

**STAFF MEETING MINUTES
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING
BILL LUXFORD STUDIO (FORMERLY KNOWN AS ROOM 113)
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2014
8:30 A.M.**

Commissioners Present: Larry Hudkins, Chair
Brent Smoyer, Vice Chair
Deb Schorr
Jane Raybould
Roma Amundson

Others Present: Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer
Gwen Thorpe, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
Dan Nolte, County Clerk
Cori Beattie, Deputy County Clerk
Ann Taylor, County Clerk's Office

Advance public notice of the Board of Commissioners Staff Meeting was posted on the County-City Building bulletin board and the Lancaster County, Nebraska, web site and provided to the media on February 12, 2014.

The Chair noted the location of the Open Meetings Act and opened the meeting at 8:33 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM

1 APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 4, 2014 STAFF MEETING MINUTES

MOTION: Smoyer moved and Schorr seconded approval of the minutes of the February 4, 2014 Staff Meeting. Raybould, Schorr, Amundson, Smoyer and Hudkins voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Smoyer exited the meeting at 8:34 a.m.

2 ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

A. Update on Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO) County Board Workshop

MOTION: Amundson moved and Raybould seconded approval of the addition to the agenda. Amundson, Raybould, Schorr and Hudkins voted aye. Smoyer was absent from voting. Motion carried 4-0.

3 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE - Joe Kohout, Kissel/E&S Associates (Legislative Consultant)

Joe Kohout, Kissel/E&S Associates, presented a legislative update, noting bills that relate to the County's legislative priorities and other legislation of potential interest to the County (Exhibits A and B).

Smoyer returned to the meeting at 8:37 a.m.

Kohout noted Senator Krist's plans to file a revised amendment to Legislative Bill (LB) 464 (Change court jurisdiction over juveniles and indictment procedures) for changes to LB 561 (Change provisions and transfer responsibilities regarding the juvenile justice system).

Smoyer exited the meeting at 8:38 a.m.

Joe Kelly, County Attorney, appeared and said he has been involved in discussions with Senator Ashford on LB 907 (Provide for supervised release, re-entry probation officers, create the Nebraska Center for Justice Research, and change pre-sentence investigations and good time provisions) and LB 999 (Adopt the Criminal Justice Reentry and Data Act and create the Reentry Programming Board). He said the Judiciary Committee held a hearing on the bills last week and said he testified in opposition, along with two other county attorneys, on behalf of the County Attorney's Association and their individual counties. The Douglas County Board and Omaha City Council, Mayor's Office and Chief of Police were there to support the concept of the bill. Kelly said he was informed there will be 50 new re-entry probation positions created, state-wide, if LB 907 is passed and said he anticipates that 18-23 will be located in Lancaster County. There will also be increased use of the jail for individuals who are paroled and on supervised release and are sanctioned for violations and additional judicial time with regard to those sanctions.

Smoyer returned to the meeting at 8:40 a.m.

Raybould inquired about programming to support the initiative, such as adult reporting centers, rehabilitation programs and housing assistance. Gene Cotter, Chief Probation Officer, Adult Probation, appeared and said it is his understanding that rental costs for the adult reporting centers will shift to the State.

Kohout agreed to forward a copy of the studies on which the legislation was based.

Brief discussion took place regarding LB 870 (Adopt the Public Debt Recovery Program Act). Troy Hawk, Clerk of the District Court, appeared and said the District Court Clerks Association supports the concept of the bill. Senator Bolz, introducer of the bill, has requested testimony in support of the bill.

MOTION: Schorr moved and Smoyer seconded to send a letter in support of Legislative Bill (LB) 870 to Senator Bolz. Smoyer, Schorr, Raybould, Amundson and Hudkins voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

4 NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY OFFICIALS (NACo) -
Andrew Goldschmidt, Director of Membership Marketing, National Association of County Officials (NACo); Larry Dix, Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO) Executive Director

Andrew Goldschmidt, Director of Membership Marketing, National Association of County Officials (NACo), disseminated information regarding advocacy efforts, programs, tools, education, research information and conferences NACo provides to members (Exhibit C) and said he can offer the Board free conference registrations if the County decides to rejoin. He also presented the Participation and Membership Benefits Report (Exhibit D).

Larry Dix, Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO) Executive Director, noted it has been a number of years since Lancaster County was a member of the national organization. Hudkins said the Board appreciated the affiliation but decided not to continue membership, due to budget constraints.

Schorr asked Goldschmidt whether NACo could assist Lancaster County with strategic planning efforts (staff that could provide assistance and/or private sector referrals). Goldschmidt said yes, NACo would provide staff assistance and match the County with peers.

Raybould noted she will be in Washington, D.C. at the time of NACo's Legislative Conference (March 1-5, 2014) and asked whether she could attend some of the sessions, adding she would be willing to pay a registration fee. Goldschmidt said he will make sure she is able to attend.

There was consensus to revisit the issue of NACo membership during budget deliberations. Goldschmidt said annual dues will be \$5,708, noting the cost is based on population.

Smoyer exited the meeting at 9:15 a.m.

5 MEDICAL AND DENTAL INSURANCE YEAR-END REPORT - Craig Currier, Assistant Vice President & Underwriting Manager, and Tracy Krause, Account Executive, AON Risk Solutions; Doug McDaniel, Lincoln-Lancaster County Human Resources Director; Bill Kostner, City Risk Manager; Paula Lueders, Benefits Specialist

Tracy Krause, Account Executive, AON Risk Solutions, presented medical and dental experience data for the period of January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013, noting the following (Exhibit E):

- There were 10,134 participants in the medical plan.
- Total administration expenses (includes claims and fixed expenses) were \$954,205.
- Total gross paid claims (medical and pharmacy) were \$10,368,982. Claims over the stop-loss amount totaled \$141,821 so net paid claims totaled \$10,510,803.
- Total plan cost was \$11,465,009, which was \$183,030 over projections.
- Twelve claimants had claims totaling \$100,000 or more and represent \$1,951,794 of the total spent.
- There was a 62.3% increase in high claimant costs over last year (an additional \$749,386).

Smoyer returned to the meeting at 9:18 a.m.

Schorr asked how many of the large claimants have accepted care management. Krause said she will check and report back. She will also check whether they are ongoing claims and will ask for prognosis information.

Amundson asked whether any of the medical problems represented in those claims would have been reduced through wellness initiatives. Bill Kostner, City Risk Manager, said he does not believe wellness programs would have had an effect.

Craig Currier, Assistant Vice President & Underwriting Manager, AON Risk Solutions, said the large claim activity will be reflected in the renewal from Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Nebraska (BCBSNE), administrator of the plan. Krause said premiums are set to fund claims and will have to be adjusted to fund the increase, irregardless of what is negotiated with BCBSNE.

In response to a question from Raybould, Currier said he would anticipate a 3.5% to 5% increase in administrative fees and a 15% to 18% increase in stop-loss, based on market trends.

- There were 9,733 participants in the dental plan.
- Administration costs totaled \$43,507.
- Claims totaled \$503,364.
- Total plan costs were \$546,871, compared to \$539,351 last year.

Carrier said a 4.5% increase is the marketplace trend.

Raybould noted some counties have decided to extend coverage to same sex spouses. Doug McDaniel, Lincoln-Lancaster County Human Resources Director, said there are a number of implications and policy considerations which he is not prepared to discuss at this time. Smoyer noted the issue is being addressed by the court system and through legislation.

6 UPDATE ON COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH CENTER (CMHC) AND THE HEATHER - Gwen Thorpe, Community Mental Health Center (CMHC) Interim Administrator; C. J. Johnson, Region V Systems Administrator

Topher Hansen, Director, CenterPointe, Inc., appeared and said licensing and credentialing of The Heather (psychiatric residential rehabilitation program) has been challenging. He said the State will allow the County to hold the license and contract with CenterPointe to manage the program. All staff will be CenterPointe employees. Hansen said he hopes to have the transition completed by the end of March.

In response to a question from Raybould, Hansen said they are still looking for another facility that meets the needs of the program. He added the State has agreed to submit a regulatory change to move the requirement for 8 and 10 beds back to 15 beds and said hopefully that will be accomplished in the next year. At that point, CenterPointe will assume the license for the program.

C. J. Johnson, Region V Systems Administrator, said Region V determined that utilization of day treatment was quite low so Lutheran Family Services (LFS) will not be required to provide those services. He said the Crisis Center utilizes those services so LFS will provide other programming for those individuals.

Nancy Shank, Assistant Director, University of Nebraska Public Policy Center, appeared and discussed the evaluation component.

Gwen Thorpe, Community Mental Health Center (CMHC) Interim Administrator, requested authorization to recall a clerical worker on a temporary basis (three to four weeks) to assist with refilling prescriptions for Dr. Sanat Roy's patients and notifying them that their prescriptions are ready to be picked up. **NOTE:** Dr. Roy, CMHC Medical Director, is finalizing transition of his patients to LFS, the new provider.

MOTION: Amundson moved and Raybould seconded approval of the request to recall a clerical worker on a temporary basis. Raybould, Amundson, Smoyer, Schorr and Hudkins voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Thorpe also reported the following:

- An agency nurse resigned last week and the contractor could not find a replacement so the Crisis Center has pulled in on-call nurses to cover those duties. The Crisis Center is also assisting with transcription duties.
- CMHC's advanced practice registered nurse (APRN) also resigned and her patients are being referred to LFS.
- A contract is being developed with Neighborhood Pharmacy for repackaging and re-labeling of patient assistance medications.
- Medical records still need to be organized and boxed so they can be moved to the K Street Building.
- Judi Tannahill, Administrative Services Officer, will take over billing duties.
- The University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL) externs who were working at CMHC will move to the Crisis Center.

Johnson said Counseling Affiliates of Nebraska, LLC, will directly contract with the Lincoln Regional Center (LRC) for the Sexual Trauma/Offense Prevention (STOP) Program. He explained Region V did not directly fund the program but said individuals in the program who are utilizing Region V's services, such as outpatient therapy, will still continue to receive services.

7 FOLDING MACHINE FOR ELECTION COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE -
Dave Shively, Election Commissioner

Dave Shively, Election Commissioner, requested authorization to purchase a new folding machine to replace a machine that is over 15 years old and does not keep the ballots in proper order (see Exhibit F). He said he would like to have the new machine by the May 13th primary election, explaining the cost will be a billable expense for elections.

MOTION: Schorr moved and Amundson seconded to approve the purchase of the equipment at a cost of \$3,450.00. Schorr, Smoyer, Amundson, Raybould and Hudkins voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Raybould and Schorr exited the meeting at 10:28 a.m.

8 VIDEO CONFERENCING - Chad Dalton, Information Services (IS);
Dennis Meyer, Budget and Fiscal Officer

Dennis Meyer, Budget and Fiscal Officer, noted the Board set \$200,000 aside in the Keno Fund for the video conferencing project and said only \$50,000 to \$60,000 has been spent, to date.

Schorr returned to the meeting at 10:32 a.m.

Chad Dalton, Information Services (IS), presented video court hearing statistics (Exhibit G).

Raybould returned to the meeting at 10:33 a.m.

Dalton said the number of video conferencing hearings for County Court and District Court continue to increase. He said District Court would like to have their own room for hearings and County Court would take over the times that had been allotted for District Court hearings in Courtroom 22 (see Exhibit G). **NOTE:** The cost of equipping a courtroom is estimated to be \$16,000 to \$17,000. A second location would also be added at the Lancaster County Adult Detention Facility (LCADF). Dalton said the Courts would also like to provide for web access by external entities, such as expert witnesses and attorneys, which would reduce travel costs. He said the cost of equipment for that piece is estimated at \$45,000, noting it was included in the \$200,000 Keno Fund allocation. The technology could also be expanded to other departments.

District Court Judge Steven Burns and County Court Judge Laurie Yardley appeared in support of equipping additional courtrooms.

Dalton said they are still working out issues to include the State prison system, which would reduce the cost of transporting prisoners from state facilities to court. It was noted this might reduce the County Sheriff's staffing requirements.

Schorr asked whether the technology will be expanded to Juvenile Court. Theresa Emmert, Juvenile Court Administrator, appeared and said it will. She noted the Geneva and Kearney Youth Rehabilitation Treatment Centers already have the technology in place and the Youth Services Center (YSC) is waiting to have the technology installed.

There was consensus to proceed as outlined.

9 TERMINATION OF BANKING SERVICES CONTRACTS WITH WELLS FARGO - Andy Stebbing, County Treasurer; Michelle Raphael, Accountant/Auditor, County Treasurer's Office; Tim Genuchi, Accounting Operations Manager, County Clerk's Office; Brittany Behrens, Deputy County Attorney

Andy Stebbing, County Treasurer, requested "blanket" authorization to terminate several small banking services contracts with Wells Fargo as part of the transition of banking services to U.S. Bank National Association.

MOTION: Smoyer moved and Raybould seconded to authorize Andy Stebbing, County Treasurer, to terminate banking services contracts with Wells Fargo, as deemed necessary and advised by the County Attorney's Office. Amundson, Raybould, Schorr, Smoyer and Hudkins voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORT

M. Sale of Surplus Properties

Brittany Behrens, Deputy County Attorney, appeared and noted the Board scheduled a public hearing on February 25th to consider declaring four County-owned properties surplus: Community Mental Health Center (CMHC) (2201 South 17th Street); Midtown Center (2966 "O" Street); Trabert Hall (2202 South 11th Street); and the former Attention Center for Youth Building (2220 South 10th Street). She noted in order to declare the properties surplus the Board must make a declaration they are not required for a County purpose and said if in fact the Board wants to make continued use of a building a term and condition of the sale, it would be difficult to make that statement. Behrens recommended the Board review the time lines for CMHC Building and Trabert Hall. **NOTE:** The County is no longer operating county programs in the Midtown Center and the former Attention Center for Youth Building.

Don Killeen, County Property Manager, appeared and said the appraisals were based on fee simple ownership.

Paul Barnes, Planner, Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Department, appeared and gave a summary of zoning issues related to the properties (see Exhibit H).

MOTION: Raybould moved and Amundson seconded to indefinitely postpone the public hearing to consider declaring the properties surplus and direct the County Clerk's Office to provide notification to the public. Smoyer, Raybould, Amundson and Hudkins voted aye. Schorr voted nay. Motion carried 4-1.

10 ACTION ITEMS

A. 2013 Annual State Pension Report

MOTION: Smoyer moved and Raybould seconded to authorize signature by the Chair. Schorr, Smoyer, Amundson, Raybould and Hudkins voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

B. Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Grant Request

MOTION: Smoyer moved and Raybould seconded approval. Smoyer, Amundson, Schorr, Raybould and Hudkins voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORT

N. Use of Human Services Keno Prevention Fund for Emergency Funding (\$2,000 for Propane Purchases)

Kit Boesch, Human Services Administrator, appeared and said Catholic Social Services contacted her and said many homes in the rural areas are running out of propane. Propane costs have risen significantly and the propane companies had indicated they would only sell full tanks (250 to 300 gallons minimum). She said she contacted two of the propane companies and they agreed to fill 100 gallons of a tank with a \$60 trip fee. Boesch said she made a few calls and raised \$9,000 to pay for the trip fees (Woods Foundation - \$3,000, \$2,000 from the Human Services Keno Prevention Fund, United Way of Lincoln-Lancaster County - \$2,000, Lincoln Community Foundation - \$1,000 and Saint Elizabeth's Foundation - \$1,000). She noted she contacted members of the Joint Budget Committee (JBC) and they approved the funding from the Keno Prevention Fund.

Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer, said the Board is being asked to ratify that action, adding a better procedure needs to be developed for emergency funding.

MOTION: Raybould moved and Smoyer seconded to authorize the \$2,000 expenditure from the Human Services Keno Prevention Fund for the emergency funding request for propane purchases. Raybould, Amundson, Schorr, Smoyer and Hudkins voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

11 CONSENT ITEMS

There were no consent items.

12 ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORT

A. Qualified Default Investment Alternative (QDIA) Options

Item was held.

B. Emergency Management Director

It was noted Doug Ahlberg, Emergency Management Director, has submitted a letter indicating he is resigning his position, effective March 31st.

Schorr suggested the Board use the same process to name a replacement as it used when the Clerk of the District Court and County Engineer resigned their positions. Eagan said those vacancies involved elected officials and said he believes the Board should ask the Human Services Department to update the job description, develop a list of supplemental questions and rate the applications.

Raybould said Ahlberg indicated when Mark Hosking, Deputy Emergency Management Director, was hired that he wanted Hosking to be his successor. Raybould felt the deputy director position should be eliminated when a new director is hired. Hudkins disagreed, citing the tremendous workload involved.

