Officials Meet to Discuss Road Funding Issues

Federal, state and local officials gathered for a transportation summit in Lincoln on March 30 to discuss issues affecting completion of road projects across the state. At the request of U.S. Senator Ben Nelson, Federal Highway Administrator Victor Mendez was in attendance to hear concerns from the overflow crowd that filled the Lincoln City Council chambers. County officials testifying were Otoe County Commissioner Tim Nelsen, Custer County Highway Superintendent Chris Jacobsen, and Adams County Highway Superintendent Dawn Miller.

District 43 Senator Deb Fischer, who chairs the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee has indicated she will hold a conference in the future to determine a way to find more funding for roads.

Video of the transportation summit can be viewed on the City of Lincoln website by clicking here and selecting the Video on Demand link. Scroll down to Public Service Announcements and select U.S. Senator Ben Nelson’s Transportation Summit.

If you are unable to view the video, download the free RealPlayer® media player here.

E-911 Nebraska Public Service Commission Cost Model Implementation Upcoming Deadlines

April 15, 2010 - Applications for Funding due to Commission from all PSAPs and WSP

May 1, 2010 - Commission will announce final funding amounts for all WSPs and amount available for grant program

July 1, 2010 - Start of first funding year - monthly payments will be made to all PSAPs and WSPs beginning during the month of July

October 15, 2010 - All LECs file tariff rate per subscriber for provision of enhanced wireless 911 services; WSPs submit grant applications for funding during funding year commencing July 1, 2011

To view the entire order click here.

2010 Walk For Your Life Challenge

This year’s Walk For Your Life program will begin on June 1 and end September 30. Like last year, each county will comprise a team, and may include county officials, employees, spouses, children, and others. In addition, this year Blue Cross Blue Shield will be donating pedometers to participants. Detailed information has been e-mailed to county clerks.

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Nebraska
Upcoming Webinars...
Leadership Series: Lessons of the "7 Habits of Highly Effective People"
Thursday, April 8
1:230 p.m. CDT
When was the last time you felt thoroughly effective in your office? How many times have you thought you could do better? Feel better? Attend this webinar to see how Steven Covey's "7 Habits of Highly Effective People" are useful to county officials. Keith Niemann, on loan to NACo from the University of Nebraska Extension Program, will demonstrate the leadership lesson to be learned from each of the habits.

NACo Webinar Series: “Public Safety Interoperable Communications”
This series of four webinars is designed for county officials and staff responsible for leading emergency response to public threats and disasters. Follow the link to register once for the complete series. Each webinar is scheduled for Tuesday from 1 – 2:15 pm CDT.

April 13: “Introduction to Interoperability for Elected and Senior Leaders”
April 27: “Governance for Interoperability at the Regional Level”
May 18: “Model Practices Engaged by Counties and Cities for Interoperable Communications”
May 25: “Grants and Funding for Interoperable Communications”

For more information on these webinars and other upcoming webinars, click here.

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.

NACo Accepting Applications for the 2010 County Courthouse Awards
Applications for the 2010 NACo County Courthouse Awards program are now available. The County Courthouse Awards program is sponsored by Siemens and recognizes innovative governance by county elected officials from NACo Member counties. Award winners will receive an engraved plaque that they can display in their county, recognition at the 2010 NACo Annual Conference and a $5000 college scholarship to present to a graduating high school senior. Awards will be given out in three categories: rural, suburban and urban. All NACo members are encouraged to apply. Applications must be received by May 7, 2010.

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

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