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Executive Director’s Comments

Don’t Miss NACO’s
113th Annual
Conference In Lincoln

“\textit{This conference is one of the best educational investments your county can make.}”

This year’s annual conference in Lincoln promises to be as exciting and educational as any that I can remember. This year will mark a slight change in the format as we will begin the conference on Wednesday morning. Many affiliate groups will be holding pre-conference educational sessions in the morning and the NIRMA membership meeting will begin at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday.

The Opening Session will begin at 2:00 p.m. \textit{Believe me you do not want to miss it.} Governor Heineman will kick off the Opening Session and Terry Bowden, former Auburn University football coach will be the featured speaker discussing teamwork. Both Wednesday and Thursday evenings are reserved for vendors to entertain and take county officials out to dine if they choose.

Thursday will be wall to wall educational sessions. A few groups will have joint sessions with the county boards. County Board members will have an afternoon session that will be talked about for years to come. Many affiliate groups will conduct their business meetings and have gavel passing ceremonies for their officers.

Friday morning will begin with the NACO business meeting in which we will elect the new NACO Secretary-Treasurer. It looks to be a spirited election with two announced candidates at the time of the writing of this article. Friday mid-morning features a special conference joint session for everyone. The speaker is Benny Rousselle from Louisiana. He will discuss the importance of record preservation in the event of a disaster. The awards luncheon will occur Friday at 12:30 p.m. and will be highlighted by the naming of the County Official of the Year. This is the highest award given annually to a Nebraska County Official. If you know of someone deserving, please nominate them.

The expectations are that the conference will officially end around 3:00 p.m. on Friday, but some groups will continue to obtain educational hours of credit later in the afternoon.

As always I am looking forward to seeing each of you there. If you have not registered, please do so. This conference is one of the best educational investments your county can make. \textit{This is going to be a good one...don’t miss it!}
The last three years have gone by very quickly. I guess when you enjoy involvement time goes by very fast. Let's look back at 2007 and ask ourselves if we have had a productive year.

NACO has made great progress in building a coalition with senators and the legislative body with Larry Dix's expertise and Jon Edward's, Beth Ferrell's and Elaine Menzel's ability to create a force of knowledge that is respected across the street in the legislative body. But let's don't forget that all the support given to Larry and staff by the elected officials makes this body a great impact on the legislative system.

We, the elected officials have come a long way in communicating with our state senators and becoming familiar with issues, then relating to NACO staff our concern's. In addition, when spending time testifying I believe this year I saw more county officials in Lincoln testifying than I ever have before. That's the kind of progress I'm referring to.

In the ensuing years I know your executive board will instill in you that the items previously mentioned are the most important progress you will make for the organization.

When I came on board three years ago I made a pledge to myself that I would do my very best to create a ninety-three county coalition, so that when we attempted to accomplish a task we were all on the same page regardless of what county we were from. I appointed NACO committee members, ensuring that every area in the state was represented on each committee. I want to thank all of the committee members for serving and doing a great job.

My progress causes me to go into a loss for words mode. I can't begin to tell the whole story of my ride the last three years. Just let me relate to you the things that were very important to me. First of all Larry, Jon, Beth, Lisa, Leslie, Elaine, De and Jeremy, the NACO board members, and all the elected officials across the state have truly made me a much better county board member. By working with you and for all of you I have acquired an enormous amount of knowledge about county government and have been so very fortunate to share your friendship.

Thanks to everyone for your support. The year of being president is a once in a lifetime experience and I thank each and every one of you who trusted in me and gave me this opportunity.

See ya in Lincoln!
NACO Platform And Priorities Established At 2nd Annual Legislative Conference

Over 130 county officials and their staff attended the one-day conference held in Kearney at the Holiday Inn Conference Center on October 11. In addition to establishing the NACO platform and determining priorities for the 2008 Legislative Session, delegates were educated on topics such as legislative solutions for murder trials in your county, legislative bills and reference and the legislative process. A panel discussion consisting of freshman Senators Tom Carlson and Tom Hansen was held where attendees were able to hold discussions regarding issues they felt were important for the 2008 Legislative Session.

Luncheon speaker, Lieutenant Governor Rick Sheehy, updated attendees on the plans and goals of his office for 2008 and beyond.

The date for the 3rd Annual Legislative Conference is October 23, 2008 and the location is the Holiday Inn Conference Center in Kearney. If you missed this year’s conference (and even if you didn’t), be sure to mark your calendar for the 3rd Annual Legislative Conference in 2008.
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The 1st biennial workshop for Registers of Deeds was held in Kearney at the Holiday Inn Convention Center on October 10. This workshop was the first workshop dedicated solely to register of deeds issues. At their June, 2007 workshop, the executive board of the Clerks, Election Commissioners, Register of Deeds Association voted to hold a Register of Deeds workshop every other year in odd numbered years. They also voted to hold a workshop for election commissioners every other year in even numbered years. The workshop was held in conjunction with NACO’s Legislative Conference in order to keep travel expenses to a minimum.

In all over 90 registers of deeds and their staff attended the workshop and comments such as “We should have been doing this for many years.”, and “I don’t know who’s idea this was but this was one of the best and most beneficial workshops I’ve attended.”, are only a couple of the positive comments received regarding the educational benefits of the workshop.

Educational sessions included a two hour basic mapping workshop taught by CMS Billy Sims, Notary Duties and Changes in Notary Law taught by Deputy Secretary of State Judy Jobman, Recording From an Abstractor’s Point of View, taught by Pat Miller of Miller Abstracting, an update on Dept. of Revenue Form 521, presented by Mark Rosenberg, Tax Law Conferee, and a register of deeds panel discussion where attendees could discuss recording issues and solutions.

The workshop was held in Kearney preceding Legislative Conference.
Conference Matters

On the following pages are agendas for NACO’s 113th Annual Conference to be held in Lincoln at the Cornhusker Marriott Hotel on December 12-14. Review the agenda for your respective affiliate group and make plans to attend the conference.