C. Visitors Improvement Fund Grant Request from Lied Center for Performing Arts (\$258,808.58)

MOTION: Smoyer moved and Raybould seconded to forward the grant request to the Visitors Promotion Committee for review and recommendation. Smoyer, Raybould, Amundson, Schorr and Hudkins voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

D. Lancaster Event Center Manager Update

Item was held until later in the meeting.

E. Appointment of Jane Raybould to the Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO) Health and Human Services Committee

MOTION: Amundson moved and Smoyer seconded approval. Schorr, Smoyer, Amundson, Raybould and Hudkins voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

F. Prudential Year-End Investment Report (March 20, 2014)

Informational only.

- G. Super Common Meeting (Tuesday, May 6, 2014 at 9:30 a.m., Lincoln Public Schools (LPS) District Office Board Room)

There was consensus to move the time of the County Board of Commissioners Meeting on that date to 11:00 a.m., due to attendance at the Super Common Meeting.

- H. 2014 Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO) Institute of Excellence

The Chair said he will contact Pam Dingman, County Engineer, to see if she would be interested in attending.

- I. Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO) Southeast District Meeting (March 13, 2014 at Mahoney State Park, Ashland, Nebraska)

There was consensus to cancel the Staff Meeting scheduled for that day, as there will not be a quorum of the County Board. The Board will hold a Staff Meeting on March 11th instead, immediately following the regular County Board of Commissioners Meeting.

- J. Appointment of Craig Strong to the Lincoln-Lancaster County Board of Health (Replacing Marcia White)
- K. Reappointment of Jeff Frack to the Lancaster County Board of Zoning Appeals

The Board scheduled Items J and K on the February 18, 2014 County Board of Commissioners Meeting agenda.

- L. Request from Records and Information Management to Use Experience Works Program

Eagan said the County Attorney's Office is reviewing the program requirements.

- M. Sale of Surplus Properties

Item was moved forward on the agenda.

- N. Use of Human Services Keno Prevention Fund for Emergency Funding (\$2,000 for Propane Purchases)

Item was moved forward on the agenda.

O. Segal Rogerscasey Proposal for Review of Pension Plan (\$28,500)

Eagan explained the Lancaster County Expense Account will fund the expense.

P. County Board Representative on Procurement Advisory Group

MOTION: Amundson moved and Raybould seconded to appoint Commissioner Schorr as the County Board's representative. Raybould, Smoyer, Amundson, Schorr and Hudkins voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Q. Temporary County Board Staffing

It was noted the Board's administrative assistant will be on extended leave.

Dan Nolte, County Clerk, said his office is willing to assist with those duties on a short-term basis.

13 PENDING

There were no pending items.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

A. Update on Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO) County Board Workshop

Schorr said Pamela Bourne of the Woods Aitken law firm gave a PowerPoint presentation on taxing fringe benefits and said she believes the presentation would be beneficial for County officials/directors and others involved with employment payment vouchers.

14 DISCUSSION OF BOARD MEMBER MEETINGS

A. Chamber Coffee

The meeting was cancelled.

B. Public Building Commission (PBC) - Hudkins, Raybould

Hudkins said the PBC decided to seek architectural design bids for Phase I of remodel of the former jail facility.

C. Board of Health - Amundson

Amundson said the annual report was presented.

15 EMERGENCY ITEMS AND OTHER BUSINESS

There were no emergency items or other business.

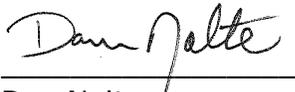
RETURNING TO ITEM 12D

Kendra Ronnau and Jim Swanson, Lancaster County Agricultural Society Board of Directors; and Alan Wood, Lancaster Agricultural Society Legal Counsel, appeared and introduced Amy Dickerson, the new Lancaster Event Center Managing Director. Dickerson discussed her background, credentials, vision for the facility and provided a list of services/donations she believes could support the facility (Exhibit I). She also disseminated the following documents: 1) Employment application; 2) Resume; 3) Vision Statement; 4) Final interview presentation prepared for the Lancaster Event Center Managing Director Search Committee and Lancaster County Agricultural Society Board of Directors; and 5) Follow up letter to the Search Committee (Exhibit J).

The Board asked Dickerson to submit stronger financial information, in a different format than used in the past, in the Agricultural Society's budget request to the County Board.

16 ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Schorr moved and Amundson seconded to adjourn the meeting at 12:29 p.m. Smoyer, Schorr, Raybould, Amundson and Hudkins voted aye. Motion carried.



Dan Nolte
Lancaster County Clerk



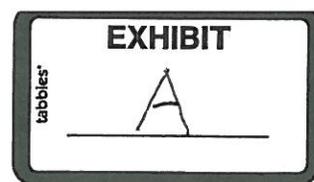


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MEMORANDUM

TO: Lancaster County Board of Commissioners

FROM: Gordon Kissel
Joseph D. Kohout

DATE: February 13, 2014

RE: Weekly Update on the 2014 Legislature

Please accept this as the fifth of your weekly reports for the 2014 Legislative Session. Today is day 26. Committees continue to hold hearings in the afternoon and we have begun debate of priority measures.

2014 Lancaster County Legislative Priorities:

1. **Oppose Elimination of the Inheritance Tax:** As mentioned in previous reports, two measures eliminating the inheritance tax have been introduced. Senator Tom Hansen introduced LB812, which would terminate the inheritance tax for those dying after December 31, 2015. In addition, Senator Tom Carlson introduced LB960 which would make two changes to rates of inheritance tax – cutting, approximately, in half those in categories two and three (from 13% to 7% category 2 and from 18% to 9% those in category 3). The board has taken a position of opposition to both of these measures. To date, neither has been scheduled for public hearing.
2. **Support Medicaid Expansion under the Affordable Care Act:** LB887, introduced by Senator Kathy Campbell, remains held in the Health and Human Services Committee. Senator Campbell has declared it to be her personal priority bill – and thus guaranteeing it debate if the measure emerges from committee. We expect that it will.
3. **Monitor the Implementation of 2013 Neb. Laws LB561:** On Wednesday of last week, a hearing was held by the Judiciary Committee on the proposed Krist amendment to LB464. Sheli testified and did a great job. We are attaching our notes from that hearing for your review. LB464 was prioritized by Senator Ashford, guaranteeing that it will come back up this session.
4. **Eliminate the Responsibility of Counties to Pay HHS Rent – LB632:** The bill is in the Government Committee. An attempt was made to advance the measure last week but there were not sufficient votes to advance the bill. We suggest that the measure remain in committee.

5. **Monitor Adult Corrections Reform.** The hearing on LB907 and LB999 were held last Thursday. Joe Kelly testified on behalf of Lancaster County and did a great job. He remains involved in discussions with Senator Ashford's office on changes to these two measures. LB907 was declared to be a Judiciary Committee priority bill.

2014 Other Legislation:

LB215 (Schilz) Change provisions relating to use of the County Visitors Promotion Fund. *This bill was sent to the Governor last Friday.*

POSITION: Support as amended.

LB925 (Coash) Provide for transfer of motor vehicle registration duties to county treasurers. *This is Treasurer Stebbings bill that would authorize counties to opt out of the DMV's motor vehicle registration program. The hearing on this bill has not yet been scheduled.*

POSITION: Support.

LB885 (Harr) Require the use of the income approach to value certain real property for tax purposes. *Introduced by Senator Burke Harr of Omaha, he indicated that this came out of some concerns he heard about practices in Lancaster County. There has been communication from County Assessor Agena and Senator Harr's office. Those in support of this bill include the Realtors, Developers, LIBA and others. This is something that according to supporters is being done to address a difference in how Lancaster County is valuing property versus how the other 92 counties are.*

POSITION: Monitor.

LB1092 (Dubas) Authorize issuance of highway construction bonds. *This bill would authorize the issuance of bonds under the Nebraska Highway Bond Act, not to exceed \$400m in principal and \$30m in annual debt service for a period of not more than nineteen years, in order to accelerate completion of the highway construction projects identified and to be identified for funding under the Build Nebraska Act. The bonds will be issued on the recommendation of the Department of Roads/. At least 25% of the proceeds the bonds will be used for construction of the expressway system and federally designated high priority corridors as determined by NDOR. The remaining proceeds will be used to pay for surface transportation projects of the highest priority as determined by NDOR. The bonds will be paid off by June 30, 2033. The bonds will be exempt from state income tax. The proceeds from the sale of the bonds will be deposited in the Highway Cash Fund for use pursuant to the Build Nebraska Act. If these bonds are issued, all motor vehicle fuel taxes, diesel fuel taxes, compressed fuel taxes, and alternative fuel fees related to highway use, motor vehicle registration fees, and other highway-user taxes which are collected by the state in the Highway Trust Fund are irrevocably pledged for the terms of the bonds issued after July 1, 2014, to the payment of the principal, interest, and redemption premium, if any, of these bonds as they mature and become due at maturity or prior redemption and for any reserves for such bonds. An amendment was offered at the hearing yesterday to transition the committed funds from the Highway Trust Fund to the Highway Cash Fund.*



POSITION: Support.

LB734 (Schumacher) Provide for deposit of public funds with credit unions. *Allows for public funds to be deposited in qualifying state and federally chartered credit unions, as well as banks. The hearing on this measure was held last week. The proponents are trying to move the bill out of committee but have not been successful yet.*

POSITION: SUPPORT

LB994 (Health & Human Services Committee) Change fees as prescribed for vital statistics. *Increases the amount that can be charged by Vital Statistics by \$5 per copy for a marriage certificate. Dan Nolte forwarded a request to include county fees as well. Larry Dix and I visited with Senator Campbell's office before the hearing and Corrie presented an amendment increasing the fee by \$5*

POSITION: Support as amended noted above. .

LB661 (Krist) Provide for voter registration on the Secretary of State's website and use of Department of Motor Vehicle records. *Modifies the Election Act (Ch. 32) to required that the Secretary of State, along with the Department of Motor Vehicles develop and implement a registration application process which may be used statewide to register to vote and update voter registration records electronically using the Secretary of State's web site, by July 2015. An applicant who has a valid Nebraska motor vehicle operator's license or state identification card may use the application process to register to vote or to update his or her voter registration record with changes in his or her personal information or other information related to his or her eligibility to vote.*

POSITION: Monitor. We are attaching our notes on this bill. We would note that it has been prioritized. The other bills dealing with voter records have been killed.

LB870 (Bolz) Adopt the Public Debt Recovery Program Act. *This bill would enact the Public Debt Recovery Program, which will be administered by the State Treasurer. The Program will create a set off of any public debt which is assigned to the program against a debtor's income tax refund, state lottery prize, state pay, state contract payment, unclaimed property, any other state payment due to a debtor. Public debt is defined within the statute as any liquidated amount due and owing any claimant which has accrued through assignment, contract, subrogation, court judgment, or operation of law, regardless of whether there is an outstanding judgment for such amount. The bill specifically excludes any debts owed to the University of Nebraska or the state colleges, amounts for child support, or delinquent property taxes. Each state agency, court, and political subdivision may assign a public debt of more than fifty dollars to the public debt recovery program, but only after making two attempts to notify the debtor, and the passage of 90 days. The State Treasurer can pay such amounts, and then determine if the debtor is entitled to any income tax refund, state lottery prize, state pay, state contract payment, unclaimed property, or other state payment. If so, the Treasurer will then send written notification to the debtor of an assertion of the rights under the Public Debt Recovery Program Act to all or a portion of the refund or payment. A debtor can contest the amount or validity of the set off, by making a hearing request to the*



State Treasurer within the prescribed period. After certification of the debt by the Treasurer, they will notify the Department of Administrative Services, which will deduct an amount up to the certified debt amount from the income tax refund, state lottery prize, state pay, state contract payment, unclaimed property, or other state payment due the debtor and transfer such amount to the Public Debt Recovery Program Fund. The State Treasurer will then notify the debtor of the completion of the setoff.

This bill also creates a Public Debt Recovery Program Fund. The bill appropriates to the fund \$500,00 from the State Settlement Fund in fiscal years 2014-15 and 2015-16 and an amount equal to the cost and ongoing maintenance expense to interface with the JUSTICE System from the Supreme Court Automation Fund. The remaining funding for the Public Debt Recovery Program will be through General Funds until the program is self-sustaining through fees. At the end of any fiscal year, if the revenue in the fund from recovery fees exceeds 200% of the administrative cost of the public debt recovery program for that fiscal year, the State Treasurer must distribute an amount to each claimant equal to the portion of such excess amount determined by calculating the claimant's percentage of the total recoveries during the fiscal year and multiplying that percentage by the excess amount.

Lastly, the bill allows the Tax Commissioner to transmit information to State Treasurer for purposes of this act, without fear of criminal sanction.

POSITION: Support in concept. Senator Bolz would like testimony in support.

The following bills have hearings this coming week and they are of potential interest to Lancaster County:

Friday, February 7, 2014

Judiciary Committee

LB881 (Watermeier) Change provisions relating to death, injury, or property damage to innocent third parties as a result of a police vehicular pursuit. This legislation would amend NERS 13-911, which is a portion of the Political Subdivisions Tort Claims Act, and NERS 81-8,215.01, which is a portion of the State Tort Claims Act. The bill explicitly disallows a passenger in or on the fleeing vehicle from being considered an innocent third party if the passenger: (a) Enters into the vehicle without coercion knowing, or with a reasonable belief, that the driver of the vehicle is under the influence of alcoholic liquor or drugs; (b) Fails to take reasonable steps to persuade the driver of the fleeing vehicle to stop the vehicle; (c) Promotes, provokes, or persuades the driver to engage in flight from law enforcement personnel; (d) Is subject to arrest or sought to be apprehended by law enforcement personnel; or (e) Is engaged in any illegal activity which would itself give rise to an arrest. Note importantly, in case of death, injury, or property damage to any innocent third party proximately caused by the action of a law enforcement officer employed by a political subdivision or the state during vehicular pursuit, damages shall be paid to such third party by the political subdivision state employing the officer, per these statutes.

Thursday, February 13, 2014



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Judiciary Committee

LB1028 (Coash) Change the number of judges of the separate juvenile court as prescribed. *This bill would amend NERS 43-2,119, to provide that counties that have more than four hundred thousand inhabitants must have six juvenile court judges. The law presently provides that such counties must have five juvenile court judges.*

Tuesday, February 18, 2014

Appropriations Committee

LB1094 (Davis) Change a fund transfer to the Property Tax Credit Cash Fund. *This bill would amend 2013, LB199, 2 section 7; to provide that the State Treasurer shall transfer \$138 million from the General Fund to the Property Tax Credit Cash Fund on or before December 15, 2014. Presently, the statute requires the Treasurer to transfer \$113 million.*

LB1086 (Pirsch) Transfer cash reserve funds to the Property Tax Credit Cash Fund. *This bill would amend NERS 84-612, to instruct the State Treasurer to transfer \$115 million dollars from the Cash Reserve Fund to the Property Tax Credit Cash Fund on or before December 15, 2014, and on or before December 15, 2015, on such date as directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of the Department of Administrative Services.*

LB669 (McCoy) Transfer cash reserve funds to the Property Tax Credit Cash Fund. *This bill would amend the Cash Reserve Fund (NERS 84-612), by requiring the State Treasurer to transfer \$85 million from the Cash Reserve Fund to the Property Tax Credit Cash Fund by the end of 2014.*

Wednesday, February 19, 2014

Government, Military & Veterans Affairs Committee

LB773 (Davis) Provide for partisan ballots for unaffiliated voters at primary elections. *This bill would change the voter registration application instructions as offered by the Secretary of State, to allow those that are registered nonpartisans to vote in partisan primary elections for state, local, and congressional offices by requesting a partisan ballot for the political party of their choosing, except that the voter shall not be permitted to vote for candidates for the office of delegate to the party's county, state, or national convention.*

LB1013 (Murante) Permit counties to regulate peddlers, hawkers, and solicitors by ordinance. *This bill would amend NERS 23-187, regarding the powers held by county boards, to provide that counties may regulate the operation or conduct of peddlers, hawkers, or solicitors on public or private property for commercial purposes by imposition of fees, issuance of a permit, or both. The ordinance must state that the permit from the county allows the operation or conduct in all areas of the*



county where the county has jurisdiction and where a city or village has not otherwise regulated such operation or conduct.

Thursday, February 20, 2014

Government, Military & Veterans Affairs Committee

LB1066 (Lautenbaugh) Require a recorded roll call vote by certain county boards. This bill would amend NERS 23-155, regarding the functioning of county boards, to require that any action taken by the county board of commissioners on any question will be by roll call vote. The record must then state how each commissioner voted or that the commissioner was absent or the commissioner did not vote. No such provision is presently included in the statute.

