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2020 Committee Meeting  
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### 2011 National Association of Counties Voting Credentials

If you are planning on attending the The National Association of Counties Annual Conference in July you will need to fill out the credentials packet.

NACo is preparing for the 76th Annual Conference to be held July 15-19, 2011, in Multnomah County, Oregon. 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](mailto:larrydix@nacone.org).

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

[State Report 2011](#) (PDF)

### County Attorneys: Vital Records Office Implementing Phase II of the Electronic Death Registration System

Vital Records will be implementing PHASE II, "*Fax Attestation*" of the Electronic Death Registration System in 2011. It will provide an alternative method for medical certifiers to sign death certificates. Clinic, hospital and/or office staff will still maintain an assigned Citrix account with login ID and password. An automated worksheet will be faxed from the system to the medical certifier to complete. Once the medical certifier completes the work sheet, staff will enter the medical data for the death record into the EDR system. The staff will then print out the Fax Attestation copy. The medical certifier will review and simply sign in their handwriting the Fax Attestation copy. The Fax Attestation copy will then be faxed to the State and the State software will read the medical certifiers Fax Attestation signature. If the medical certifier's signature is accepted the Fax Attestation copy will be electronically attached to the data record. This new process will eliminate the need for the medical certifier to maintain a login ID and password.

An additional feature in PHASE II will be *automation of communication*. Faxes and/or emails will be automatically generated between the Funeral Home, Medical Certifier and the State directly from the system depending on the record status. Emails will be generated when the death record is complete, rejected or queried.

It is anticipated the Phase II project will increase the percentage of death records being filed electronically. The Department of Health and Human Services along with the Epidemiology section understands the importance of having real time reporting of the Cause of Death for public health purposes. If you have any questions about Phase II or want to use the electronic death registration program, please contact Jackie Fairbanks at (402)471-0919 with the Vital Records office.

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### Nebraska Safety Center Seeking Applicants for Advisory Council

Clerk of District Court  
Workshop  
Gering  
June 7-9, 2011

County Engineers, Highway  
Superintendents & Surveyors  
Summer Meeting  
Valentine  
June 7-9, 2011

Treasurers Workshop  
Ogallala  
June 7-9, 2011

[Clerks, Election  
Commissioners & Registers  
of Deeds Workshop](#)  
Grand Island  
June 15-17, 2011

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

Assessors Workshop  
Lincoln  
August 30-September 2,  
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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The Nebraska Safety Center Advisory Council needs applicants to serve as a county representative. The Advisory Council member is appointed through the University of Nebraska's Board of Regents. Applicants for the Council can be county board members, county attorneys, county sheriffs and highway superintendents. The Council assists the Nebraska Safety Center in carrying out its purposes and functions that are related to training and research in the fields of traffic safety, domestic safety, industrial safety, fire safety, and recreational safety. The Council meets twice a year in Kearney and mileage is paid.

For additional information or to submit your name, please contact Elaine Menzel at 402-434-5660 ext. 225 or [elaine@nacone.org](mailto:elaine@nacone.org). Please provide your name, your county office and contact information by June 1, 2011.

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### **Proposed Guidelines for Court-Appointed Counsel**

As the result of a study by the Nebraska Supreme Court and Nebraska Bar Association's Minority and Justice Implementation Committee, the Nebraska Supreme Court is considering minimum standards for court appointed counsel in criminal and juvenile cases. Interested parties are invited to comment on the proposed new rules and appendix until June 1, 2011.

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

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### **Walk For Your Life Challenge 2011**

This year's Walk For Your Life Challenge starts in less than two weeks, on June 1, and will conclude on September 30, 2011. If you would like to participate, or for more information, contact Wendy Kelly at the NACO office at 402-434-5660 ext. 228 or [wendy.kelly@nacone.org](mailto:wendy.kelly@nacone.org).

Information has been sent out to county clerks and last year's team leaders. We encourage participation from all 93 counties. This is a fun challenge that will pay dividends on your health!

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### **News Across the State**

[County board won't pay insurance deductibles](#)  
Hastings Tribune, 5/18/11

[Supervisors approve jail contract](#)  
Fremont Tribune, 5/19/11

[Minor changes may be needed in city, county districts](#)  
Grand Island Independent, 5/19/11

[Agreement allows DC to take over Gosper County's weed control duties](#)  
Gothenburg Times, 5/19/11

[County board transfers jail diversion program](#)  
Journal Star, 5/19/11

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Want to stay up to date with the latest news and resources from the Office of Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention National Training & Technical Assistance Center? Click [here](#).

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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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## **News from NACo**

'Waters of the U.S.' broadens scope of Clean Water Act

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) have released a draft 'waters of the U.S.' guidance that broadens the scope of the waters subject to regulation under the Clean Water Act.

The guidance was published in the Federal Register on May 2. There is a 60-day comment period, ending July 1. NACO plans to submit comments and is seeking input from members on how this guidance may impact county operations.

Click [here](#) to view NACO's full article.

NACO seeks examples of regulatory hurdles, hindrances

If you have been bothered and befuddled by federal regulations that add expense and headaches to your projects or operations, now's your time to let NACO know.

NACO is collecting information to forward to the Obama administration in conjunction with a White House initiative for find ways to design cost-effective, evidence-based regulations.

To read the full article, click [here](#).

Register Now for NACO's 76th Annual Conference and Exposition

Plan to attend this year's even in Multnomah County/Portland, Oregon, July 15-19. Featured speaker will be Aron Ralston, the subject of the movie "127 Hours," who amputated an arm to free himself when trapped by a boulder while hiking. For additional information and registration, click [here](#).

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## **NACo Web-based Education**

How County Veteran Service Officers (CVSO) Support Transition to Civilian Life  
Wednesday, May 25, 2011  
1:00 PM - 2:15 PM CDT

Join this webinar to see how your veterans and their families benefit from the services of a County Veteran Service Officer (CVSO). With specific knowledge and experience, having a CVSO in your county facilitates claims development and supports a successful transition of your military personnel to civilian life. Register [here](#).

Green Infrastructure in Your Backyard: Central Area  
Thursday, June 9, 2011  
1:00 PM - 2:15 PM CDT

Green infrastructure refers to a planned and managed system of green spaces, greenways and natural lands. These land improve water quality and wildlife habitat, as well as provide opportunities for outdoor recreation/tourism. Green Infrastructure has been utilized by counties to address regional issues, such as flooding, drought, stormwater runoff, and habitat fragmentation. Join

the webinar to learn how counties in the Central region are utilizing green infrastructure principles to minimize flooding along large rivers. Register [here](#).

Helping Counties Recover from Homeowner Foreclosures:  
Neighborhood Stabilization Program  
Thursday, June 16, 2011  
1:00 PM - 2:15 PM CDT

The negative impact of foreclosure on communities is far reaching. Not only have people lost homes, but communities are also suffering economically, physically and socially. During this webinar you'll hear about the Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP), a federal program that is helping county governments recover from the impacts of home foreclosures. You'll also hear from counties that received funding from NSP to implement foreclosure redevelopment efforts in their communities. Find out how you can apply this information to benefit your county. Register [here](#).

Newly Elected Officials and New members: Learn How You  
can Save Money and Time through Exclusive NACo Programs  
Wednesday, May 25, 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.

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

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