Lodging—By now county officials who had made room reservations with the Cornhusker Marriott, Holiday Inn or Embassy Suites should have received information from these hotels as to the status of their rooming request. If you have not received information regarding your request, please contact the NACO office. Once again, all rooms in NACO’s room block at all three hotels are full at this time. A waiting list has been established for those who faxed their requests and were unable to acquire lodging at any of the above listed hotels. For all county officials who made lodging arrangements for the officials in their county, please review your lodging requirements as soon as possible and release any rooms that you will not utilize so that those persons on the waiting list can be accommodated. Remember that November 16 is the last date to make any changes to your reservations without being penalized. Any cancellations or cut backs in the number of lodging nights after this date will be penalized a night’s lodging fee. This means that if you made reservations for three nights and you need to omit one of the nights making your reservations for two nights only, you must do so on or before November 16. Otherwise you will be billed for an extra night’s lodging.

Registration—Registration for the conference can be made online at NACO’s website. The website address is www.nacone.org. The registration fee is $120 for those persons registering on or before November 30. After this date the registration fee is $135.00. Registration will be held in the Lower Level of the Burnham Yates Conference Center and the hours will be as follows:

- December 12 8:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.
- December 13 6:30 a.m.—3:00 p.m.
- December 14 7:00 a.m.—10:00 a.m.

The registration includes one ticket for the Delegation Breakfast, one ticket for the Awards Luncheon, two receptions, and all conference material. Tickets for the Inspirational Breakfast must be purchased separately.

Name Badges—Conference delegates will be required to wear their name badges to all functions of the conference with no exceptions. Hotel employees will monitor the entrance to the meeting rooms and will request that guests show their name badges (if not visible) before entrance into a meeting or function. In the event that you misplace your name badge, you should request a replacement at the registration desk.

Conference Programs—In order to minimize the cost of printing, NACO has adopted a policy of no conference programs. Printing of conference programs has become very costly. If you misplace your program, you may purchase an additional program at the cost of printing, which is $2.50. NACO recognizes that there will be times when delegates may leave their programs in their sleeping room which may be at a different hotel. You will be able to acquire individual schedules for your affiliate group at no cost at the registration desk during registration desk hours.

Individual Tours—Several affiliate groups have included tours outside of the hotel. If your affiliate group has arranged a tour, please see your association president for tour details.

Social Activities in Exhibit Areas—Again this year conference participants will have an opportunity to visit all exhibit booths. However, there is one social activity you will want to be sure to attend. From 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. on Thursday you are invited to visit the exhibitors and enjoy refreshments. This is a prime opportunity to stroll through the exhibit areas, visit with the many vendors who will be displaying and demonstrating a variety of products and services, and at the same time locate the six prize-drawing boxes that will be placed throughout the exhibit areas and deposit your prize drawing cards. Door prize drawing winners will be posted by the registration desk on Friday morning and winners may pick up their door prizes between 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. on Friday.

Additional Social Activities—In addition to the Exhibit Hall social activity, two other activities have been planned for conference delegates. They include the Welcome Reception on Wednesday evening and the President’s Reception on Friday afternoon.

Meal Tickets—Meal tickets will be available at the conference registration desk on Wednesday afternoon, all day Thursday, and until 7:30 a.m. on Friday. Costs are as follows:

- Inspirational Breakfast $11.00
- Delegation Breakfast $15.00
- Awards Luncheon $25.00

Guest Program—Space is limited to fifty-five persons in the guest program so be sure your registration for this program arrives early. The guest program will include a tour of Lincoln’s most prestigious churches, lunch at the Lodge at Wilderness Ridge with entertainment by the Shim Shams, shopping at Southpointe Pavilions Mall and a tour of the University of Nebraska stadium and athletic center and the Burkholder Project.

County Flags—Again this year NACO will display county flags at the conference. Each county should bring their county flag, if they have not already given one to NACO. Flags may be dropped off at the registration booth on Wednesday as early as possible. Flags may be picked up on Friday after the NACO Business meeting.

Questions—If you have questions regarding the conference that have not been answered in this issue, please contact the NACO Office at (402) 434-5660. If you have not already registered, please go to NACO’s website and do so today!
### Assessors

**Wednesday, December 12**

- 2:00 p.m. Welcome & Opening Session Activities
- 2:15 p.m. Special Address By Governor Dave Heineman
- 2:45 p.m. *Win With Teamwork*—Terry Bowden
- 5:00 p.m. Welcoming Reception

**Thursday, December 13**

- 7:15 a.m. Inspirational Breakfast
- 8:30 a.m. Nebraska Ethanol Development: 2007 Update (*Joint With Boards*)
- 9:15 a.m. Win-Win for Wind Power: Public/Private Partnerships and CBEDs (*Joint With Boards*)
- 10:00 a.m. Break
- 10:15 a.m. Department Of Revenue
- 11:30 a.m. Luncheon At Lazlo’s
- 1:00 p.m. Tour Of UNL Football Stadium
- 4:00 p.m. Exhibition Hall Social Activity

**Friday, December 14**

- 7:00 a.m. Delegation Breakfast Buffet
- 8:00 a.m. NACO Business Meeting
- 10:30 a.m. NACO General Session — Can We Plan For A Natural Disaster?
- 12:30 p.m. Awards Luncheon
- 2:00 p.m. Reception Honoring 2008 NACO President

### Attorneys

County Attorneys do not have a formal agenda for the NACO Conference. Any County Attorney or representative of a County Attorney who is registered may attend any of the functions listed throughout the content of the program included in the registration fee.