Friday, February 21, 2014

Government, Military & Veterans Affairs Committee

LR411CA (Karpisek) Authorize municipalities and counties to exercise powers in matters of local concern and to eliminate home rule charters. This bill would place the following issue on the ballot during the general election in November 2014. Voters would decide whether to amend Article XI Sec. 6 of the Nebraska Constitution, by inserting the following language: Municipalities and counties are granted the power and authority, not inconsistent with the laws of this state, to determine their own local affairs and government. The Legislature shall determine which matters are those of statewide concern. The Legislature may by law delegate its power so that matters of local concern are handled by municipalities and counties without the necessity of further action by the Legislature. The rule or proposition of law that a municipality or county possesses and can exercise only those powers granted in express words is not part of the law of this state. As result of this legislation, voters would also be asked to consider whether to repeal the current Article XI, sections 2 to 5 of the Nebraska Constitution, concerning the establishment and effects of a home rule charter.

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2014 Committee Hearing Reports

Date: 2/4/14

Committee: Banking, Commerce, and Insurance

LB/LR: LB734 (Schumacher) Provide for deposit of private funds with credit unions.

Senators: Gloor, Christensen, Campbell, Carlson, Garrett, Howard, Pirsch, Schumacher

Reported by: Alexandra Langley

Senator Mike Gloor convened the committee at 2:15 pm on the aforementioned date.

LB734

Senator Schumacher: LB734 would allow for the deposit of public funds in credit unions that are insured by the National Credit Union Administration. This bill has been heard before this committee a number of times before. We owe it to the NCUA to hear it again. Senator Gloor: What do you know of the constitutionality of this legislation? Senator Schumacher: This legislation has been reviewed and is constitutional.

Proponents:

Nebraska Credit Union: Our association is in support of LB734. This bill is common sense legislation. LB734 does not provide NE credit unions will any new powers, but rather authorizes that credit unions can accept depositories. The passing of this legislation would: increase local control, increase competition, buying convenience, provide more options, better rates, and better service. Credit unions do pay taxes and are subject to payroll and property taxes, also pay NE sales, use, and depository taxes.

Senator Christensen: You mentioned differences between state and federal banks, are there differences between how these entities pay taxes? NCU: Credit unions do not have preferential treatment in Nebraska. Senator Carlson: When was the last time a similar bill came before the committee?

NCU: Two or three years ago. Senator Carlson: How many times during your years at NCU has this legislation been brought to this committee? NCU: 3 times in my 9 years

Krumland, League of Nebraska Municipalities: LB734 will provide small cities and villages another option for depositing money.

Beth Ferrell Nebraska Association of County Officials: LB734 will give smaller counties a better opportunity to distribute money. In counties where a bank does not exist, consumers must drive long distances to deposit money.

Nebraska Rural Electric Association: Letter of support

County Commissioner from Douglas County: Letter of support

Opponents:

Hallstrom, Nebraska Bankers Association: We ask that the committee postpone this legislation. This bill would open up depository options to all state and federal credit unions and would not be a good idea. This bill strays from the constitution's core principles. Senator Christensen: This not only opens up to states but also federal charter loans. Haven't you previously opposed when this legislation before when it only applies to state chartered unions?

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LB881(Watermeier): Change provisions relating to death, injury or property damage to innocent third parties as a result of a police vehicular pursuit

Senator Watermeier offered introduction for LB881. Under current law an innocent third party is not listed in statute in regards to police vehicular pursuits. This bill aims to define the said third party. Watermeier cited a recent Supreme Court case that exemplifies a passenger in a fleeing vehicle that was injured and sued the county. Nebraska is the only state in the country that places strict liability on the police in a vehicular chase, this bill does not aim to change any strict liability policies just define the term "innocent third party"

Chambers: I'm the one who wrote the original bill. The police must maintain strict liability because it is their decision on when and where to chase a vehicle

Proponent Testimony:

Vince Valentino: Nebraska Risk Management Association, supports the defining of an innocent third party. When this type of bill originally surfaced in 1981 there was no discussion on defining a third party. Since then courts have been tasked with assigning the term in numerous cases they heard, however, Valentino and the counties he represents believe it is time to statutorily define the term. It is evident in many cases that there are people who are not operating the vehicle being chased, yet are still wanting to avoid the law and are participating in criminal activity.

Chambers: When you were trying these cases, your job was to prevent entities from paying strict liability claims?

Valentino: Yes and no, I actually settled many of those cases.

Chambers: How many cases have you tried where you would not consider the passenger an innocent third party?

Valentino: I would say about 30 to 40 percent.

Chambers: Are you aware of legislation that provides that officers from another state in a pursuit are liable in Nebraska?

Valentino: I am aware and that is an interesting concept.

Tom Bumgart: Attonrney, City of Omaha, Mr Bumgart has tried many pursuit cases in the city of Omaha. Omaha averages around one pursuit every two years and has tried 9 people over the past 20 years. The word innocent third party assumes two things: they did nothing to cause their problem, and they were not involved in the flight whatsoever.

Chambers: Why doesn't the city of Omaha do away with police chases since they have a helicopter?

Bumgart: The city already has a very restrictive pursuit policy already. The police tried to do away with pursuits entirely. However, that didn't go over well with the citizens of Omaha. This bill will have no effect on whether police chase or not.

Elaine Menzel, Nebraska Association of County Officials, recorded her support for the bill.

Opponent Testimony:

Jason Osmond, Neb Assn Trial Attorneys, this bill was born out of one case, Werner vs. Platte County. With several amendments to the bills, Mr. Osmond thinks the bill has lost its original intention, going back to the original draft would help the bill.

Neutral Testimony:

None

Closing:

Waived

AM 1674 to LB 464

Change jurisdiction of courts over juveniles, procedures for juvenile indictment and filing of juvenile petitions, provisions relating to youth rehabilitation and treatment centers, payment of costs involved in adjudication and disposition of juveniles, and juvenile services funding.

Senator Bob Krist: This was filed on the 23rd of January. This amendment would address the major concerns of county attorneys. It would also change some of the truancy laws, taking the focus off of excused absences. "If you put money in the play pin, you avoid putting money in the State Pen." This amendment would help reduce recidivism of inmates.

PROPOSERS

Dennis Marx – NE Criminal Defense Attorneys' Association: As juveniles age and develop, their association with crime drops. We agree, as an association, with the language of this amendment and its intents.

Corey Steel – Division of Juvenile Services: I like the cleanup language in this amendment. Probation strongly supports the content and intents of this amendment. All juvenile cases should start in a juvenile court. The success of juvenile justice relies on the proper resources.

Sarah Forrest – Voices for Children: We at Voices for Children are in full support of this amendment.

Ashford: We do value the views of defense attorneys.

Fred Uhe – Sarpy County Board of Commissioners: We support this amendment.

Brenda Bosik – Nebraska Family Forum, Citizen: Supports the changes to LB 464 in their entirety.

Joe Nigro – Lancaster County Public Defender: I support both amendments to LB 565.

Beth Meyer – Self, mom: I support AM1674 to LB464.

Dr. Anne Hobbs – Director of the Juvenile Justice Institute UNO: Keeping youth in juvenile court is very important. Also, combining that with evidence-based practices is vital.

OPPONENTS

Thomas Pristow – DHHS: This makes sweeping changes to the juvenile justice system that were not contemplated in LB 464. This makes OJS responsible for all costs and will make a large fiscal impact. It would also require the department to deal with dual-status youth. This could have a major affect on our ability to have adequate staffing and facilities. The department is committed to transfer people from OJS to probation.

Ashford: We are taking out the dual-status language from the bill.

NEUTRAL

John Bonaiuto – Nebraska Association of School Boards: We are neutral currently because we have not had enough time to discuss this amendment with all members.

Kim – Foster Care Review Office: We think section 2 should be amended that all 4E eligibility requirements are met by probation. We need to draw as many federal funds as we can.

Michelle Schindler – Lancaster County: We appreciate the efforts of Sens. Krist and Ashford. We support that path that LB561 put Nebraska on. We would like everything to be fully funded by the state. We would ask that the committee to consider an amendment that says which agency would be responsible when more than one jurisdiction apply.

Don Kleine – Nebraska County Attorney’s Association: We are opposed to start trying class I, II, and III felonies in the juvenile court.

Patrick Condon – Lancaster County: I would echo the other neutral testifiers.

Elaine Menzel – NE Association of County Officials: We appreciate that this addresses transportation costs. We are concerned about adjudication, transportation, and medication costs.

Greg Gonzalez – Deputy Chief of Omaha PD: We are concerned about class I, II, and III felonies being tried in juvenile court.

LB907 and LB99 will be taken up jointly.

LB907

LB907 is a public safety measure aimed at preventing “jam outs” or “max out” in the adult correctional system. The current system's fragmented process of treatment and corrections results in significant gaps in supervision and support of released offenders. As a group, max outs are higher-risk offenders than parolees and are far more likely to return to prison.

Key components of the bill include:

- A mandatory period of one to three years of supervised release determined by the judge at sentencing;
- An upgrade to Nebraska’s sentencing policy to require the judge to consider public safety, accountability and recidivism at the time of sentencing;
- The establishment of a specialized Re-entry Probation Officer – based on the federal level probation officers – to oversee re-entry into the community;
- Ongoing and comprehensive risk and needs assessments to ensure the identification of various risk factors and to reduce recidivism;
- The expansion of reporting centers to every judicial district;
- Enhanced reporting and accountability for the Office of Probation Administration and the Office of Parole Administration;
- The expansion of mental health services at the reporting centers through the voucher system;
- The Establishment of the Nebraska Center on Justice Research to advise members of the Legislature on policy, evidence-based programs, mental health needs and to conduct ongoing assessments on Nebraska’s justice system.

LB999

Adopt the Criminal Justice Reentry and Data Act and create the Reentry Programming Board.

The purpose of LB999 is to build upon the history of the Community Corrections Act of 2003, with the goal of increasing public safety by reducing the threat of harm by released offenders and increasing offender success by fostering effective risk management, accountability for both offender and system officials, and community and victim participation.

The Community Corrections Act of 2003 provided for the development and establishment of community-based facilities and programs in Nebraska for adult offenders and encouraged the use of such facilities and programs by sentencing courts and the Board of Parole as alternatives to incarceration or re-incarceration in order to reduce prison overcrowding and enhance offender supervision in the community.

LB907 and LB999 will be taken up jointly for the purposes of testimony.

Senator Ashford: Nebraska has experienced, along with most states, a reduction in violent crime. However, our men's prison is at 160% of capacity. Overall, across all of our prisons, we are at 153% of capacity. We should never be any higher than 125% of capacity. The most immediate issue we must address is the number of inmates who leave each day not on parole and not under any supervision. We need transition and mental health services. We have to find alternatives to incarceration for nonviolent offenders. We also need vocational education in prison. How are people supposed to get a job after they've paid their debt to society? We are going to craft a Nebraska solution, not the Texas or Kentucky solution. There are more rural kids in Geneva than urban kids, proportionately that is, because rural kids can lack the opportunities for diversion.

Coash: Do we have any idea which inmates would not be in prison if these bills had passed two years ago?

Ashford: The amount of inmates arrested for nonviolent offenses is astounding. Parolees recidivate at a much lower rate than people that leave without parole.

PROPONENTS

Dr. Ryan Spohn – UNO Criminology Researcher, self: I'm testifying in support of LB907. My research supports this bill. We are ready to create the Nebraska Center on Justice Research

Tom Schmaderer – Omaha Police Chief: Our main goal is to reduce violent crimes including homicides. This bill would allow us to focus more on the things that are important to us. We want to reduce recidivism of repeat offenders. I ask the Judiciary Committee to add felon in possession of a firearm to the violent crime list.

Jim Vokal – CEO of Platte Institute: I am here in support of both bills. Government often grows beyond its core functions. Public safety is one of the few core functions of government. We need to increase performance and use taxpayers' dollars more wisely.

Coash: You said that 50% of inmates are in for nonviolent offenders. Sometimes the judges do not have any other choice but to put these people in prison due to the current laws. We need to look at other options besides incarceration.

Seiler: Does more education correlate to less recidivism?

Vokal: That is something that we will look at.

Marc Pelka – Council of State Governments Justice Center: Nebraska needs enhanced probation options, mental health treatment, and reentry programs for inmates exiting prison.

John Cavanaugh – COO Holland Children’s Movement: We are in favor of both of these pieces of legislation. It will help with juvenile cases.

Amy Melton – Omaha City Council, Former Prosecuting and Defense Attorney: I have a unique perspective in regards to these bills. The Omaha City Council supports both of these bills. We would like “felon with a firearm” and “use of a weapon” added to violent offenses. We need to stop violent offenders from going back into the life they led before they were incarcerated. If they do not want to participate in education programs, they do not have to. We need to be able to use GPS and track them.

Ashford: Do you believe these bills a significant part of stopping violent crime in Omaha?

Melton: Yes, I do. There are some who we just need to make sure stay incarcerated, such as Nikko Jenkins.

Marty Velek – Mayor Stothert’s Office: The biggest part of these bills is reducing recidivism. We do not want to set offenders up for failure.

Dwight Petersen – Former State Senator, self: I have worked on these issues with Senator Chambers in the past. I am a drug counselor. About 2/3 of the people I work with do not get off of drugs. The best thing these people can do to get off drugs is getting a job. I compliment you all on looking at cutting the prison population.

Marshall Lux – Ombudsman of the State of NE: Our office is in support of both of these bills. Our adult male facilities are at 158% capacity as of six weeks ago. A year ago they were at 148% of designed capacity. Another part of these bills is that they will allow for much better programming for those on probation, parole, and in the correction system. LB999 will help us get things under control.

Deborah Minardi – Deputy Probation Administrator (Neutral): We are neutral because there is an absence of front-end sentencing alternatives. We are also neutral because this allows for probation officers to be armed. Another reason for our neutrality is because of the issue of adequate resources. We need more services and better salaries.

Seiler: Do you have reporting centers?

Minardi: Yes, we do. There is a map in your handout.

Jane Meza – UNMC College of Public Health: We support this legislation and are ready to educate personnel and conducting appropriate research.

Alan Peterson – ACLU Nebraska: We try to protect the constitutions of the USA and Nebraska. We are totally in support of both of these bills. We get hundreds of complaints from inmates in Nebraska every year, including the lack of healthcare.

Marge Schlitt – Self, Alternatives to Violence Project: Supports both of the bills.

Robert Bryan – Director of Prison Ministry for the Lutheran Church of America: The church affirms the goals of LB999. This would reduce costs, reduce prison overcrowding, and reduce recidivism. We applaud the emphasis of community-based solutions. Ex-offenders have difficulty finding housing, a job, and a sense of community upon release. There is a huge financial need for programs that help ex-inmates become responsible members of society. Systemic racism is reflected in the prison system.

Mike Kenney – Director of Correctional Services (Neutral): As drafted, there are some unanswered questions about how this will affect the parole system. We are in line with the intent and goals of the legislation. We need to use evidence-based practices. This bill will help inmates develop a better parole plan. NCDS and the Parole Administration would be willing to help the committee on these bills.

Chambers: Are there inmates currently locked up whom but for the fact that they couldn't take certain programming, would have been able to be on parole?

Kenney: I'm not sure, that'd be a better question for parole. But I would not dispute that.

James Carroll – Crossroads Connections: We have a decade of experience offering housing and programming to parolees. Over 2/3 of those who come through our programs do not return to prison.

Mike Marbin – Nebraska Association of Public Employees: We represent quite a few of the correctional offices. We are generally in favor of both bills. We do support the issue of not earning good time while in segregation. We have great concerns about overcrowding. Getting a program that gets them out into the community under supervision is a better situation for the employees working in the prisons. We do not have enough mental health professionals on staff with the state. A mental health practitioner with a master's degree working for the state only makes \$9.30/hour.

Molly McCleery – Nebraska Appleseed: A number of the proponents have mentioned significant health issues that inmates are facing when they are released. The vast majority of inmates do face chronic health issues, whether physical, mental, or drug abuse issues. LB907 provides an important piece of addressing health issues, especially Medicaid enrollment. Some parolees may not meet Medicaid coverage requirements, however. Helping ex-offenders get SNAP and TANF would also help with lowering recidivism rates.

Sabrina Panka – Omaha Together One Community: We endorse the reentry plan. The hiring practices of many employers either do not allow for ex-inmates or only allow for low-skill jobs for them. People

with criminal backgrounds need community, friends and family in acquiring housing. They need to recover from their addictions and behaviors.

Dr. Ben Steiner – UNO School of Criminology: All of the strategies put in these bills have proven to be successful in other states when implemented. We would recommend that you add front-end sentencing alternatives that the Platte Institute study found would help with recidivism rates.

Sean Miller – (Neutral) self: This does not allow felons to participate on a jury, or participate in a lot of government services, even after they've been released. I still find it hard to maintain employment due to my criminal history. A lot of felons go through hardships and it's very frustrating. There needs to be a fair playing field.

Willis Sanders – Ex Felon: I built a nonprofit while in prison called "I Am I Can". Some people come out of prison like myself that took advantage of the opportunities in prison. But now, people can only get their GED in prison. I'm still plagued by my 32-year-old convictions.

