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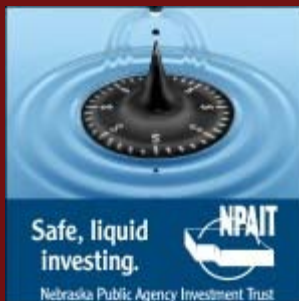
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Open Meetings Act Legislative Changes

Due to two bills that made modifications to the Open Meetings Act during the 2011 legislative session, NACO will once again reproduce a poster for counties that can be used by your county to fulfill the requirements of NEB. REV. STAT. 84-1412(8).

Changes to the Open Meetings Act during the 2011 legislative session include:

· [LB 366](#) (2011) that amends section 84-1409 and it is effective August 27, 2011. LB 366 provides that subcommittees formed under section 81-15,175 (provisions pertaining to the Environmental Trust Fund Board's grant application subcommittee) are subject to the Open Meetings Act.

· [LB 390](#) (2011) that amends section 84-1410 and it is effective May 27, 2011. LB 390 incorporates Community Trust discussions regarding the amounts to be paid to individuals who have suffered from a tragedy of violence or natural disaster as a reason to hold a closed session under the Open Meetings Act.

Since there is an effective date of May 27, 2011 for portions of the Open Meetings Act as made by section 29 of LB 390 (2011), we have forwarded a copy of the revised Act to some county officials. Additionally, we are posting a copy of the revised Act on the NACO website that can be accessed [here](#).

An updated poster that incorporates both LBs 366 and 390 from NACO will be available prior to the August 27, 2011 effective date of LB 363. The August 27, 2011 effective date will be reflected on the bottom of the poster. You will be contacted prior to August 27 with information about new posters.

Copies of the slip laws may be viewed at the Nebraska Legislature's [website](#).

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2011 Redistricting

[Section 32-553](#) provides in part that political subdivisions such as counties that nominate or elect the governing board by districts, shall be substantially equal in population as determined by the most recent federal decennial census. Any such political subdivision which has districts in place on the date the census figures used in drawing district boundaries for the Legislature are required to be submitted to the state by the United States Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, shall, if necessary to maintain substantial population equality as required by this subsection, have new district boundaries drawn within six months after the passage and approval of the legislative bill providing for reestablishing legislative districts.

The 2011 Legislature passed LB 703 to establish the new legislative districts. The legislation was signed by the Governor on May 26, 2011; therefore, redistricting must be completed by county boards with districts by the end of November (most likely prior to Thanksgiving which is on November 24, 2011).

For additional information on redistricting, refer to page 9 of the May [2010 NACO Countyline](#) or the Nebraska Legislature's [webpage for redistricting newsletters](#).

Upcoming Events

[NACo Annual Conference](#)
Portland, Oregon
July 15-19, 2011

[2011 North American
Manure Expo](#)
Norfolk
July 20, 2011

[Assessors Workshop](#)
Lincoln
August 30-September 2,
2011

[Northeast District Meeting](#)
Schuyler
September 16, 2011

[Southeast District
Meeting](#)
Mahoney Park
September 22, 2011

[Central District Meeting](#)
Grand Island
September 15, 2011

[Panhandle District
Meeting](#)
TBA
September 28, 2011

[West Central District
Meeting](#)
TBA
September 29, 2011

[Register of Deeds
Workshop](#)
Kearney
October 12, 2011

[Legislative Conference](#)
Kearney
October 13, 2011

[NWCA Fall Training](#)
Hastings
October 25-26, 2011

[NACo Annual
Conference](#)
Kearney
December 14-16, 2011

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Real Property Valuation and Damage Due to Natural Disasters

The Nebraska Department of Revenue, Property Assessment Division, has posted information regarding real property valuations and damage due to natural disasters under the "What's New" section of their [website](#). To view the June 10 release "Real Property Valuations and Damage Due to Natural Disasters", click [here](#).

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2011-2012 County Budget Forms

As reported by the Nebraska Auditor of Public Accounts, the 2011-2012 County Budget Forms will be available June 22, 2011.

Forms and information can be accessed on the Nebraska Auditor of Public Accounts website [here](#).

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NACO Sponsored County Board of Equalization Workshop Held in Kearney

The biennial County Board of Equalization Workshop, sponsored by NACO and held in Kearney on May 26 at the Holiday Inn and Convention Center, was attended by nearly 180 registrants. Participation by county and state officials made the workshop beneficial to all who attended.