### Clerks, Election Commissioners, Registers of Deeds

**Wednesday, December 12**

- 9:15 a.m. Welcome
- 9:30 a.m. It’s About Time
- 10:15 a.m. Break
- 10:45 a.m. It’s About People
- 11:30 a.m. NIRMA Luncheon Or Lunch On Your Own
- 1:30 p.m. Nebraska Certified Public Manager Program
- 2:00 p.m. Welcome & Opening Session Activities
- 2:15 p.m. Special Address By Governor Dave Heineman
- 2:45 p.m. *Win With Teamwork*—Terry Bowden
- 5:00 p.m. Welcoming Reception

**Thursday, December 13**

- 8:30 a.m. Topic To Be Announced
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch In Meeting Room
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## Terry Bowden Slated For Opening Session

Terry Bowden was born into the most famous and successful college football family. His father, Bobby Bowden, turned Florida State into a national champion and is currently the winningest coach in division 1A history. His brother Tommy is the head coach at Clemson, and brother Jeff is the offensive coordinator at Florida State. During the decade of the 1990’s, all three Bowden head coaches led their teams to undefeated seasons - a feat that will likely never be repeated. Terry Bowden certainly did his part to add luster and glory to the first family of college football. In 1998, Bowden left his stellar coaching career behind and made the exciting move into broadcasting.

Former Auburn University head football coach, Terry Bowden, will deliver a message valuable to all county officials entitled “Win With Teamwork.” Terry Bowden has been ultra-successful as a student, an athlete, and a college football coach. The qualities that have made him successful throughout his life - enthusiasm, contagious optimism, confidence and work ethic - are the same qualities that he now relies on as a radio analyst for college football.

Being a winner is not always about having the best players, but having the players that play their best together. Teamwork is the ability to direct individual accomplishments toward organized objectives. It is the fuel that allows common people to attain uncommon results. You can throw money at all your problems if you want, but it doesn’t cost one thin dime to motivate each and every person within your organization to be their very best. Ultimately, it’s about getting our eleven to play better than their eleven.

You won’t want to miss this presentation. Terry Bowden is just one of the speakers that will make a presentation at this year’s conference.
### Emergency Managers
**Wednesday, December 12**
- 2:00 p.m. Welcome & Opening Session Activities
- 2:15 p.m. Special Address By Governor Dave Heineman
- 2:45 p.m. *Win With Teamwork*—Terry Bowden
- 5:00 p.m. Welcoming Reception

**Thursday, December 13**
- 7:15 a.m. Inspirational Breakfast
- 8:30 a.m. Welcome—NEMA Updates
- 9:00 a.m. SERC Updates
- 9:30 a.m. FEMA Updates
- 10:15 a.m. Break
- 10:30 a.m. NACO Updates—NACO Executive Director
- 11:00 a.m. Disaster Assistance Teams-NE
- 12:00 p.m. Luncheon In Meeting Room
- 1:00 p.m. Direction Of 2008 Nebraska Homeland Security—Lieutenant Governor Rick Sheehy and Adj. General
- 2:00 p.m. Role Of MRC’s
- 2:45 p.m. Break
- 3:00 p.m. Business Meeting
- 4:00 p.m. Exhibition Hall Social Activity

### Health Directors
**Wednesday, December 12**
- 9:00 a.m. Quality Improvement For Public Health Training (*Local Health Departments*)
- 2:00 p.m. Welcome & Opening Session Activities
- 2:15 p.m. Special Address By Governor Dave Heineman
- 2:45 p.m. *Win With Teamwork*—Terry Bowden
- 5:00 p.m. Welcoming Reception

**Thursday, December 13**
- 7:15 a.m. Inspirational Breakfast
- 8:30 a.m. Share Fair (*Local Health Directors And Boards Of Health*)
- 10:00 a.m. Preparedness Meeting
- 10:30 a.m. Preparedness Session (*Boards Of Health And Local Health Departments*)
- 4:00 p.m. Exhibition Hall Social Activity

### Highway Superintendents/ Surveyors
**Wednesday, December 12**
- 2:00 p.m. Welcome & Opening Session Activities
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**Thursday, December 13**
- 7:15 a.m. Inspirational Breakfast
- 8:00 a.m. L.T.A.P. Update
- 8:30 a.m. Legislative Update/Highway Trust Fund Presentation—NACO Executive Director
- 9:15 a.m. B.C.&S./Board Of Examiners Update
- 9:40 a.m. Government Affairs Update
- 10:00 a.m. Break
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- 11:15 a.m. NDOR Compliance Issues: An FHWA Perspective (*Joint With County Boards*)
- 11:45 a.m. Lunch On Your Own
- 1:00 p.m. Corps Of Engineers Permitting Regulations
- 1:25 p.m. CO-NECTER/BISON’s Future
- 1:50 p.m. New Right-Of-Way Procedures Report
- 2:15 p.m. N.B.I. Compliance Update
- 2:45 p.m. Break
- 3:00 p.m. Responsibilities For Sedimentation/Erosion Control On Nebraska Farm Operations
- 3:30 p.m. Business Meeting
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**Friday, December 14**
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- 2:00 p.m. Reception Honoring 2008 NACO President
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### Planning And Zoning Administrators

**Wednesday, December 12**

- 9:30 a.m. Zoning Smorgasbord
- 12:30 p.m. Lunch On Your Own
- 2:00 p.m. Welcome & Opening Session Activities
- 2:15 p.m. Special Address By Governor Dave Heineman
- 2:45 p.m. *Win With Teamwork*—Terry Bowden
- 5:00 p.m. Welcoming Reception

### Thursday, December 13

- 7:15 a.m. Inspirational Breakfast
- 9:00 a.m. Public Hearings And Findings Of Facts
- 11:30 a.m. Association Business Meeting
- 12:00 p.m. Planned Luncheon
- 1:30 p.m. Conflict Resolution
- 3:00 p.m. Break
- 3:15 p.m. Wind Energy Planning
- 4:00 p.m. Exhibition Hall Social Activity

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### Transportation Officials

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### Sheriffs

**Wednesday, December 12**

- 10:00 a.m. Sheriff’s Association Business Meeting
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch On Your Own
- 2:00 p.m. Welcome & Opening Session Activities
- 2:15 p.m. Special Address By Governor Dave Heineman
- 2:45 p.m. *Win With Teamwork*—Terry Bowden
- 5:00 p.m. Welcoming Reception