John Krejci – Nebraskans for Peace, NAACP: Inmates need housing and employment. We need more alternatives such as electronic monitoring, etc. We need to do more than GEDs in prison. College education is something that we should strive for. We support both bills.

Jim Hanson – Educator, Builder, and Ex Convict: I'm 65 years old. I'll have my doctorate in December. I got a felony white-collar crime. I was privileged with being educated before I went to prison. I am here to support other convicts who have trouble find employment. I support both bills.

Willie Barney – Empowerment Network: We are in support of both bills. The more I hear and learn about this, I'm hoping that everybody in the legislature has the same sense of urgency that you do, Senator Ashford. The system is broken and needs to be fixed. We are prepared to work with this committee to move this legislation forward. I can't imagine that our state is satisfied with the level of folks we have in prison.

Patti Jurjevich – Region VI Behavioral Health: We are in support of LB999. It will be challenging to meet the needs of the people addressed in this bill without more funding for programming, housing, and reentry efforts. There needs to be additional appropriations.

Denise Frost – NE Criminal Defense Attorney's Association: There are obviously a lot of people who are passionate about the passage of these bills. We would like you to add something to LB999 Section 16. You should add a criminal defense attorney. I think you need to be real careful about what you're proposing. You need to be careful about expanding GPS. That is Fourth Amendment protected. You need to get your folks invested in this process. The offender needs a copy of these risk-assessment reports, as do the defense lawyers. We also need to talk about the sanctioning authority in the future.

OPPONENTS

David Partsch – Otto County Attorney, Nebraska County Attorneys' Association: The association opposed LB907 in its current form, but we do support the inherent intent of the bill. However, County Attorneys' Association does have some issues. The first one is to put more emphasis on the victims of crime. This bill lacks the focus that it needs to have on the victims. It's a 39-page bill and none of the new language includes the word 'victim'. In section 1, it should be the primary objective of sentencing, to bring justice to the victims. In dealing with sanctions, the consequences should have teeth, and now it's up to the probation officer.

Chambers: What should it say in reference to victims?

Partsch: We would like to include in section 1 "And bring justice to the victim."

Chambers: The state is the one that is bringing the charge for the state. Should we include the name of the victim as the one bringing the charge?

Partsch: No, but they can have a say if they want. It's required that the County Attorney contact the victim.

Chambers: What does justice to the victim mean? Should a nail be driven through the offender's hand if that's what they want?

Partsch: Certainly not.

Chambers: I do not think anyone is really clear as to what "And bring justice to the victim" means.

Partsch: We need focus that these crimes affect real people. We cannot leave out the victim.

Chambers: But what would that justice consist of?

Ashford: We have the word accountability in there, David.

Chambers: The criminal law punishes. I still don't know what more you want. Are you saying you want harsher penalties imposed?

Partsch: No. I'm saying that when we write laws we should not leave out the victim. And I guess this is where we disagree, Senator Chambers.

Ashford: We have 1000 people waiting for parole. And we have terrible recidivism rates. We have looked at tons of data. And the data says that we need to pass this bill. We haven't changed an existing sentence in the law, with the exception of check forging amounts. We've increased penalties when the County Attorneys come to us wanting that. We're trying to get inmates the resources they need so the public can be safe and so other crimes don't occur. I don't understand how you are opposed to this. We haven't had input from the executive branch. The

AGO gave us a little input. We've been working on this for four months. Nothing diminishes your responsibility.

Partsch: We don't even need the word "victim" in there, just something in regards to "bringing justice". We have a list of about 15 concerns, which is why we're opposed. I think we can reach agreement on most of those concerns.

Mark Young – County Attorney for Hall County: There should be something in the statute that says that part of the reentry time should be no contact with the victim. Sometimes this deals with children and parents. A second concern is that the bill should also make it clear that a payment of restitution should be part of a supervised release. The ability to pay could be taken into account. The bill, as drafted, doesn't take into account how much is going to have to be taken out of local property taxes to pay for this.

Coash: When you talked about a "no contact order", or restitution, couldn't that already be part of a judge's discretion?

Young: I think if they're on probation, but not if they're in prison.

Chambers: I think that your property tax issues are legitimate. But I have problems with your restitution concern. These people come out of prison with nothing: no job, no friends, and no means of getting money. There needs to be realism in the law.

Joe Kelly – Lancaster County Attorney: This was attempted in California and was poorly executed. They dumped the prisoners on localities. They did everything wrong. This committee didn't model anything after California. There are issues with supervised release. This might convince judges to use the supervised release option and put people in our county jails. I think we're encouraging parole to parole earlier and parole more. I think the bill encourages the judges to use deferred sentencing. They might delay sentencing if it's a nonviolent offense. We don't want the county to be responsible for paying for these deferred sentences. I'm simply saying I haven't the slightest idea what kind of decrease in the Lancaster County Jail this will cause.

Ashford: I just don't think anyone can think the status quo is acceptable. I don't know how people are opposed to this rather than neutral. The county board was on board with this in the beginning. We need to rectify a very broken prison system, but we didn't have any help on this. This has to get done this year. If there's something in there that doesn't work, let's get it to work.

NEUTRAL

Darrell Fisher – Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice: I am testifying neutral on LB999. We see your dataset as valuable. This bill is a significant effort. We're worried about the proper funding for the data cash fund. I look forward to keeping in touch with the committee.

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2014 Interim Hearings
Committee Hearing Reports

Date: 1/23/14
Committee: Government, Military, and Veterans Affairs
LB/LR: LB661 (Krist) *Provide additional opportunities for citizens of Nebraska to register and vote while increasing the accuracy and enhancing the maintenance of the voter registration database.*
Senators: Garrett, Bloomfield, Lautenbaugh, Murante, Avery, Karpisek, Wallman, Scheer
Reported by: Alexandra Langley
Clerk: Sherri Schaffer

Senator Avery convened the committee at 1:38 pm on the aforementioned date.

LB661

Senator Krist

LB661 would provide for voter registration on the Secretary of State's web site; provide for electronic transmission of certain voter registration applications; provide for use of records of the Department of Motor Vehicles for purposes of voter registration; and repeal the original sections.

John Gale, Secretary of State of NE and chief election officer

LB661 is the next wave of the modernization of the voting process. County election officials across the state are in favor of LB661. 20 US states have adopted the online registration process. Secretary of State's office will design an online registration process; need a NE drivers license to register, and readable signature

Senator Avery: *What will the savings balance be?*

Secretary Gale: In terms of general savings, postal costs will be saved in DMV and will increase security of information. DMV will no longer have to handle the same number of paper registrations. DMV is in g support of LB661 once technical amendments are made.

Senator Murante: *What percentages of the electors are registered to vote?*

Secretary Gale: Between 80-85% of eligible voters are registered.

Senator Murante: *What are your thoughts on the merging online registration and online petitions?*

Secretary Gale: We'd prefer the two issues be kept separate. 90% of registered voters have valid driver's licenses.

Senator Karpisek: *Does the driver's license also include identification cards?*

Secretary Gale: That 90 percent includes driver's licenses and identification cards.

Adam Morfeld, Nebraskans for Civic Reform

In Maricopa Co, AZ went from \$.50 to \$.03 to process each voter registration.

Jack Gould, Issues Chair for Common Cause Nebraska

Online registration will improve access, efficiency, and accountability. Every state is being encouraged to move to online registration.

Senator Wallman: *Do we have the equipment to tighten this system?*

Gould: The bill securely addresses registration.

Rebecca Gonzales, Nebraska Appleseed

States that have implemented online voter registration have saved hundred of thousands of dollars and have double voter registration at DMVs. Makes for faster and more efficient process. Keeps the voter register cleaner. Online registration translates into voters going to the polls.

Sandra Stelling, Registered Election Commissioner

Let's move forward with the use of technology.

Wayne Bena, Election Commissioner for Sarpy County

Will streamline processes and access for Nebraskans. Currently need an actual signature to process voter registration. This bill would allow for drivers license to substitute for actual signatures.

Senator Avery: *Would you have a signature on an email?*

Bena: It can be scanned in.

Senator Murante: *What is the saving potential?*

Bena: Would save on postage. Would not have to higher as many temporary positions during general election season.

Senator Karpisek: *If we will register online, if we don't get signatures through email, how would that work?*

Bena: There is currently a downloadable form that must be printed and mailed. This new system would allow for drivers license matching and verification.

Rhonda Lham, Department of Motor Vehicle

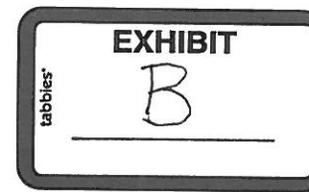
In support of modernizing our process, but want to make sure the technical parts of the bill are clear before testifying in support of the bill.

Senator Krist

The technicality has now caught up with the forward thinking of this committee.

The committee adjourned at 2:25 pm.

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LB8	Krist		Provide for coverage of children's day services under medicaid and social services	Health and Human Services	2/20/13		x			
LB11	Krist		Change provisions relating to surcharges for 911 service	Transportation and Telecommunications	2/25/13		x		x	Support
LB28	Hadley		Change a late filing penalty relating to personal property tax	Revenue	1/25/13	General File; Select File 2/8; Final Reading 2/25; Passed on Final Reading 46-0-3; Approved	x		x	Support
LB29	Hadley		Provide a duty for county treasurers relating to recording tax assessments and collections	Revenue	1/25/13	General File; Select File w/ER9; Final Reading 2/25; Passed on Final Reading 45-0-4; Approved	x		x	Support

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LB30	Hadley		Change distribution of motor vehicle certificate of title fees	Transportation and Telecommunications	1/22/13	General File; Select File 1/28; Final Reading 2/5; Passed on Final Reading 49-0-0; Approved 2/15	x			
LB34	Hadley		Change provisions of the Nebraska Advantage Act	Revenue	1/23/13		x			
LB36	Wightman		Change an exemption to the documentary stamp tax	Revenue	1/25/13	General File w/AM42; Select File w/ER10; Final Reading 2/25; Passed on Final Reading w/ Emergency Clause 45-0-4; Approved	x			
LB37	Wightman		Change provisions relating to powers of personal representative with respect to a decedent's Internet sites	Judiciary	1/24/13		x			

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LB41	Cook		Provide for permanent early voting request list and return of early voting ballots to polling places	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	1/23/13		x		x	Neutral
LB43	Cook		Change provisions relating to a property tax exemption	Revenue	3/1/13		x		x	Oppose
LB46	Ashford		Provide for consolidation and coordination of crime laboratories	Judiciary	1/31/13	General File w/AM398	x		x	Oppose
LB55	Wightman		Change provisions relating to reassumption of assessment function by counties	Revenue	2/28/13	General File	x		x	Support

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LB56	Larson		Provide for automatic nomination of certain county officers	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs		General File w/AM226; Select File 1/21; Mello AM1686 Filed; AM1686 Adopted; Final Reading w/ST38; Larson AM1835 Filed; Returned to Select File; Larson AM1835 Adopted; Final Reading Second 2/10	x		x	Neutral
LB62	Schilz		Change levy provisions for rural and suburban fire protection districts	Revenue	3/21/13		x		x	Support
LB63	Schilz		Change distribution of certain sales and use tax revenue	Revenue	3/14/13		x			
LB65	Schilz		Authorize counties to set sheriff's fees and commissions	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	1/30/13		x		x	Support

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LB76	Nordquist		Adopt the Health Care Transparency Act	Health and Human Services	2/22/13	General File; AM1640 Filed; AM1640 Adopted; Select File 1/27; Final Reading 1/31; Passed on Final Reading w/E-clause 43-0-6	x			
LB82	Schumacher	Schumacher	Adopt the Taxpayer Investment Program	Revenue	2/21/13 (Cancelled) 3/5/13		x			
LB86	McGill		Authorize inspection and regulation of staff secure juvenile facilities	Judiciary	3/7/13		x		x	Support
LB97	Mello	Mello	Adopt the Nebraska Municipal Land Bank Act and authorize land banks to acquire tax-delinquent properties	Revenue	2/13/13	General File w/AM572	x		x	Watch
LB98	Mello		Change provisions relating to administrative rules	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	2/8/13	General File w/AM331	x			

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LB101	Watermeier		Change valuation of agricultural land and horticultural land	Revenue	2/28/13		x		x	Oppose
LB108	Karpisek		Prohibit counties, cities, and villages from imposing credentialing requirements	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	1/30/13		x			
LB110	McGill		Change the eligibility determination for homestead exemptions	Revenue	3/1/13		x		x	Oppose
LB115	Lautenbaugh		Change provisions relating to homicide	Judiciary	2/7/13		x			
LB119	Cook		State intent relating to appropriations for Public Health Aid	Appropriations	3/25/13		x			
LB123	Lautenbaugh		Change distribution of indigent defense fees	Judiciary	1/25/13		x		x	Oppose
LB127	McGill		Provide for preregistration to vote for 16 and 17 year olds	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	2/7/13		x		x	Watch
LB128	Coash		Create the offense of disarming a peace officer	Judiciary	1/23/13	General File w/AM238; Select File w/ER122	x			

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LB134	Avery		Provide for inheritance by issue conceived after death	Judiciary	1/30/13		x			
LB139	Krist		Change vital statistics information relating to annulment and dissolution of marriage	Health and Human Services	1/23/13		x		x	Oppose
LB142	Lathrop		Provide that probation records are not subject to disclosure as prescribed	Judiciary	1/23/13		x			
LB144	Brasch		Provide for write-in candidacy by defeated candidate	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	1/23/13	Davis FA183 Filed; FA183 Withdrawn; Chambers MO120 Bracket until 4/17; MO120 Fails; Selet File 1/29	x		x	Neutral
LB145	Brasch		Change valuation of agricultural land and horticultural land	Revenue	2/28/13		x		x	Oppose
LB148	Ashford		Include ammunition in certain offenses involving firearms	Judiciary	1/23/13		x			

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LB149	Pirsch		Provide for biennial reviews of state agency programs and services	Executive Board	1/28/13	Indefinitely Postponed	x			
LB151	Seiler		Provide a hearsay exception for certain documents and data kept in the regular course of business	Judiciary	1/25/13		x			
LB157	Cook		State intent relating to the appropriation of funds in support of dental services	Appropriations	3/25/13		x			
LB158	Seiler	Transportation and Telecommunications	Change provisions relating to eligibility for and use of ignition interlock devices	Transportation and Telecommunications	2/19/13	General File w/AM470	x			
LB160	Schumacher		Provide for electronic signatures on recall, initiative, and referendum petitions	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	1/31/13		x		x	Neutral
LB169	Gloor		Change provisions relating to jury commissioners	Judiciary	2/13/13		x		x	Support

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LB171	Bloomfield		Provide for an expedited concealed handgun permit process for applicants who are victims of domestic violence	Judiciary	3/21/13		x			
LB182	Avery		Change paternity provisions for a child conceived as a result of sexual assault	Judiciary	2/6/13		x			
LB183	Karpisek		Provide for county board appointment of election commissioners	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	1/31/13		x		x	Neutral
LB188	Karpisek		Require legislative approval of gubernatorially appointed election commissioners	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	1/31/13		x		x	Neutral
LB192	Karpisek		Change provisions relating to requests for information by the Auditor of Public Accounts	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	2/13/13	General File	x			
LB194	Speaker Adams		Provide for deficit appropriations	Appropriations	2/25/13		x			

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LB195	Speaker Adams		Appropriate funds for state government expenses	Appropriations	2/25/13		x			
LB196	Speaker Adams		Appropriate funds for salaries of members of the Legislature	Appropriations	2/25/13		x			
LB197	Speaker Adams		Appropriate funds for salaries of constitutional officers	Appropriations	2/25/13		x			
LB198	Speaker Adams		Appropriate funds for capital construction and property acquisition	Appropriations	2/25/13		x			
LB199	Speaker Adams		Provide fund transfers, create funds, and authorize the sale of land	Appropriations	2/25/13		x			
LB200	Speaker Adams		Provide for transfers from the Cash Reserve Fund	Appropriations	2/25/13		x			
LB202	Coash		Change provisions relating to DNA collection	Judiciary	2/8/13		x			
LB206	Schumacher		Require secret-ballot envelopes for mailed ballots	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	2/7/13		x		x	Oppose

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LB207 A	McCoy		Change motor vehicle registration provisions	Transportation and Telecommunications	1/28/13	General File; Select File 2/5; Select File 2/7; Final Reading 2/25; Passed on Final Reading 45-1-3; Approved	x		x	Support
LB209	Harr		Change provisions relating to publication of trade names	Banking, Commerce and Insurance	1/29/13	General File; Select File 2/5; Final Reading 2/25; Passed on Final Reading 46-0-3; Approved	x			
LB215	Schilz		Change provisions relating to use of the County Visitors Promotion Fund	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	2/13/13	General File w/AM156; AM156 Adopted; Select File 1/27; Final Reading w/ST41; Passed on Final Reading 44-0-5	x		x	Oppose
LB218	Avery		Require insurance coverage for certain food formulas as prescribed	Banking, Commerce and Insurance	2/26/13		x			