Paul Schaub,
Cheyenne County
Attorney,
discusses legal
issues

In addition to several county board members, clerks, and assessors sitting on panels, presenters included Ruth Sorenson, Property Tax Administrator; Paul Schaub, Cheyenne County Attorney; Jack Zitterkopf, Hall County Chief Deputy Attorney; and Susan Lore, Box Butte County Commissioner and former member of the Tax Equalization and Review Commission (TERC).

To view images from the workshop on NACO's Facebook page, click [here](#).

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Proposed Rule Amendments on Adult Guardianships and Conservatorships

As a result of a study by the 2010 Nebraska Supreme Court Review Committee, proposed rule amendments on Adult Guardianships and Conservatorships have been drafted. Interested parties are invited to comment on the proposed rule amendments until August 1, 2011.

To view the full text of the proposed new rules and additional information regarding the comment period, click [here](#).

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Grant & Funding Opportunities

Nebraska Internet Enhancement Fund

The Nebraska Public Service Commission has announced a pre-application period for counties and municipalities wishing to apply for grants from the

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Education Foundation Memorial 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 learning 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 employees. For more information about how to make a memorial gift, please contact [Jon Edwards](#) / 402-434-5660 ext. 227.

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Nebraska Internet Enhancement Fund (NIEF). Click [here](#) to view the news release or visit the Nebraska Public Service Commission website [here](#).

Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) has announced the following funding opportunities:

[Family Drug Court Programs](#)

[National Juvenile Probation Census Project](#)

To obtain further information about the above and other current OJJDP solicitations, including eligibility criteria, application deadlines, and frequently asked questions, visit the OJJDP funding opportunities webpage [here](#).

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News Across the State

[System will combine Buffalo County maps with data, info from county offices](#)
Kearney Hub, 6/15/11

[In one hour, 80 go to jail](#)
North Platte Telegraph, 6/17/11

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News from NACo



2011 NACo Annual Conference and Exposition
- July 15-19, 2011

There are only four weeks left before the 2011 NACo Annual Conference July 15-19 in Multnomah County/Portland, Oregon. [Register](#) now to save up to \$135 on your registration fee.

If you plan on attending, it is important that you review the documents below. The NACo 2011 Credentials (Voting) Identification Form (page 7 of the 2011 Voting Credentials) must be filled out and returned to the NACo office by July 1, 2011. In addition, please send a copy to the NACo office, attention Larry Dix, 625 S. 14th St, Suite 200, Lincoln, NE 68508, via fax at 402-434-5673, or via email to larrydix@nacone.org.

[2011 Credentials Info Packet](#) (PDF)

[State Report 2011](#) (PDF)

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NACo Web-based Education

Position Your Community for an Organized and Effective
Disaster Recovery with FEMA
Wednesday June 22, 2011
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM CDT

The prevalence of natural disasters throughout the country makes disaster preparedness and response a key issue for county officials and staff. With an understanding of FEMA's Public Assistance grants to state, tribal and local governments, counties can respond quickly to mitigate losses and reduce recovery time. Join this webinar to review the essential issues you need to consider before a disaster occurs and learn how you may obtain -and retain

- the FEMA funds your entitled to receive. Register [here](#).

Systematic Approach to Road Safety II

Thursday, June 23, 2011

1:00 PM - 2:15 PM CDT

The AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety (AAAFTS) is completing a (usRAP) pilot program to examine the key technological and political initiatives necessary to institute a safety assessment of all our nation's roads, including rural. In this webinar, hear from a representative from AAAFTS who will provide background information on the results of the multi phase Pilot project being implemented in various states across the country and the results from a county that is about to complete it's (usRAP) program. Register [here](#).

Newly Elected Officials and New Members: Learn How You can Save Money and Time through Exclusive NACo Programs

Wednesday, June 29, 2011

1:00 PM - 2:15 PM CDT

Your NACo membership includes a multitude of free exclusive membership benefit programs and resources. Find out how easy it is to take advantage of money saving and time saving benefits so that you can provide "tough times" solutions directly to your county and its residents. This is a NACo Members Only webinar. You must log in to the [Member Center](#) to register.

Let's Move Initiative: Learn How Your County Can Join

Thursday, June 30, 2011

1:00 PM - 2:15 PM CDT

Find out how your county can participate in First Lady Michelle Obama's Let's Move Initiative. Joining Let's Move will assist your county's existing health promotion strategies or help expand local efforts to promote active living and healthy eating. You'll hear how your county can formally join the initiative and learn about program and policy options to promote healthy counties. Register [here](#).

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

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