**Thursday, December 13**

- 7:15 a.m. Inspirational Breakfast
- 9:00 a.m. Courtroom/Courthouse Security
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch On Your Own
- 1:00 p.m. Legislative Update From Senator Arnie Stuthman
- 4:00 p.m. Exhibition Hall Social Activity

### Treasurers

**Wednesday, December 12**

- 2:00 p.m. Welcome & Opening Session Activities
- 2:15 p.m. Special Address By Governor Dave Heineman
- 2:45 p.m. *Win With Teamwork*—Terry Bowden
- 5:00 p.m. Welcoming Reception

**Thursday, December 13**

- 7:15 a.m. Inspirational Breakfast
- 8:30 a.m. Update From State Auditor
- 10:00 a.m. Update From State Treasurer
- 10:15 a.m. Break
- 10:30 a.m. Department Of Motor Vehicles
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch In Meeting Room
- 1:30 p.m. NPAIT Update
- 1:45 p.m. Department Of Revenue
- 2:30 p.m. Break
- 2:45 p.m. Herb Angell—Nebraska Game And Parks
- 3:00 p.m. Association Business Meeting
- 4:00 p.m. Exhibition Hall Social Activity

### Regional Administrators

Agenda To Be Announced

**Friday, December 14**

- 7:00 a.m. Delegation Breakfast Buffet
- 8:00 a.m. NACO Business Meeting
- 10:30 a.m. NACO General Session — Can We Plan For A Natural Disaster?
- 12:30 p.m. Awards Luncheon
- 2:00 p.m. Reception Honoring 2008 NACO President
**Veterans Service Officers**

**Wednesday, December 12**

- 8:30 a.m. VARO Introduction Of Staff And Overview Of Operations
- 9:00 a.m. VARO Update, Statistics, Brief Q & A
- 9:45 a.m. Break
- 10:00 a.m. VSO Staff Introductions (State, DAV, PVA)
- 10:30 a.m. Facility Tour
- 2:00 p.m. Welcome & Opening Session Activities
- 2:15 p.m. Special Address By Governor Dave Heineman
- 2:45 p.m. *Win With Teamwork*—Terry Bowden
- 5:00 p.m. Welcoming Reception

**Thursday, December 13**

- 7:15 a.m. Inspirational Breakfast
- 8:30 a.m. NDVA, Mike Coatney—Claim Office Operations And Procedures
- 9:30 a.m. Break
- 9:45 a.m. NDVA Office Operations
- 10:00 a.m. NDVA, Dan Parker, NVA Applications Statistics And Trends
- 11:00 a.m. NDVA, Vets Home Applications Statistics And Trends
- 11:15 a.m. NDVA Tuition Waiver Applications Statistics And Trends
- 11:30 a.m. Lunch On Your Own
- 1:00 p.m. NDVA Director’s Comments
- 2:30 p.m. Break
- 2:45 p.m. CVSOAN Business Meeting
- 4:00 p.m. Exhibition Hall Social Activity

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**Weed Superintendents**

**Wednesday, December 12**

- 8:10 a.m. Roll Call
- 8:15 a.m. Bio-Control Update
- 8:30 a.m. BELF Update
- 9:00 a.m. Nebraska Department Of Roads
- 10:00 a.m. Break
- 10:15 a.m. Nebraska Noxious Weed Advisory Committee Update And LB701
- 11:00 a.m. Twin Valley WMA
- 11:30 a.m. Lunch On Your Own
- 1:00 p.m. NWCA Update
- 1:30 p.m. EXAM
- 2:00 p.m. Welcome & Opening Session Activities
- 2:15 p.m. Special Address By Governor Dave Heineman
- 2:45 p.m. *Win With Teamwork*—Terry Bowden
- 5:00 p.m. Welcoming Reception

**Thursday, December 13**

- 7:15 a.m. Inspirational Breakfast
- 8:25 a.m. Roll Call
- 8:30 a.m. Nebraska Cattleman’s Association
- 9:00 a.m. NAWMA Update
- 9:30 a.m. Legislative Update—NACO Executive Director
- 10:00 a.m. Break
- 10:30 a.m. U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
- 11:00 a.m. Nebraska Game And Parks
- 11:30 a.m. Natural Resource Conservation Service
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch On Your Own
- 1:00 p.m. Roll Call
- 1:05 p.m. Farm Service Agency
- 1:30 p.m. Nebraska Cooperative Fish And Wildlife Research Unit
- 2:15 p.m. Break
- 2:45 p.m. NWFCA Mapping Program And Lower Platte WMA Mapping Survey
- 3:45 p.m. Exam
- 4:00 p.m. Exhibition Hall Social Activity

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Legal Line: Tort Claims Act Discretionary Function Exception/Illegal Search and Seizure

When a Department of Correctional Services inmate became paralyzed following an accident while on a work detail, the Nebraska Court of Appeals examined the discretionary function exception to the State Tort Claims Act (Neb.Rev.Stat. §81-8,219 et seq.). Because similar language appears in the Political Subdivisions Tort Claims Act (§13-901 et seq.), the same arguments would likely be applied to a case involving counties.

In general, both Acts provide broad exemptions from liability for the state and political subdivisions and set out a process for bringing tort claims against these entities. The exemption states that the Acts do not apply to acts or omissions of employees exercising due care. The Acts do not apply to claims based upon the exercise or performance of or failure to exercise or perform a discretionary function, whether or not the discretion was abused.

In Weichman v. Lower Platte South NRD, 15 Neb. App. 946, __ N.W.2d __ (2007), the state Department of Correctional Services (DCS) entered into a contract with a natural resources district (NRD) to supply certain inmates to perform labor for the NRD. Weichman was assigned to drive an all-terrain vehicle and spray weeds along a horse trail. While driving through a washed-out area, the vehicle rolled over backward and pinned him. He was paralyzed and died two years later. Weichman and his wife sued the NRD and DCS, alleging that he was injured as a result of the negligence of both entities in failing to train, instruct and supervise him. The district court granted DCS’s motion for summary judgment, finding that the specifics of inmate supervision on work detail are discretionary and that the state made a policy decision to leave the training and supervision of the inmates’ work to their respective employers, such as the NRD. Under the rules of civil procedure, summary judgment is proper when there is no genuine issue of material fact, so that the party moving for summary judgment is entitled to that judgment as a matter of law.