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LB224	Janssen	Pirsch	Provide veterans preference for public contracts as prescribed	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	2/1/13		x			
LB226	Smith		Regulate dealers in the business of purchasing and reselling precious items	Judiciary	1/31/13		x		x	Watch
LB229	Nordquist		Change the Nebraska Retirement Fund for Judges fee	Nebraska Retirement Systems	2/12/13	General File	x			
LB232	Lathrop		Change judges' salaries	Judiciary	2/1/13	General File w/AM200	x			
LB235	Howard		Change precinct size requirements and procedures for drawing political subdivision boundaries and changing polling places and provide for election advisory committees	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	2/14/13		x		x	Oppose
LB237	Karpisek		Change provisions relating to a property tax exemption	Revenue	3/1/13		x		x	Oppose

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LB241	Sullivan		Authorize voters to change election of county offices from partisan to nonpartisan	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	2/7/13		x		x	Neutral
LB246	Larson		Provide for a health care copayment for jail and prison inmates	Judiciary	2/7/13		x		x	Support
LB247	Larson		Change Nebraska Juvenile Code provisions relating to reimbursement by parents for costs of care and treatment	Judiciary	3/15/13		x			
LB255	McGill		Change provisions relating to hearsay, child abuse, and offenses relating to morals	Judiciary	2/20/13		x		x	Support
LB257	McCoy		Change provisions relating to creation of municipal counties	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	1/30/13		x		x	Support

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LB260	Gloor		Change requirements for a data and information system under the Nebraska Behavioral Health Services Act	Health and Human Services	2/14/13		x			
LB266	Chambers		Eliminate provisions relating to increases in local option sales tax rates	Revenue	2/27/13		x			
LB267	Chambers		Prohibit persons on parole, probation, or work release from acting as undercover agents or employees of law enforcement and prohibit admissibility of certain evidence	Judiciary	2/7/13		x			
LB271	Lautenbaugh	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	Change provisions relating to early voting	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	2/14/13	General File	x		x	Support

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LB284	Conrad		Change provisions of the Political Subdivisions Tort Claims Act relating to limits on actions and amounts recoverable	Judiciary	2/13/13		x		x	Oppose
LB286	Conrad		Provide for Cash Reserve Fund transfers for affordable housing, homeless shelter assistance, and legal aid	Appropriations	2/25/13		x			
LB292	Karpisek		Change population restrictions for conducting elections by mail	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	2/21/13 (Cancelled)		x		x	Support
LB293	Kintner	Kintner	Prohibit disclosure of any applicant or permitholder information regarding firearms registration, possession, sale, or use as prescribed	Judiciary	3/20/13		x			
LB294	Seiler		Change provisions relating to use of public resources by public officials and public employees	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	2/22/13		x		x	Support

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LB297	Bolz		Change mental injuries and mental illness compensation under the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act	Business and Labor	1/28/13		x			
LB299	Seiler	Seiler	Change political subdivision election provisions	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	2/21/13 (Cancelled)		x		x	Neutral
LB311	Scheer		Change filing requirements for official bonds and oaths	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	1/30/13	General File; Select File w/ER16; Final Reading 2/26; Passed on Final Reading 47-0-2; Approved	x		x	Support
LB317	Price		Change a duty of county assessors relating to real property valuation	Revenue	3/21/13		x	Oppose	x	Oppose
LB318	McGill		Change duties of law enforcement officers and agencies relating to the taking and distribution of fingerprints	Judiciary	2/8/13		x			

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LB324	Lautenbaugh		Change provisions of the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act	Business and Labor	3/18/13		x			
LB326	Howard		Change provisions of Pharmacy Practice Act and Automated Medication Systems Act	Health and Human Services	2/1/13	General File w/AM434	x			
LB341	Wightman	Revenue	Change tax sale procedures	Revenue	2/13/13	General File w/AM564	x		x	Support
LB342	Coash		Change right to counsel provisions under the Nebraska Juvenile Code	Judiciary	3/6/13		x		x	Support
LB345	Wightman		Change transfer on death deed requirements and filings	Judiciary	2/1/13	General File w/AM350	x		x	Support
LB348	Harr		Change provisions relating to the assessment of certain rent-restricted housing projects	Revenue	3/1/13		x	Monitor	x	Oppose
LB350	Murante		Add members to the Nebraska Police Standards Advisory Council	Judiciary	2/7/13		x			

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LB351	Harms		Require cognitive tests for persons eighty years of age or older obtaining motor vehicle operator's licenses	Transportation and Telecommunications	2/5/13		x			
LB355	Larson		Change the age of majority and certain age requirements	Judiciary	3/15/13		x			
LB360	Karpisek		Change court fees, sheriff's fees, identification inspection fees, and handgun certificate fees	Judiciary	2/8/13	Withdrawn	x		x	Support
LB363	Avery		Change provisions relating to access to public records	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	2/6/13	General File w/ AM389(Withdrawn)& AM166; Select File w/ER22	x	Monitor	x	Cond/Support
LB364	Avery		Permit government bodies to set limits on certain contracts	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	2/22/13		x			
LB370	Lathrop		Create the County Property Tax Assistance Program and the Municipal Property Tax Assistance Program	Revenue	2/27/13		x		x	Cond/Support

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LB377	Johnson		Change provisions relating to annexation of a county road by a city or village	Urban Affairs	2/5/13		x		x	Neutral
LB378	Smith		Eliminate fees for the issuance of certain license plates	Transportation and Telecommunications	3/4/13		x			
LB381	Janssen		Require photographic identification to vote	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	3/7/13		x		x	Neutral
LB386	Christensen		Require notice of road maintenance by counties as prescribed	Transportation and Telecommunications	2/19/13	General File w/AM275	x		x	Cond/ Support
LB387	Christensen		Eliminate provisions relating to constructing drainage facilities and taking other control measures on public roads	Transportation and Telecommunications	2/19/13		x		x	Oppose

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LB390	Christensen	Christnesen	Change provisions relating to Governor's powers regarding restrictions on firearms and ammunition under the Emergency Management Act	Judiciary			x		x	
LB399	Lautenbaugh		Permit members of certain organizations to use flashing amber lights on motor vehicles	Transportation and Telecommunications	2/12/13	General File; Select File w/ER123; Chambers MO124 Bracket until 4/17 Filed; Lautenbaugh FA186 Filed; FA186 Withdrawn; Chambers FA190 Filed	x			
LB405	McCoy		Eliminate certain sales tax exemptions, corporate and individual income taxes, and the franchise tax and change other tax provisions	Revenue	2/6/13	Indefinitely Postponed	x		x	Watch

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LB406	McCoy		Change tax provisions	Revenue	2/7/13	Indefinitely Postponed	x		x	Watch
LB417	Kolowski		Provide for guidelines for election workers	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	2/21/13 (Cancelled) 3/5/13		x		x	Oppose
LB418	Kolowski		Change powers and duties of election commissioners, chief deputy election commissioners, and county boards	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	2/27/13		x		x	Watch
LB433	Price		Require a report and change administration procedures for ballots at hospitals and nursing homes	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	2/27/13		x			
LB434	Price		Provide for emergency management registries for persons with special needs	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	2/6/13	General File w/AM324; Select File 2/26	x			
LB441	Seiler		Change provisions relating to control of dead human remains	Judiciary			x		x	

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LB443	Cook		Adopt the Children's Residential Facilities and Placing Licensure Act	Health and Human Services	2/13/13		x			
LB449	Avery		Redefine high elective office for restrictions on multiple office holding	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	2/27/13		x			
LB450	Avery		Change political party convention and caucus provisions	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	2/27/13		x			
LB462	Ashford		Change provisions relating to contracts for joint law enforcement services	Judiciary	3/13/13		x		x	Oppose
LB463	Ashford		Change the number of separate juvenile court judges	Judiciary	3/7/13		x			
LB464	Ashford	Ashford	Change court jurisdiction over juveniles and indictment procedures	Judiciary	3/6/2013; 2/5/14 Hearing for AM1674	General File w/AM615; AM1674 Filed; Ashford AM1734 Filed	x			

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LB470	Scheer		Adopt the Superintendent Pay Transparency Act	Education	2/5/13	General File w/AM444; AM444 Adopted; Select File 1/27; Final Reading 1/31; Passed on Final Reading w/E-clause 43-0-6	x			
LB473	Bloomfield		Authorize certain residency restrictions near parks under the Sexual Predator Residency Restriction Act	Judiciary	3/13/13		x		x	
LB482	Kintner		Prohibit the state and political subdivisions from adopting certain policy recommendations	Judiciary	2/13/13		x			
LB483	Bolz		Provide for a reentry planning program in adult correctional facilities	Judiciary	2/22/13		x	Support		

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LB485	Conrad	Conrad	Prohibit discrimination based upon sexual orientation as prescribed	Judiciary	3/14/13		x		x	
LB503	Coash		Rename the Child Protection Act and provide for alternative response to a report of child abuse or neglect	Judiciary	3/15/2013; 2/12/14 (AM1805)		x			
LB531	Conrad		Change distribution of sales and use tax revenue and repeal the Build Nebraska Act	Revenue	2/27/13		x		x	Oppose
LB533	Avery		Require oil and gas pipeline eminent domain condemnors to provide notice to property owners	Judiciary	2/21/13 (Cancelled) 3/5/13		x			
LB535	Lathrop		Adopt Prescription Monitoring Program Act and repeal prescription monitoring provisions	Health and Human Services	3/15/13		x			

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LB538	Chambers		Change provisions relating to revocation and suspension of law enforcement training certificates or diplomas	Judiciary	2/22/13		x			
LB541	Chambers		Prohibit arbitration of claims involving disciplinary actions against peace officers	Judiciary	2/22/13		x			
LB543	Chambers	Chambers	Change a penalty from death to life imprisonment or life imprisonment without possibility of parole	Judiciary	3/13/13		x			
LB551	Schilz	Schilz	Change recreational liability provisions	Judiciary	2/13/13		x			
LB561	Ashford	Judiciary	State findings and intent for changes to the juvenile justice system and a funding mechanism	Judiciary	3/7/13		x		x	Watch
LB562	Ashford		Change provisions of the juvenile justice system	Judiciary	3/6/13		x		x	Watch

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LB565	Nelson		Prohibit registering to vote and voting early on the same day	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	2/28/13		x		x	Oppose
LB574	Harr		Provide that certain assessments are levied and collected as special assessments	Revenue	2/28/13		x			
LB576	Harr		Require flagging of area near polling places and change restrictions on electioneering	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	2/28/13		x		x	Oppose
LB577	Campbell	Campbell	Change provisions relating to the medical assistance program	Health and Human Services	2/28/13		x		x	Support
LB578	Nordquist		Create a fund to provide funding for medicaid services and change distribution of premium tax revenue	Health and Human Services	2/28/13		x		x	Support
LB580	Johnson		Change certain condemnation procedures	Judiciary	3/15/13		x			
LB581	Crawford		Change the sales and use tax collection fees	Revenue	3/20/13		x		x	Support

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LB595	Price	Price	Provide for a Public Service Commission study of next-generation 911	Transportation and Telecommunications	2/25/13		x		x	Support
LB597	Larson		Change provisions relating to county agricultural societies	Agriculture	2/26/13	General File w/AM346; AM346 Adopted; Select File 1/28; Larson AM1747 Filed; AM1747 Adopted; Passed on Final Reading w/E-clause 43-0-6	x			
LB600	Wightman		Change inheritance tax rates	Revenue	2/27/13		x		x	Oppose
LB612	Schumacher	Executive Board	Require the Department of Revenue to present reports to legislative committees	Executive Board	2/19/13	General File w/AM321	x			
LB613	Schumacher	Schumacher	Create the Tax Modernization Commission	Executive Board	2/19/13	General File w/AM467	x	Monitor	x	Watch
LB614	Schumacher		Provide for withholding insurance proceeds for demolition costs	Banking, Commerce and Insurance	2/25/13		x			

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LB621	Karpisek		Exempt certain information from disclosure under the Intergovernmental Risk Management Act	Banking, Commerce and Insurance	3/4/13		x			
LB623	Price		Change provisions relating to bridge construction and road improvements	Transportation and Telecommunications	2/19/13	General File w/AM518	x		x	Support
LB632	Bolz		Change funding for county offices relating to public assistance programs	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	3/6/13		x		x	Support
LB636	Wallman		Provide restrictions for application of certain herbicides	Agriculture	3/5/13		x	Monitor	x	Oppose
LB652	Lautenbaugh		Provide procedures for taking grievances by certain county corrections officers to the Civil Service Commission	Business and Labor	3/4/13		x		x	Oppose
LB653	Davis		Change and provide for distribution of the gallonage tax on beer	General Affairs	3/4/13	Indefinitely Postponed	x		x	Support

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LB661	Krist	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	Provide for voter registration on the Secretary of State's website and use of Department of Motor Vehicle records	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	1/23/14	General File w/AM1778	x		x	Support
LB662	Krist		Provide and change requirements for voter identification	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	1/23/14	Indefinitely Postponed	x		x	Watch
LB663	Krist		Change provisions for elections conducted by mail	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	1/23/14	Indefinitely Postponed	x			
LB669	McCoy		Transfer cash reserve funds to the Property Tax Credit Cash Fund	Appropriations	2/18/14		x		x	Watch
LB670	McCoy		Change property tax valuations of agricultural land and horticultural land	Revenue	2/7/14		x		x	Oppose
LB675	Chambers		Eliminate the property tax exemption for religious organizations	Revenue	1/24/14		x		x	Watch

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LB678	Mello		Change the funding allocation percentage for the Affordable Housing Trust Fund	Appropriations	1/30/14		x			
LB681	Mello		Change provisions relating to land banks and tax sales for delinquent property taxes	Revenue	1/22/14	General File	x		x	Support
LB684	Christensen		Change provisions relating to the Nebraska Appraisal Management Company Registration Act	Banking, Commerce & Insurance	1/27/14		x			
LB685	Christensen		Change and eliminate provisions relating to the Real Property Appraiser Act	Banking, Commerce & Insurance	1/27/14		x		x	Watch
LB693	Seiler		Change succession of real property for small estates	Judiciary	1/24/14		x			
LB697	Larson		Require publication of a statewide list of tax-delinquent properties	Revenue	1/23/14	General File	x		x	Watch

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LB698	Larson		Change provisions relating to mowing and harvesting hay on the right-of-way of highways	Transportation & Telecommunications	2/3/14	General File	x		x	Watch
LB717	Gloor		Change provisions relating to the Real Property Appraiser Act and professional qualifications	Banking, Commerce & Insurance	1/27/14	General File	x			
LB733	Schumacher		Adopt the Mass Assessment Act for valuation of real property for ad valorem tax purposes	Revenue	1/23/14		x		x	Support
LB734	Schumacher		Provide for deposit of public funds with credit unions	Banking, Commerce & Insurance	2/4/14		x		x	Support
LB737	Dubas		Change qualifications for county veterans service officers	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	2/13/14		x			
LB744	Avery		Establish the Nebraska Sesquicentennial Commission	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	1/24/14	General File w/AM1757	x			

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LB746	Avery		Change election provisions to authorize provisional ballots and require identification for certain voters	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	2/5/14		x		x	Oppose
LB757	Smith		Create a mailbox location exception and repeal an obsolete road numbering system requirement	Transportation & Telecommunications	1/21/14	General File	x		x	Watch
LB759	Mello	Nebraska Retirement Systems	Require annual reports from various defined benefit retirement plans	Nebraska Retirement Systems	1/22/14		x		x	Watch
LB763	Janssen		Require reports from state agencies on inefficient programs	Executive Board	1/30/14		x			
LB773	Davis		Provide for partisan ballots for unaffiliated voters at primary elections	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	2/19/14		x		x	Oppose
LB776	Hadley		Adopt and update references to certain federal provisions related to motor vehicles	Transportation & Telecommunications	1/21/14	General File	x			

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LB777	Hadley		Change license renewal and issuance provisions under the Motor Vehicle Operator's License Act	Transportation & Telecommunications	1/21/14	General File w/AM1645	x			
LB778	Chambers		Require certain entities to comply with provisions on open meetings, public records, and conflicts of interest	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	1/30/14		x		x	Watch
LB780	Wightman		Change provisions relating to transfer on death deeds	Judiciary	1/24/14		x		x	Support
LB792	Sullivan		Eliminate a report requirement by the county treasurers to the State Treasurer	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	1/29/14	General File	x		x	Support
LB810	Watermeier		Change provisions relating to the enforcement and servicing of real estate loans	Banking, Commerce & Insurance	2/3/14		x			
LB812	Hansen		Terminate the inheritance tax	Revenue			x	Oppose	x	Oppose
LB813	Hansen		Change valuation of agricultural land and horticultural land for property tax purposes	Revenue	2/7/14		x		x	Oppose

