Budget Workshop
Wednesday, June 26th Sandhills Convention Center, North Platte

OR

Thursday, June 27th Holthus Convention Center, York

8:00 - 8:45  Registration
8:45 - 9:00  Introduction & Pledge of Allegiance
9:00 - 10:15 County Budgets and the Roles We Play
Roles county board officials have as financial policy makers and roles other county officials have in the budget process; How county government is funded; Role of the State Auditor’s Office, Budget Forms, Resources

Deann Haeffner, Assistant Deputy Auditor, Nebraska Auditor of Public Accounts

10:15 - 10:30  Break
10:30 - 11:45  Diving Deep Into Budget Preparation
Identify the functions and legal framework of a capital and annual operating budget; Techniques for estimating county revenues; Review adequacy of cash reserves and cash balances

Dennis Meyer, Lancaster County Budget and Fiscal Officer

11:45 - 12:45  Lunch
12:45 - 1:45  Integrating Strategy and Leadership in the Public Sector
Identify leadership strategies that contribute to responsible financial decisions, and collaborate with county departments and outside agencies to create cost effective solutions

Jeff Yost, President and CEO of Nebraska Community Foundation

1:45 - 2:45  Best practices for processes for preparing, adopting and managing the budget

Speaker TBA

2:45 - 3:00  Break
3:00 - 4:00  Improving Fiscal Transparency to Increase Public Confidence
Ways to effectively communicate information to citizens to increase confidence and trust with transparency

Lisa Pytlilk Zillig, Ph.D., Senior Research Manager, University of Nebraska Public Policy Center
Janell Walther, Ph.D., Senior Research Specialist, University of Nebraska Public Policy Center

A Budget Handbook will be handed out at the Workshop