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Legal Line: Tort Claims Act Discretionary Function Exception/Illegal Search and Seizure  
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After discussing the difference between operational (ministerial) and policy (discretionary) matters, the Court of Appeals concluded that questions about the DCS officer’s activities on the day of the accident left factual inconsistencies about whether the discretionary function exception under the State Tort Claims Act was applicable. The Court took particular note of case law finding that the discretionary function exception was designed to prevent courts from second-guessing legislative and administrative decisions made by governmental entities related to social, economic and political policy. Because it was not clear whether the officer was performing security or supervisory functions, the case was reversed and remanded to the district court.

Illegal Search and Seizure
Alleged violations of the Political Subdivisions Tort Claims Act and the Fourth Amendment’s right to be free of illegal search and seizure were appropriately granted summary judgment according to the Nebraska Court of Appeals in Tyler v. Kyler, 15 Neb. App. 939, 739 N.W.2d 463 (2007).

Tyler initiated a suit against Omaha police officers Kyler and McClarty after Kyler raised his service revolver when Tyler left a vehicle in which he had been a passenger when the vehicle was stopped for running a red light. The officers commanded Tyler to stop but he did not initially comply. Eventually he was handcuffed without resistance and booked into custody for obstructing a police officer, providing false statements and having outstanding warrants. Tyler made allegations of a deprivation of constitutional rights, assault, battery, false imprisonment and excessive force. The district court granted summary judgment in favor of the officers.

In his appeal, Tyler claimed that the district court should not have granted summary judgment and that his Fourth Amendment rights were violated. He did not assign error to the district court’s finding that the officers were entitled to qualified immunity. Under 42 U.S.C. §1983, commonly referred to as simply §1983, public officials sued in their individual capacity are shielded from liability for civil damages insofar as their conduct does not violate clearly established statutory or constitutional rights of which a reasonable person would have known. Whether an official’s claim of qualified immunity prevails depends upon the objective reasonableness of his or her conduct as measured by reference to clearly established law.

The court found that there was no factual dispute that Tyler did not stop and return to the vehicle as commanded by the officers. It was only after Officer Kyler raised his weapon that Tyler submitted to the authority of law enforcement. To a reasonable official, it would not be clear that Officer Kyler violated Tyler’s constitutional rights. Thus, Kyler was entitled to qualified immunity. Although Tyler alleged the use of excessive force, the reasonableness of a particular use of force must be judged from the perspective of a reasonable officer on the scene, rather than an after-the-fact analysis. Under the circumstances, it was reasonable for the officer to draw his weapon in order to compel compliance. The Court of Appeals upheld the order of summary judgment in favor of the officers and dismissed Tyler’s complaint.

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Assessor’s Hold Workshop In Kearney

Nebraska county assessors gathered in Kearney at the Holiday Inn Convention Center on September 17-19 for their fall workshop. In all, over 130 county assessors, staff and state personnel attended the workshop. Over 21 hours of educational sessions and committee meetings were provided at the workshop. Educational sessions included Soil Survey Implementation, Update from the Property Tax Administrator, Homestead Exemptions Update, Unique Property, Contaminated Property and Legislative Update.

While the workshop provided attendees with many educational benefits, a few relaxation opportunities were also made available. On Monday evening a President’s Reception was hosted by the Northeast District in appreciation of the efforts of Assessors Association President and Dixon County Assessor, Amy Watchorn. A golf outing was arranged for Tuesday evening and for those who prefer indoor activities a stamping and card making class was offered. On Wednesday workshop participants were treated to a trolley or bus ride to Fort Kearney where they were able to tour the grounds and visitor’s center while the Holiday Inn staff prepared a steak dinner cooked on an outdoor grill.

In conjunction with the workshop, the Division of Property Assessment and Taxation provided a one and a half day workshop immediately following on Thursday and Friday. Check the CountyLine Calendar of events for next year’s Assessor’s Workshop and be sure mark your calendars for this event. Below are photo highlights from the workshop.
Northeast District Meeting Photo Highlights
Panhandle District Meeting Photo Highlights
NAWMA Conference In Las Vegas
September 24-27, 2007

By Rob Schultz
Hall County Weed Superintendent

The North American Weed Management Association’s (NAWMA) 15th Annual Conference and Trade Show was held on September 24-27, 2007 at Suncoast Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada. There were over 100 people in attendance from Canada and the United States. Attending from Nebraska were: Charles Brooks – Phelps County Weed Superintendent, Mike Reed – Douglas County Weed Superintendent, Mitch Coffin – NDA Noxious Weed Program Manager, and Rob Schultz – Hall County Weed Superintendent.

The pre-conference activities on Monday consisted of a NAWMA Board of Director’s Meeting, Weed Free Forage Program “Train the Trainer” course and meeting, Mapping Standards meeting and National Issues Committee meeting.

Tuesday was the official opening of the Conference by Conference Coordinator, Dawn Rafferty of the Nevada Department of Agriculture. Dawn gave us an overview of conference activities and the tours that were going to take place. Tuesday’s full day tour consisted of a 90 mile bus ride northwest of Las Vegas, through the Mojave Desert, to Ash Meadows National Wildlife Refuge. Ash Meadows is over 23,000 acres of spring fed wetlands and alkaline desert uplands and has a greater concentration of endemic life than any other area in the U.S. and second greatest in all of North America. It is home to 24 plants and animals found nowhere else in the world. The main invasive weed problems include tamarisk (saltcedar) and Russian knapweed.