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LB814	Avery	Avery	Change the distribution of sales tax revenue to provide funding to the Game and Parks Commission	Revenue	1/29/14	General File w/AM1876	x			
LB816	Murante		Authorize use of electronic forms of evidence of insurance for purposes of motor vehicle registration	Transportation & Telecommunications	2/4/14		x			
LB821	Lautenbaugh		Provide a public benefits exemption for burial or cremation of an unclaimed body	Judiciary	2/7/14		x		x	Support
LB825	Lautenbaugh		Require Open Meeting Act compliance by boards and subcommittees subject to the Nebraska Workforce Investment Act	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	2/6/14		x		x	Watch

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LB832	Lautenbaugh		Change provisions relating to reductions in sentence, change good-time provisions, and provide for earned time	Judiciary	2/12/14		x		x	Support
LB841	Hadley		Change sales and use tax provisions relating to all-terrain vehicles, utility-type vehicles, and distribution of revenue	Revenue	1/29/14		x			
LB847	Hadley		Provide for fees for copies of motor vehicle accident reports	Transportation & Telecommunications			x			
LB848	Harr		Provide financial assistance under the Nebraska Affordable Housing Act for the development and acquisition of low-income housing	Appropriations	1/30/14		x			

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LB850	Watermeier		Provide a homestead exemption for individuals with developmental disabilities	Revenue	2/6/14		x		x	Support
LB855	Wallman		Change provisions for formation and operation of cemetery associations	General Affairs	1/27/14		x		x	Support
LB868	Karpisek		Prohibit peace officers from using government-issued equipment for private employment	Judiciary			x			
LB881	Watermeier		Change provisions relating to death, injury, or property damage to innocent third parties as a result of a police vehicular pursuit	Judiciary	2/7/14		x		x	Support
LB885	Harr		Require the use of the income approach to value certain real property for tax purposes	Revenue			x		x	Oppose

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LB887	Campbell	Campbell	Adopt the Wellness in Nebraska Act	Health & Human Services	1/29/14		x		x	Support
LB890	Dubas		Change provisions relating to procedures for acquiring private property for public use	Judiciary			x		x	Watch
LB894	Harr		Change provisions relating to applying for property tax exemptions	Revenue	1/31/14		x		x	Oppose
LB897	Cook		Provide an income tax credit to employers of public assistance recipients	Revenue	2/12/14		x			
LB905	Speaker Adams		Provide for deficit appropriations	Appropriations	2/3/14		x		x	Watch
LB906	Speaker Adams		Transfer funds and create and eliminate funds	Appropriations	2/3/14		x			

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LB907	Ashford	Judiciary	Provide for supervised release, reentry probation officers, create the Nebraska Center for Justice Research, and change presentence investigations and good time provisions	Judiciary	2/6/14		x		x	Oppose
LB910	Dubas		Require notice from state or local law enforcement to lienholders or mortgagees of abandoned motor vehicles	Transportation & Telecommunications	2/4/14		x			
LB911	Dubas		Adopt the Nebraska 911 Act and create the Next-Generation 911 Advisory Council	Transportation & Telecommunications	1/27/14		x		x	Watch
LB912	Kolowski		Adopt the Property Tax Relief Act	Revenue	2/6/14		x		x	Oppose
LB913	Kolowski		Provide an income tax credit for property taxes paid	Revenue	2/7/14		x		x	Oppose

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LB925	Coash		Provide for transfer of motor vehicle registration duties to county treasurers	Transportation & Telecommunications			x	Support	x	Support
LB937	Karpisek		Change the quorum requirement for county boards	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	2/6/14		x		x	Support
LB938	Janssen		Provide an income tax credit to individuals who pay a federal health insurance penalty	Revenue			x		x	Watch
LB943	Nordquist		Change the minimum wage rate	Business & Labor	2/3/14		x		x	Watch
LB945	Davis		Provide procedures for aid to political subdivisions from the Governor's Emergency Program	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	2/12/14		x		x	Support
LB946	Murante		Change provisions relating to elections	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	2/5/14		x		x	Support
LB955	Dubas		Adopt the Paid Family Medical Leave Act	Business & Labor	2/24/14		x		x	Oppose
LB960	Carlson		Change inheritance tax rates	Revenue			x	Oppose	x	Oppose

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LB964	Brasch		Provide a homestead exemption for claimants under sixty-five years of age and not married	Judiciary	2/7/14		x			
LB968	Scheer		Provide additional powers for certain sanitary and improvement districts	Urban Affairs	1/28/14		x		x	Watch
LB970	Lautenbaugh		Provide that certain votes of public officials are public record	Executive Board		Indefinetly Postponed	x		x	Watch
LB977	Conrad		Change provisions relating to standard of care for corporate trustees regarding governmental retirement and pension funds	Banking, Commerce & Insurance	2/6/14	General File	x			
LB979	Harr		Change provisions relating to tax sales for delinquent property taxes	Revenue			x		x	Oppose
LB980	Johnson		Change provisions relating to termination of a township board	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	2/19/14		x		x	Support

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LB986	Revenue Committee		Change homestead exemption income limitations	Revenue	2/5/14	Hadley AM1750 Filed	x		x	Cond. Support
LB987	Revenue Committee		Adjust individual income tax brackets for inflation and exempt social security benefits from income taxation	Revenue	2/5/14		x		x	Watch
LB990	Nordquist		Add a penalty and change a record requirement for 911 service suppliers	Transportation & Telecommunications	2/11/14		x		x	Support
LB994	Health and Human Services Committee		Change fees as prescribed for vital statistics	Health & Human Services	2/5/14		x	Support	x	Support
LB995	Hadley		Provide an income tax credit for state and local taxes paid	Revenue	2/5/14		x		x	Watch
LB999	Ashford		Adopt the Criminal Justice Reentry and Data Act and create the Reentry Programming Board	Judiciary	2/6/14		x	Oppose	x	Oppose
LB1003	Kolowski		Provide for natural resources districts to issue general obligation bonds	Natural Resources	2/21/14		x			

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LB1006	McGill		Change a provision of the Private Prison Contracting Act and prohibit state agencies from entering into contracts that include certain provisions	Judiciary			x			
LB1013	Murante		Permit counties to regulate peddlers, hawkers, and solicitors by ordinance	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	2/19/2014		x		x	Support
LB1014	Murante		Change provisions for election of metropolitan utilities district board of directors	Urban Affairs	2/11/2014		x			
LB1017	Krist		Change and transfer pharmacy, prescription, and drug provisions	Health & Human Services	2/12/2014		x			
LB1021	Seiler		Change provisions relating to the sealing of records of a juvenile	Judiciary	2/13/2014		x			
LB1028	Coash		Change the number of judges of the separate juvenile court as prescribed	Judiciary	2/13/2014		x			

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LB1030	Kintner		Adopt the State Firearms Rights Act	Judiciary			x			
LB1053	Karpisek		Provide state aid to municipalities, counties, and natural resources districts	Revenue			x		x	Support
LB1057	Davis		Change the distribution of sales and use tax revenue and provide duties for the Department of Revenue	Revenue			x		x	Watch
LB1063	Lautenbaugh		Require juvenile court approval to obtain a juvenile court proceeding transcript	Judiciary	2/13/2014		x			
LB1065	Lautenbaugh		Eliminate secret ballot provisions under the Open Meetings Act	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	2/20/2014		x		x	Watch
LB1066	Lautenbaugh		Require a recorded roll call vote by certain county boards	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	2/20/2014		x		x	Watch
LB1073	Lathrop		Require employers to e-verify immigration status of new employees	Business & Labor	2/24/2014		x		x	Watch

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LB1082	Brasch		Allow all-terrain vehicles and utility-type vehicles to be operated as authorized emergency vehicles	Transportation & Telecommunications	2/10/2014		x			
LB1085	Cook		Require listing of employee salaries and job titles of certain private employers	Business & Labor	2/3/2014		x		x	
LB1086	Pirsch		Transfer cash reserve funds to the Property Tax Credit Cash Fund	Appropriations	2/18/2014		x		x	Watch
LB1087	Pirsch		Create a homestead exemption for disabled veterans, widows, and widowers	Revenue	2/6/2014		x		x	Support
LB1090	Conrad		Adopt the Healthy Families and Workplaces Act	Business & Labor	2/24/2014		x		x	Watch
LB1092	Dubas		Authorize issuance of highway construction bonds	Revenue	2/12/2014		x	Support(C h AM to \$5)		
LB1094	Davis		Change a fund transfer to the Property Tax Credit Cash Fund	Appropriations	2/18/2014		x		x	Watch

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LB1096	Ashford		Change provisions for expansion of a business improvement district	Urban Affairs	2/4/2014		x			
LB1096	Ashford		Change provisions for expansion of a business improvement district	Urban Affairs	2/4/2014		x			
LB1096	Ashford		Change provisions for expansion of a business improvement district	Urban Affairs						



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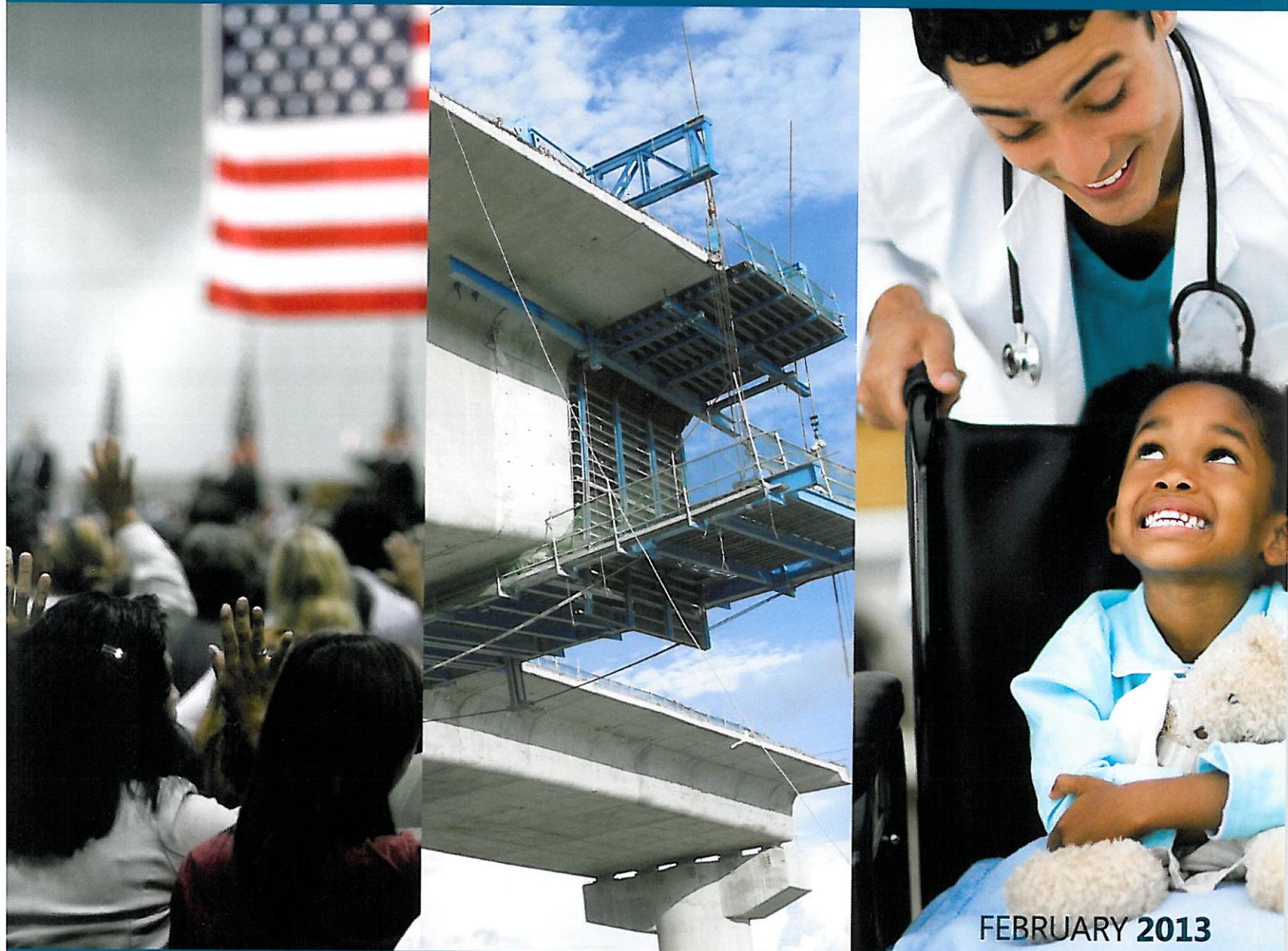


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National Trends through the County Lens



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WHERE COUNTIES PRIORITIZE NEW LOCAL INVESTMENTS

- 1 → Infrastructure investment**
- 2 → Public safety**
- 3 → Business development**
- 4 → Education and workforce training**
- 5 → Health and human services**

The nation's 3,068 county governments provide the essential building blocks to create healthy, vibrant, and safe communities. Counties support and maintain public infrastructure, transportation, and economic development assets; create and sustain a skilled workforce; ensure public health and public safety to protect our citizens; and implement a broad portfolio of federal, state, and local programs in a cost-effective and accountable manner.

People depend on counties to provide services that protect their homes, schools, and neighborhoods.

The members of the National Association of Counties (NACo) support federal policies and programs that provide the tools, resources, and solutions needed to spur job growth, improve quality of life, and increase the economic competitiveness of America's local counties and communities.

In December 2012, 80 members of the NACo Board of Directors participated in a live polling session to explore local perspectives on national politics and elections, county fiscal conditions, public pensions, health, immigration, economic development, natural disasters, and more. This report summarizes the findings of that session, called an "eForum."

Key Findings from the eForum

Infrastructure investment is essential to growing local economies.

Participants said enhanced infrastructure investment would best improve the local economy, along with a better trained workforce and a clearer economic development vision for their region. Seventy-two percent said they support increasing the federal gas tax to boost the Highway Trust Fund. Moreover, as the economy improves and local revenues increase, counties give high priority to new local investments in infrastructure, business development and workforce development.

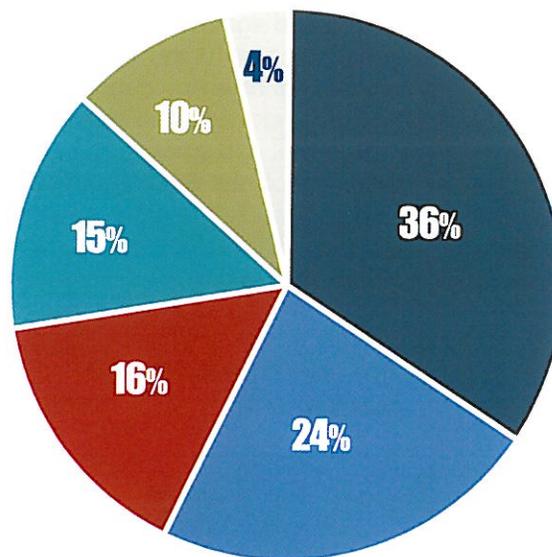
Tax-exempt municipal bonds are an important tool for community investment.

Seventy-eight percent of participants support maintaining the tax-exempt status of municipal bonds. Tax-exempt municipal bonds are a key federal-state-local partnership: state and local governments build and maintain 75 percent of our nation's infrastructure, with a majority financed through tax-exempt bonds. In addition, 63 percent of participants want to keep the federal tax deduction for local property taxes.

There is strong support for federal Medicaid expansion among county officials.

Seventy percent of participants said their state should participate in Medicaid expansion under the Affordable Care Act. The support was consistent across geographic regions and across urban, suburban, and rural counties. Counties provide the health care safety net and, through public hospitals, clinics and nursing homes, bear the costs associated with uninsured patients.

WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING WOULD MOST IMPROVE YOUR LOCAL ECONOMY?



- Infrastructure investment
- Better trained workforce
- Clearer regional vision for economic development
- Lower taxes on business
- Increased international trade and investment
- Other

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19% meet with their Congressional delegations in person or by phone more than 10 times per year.

