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Dennis Kimbrough, Past President
Fillmore County Supervisor

Upcoming Events

Legislative Meeting
Lincoln, January 14, 2011

Legislative Meeting
Lincoln, January 21, 2011

County Board Workshop
Kearney, February 9 –11, 2011

NWCA Conference
Kearney, February 14-17, 2011

NACo Legislative Conference
Washington, D.C., March 5-9, 2011

2011 Scholarship Applications Available

Nebraska high school seniors who are the children or stepchildren of county officials or employees are encouraged to apply for one of twelve $1000 NACo scholarships. Additional information and the downloadable application can be found under the ‘Services’ tab on the NACO website.

Nationwide Retirement Solutions, the administrator of NACo’s deferred compensation program, will award four Nationwide/NACo college scholarships - each worth $2,000 - to four high school seniors whose parent or grandparent participates in NACo’s Deferred Compensation Plan. The scholarship deadline is January 31, 2011. For more information about eligibility and application procedures, click here.

2011 NACo Legislative Conference Registration

Online registration is now open for NACo’s 2011 Legislative Conference, March 5-9, in Washington, D.C. This meeting brings over 2,000 elected and appointed county officials from across the country to focus on legislative issues facing county government. Click here for more information and to register.

Internal Revenue Service to Offer Free Webinar

The IRS will be offering a free webinar on Section 218 FICA coverage for state and local government entities on January 27, 2011. For additional information and to register, click here.

County Board Handbooks

The County Board Handbook and the 2010 Supplement order form is available online. Pre-order for pickup at the County Board Workshop and save shipping and handling. To download the order form, click here or visit our website.

2011 Directory of County Officials

The order form for the NACO 2011 Directory of County Officials is now 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/tax-exempt and $17/taxable.

Nebraska Crime Commission Grant Application Deadlines

Jan. 28, 2011 2011 State Juvenile Justice County Aid/County Aid Enhancement Grant
Apr. 15, 2011 Title V Delinquency Prevention & Juvenile Accountability Block Grant

The applications and instructions can be accessed on the Crime Commission website: http://www.ncc.gov.
Take Advantage of NACo’s Web-based Education...

Getting the Most of Your Conference Attendance
Wednesday, January 19, 2011
1:00 - 2:15 p.m. CST

Welcome to NACo’s Legislative Conference! Join this webinar for a review of the conference schedule and opportunities with NACo staff. Begin now to plan your participation for the most benefit to your county and your leadership. To register, click here.

Communities Working Together for Lasting Solutions: Increasing Civic Understanding
Wednesday, February 2, 2011
1:00 PM - 2:15 PM CST

Increasing the understanding of what county government does and how community members benefit from county services is the first step in building a trusting relationship within your county. This session builds on President Glen Whitley’s initiative, “County Government Works.” With NACo Tabor Fellow from Kansas State University Research and Extension, Trudy Rice, participants will explore tools they can use to forge better connections with individuals and groups. Join the webinar to see how this interactive process builds positive relationships. This is a NACo member only webinar.

Communities Working Together for Lasting Solutions: Increasing Public Participation
Wednesday, February 9, 2011
1:00 PM - 2:15 PM CST

How communities work together to make decisions matters. Engaged community members become more supportive and positive about leadership decisions that affect their lives when they’re part of productive interactions that are open and civil. NACo Tabor Fellow from Kansas State University Research and Extension, Trudy Rice, will demonstrate tools you can use to tackle problems and nurture relationships using a well thought-out process for educating and engaging the public. This is a NACo member only webinar.

Communities Working Together for Lasting Solutions: Building Effective Leadership
Wednesday, February 16, 2011
1:00 PM - 2:15 PM CST

Effective county leadership reflects the demographic, economic, social and political changes in your community. To respond successfully to these changes, your community leadership needs to represent everyone. Join Trudy Rice, NACo Tabor Fellow from Kansas State University Research and Extension, to explore ways you can diversify your leadership base, as you prepare new leaders for future responsibilities. This is a NACo member only webinar.

For more information on these, other upcoming and previous webinars, visit the NACo Web-based Education page.

News Across the State...

Links are to outside sources and may not be available indefinitely

Painful cuts are expected
Omaha World Herald, 12/17/10

30 county court offices may close
Columbus Telegram, 12/19/10

Justice center nearing completion
Norfolk Daily News, 12/23/10

The Nebraska Community Corrections Council has issued a report relating to the expansion of services for reporting centers. Currently, counties are responsible for facility and operating costs. There is an option listed in the report that local funding could be increased for several reporting centers. View the report here.

2011 NACo Institute of Excellence

The NACO Institute of Excellence is open to all elected and appointed county officials. Deadline for registration is February 1, 2011. To register, click here. For additional information, contact Jon Edwards, 402-434-5660 ext. 227.

Reminder
Effective January 1, 2011, the standard mileage rate as established by the Internal Revenue Service will be $0.51 per mile.

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

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