Wednesday’s activities included a half day tour in the morning and speakers in the afternoon. The half day field trip took us to Clark County Wetlands Park, a 2,900 acre, 7 by 1 mile strip of land on the eastern edge of the Las Vegas Valley and borders both sides of the Las Vegas Wash as it flows past Frenchman Mountain and the red sandstone of Rainbow Gardens on its way to Lake Mead. In the largest open space in the valley, the nature preserve demonstrates wetlands ecology, nature’s unmatched water filtering and cleansing system, and is rich with plant and animal life. This unusual desert wetland transforms polluted urban runoff into clean healthful water which returns to Lake Mead. The park offers habitat to most of southern Nevada’s wildlife, presents a living laboratory for the study of desert plant communities while trying to remove some invasive species from the mix, and to see the magical ability of plants to clean pollution both from our water and our air.

The Wednesday afternoon session brought in speakers from various agencies on invasive species throughout Nevada. Earl Creech with the University of Nevada Cooperative Extension discussed the diversity of the state of Nevada and the weed problems associated with that diversity. Nevada has over 2.5 million residents with over 71% being in the Las Vegas area and is continually growing by about 4.5% every year, or about 11-13 people every hour. About 86% of the land is federally owned by BLM, USFS, and others. There are about 6.3 million acres of farm and ranch ground with the average farm size being 2,100 acres, while the U.S. average is about 444 acres. The main things produced in Nevada are cattle, milk, hay, and vegetables. Problem weeds across the state of Nevada are cheatgrass, medusahead, red brome, perennial pepperweed, hoary cress, Russian knapweed, leafy spurge, sahara mustard, puncturevine, and saltcedar.

Sue Donaldson with the University of Nevada Cooperative Extension discussed land fragmentation and the spread of weeds. Urban areas are rapidly building up all across the United States and Canada. The increase in these small urban areas with properties ranging from ½ -0.1 acres results in more property owners who are not experienced in management of weeds. There are more boundaries for weeds to grow on and more vehicles and people to spread the weeds around. Public education and (Continued on page 25)

PICTURED HERE - Nebraska NAWMA Conference attendees left to right: Mike Reed-Douglas Co. Weed Superintendent, Charles Brooks-Phelps Co. Weed Superintendent, Mitch Coffin-NDA Noxious Weed Program Manager, Rob Schultz-Hall Co. Weed Superintendent.
National Association’s County ENERGY STAR Change A Light, Change The World Campaign

Please join NACo in congratulating the winning counties of Phase 1 of the County ENERGY STAR Change a Light Campaign. These counties collected the highest percentage of pledges from their employees between July 1 and September 13, 2007. Winners were selected in the following categories (small county category: pop. under 50,000; medium county category: pop between 50,000 and 500,000; large county category: pop over 500,000).

Hennepin County, MN 1,101 pledges collected (12% of employees)
Carroll County, MD 249 pledges collected (38% of employees)
Habersham County, GA 48 pledges collected (16% of employees)

The County ENERGY STAR Change a Light, Change the World Campaign is a call-to-action to encourage counties to help change the world, one light, one energy-saving step at a time. NACo, in partnership with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s ENERGY STAR program and NACo corporate member Office Depot, is challenging counties to collect the most signed ENERGY STAR Change a Light pledges from county employees and residents.

**The County Campaign is conducted in two phases:**
- Phase 1 County Employees – Concluded was July 1 – September 13, 2007
- Phase 2 County Residents – October 3 – November 31, 2007

There’s plenty of time to register your county as a participant in Phase 2: County Residents. Simply visit [www.naco.org/regcal](http://www.naco.org/regcal) and follow all instructions carefully. Winners will be selected based upon the percentage of the county population taking the pledge (based on the most current census information).

A $3 off coupon for individuals taking the pledge is provided by Office Depot. For more information visit [www.naco.org/regcal](http://www.naco.org/regcal).

Register your county for NACo’s 2007 County ENERGY STAR Change a Light Campaign at [www.naco.org/regCAL](http://www.naco.org/regCAL).

**NAWMA Conference**

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Joanne Skelly with the University of Nevada Cooperative Extension discussed Russian knapweed and some control experiments that they have been doing over the past couple of years.

Jim Larson, Stillwater County weed coordinator in Montana presented some information on the forest fires in Montana and the weed control issues following fires.

Curt Deuser with the Lake Mead Exotic Plant Management Team, National Park Service discussed some of the invasive species that they are fighting in southern Nevada. A few of them are white top, red brome, Russian knapweed, saltcedar and phragmites. He pointed out that successful weed partnerships need: foundation weed management expertise, common weeds, shared resources and information, and willingness to participate.

Wednesday’s activities concluded with a banquet that evening. Dow AgroSciences received the Industry Award for continued support of NAWMA. They were the original business member and helped NAWMA get started 16 years ago.

Thursday morning was the final day of the conference with the business meeting starting off the day. Election results for directors elected for a two year term beginning in 2008 are: Kristi Paul-Nebraska, Erika Edmiston-Wyoming, Fred Raish-Colorado, Craig Searle-Utah, Jeff Vogel and Riley Walters-Kansas. Following the business meeting there was a panel discussion from various agencies on their (EDRR) Early Detection Rapid Response programs. A common message that was heard was that communication needs to be improved across the country and between organizations when new species are found. EDRR is different for the various agencies and how they respond to a new infestation.

The 2008 NAWMA Conference will be held in Billings Montana at the Convention Center on September 22-25, 2008. The 2009 NAWMA Conference will be held in Kearney Nebraska on September 21-24, 2009.
The winner of the September Contest was Deb Allemann-Dannelly, Wayne County District Court Clerk. Deb received a NACO tote bag and beverage container for her entry. The correct answers to the September Contest are as follows:

**Question 1**
Potatoes are believed to have originated in what country? Peru

**Question 2**
How many pounds of potatoes does the average American eat each year? 140

**Question 3**
How does the number of calories in a baked potato compare with the number of calories in the equivalent amount of French fries? Frying potatoes triples the calorie value.