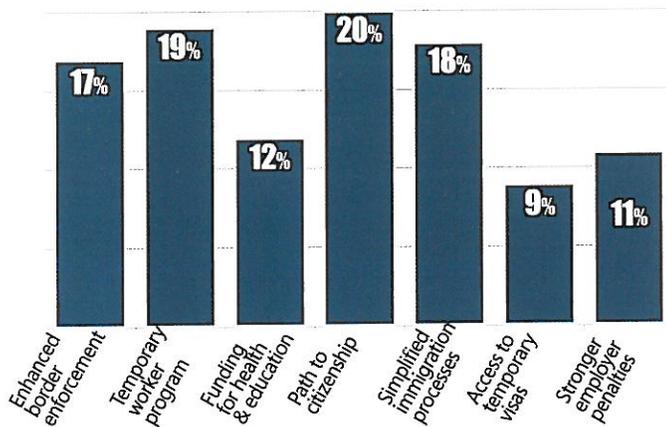
66% are using Facebook and Twitter.



Counties absorb costs associated with our broken immigration system.

Participants said counties spend significant resources for undocumented immigrants on health care, social services and public safety. Forty-four percent have experienced an increase in demand for services from undocumented immigrants during the recession; 26 percent said immigrants have left their communities due to lack of jobs. A path to citizenship, establishment of a temporary worker program, simplified immigration processes, and enhanced border enforcement are key to immigration reform, they said.

WHAT IS MOST IMPORTANT FOR FEDERAL IMMIGRATION LEGISLATION?



Managing the local jail population is an ongoing challenge for counties.

Almost half (48 percent) of participants operated a county jail at or above capacity during the fall of 2012. Nonetheless, 47 percent report that their state has an initiative to reduce prison populations that results in shifting prisoners to county jails or community corrections, placing additional burdens on the county justice system. Counties continue to implement local programs designed to increase public safety, decrease costs, and reduce recidivism. Such "smart justice" programs include mental health diversion, pre-trial programming, re-entry support, and supportive housing.

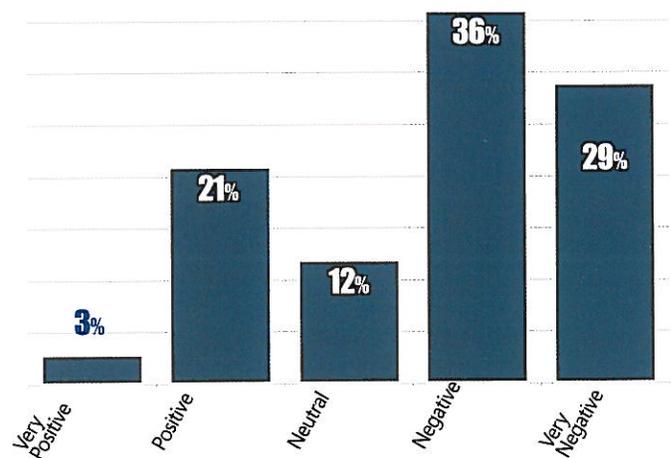
The "new normal" of natural disasters is having widespread impact on counties.

Seven in 10 participants were in counties that received a Major Disaster Declaration over the last five years (2008-2012). Counties experienced hurricanes, wildfire, flooding, snowstorms, tornadoes and drought. Participants reinforced the importance of disaster aid for response and recovery as an essential role of the federal government.

Many state-level policies are negatively affecting counties.

Sixty-five percent of participants said state policies and programs have had a negative impact on their county over the past four years, while 52 percent said federal policies and programs have had a positive impact. Among other policy challenges, reductions in state funding are the most common source of counties' current revenue shortfalls.

OVER THE PAST FOUR YEARS, WHAT IMPACT HAVE STATE POLICIES AND PROGRAMS HAD ON YOUR COUNTY?



The politics of county officials mirror the nation and reflect NACo's bi-partisan nature.

Participants were almost equally divided between Democrats (49 percent) and Republicans (46 percent), with five percent identifying themselves as Independents. Fifty-four percent voted for Barack Obama in 2012; 55 percent in 2008. County officials approach serving the people in their communities – from potholes to parks to police – in a non-partisan manner.

County Officials: What's on Their Minds?

● eForum participants identified government efficiency and economic growth as their top public service passions:

PUBLIC SERVICE PASSIONS

- 1 → Government efficiency
- 2 → Economic growth
- 3 → Transparency and public engagement
- 4 → Education and workforce development
- 5 → Health and human services
- 6 → Public safety
- 7 → Environment and natural resources
- 8 → Tax fairness
- 9 → Youth development

● They think entitlement reform is the most important issue facing Congress in 2013-2014.

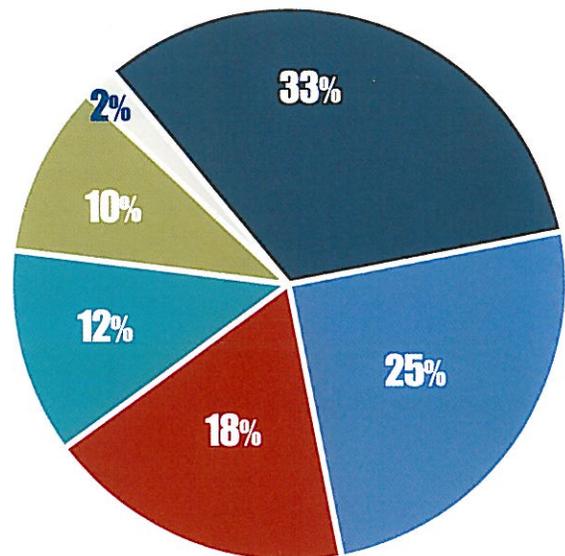
● Almost four in 10 are anticipating a local revenue shortfall in the current fiscal year, which may result in reducing services to the people in their communities.

● Sixty-three percent say county employee pensions and health benefit obligations have a significant impact on the county budget.

County Officials

Counties run the election system, and **81%** support early voting measures.

WHAT IS THE TOP ISSUE FACING CONGRESS?



- Entitlement reform
- Tax reform
- Avert the Fiscal Cliff
- Immigration reform
- Raising the debt limit
- Reauthorization of Farm Bill

County Officials

81% do not categorize their county as urban, suburban or rural. They describe it as a "strong mix of all."

The NACo Board of Directors eForum was held December 8, 2012, in Shelby County (Memphis), Tennessee. Participants represented the political, regional and demographic diversity of the NACo membership. Responses were anonymous.

Demographics, Politics and the 2012 Election

What is your current role?

Elected official	85%
Appointed official or staff	12%
Other	3%

How many years have you served in county government?

0-4	4%
5-8	14%
9-12	14%
13-20	32%
More than 20	35%

What is your public service passion?

Select as many as three. (Ranked poll)

Economic growth	51%
Education and workforce development	27%
Environment and natural resources	19%
Government efficiency	52%
Health and human services	23%
Public safety	20%
Tax fairness	18%
Transparency and public engagement	33%
Youth development	10%

What NACo region do you represent?

Northeast	13%
South	29%
Central	26%
West	32%

What is the population of your county?

Under 50,000	24%
50,000-100,000	11%
100,000-250,000	19%
250,000-500,000	13%
Over 500,000	33%

Is your county predominantly... ?

Urban	16%
Suburban	11%
Rural	38%
Strong mix of all	34%

What is your political affiliation?

Democratic	49%
Republican	46%
Libertarian	0%
Green	0%
Independent	5%
Other	0%

For whom did you vote for President this year?

Barack Obama	54%
Mitt Romney	44%
Other	1%

What about 2008?

Barack Obama	55%
John McCain	45%
Other	0%

I support requiring voters to present a government-issued photo I.D.

Strongly Agree	41%
Agree	15%
Neither agree nor disagree	10%
Disagree	19%
Strongly Disagree	15%

I support early voting, at the county's discretion.

Strongly Agree	63%
Agree	18%
Neither agree nor disagree	3%
Disagree	14%
Strongly Disagree	3%

I support allowing any voter who chooses to vote by mail.

Strongly Agree	51%
Agree	18%
Neither agree nor disagree	8%
Disagree	15%
Strongly Disagree	7%

I support moving toward a system in which votes are cast on the Internet.

Strongly Agree	24%
Agree	12%
Neither agree nor disagree	12%
Disagree	27%
Strongly Disagree	25%

I support continuing the pre-clearance requirements of the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

Strongly Agree	29%
Agree	32%
Neither agree nor disagree	22%
Disagree	3%
Strongly Disagree	14%

I support changing the Presidential election from the Electoral College to a popular vote.

Strongly Agree	33%
Agree	28%
Neither agree nor disagree	8%
Disagree	15%
Strongly Disagree	16%

How strongly do you agree that the 2012 election provided President Obama with a mandate to pursue the policies he advocated during the campaign?

Strongly Agree	20%
Agree	26%
Neither agree nor disagree	12%
Disagree	18%
Strongly Disagree	24%

The Fiscal Cliff and Intergovernmental Attitudes

Do you think President Obama and Republicans in Congress will reach an agreement to avert the Fiscal Cliff before Jan. 1, 2013?

Yes	62%
No	30%
Not sure	8%

If the automatic spending cuts and tax increases go into effect, what effect will they have on your county?

Major effect	68%
Minor effect	32%
No effect	0%

If a Grand Bargain is not reached, who do you think would be more to blame?

Republicans in Congress	56%
President Obama	32%
No Opinion	13%

What items on the list below do you think are most important to include in a Grand Bargain? Select as many as three. (Ranked poll)

Entitlement reform	27%
Reductions in federal tax deductions and loopholes	27%
Tax rate increases	22%
Reductions in domestic discretionary spending	11%
Reductions in defense spending	12%
Stimulus spending	7%

Do you agree or disagree with reducing the federal tax deduction for mortgage interest?

Strongly Agree	12%
Agree	20%
Neither agree nor disagree	7%
Disagree	28%
Strongly Disagree	33%

Do you agree or disagree with reducing the federal tax deduction for local property taxes?

Strongly Agree	5%
Agree	25%
Neither agree nor disagree	7%
Disagree	22%
Strongly Disagree	41%

Do you agree or disagree with eliminating the tax-exempt status of municipal bonds?

Strongly Agree	7%
Agree	7%
Neither agree nor disagree	9%
Disagree	23%
Strongly Disagree	55%

What is the top issue facing Congress in the upcoming session? Select as many as three. (Ranked poll)

Avert the Fiscal Cliff	18%
Immigration reform	12%
Tax reform	25%
Raising the debt limit	10%
Entitlement reform	33%
Reauthorization of the Farm Bill	2%

Which of the following do you think is the most important issue facing the country right now? Select as many as three. (Ranked poll)

Economy and jobs	33%
Federal deficit/national debt	32%
Health care	17%
Afghanistan	1%
Foreign policy	4%
Taxes	6%
Immigration	8%
Terrorism/national security	5%
None of the Above	0%

How frequently do you meet in person or by phone with your Congressional delegation?

1-3 times per year	47%
4-6 times per year	24%
7-9 times per year	11%
More than 10 times per year	19%

Over the past four years, what impact have federal policies and programs had on your county?

Very positive	6%
Positive	46%
Neutral	22%
Negative	19%
Very negative	7%

Over the past four years, what impact have state policies and programs had on your county?

Very positive	3%
Positive	21%
Neutral	12%
Negative	36%
Very negative	29%

Is your county anticipating a revenue shortfall in your current fiscal year?

Yes	37%
No	60%
Not sure	4%

What revenues are the sources of your county's revenue shortfall? Select as many as three. (Ranked poll)

Reductions in...	
Federal funding	29%
State funding	44%
Property taxes	35%
Sales taxes	15%
Building fees and permits	6%
Investment income	17%
No shortfall	43%

If revenue increases in the next three years, where will your county prioritize new investments? Select as many as three. (Ranked poll)

Business development	17%
Education and workforce training	15%
Health and human services	15%
Infrastructure investment	27%
Parks and recreation	5%
Public safety	18%
Tax relief	10%

Public Pensions

What has the fiscal impact of retirement and retiree health care benefit obligations been on your local budget?

Very significant	34%
Significant	29%
Not significant	37%

What reforms are necessary to address the fiscal constraints of retirement and retiree health care benefit obligations? Select as many as three. (Ranked poll)

Increase employee contributions	30%
Increase age and service requirements for new employees	27%
Reduce benefits for new hires	25%
Reduction or elimination of cost of living adjustments	12%
Shift more costs of post retirement benefits to employees and retirees	12%

What type of defined benefit program does your county offer for current employees?

County administered	44%
State-run	45%
Other	6%
My county does not offer a defined benefit program	5%

Does your county offer retiree health benefits to current employees?

Yes, for all employees	54%
Yes, for some employees but not all	11%
No	35%

Health and Justice

Does your county employee health plan meet the minimum standards of the Affordable Care Act?

Yes, our plan currently meets the standards	68%
No, but we intend to meet the standards	5%
No. We may eliminate coverage, pay penalties, and steer employees to state health insurance exchanges	4%
Not sure	23%

Should your state participate in the Medicaid expansion under the Affordable Care Act?

Yes	70%
No	30%

Does your county plan to enroll pre-trial detainees in health coverage offered on state health insurance exchanges?

Yes	7%
No	26%
Not sure	67%

Does your state have an initiative to reduce prison populations that results in shifting individuals to county jails and/or community corrections?

Yes	47%
No	38%
Not sure	15%

At any time during the past three months, was your county jail at or above capacity?

Yes	48%
No	48%
Not sure	4%

Immigration

What items on the list below do you think are most important to include in federal immigration legislation? Select as many as three. (Ranked poll)

Enhanced border enforcement	17%
Establishment of temporary worker program	19%
Funding to counties for health and education costs	12%
Path to citizenship	20%
Simplified legal immigration processes	18%
Simplified access to temporary visas	9%
Stronger employer penalties	11%

How serious a problem is illegal immigration for your county right now?

Very serious	14%
Somewhat serious	30%
Not serious	56%

In which area does your county expend the most resources for undocumented immigrants? Select as many as three.

(Ranked poll)

Adult ESL	12%
Health care	51%
Higher education	4%
K-12 education	39%
Public safety	45%
Social services	55%
Other	7%
No funds expended	12%

How has the recession affected immigration in your county? Select as many as three. (Ranked poll)

Many have left due to lack of jobs	26%
More demand for services	44%
Reductions in county programs for immigrant services	18%
No change	41%
Other	12%

Infrastructure and Economic Development

Which of the following would most improve your local economy? Select as many as three. (Ranked poll)

Enhanced infrastructure investment	36%
A better trained workforce	24%
Lower taxes on businesses	15%
Increased international trade and investment	10%
A clearer economic development vision for my region	16%
Other	4%

As a county official, which of the following have you done to promote local economic development?

Authorized county funding for economic development	73%
Served on a regional economic development board	55%
Served on a local tourism board	20%
Served on a Workforce Investment Board	17%
Traveled in the U.S. to attract business and investment	10%
Traveled outside the U.S. to attract business and investment	13%
Worked with local businesses to promote exports	13%
Other	17%

Should the federal government raise the gas tax to boost the Highway Trust Fund?

Yes, immediately	51%
Yes, but not until the economy is stronger	21%
No	28%

Disaster Preparedness and Response

Did your county receive a Major Disaster Declaration in the last five years (2008-2012)?

Yes	69%
No	31%

With limited resources to provide local governments, individuals and businesses with disaster assistance, which do you prefer?

Federal funding should be invested in disaster preparedness and mitigation.	36%
Federal funding should be dedicated to respond to and recover from disasters.	61%
The federal government should not provide disaster assistance.	3%

Should the federal government subsidize the National Flood Insurance Program?

Strongly agree	24%
Agree	22%
Neither agree nor disagree	26%
Disagree	22%
Strongly disagree	6%

Miscellaneous

I am registered for Facebook and/or Twitter.

True	66%
False	34%

Who will be the Democratic nominee for President in 2016?

Joe Biden	3%
Hillary Clinton	55%
Andrew Cuomo	12%
Martin O'Malley	3%
Deval Patrick	0%
Brian Schweitzer	3%
Mark Warner	7%
Other	19%

Who will be the Republican nominee for President in 2016?

Jeb Bush	25%
Chris Christie	21%
Bob McDonnell	0%
Rand Paul	0%
Condoleeza Rice	4%
Paul Ryan	15%
Marco Rubio	24%
Other	12%



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NACo PRESCRIPTION DISCOUNT CARD PROGRAM



FREE TO YOUR
COUNTY AND
YOUR RESIDENTS

DID YOU KNOW?

\$500 MILLION
IN SAVINGS

40 MILLION
PRESCRIPTIONS FILLED

SAVINGS UP TO
75 PERCENT

65 THOUSAND
PHARMACIES

The National Association of Counties (NACo) offers exclusive benefits to its members, including the **NACo Prescription Discount Card Program**, which is FREE to counties and their residents. For residents without insurance and those whose insurance does not cover medications that their family members need including pets, the program offers a great way to obtain those medications that are not covered by insurance. Savings can be up to 75%* off of the retail price of prescriptions. More than 65,000 pharmacies honor the NACo card, including all major chains. The participating pharmacies also include the majority of community-based, independent pharmacies. The program is free, easy-to-use and everyone is eligible.

