signs and Road Markings
Thursday, September 30
1:00 p.m. CDT

Continuing NACo’s Rural Road Safety Webinar Series, this webinar will review the current sign retroreflectivity standards (including resources) but also focus on the new standards related to Pavement Marking Retroreflectivity. Additionally, it would provide some best practices to consider when implementing standards.

To register: [https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/694319506](https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/694319506)
Contact: James Davenport, 202-661-8807 or jdavenport@naco.org

For more information on this and previous webinars, go the NACo [Webinars & Seminars](#) page.

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2010 NACO Annual Conference
Lodging Reservations

The 2010 Conference Rooming List is now available on NACO’s website. The reservation process has changed from previous years. Lodging requests will be accepted no earlier than Friday, August 13, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. Central Standard Time. The form may be completed in advance and saved to be sent at the appropriate time. Requests must be e-mailed using the form available on the NACO website. Requests sent prior to the date and time indicated will not be honored and will be returned. If you have questions regarding this procedure, please contact Lisa Wefer at (402) 434-5660 ext. 221.

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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.