**Question 4**
Potatoes are high in vitamin C. True

**Question 5**
The best way to store fresh potatoes is in the refrigerator. True or false? False

**Question 6**
Believe it or not - the potato was the first vegetable to be “grown” in space. Believe it.

**Question 7**
What are the most popular ways potatoes are bought and then prepared? Frozen — French fries, hash browns

For the November Contest, see how many of these Thanksgiving trivia questions you can answer. Send your responses to NACO by December 21 to be eligible. Be sure to put “Contest Entry” on the outside of your envelope and include your name and the county office you work in.

**Question 1**
What is the name of the book that Governor William Bradford wrote telling of the troubles and experiences of the pilgrims?

**Question 2**
Did the pilgrims take beer with them on their voyage?

**Question 3**
Is the real Plymouth rock cracked?

**Question 4**
In what year did the first Macy’s Thanksgiving parade take place?

**Question 5**
Every year the President of the US pardons a turkey and it goes to a public farm called Frying Pan Park in Herndon, VA. Which president is believed to be the first to pardon a turkey and start this annual tradition?

**Question 6**
The town of Plymouth, Massachusetts celebrates this on December 11 every year. What is it?

**Question 7**
Why is the male turkey often referred to as “Tom Turkey”?

**Question 8**
The first Thanksgiving was believed to have lasted how many days?

**Question 9**
Before being harvested and sold, an individual cranberry must bounce at least 4 inches high to make sure they aren’t too ripe. True or false?

**Question 10**
Can turkeys drown if they look up in the rain?

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<td>Sheriff, Clerk of the District Court, Clerk, County Board</td>
<td>Sheriff or such person in charge of the administration of the jail must file jail report with the clerk of the district court and the county clerk, for the use of the county board. 47-107.</td>
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<td>Treasurer, Sheriff</td>
<td>The treasurer must issue and deliver to the sheriff distress warrants for persons having delinquent personal tax or real estate tax on a mobile home, cabin trailer, manufactured home, or similar property assessed and taxed as improvements to leased land for that year. 77-1718</td>
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<td>Treasurer, Clerk, County Board</td>
<td>On or before this date annually, and at such other times as the county board may direct, the treasurer must file with the county clerk a statement in writing, setting forth in detail the name of each person charged with personal property tax which the county treasurer and his or her deputies have been unable to collect by reason of the removal or insolvency of the person charged with such tax, the value of the property and the amount of tax, the cause of inability to collect such tax in each separate case, in a column provided in the list for that purpose. 77-1742</td>
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<td>Assessor</td>
<td>The State Tax Commissioner must certify his determination of a homestead exemption applicant's eligibility to the county assessor. 77-3517</td>
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<td>First Monday</td>
<td>Treasurer</td>
<td>Semi-annual statement showing amount collected on account of state, county and district school tax and all other sources from which school funds are derived must be filed with State Treasurer and Tax Commissioner. Settlement of general school funds must also be made. 79-1034</td>
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<td>Treasurer</td>
<td>If the school district secretary fails to submit the annual fall membership report or a school district fails to file an audit report with the Commissioner of Education by the statutory deadline, certain school aid will be withheld by the Commissioner and county treasurer. 79-528(4), 79-1089</td>
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<td>Clerk</td>
<td>Report to the Department of Health and Human Services a statement of all marriages recorded during the preceding month. 71-614</td>
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<td>Clerk</td>
<td>Remit fees to the State Treasurer for credit to the General Fund for certificates of title, notation of liens, duplicates for boats and motor vehicles. 37-1287, 60-161</td>
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<td>5</td>
<td>County Board of Equalization</td>
<td>On or before this date, the county board of equalization upon its own motion may act to correct a clerical error which has resulted in the calculation of an incorrect levy by any entity otherwise authorized to certify a tax request under section 77-1601.02, 77-1601.</td>
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<td>County Officials</td>
<td>Any local system may file with the Tax Commissioner a written request for a nonappealable correction of the adjusted valuation due to clerical error or, for agricultural land, assessed value changes by reason of a land qualified or disqualified for special use valuation. 79-1016 (5)</td>
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<td>Clerk of the District Court</td>
<td>Make a report to the county board, under oath, showing the different items of such fees, revenue, perquisites, or receipts received, from whom, at what time, and for what service, and the total amount received by such officer since the last report, and also the amount received for the current year. Account for and pay any fees, revenue, perquisites, or receipts not later than the fifteenth day of the month following the calendar month in which such fees, revenue, perquisites, or receipts were received. 33-106.02</td>
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<td>15</td>
<td>Clerk, Treasurer</td>
<td>Each county clerk or register of deeds shall, not later than the fifteenth day of the month following the calendar month in which fees are received, pay over to the county treasurer all fees received and take the receipt of the county treasurer. 33-130</td>
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<td>Assessor</td>
<td>After the levy of taxes and prior to this date, the assessor is required to transcribe the assessments into a suitable book. 77-1613</td>
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<td>22</td>
<td>Assessor, Treasurer, Clerk</td>
<td>Deliver tax list of real and personal property to the county treasurer. At the same time the county assessor or county clerk shall transmit a warrant, which warrant shall be signed by the county assessor or county clerk and shall in general terms command the treasurer to collect taxes herein mentioned according to law. 77-1616</td>
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<td>Last date to certify to the State Tax Commissioner the total tax revenues that will be lost to all taxing agents within the county because of homestead exemptions. 77-3523</td>
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<td>During Month</td>
<td>County Board, Fair Board</td>
<td>Each appointed county fair board must submit to the county board an itemized estimate of the amount of money necessary for the support and management of the fair for the upcoming year. 2-229(1)</td>
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<td>Clerk (Counties over 150,000 population)</td>
<td>On or before this date, the county clerk must annually prepare estimates of supplies, materials, equipment and machinery required for use of county officers during the coming year which are not furnished by the state. 23-346.01</td>
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<td>1</td>
<td>Assessors</td>
<td>The county assessor or county clerk must certify to the Property Tax Administrator, on or before December 1 of each year, the total taxable valuation and the Certificate of Taxes Levied. 77-1613.01</td>
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<td>1</td>
<td>Attorney</td>
<td>Each county with a pretrial diversion program, must report the information pertaining to the program required by rules and regulations adopted and promulgated by the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice to the commission. 43-260.07</td>
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<td>Clerk, Treasurer</td>
<td>Each county clerk or register of deeds shall, not later than the fifteenth day of the month following the calendar month in which fees are received, pay over to the county treasurer all fees received and take the receipt of the county treasurer. 33-130</td>
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<td>The county clerk shall certify to the treasurer the total amount of unpaid claims of the county. 23-1302</td>
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<td>31</td>
<td>Board Chair</td>
<td>The chairperson of a county board with a separate retirement plan established pursuant to section 23-1118 and section 401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code must file an annual report on such plan with the Public Employees Retirement Board and submit copies of such report to the members of the Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee of the Legislature. 23-1118(5)(a)</td>
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<td>31</td>
<td>Assessor, Treasurer</td>
<td>All property taxes levied for any county, city, village or other political subdivision therein become due and payable and become a first lien on the real or personal property taxed until paid or extinguished. 77-203</td>
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<td>31</td>
<td>Assessor</td>
<td>If a county or municipality does not require building permits under its zoning laws, information statements for improvements to real property shall be filed on or before this date. 77-1318.01</td>
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<td>31</td>
<td>Assessor, Board</td>
<td>Organizations seeking tax exemptions for any real or tangible personal property must apply for exemption to the assessor on or before December 31 of the year preceding the year for which the exemption is sought. 77-202.01, 77-202.03, 77-202.09</td>
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<td>Assessor, Board</td>
<td>Any owner may petition the Tax Equalization and Review Commission to determine the taxable status of real property to determine if a failure to give proper notice prevented timely filing of a protest or appeal provided for in 77-202 to 77-202.25. 77-202.04</td>
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<td>Counties over 200,000 population</td>
<td>Fiscal year ends unless majority of county board approves change to July 1-June 30 fiscal year. 23-920</td>
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<td>Register of Deeds</td>
<td>Sanitary and improvement district must file with register of deeds or, if none, the county clerk, an annual statement showing the names of current board members, attorney, accountant and fiscal agent of the district, warrant and indebtedness, and current bond tax levy and the current operating levy. 31-727.03</td>
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<td>Real and tangible personal property subject to taxation shall be assessed as of 12:01 a.m. on this date. 77-1201, 77-1301, 77-1211</td>
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<td>Railroads must report locally assessed property to the assessor. Public service entities operating within the state must report to the county assessor of each county in which it has situs all nonoperating property belonging to such entity which is not subject to assessment and assessed by the Property Tax Administrator. 77-606, 77-801</td>
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<td>Assessor</td>
<td>Applications requesting separate listing of severed mineral interest and surface estate must be filed with the county assessor by this date. 57-237</td>
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<td>1</td>
<td>Clerk</td>
<td>By this date county, agricultural extension societies must file a report of their work and expenditures for the preceding year and a budget estimate for the ensuing year. 2-1606, 2-1607</td>
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<td>All bonds given to secure deposits of public money expire on this date each year. 77-2327</td>
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<td>Irrigation district assessments are due on January 1 next following the date of assessment thereof and may become a lien on the property. Irrigation district bond interest semiannual payments are due. 46-140, 46-196</td>
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<td>Camper permit renewals become due on this date and delinquent on March 1. 60-1805</td>
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<td>County Board, Weed Control Superintendent</td>
<td>By this date, organizations sponsoring continuing education for weed control superintendent’s continuing education must notify county board of the education hours completed by its weed control superintendent during the year. 2-954.02</td>
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<td>First Tues.</td>
<td>Sheriff, County Board</td>
<td>Make a report to the County Board describing fees, fee totals and activity since last quarterly report. 33-117(3)</td>
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<td>First Tues.</td>
<td>Clerk of Dist. Ct., Treasurer, Board</td>
<td>Quarterly remittance to state treasurer of money other than witness fees, fines, penalties, forfeitures and license money in the possession of the clerk of the district court which remains after 3 years. 24-345. Witness fees which remain for 6 months are reported to the county board, and after an additional 6 months are paid over to the county treasurer for credit to the common school fund. 33-140, 33-140.02</td>
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<td>5</td>
<td>Clerk, Election Commissioner</td>
<td>Last day for the governing board of each political subdivision which will hold an election in conjunction with a statewide primary election to certify to the Secretary of State, the election commissioner, or the county clerk the name of the subdivision, the number of officers to be elected, the length of the terms of office, the vacancies to be filled by election and length of remaining term, and the number of votes to be cast by a registered voter for each office. 32-404, 32-601.</td>
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<td>Clerk</td>
<td>The city, village, or county clerk must cause to be published in a legal newspaper in or of general circulation in such city, village, or county one time between these dates of each year, individual notice of the right of automatic renewal of each retail liquor and beer license, except that notice of the right of automatic renewal of Class C licenses must be published in July. 53-135.01</td>
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<td>General</td>
<td>Furnish Form 1099 statements to recipients. Furnish copies of W-2 forms to employees.</td>
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<td>Board</td>
<td>Commissioners elect a chairperson to serve for the ensuing year. 23-156</td>
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<td>Supervisors must meet, organize and choose a chairperson. 23-272, 23-274</td>
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<td>Treasurer</td>
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<td>County board must make quarterly visit to county jail. 47-109</td>
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<td><strong>Within 30 days after First Tues.</strong></td>
<td>Treasurer, Clerk, County Board</td>
<td>Make settlement with county board and file statement with county clerk showing the amount and source of money collected since last settlement, vouchers, amount of taxes due and unpaid, and money on hand. 77-1745.</td>
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<td>Treasurers Workshop</td>
<td>Gering, Civic Center</td>
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