THIS IS THE RIGHT PROGRAM FOR YOUR COUNTY

The program's proven results provide you with the confidence that it is the right program for your residents and your county. This program is unparalleled in the industry, offering credible discounts, excellent customer service and industry experts that work with more than 1,400 county governments across the country, saving their residents more than \$500 million.

HOW THE PROGRAM WILL HELP YOUR COUNTY

The NACo Prescription Discount Card Program can help your county's bottom line. Your county could receive a marketing reimbursement fee for every discounted prescription filled using the card.

MAXIMIZING THE SUCCESS OF YOUR PROGRAM

Awareness and accessibility for county constituents are the two key components to ensure the success of your county's program. We are available to work with you on developing a marketing plan that fits your county and relieves the administrative burden for county staff. If you want to manage the program yourself, we provide materials and best practice examples for effectively marketing the program. The highest utilizing counties are the counties that provide frequent messaging on the program and ensure that prescription discount cards are available to residents in multiple locations and multiple formats.

No matter which approach you prefer, we can send cards and display materials to multiple county locations, non-profits and the pharmacies in your county. Residents can also print a card directly from a website, or get an SMS text card on their cell phone. Free bill inserts can be provided to use for county mailings such as property tax bills. Once residents have their card, it is ready for immediate use – it's that easy, no waiting and no forms to fill out! Our outreach is not a one-time strategy and program materials are available anytime they are needed in the county.



SAVE UP TO 75% OFF THE COST OF YOUR PRESCRIPTIONS

[County Name] Prescription Discount Card

- It's FREE, no enrollment fees
- Use the card for all family members – even use it for pets
- Nine out of 10 pharmacies accept the card
- No limits on how many times you use the card

3 EASY OPTIONS TO GET YOUR FREE CARD

TEXT	VISIT	PICK UP
NACoRx [###] to 96362	nacorx.org	Get a card at this location

USE YOUR CARD TODAY!

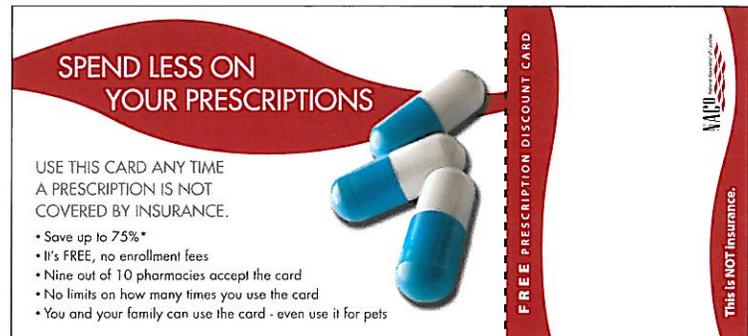
Visit www.nacorx.org to locate a pharmacy, and look up program information and tools or call toll-free 1-877-321-2652

[County Name] has endorsed this program to provide you with access to the prescription discount card and it is brought to you in collaboration with the National Association of Counties

*Average savings 24%. Savings may vary by drug and by pharmacy. Savings not available at participating pharmacies. ©2012 NACoRx. This is NOT insurance.

NACoRx National Association of Counties

Sample Posters
Size: 11" x 17"



SPEND LESS ON YOUR PRESCRIPTIONS

USE THIS CARD ANY TIME A PRESCRIPTION IS NOT COVERED BY INSURANCE.

- Save up to 75%*
- It's FREE, no enrollment fees
- Nine out of 10 pharmacies accept the card
- No limits on how many times you use the card
- You and your family can use the card - even use it for pets

FREE PRESCRIPTION DISCOUNT CARD

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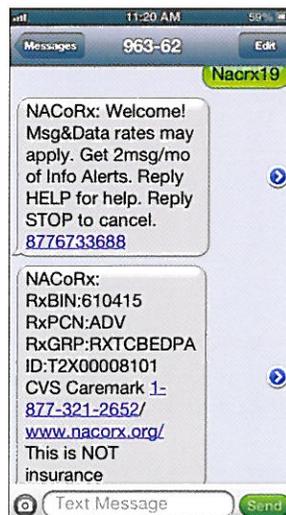
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The inserts are designed to be lightweight to have minimal if any effect on postage. The specifications on the bill insert are:

Flat Size: 7.5" x 3.375" - 7.5" x 3.375" finished
 Colors: 2/2
 Stock: 70# Casa Opaque White Offset 30% PCW
 (Post Consumer Waste) Uncoated (offset) Book/Text

Press Features: Full Horizontal Perforation

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Text Message Send

Sample SMS text card

WORKING WITH LOCAL MEDIA TO GET THE WORD OUT THERE

This is a great human impact story to tell county residents. The program is free to the county and to the residents, and it helps to make prescription medications more affordable. Using media relations strategies can help spread the word about this important program.

There are two key ways to announce the NACo program in your county. The first – a press conference – allows counties to bring key media together to relay the details of the program. The second – press releases – provides counties with a communications tool to reach out to the media without the need for a press conference. Template press releases are available for the county to use for your media contacts or we can distribute the press releases for you.



GET STARTED HERE

- 1) Visit www.naco.org/drugcard
- 2) Once on the program page, click 'Program Implementation Contract and Checklist'
- 3) Log in to the members only section of the site

Use your phone to go directly to the program page or call **1-888-407-6226** and ask for *membership*.

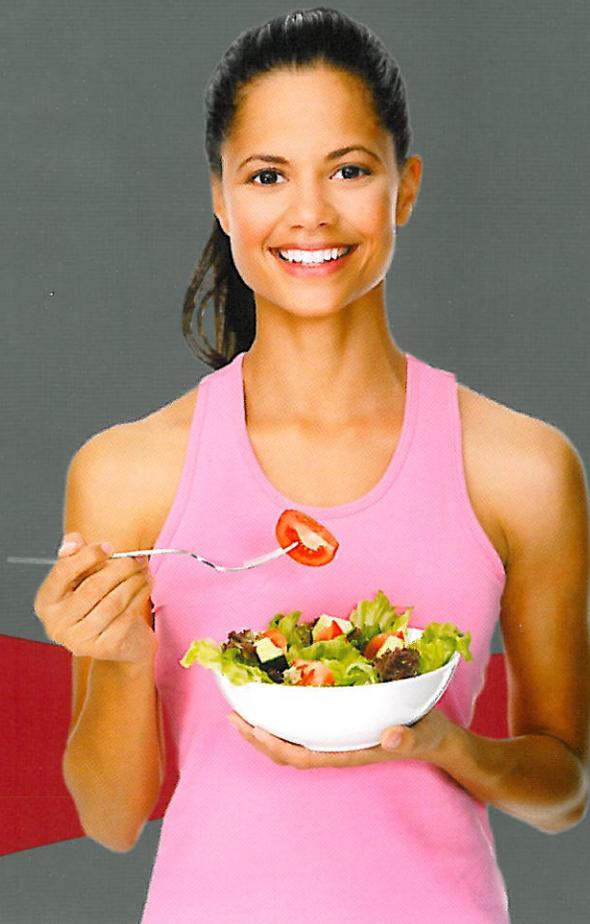


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NACo HEALTH DISCOUNT PROGRAM

EXCLUSIVE
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COUNTIES



NACo *National Association of Counties*


MEDICAL DISCOUNTS FOR COUNTY RESIDENTS



HOW THE PROGRAM WILL HELP YOUR RESIDENTS

The NACo Health Discount program provides a NEW option for county residents to access medical discounts and additional savings to manage their family's health and wellness. Through this membership program, county residents pay either a monthly or annual fee to obtain discounted rates on multiple products and services.

MEDICAL DISCOUNTS

NACo Health is the affordable choice for county residents. The savings encompass a wide range of medical discounts including vision, hearing, diabetic supplies and more!

SAVINGS

PROVIDER NETWORK



VISION

35% off retail price of frames with purchase of complete pair. Discounts on other products and services in the program include exams, lenses, accessories, contact lenses & more.

More than 50,000 participating providers including LensCrafters®, Pearle Vision®, Nationwide Vision™, Target Optical®, and independent optometrists, ophthalmologists & opticians.



HEARING

35% off hearing aid prices & complimentary screenings.

More than 2,500 participating locations.



DIABETIC SUPPLIES

Discounts on Prescription & OTC diabetic supplies.

More than 65,000 participating retail pharmacies, available for residents & their pets.



PREPAID LAB

20-70% off a wide variety of physician approved lab testing services, with confidential results.

More than 4,000 participating service centers.



PRESCRIPTIONS

Save an average of 24% off the retail price of prescription medications.

More than 65,000 participating retail pharmacies nationwide, including the major chains and many independent pharmacies. Available for residents & their pets.



PREPAID DIAGNOSTIC IMAGING

40-75% off MRI and CT scans.

More than 2,900 radiology centers nationwide.



LASIK & PRK VISION

15% off retail prices or 5% off promotional pricing.

More than 550 participating locations.

The discount health program is NOT insurance.

GET STARTED TODAY !

Please complete the information below and mail to:

Andrew S. Goldschmidt, CAE, Director of Membership Marketing
National Association of Counties
25 Massachusetts Ave., NW Ste. 500, Washington, DC 20001

Or e-mail the form to: agoldschmidt@naco.org



County Name: _____

Main County Contact: _____

Title: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

County Website: _____

Number of County Residents: _____

By checking this box you are confirming that this program is approved by the County's elected board.

Logo requirements to produce NACo Health Discount Program materials for your county:

CVS Caremark will need a jpg file of your county logo/seal in order to create the customized county card if you have not provided your logo before. Please e-mail the logo as an attachment to NACoRx@caremark.com and indicate the county name and logo attached in the subject line.

Please provide a contact name/street address for the delivery of the ID cards and display stands if different from above. (Please note we cannot deliver to P.O. boxes):

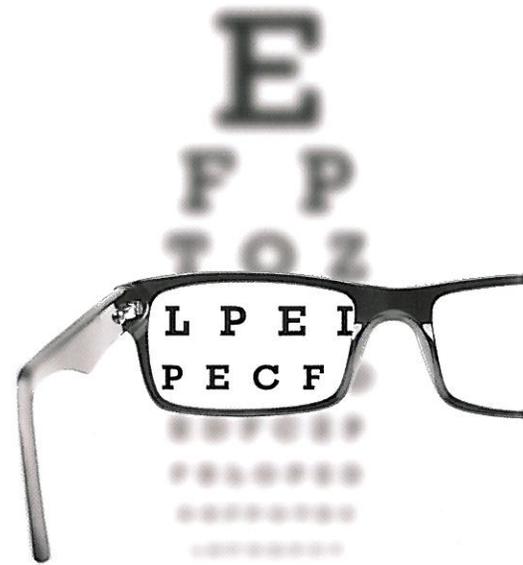
Please indicate how the county name should be referenced on the ID card:

Spanish materials required: Yes No



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NACo Prescription Discount Card Program



Marketing Reimbursement Fee

The NACo Board of Directors, at its meeting in December, approved a proposal that will allow counties, state associations and NACo to receive a marketing reimbursement fee through the NACo Prescription Discount Card Program.

Counties that choose the marketing reimbursement fee option would receive \$1 per prescription when the card is used to receive a discount. Counties that do not want to receive the reimbursement can continue with the existing program. Residents in counties that do not want to receive the reimbursement would receive a slightly greater discount when purchasing a prescription – approximately 2% - 2.5%.

NACo and the state associations would also receive a marketing reimbursement fee. A \$.50 marketing reimbursement fee per prescription when the card is used to receive a discount would be paid to NACo for counties within a state in which the state association endorses the NACo program. NACo would pay that state association \$.40 per prescription when the card is used to receive a discount if the state association agrees to and complies with the terms and conditions of a marketing agreement signed by NACo and the state association.

For states that do not endorse the NACo program, NACo will receive a \$.10 marketing reimbursement fee payment per claim and will market the program according to provisions of an agreement between NACo and CVS Caremark, which partners with NACo to provide the program.

Since it began in 2005, the program has grown phenomenally. There are currently more than 1,400 counties participating in the program. There are more than 600 counties that have shown an interest in becoming part of the program. The participation total represents 46 percent of the nation's counties.

The results of the program are also great. County residents nationwide have saved more than \$454 million on 36 million prescriptions. The overall average savings rate for the program is 24 percent.

NACo and county officials expect the program to continue to grow and help residents deal with the high cost of prescription drugs.

To view the program information or initiate the marketing fee reimbursement option visit www.naco.org, and follow these steps:

- 1) Select 'Solutions Center'
- 2) Locate the NACo Prescription Discount Card Program under the 'Help Your Residents' tab on the left-hand side of the page
- 3) Once on the program page, click 'Program Implementation Contract and Checklist under Program Information'
- 4) Log in to the members only section of the site

Or use your phone to go to the program page:



NACo Dental Discount Program

www.naco.org/dentalprogram

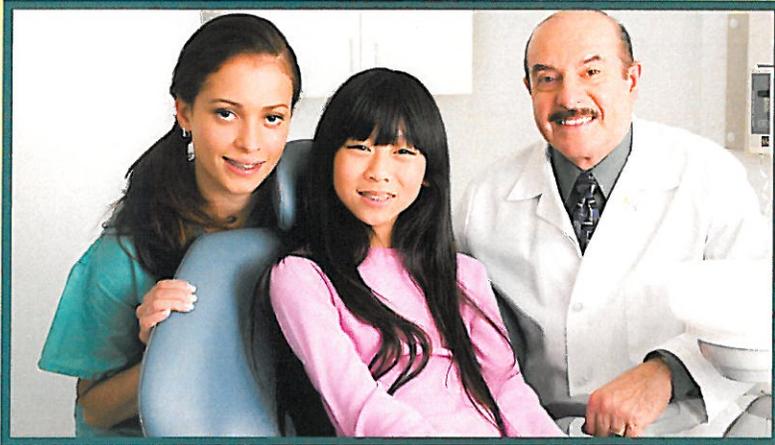


It's easy to **SAVE** on dental care!

The National Association of Counties (NACo) and Careington International Corporation have created an affordable dental discount plan for your residents. The NACo Dental Discount Program gives your county a great opportunity to offer your residents dental and orthodontics savings. The discount card allows people to save from 5% to 50% on routine dental care and 20% on orthodontics.

There is a growing nationwide need for routine dental care and treatment.

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention says that nearly one-third of all adults in the United States have untreated tooth decay. One in seven adults ages 35 to 44 years has gum disease. In addition, nearly a quarter of all adults have experienced some facial pain in the past six months.



The NACo Dental Discount Program gives your residents several advantages in addition to savings:

- Family membership includes all family members — your entire household!
- All discounts are available at time of service.
- Unlimited plan usage, with no administrative forms or waiting.
- Significant savings on dental cleanings, x-rays, braces, dentures, crowns, root canals and more.
- Discount dental plans are a great option for individuals or families on tight budgets but who still place great importance on their family's dental health and hygiene.
- The plan can complement health insurance plans or work with health savings accounts, flexible spending accounts and health reimbursement arrangements for maximum savings.

With a simple program and immediate savings, you can help residents afford dental care.

With the NACo Dental Discount Program, a county resident simply schedules an appointment with a participating dentist or specialist and presents the program membership card to receive a discount at the time of service. For a low monthly or annual membership rate, county residents have access to participating providers who have agreed to provide services at discounted fees. For individuals, the fee is \$59 per year or \$6.95 per month. For families, the fee is \$69 per year or \$8.95 per month.

The plan is affordable and the savings are immediate!

Disclosures:

THIS PLAN IS NOT INSURANCE and is not intended to replace health insurance. This plan does not meet the minimum creditable coverage requirements under M.G.L. c. 111M and 956 CMR 5.00. This plan is not a Qualified Health Plan under the Affordable Care Act. **THIS IS NOT A MEDICARE PRESCRIPTION DRUG PLAN.*** The plan provides discounts at certain health care providers for medical services. The range of discounts will vary depending on the type of provider and service. The plan does not make payments directly to the providers of medical services. Plan members are obligated to pay for all health care services but will receive a discount from those health care providers who have contracted with the discount medical plan organization. You may access a list of participating health care providers at www.nacodentalprogram.com. Upon request the plan will make available a written list of participating health care providers. You have the right to cancel within the first 30 days after receipt of membership materials and receive a full refund, less a nominal processing fee (nominal fee for MD residents is \$5, AR and TN resident will be refunded processing fee). Discount Medical Plan Organization and administrator: Careington International Corporation, 7400 Gaylord Parkway, Frisco, TX 75034; phone 800-441-0380.

This plan is not available in Montana and Vermont. This plan is not currently available in Washington. *Medicare statement applies to MD residents when pharmacy discounts are part of plan.

Dental Discount Program

{ County Logo }

NACo National Association of Counties

Member Name : _____
(please print your name)

Member ID : _____
(Call (877) 354-NACo (6226) to get your member ID and dental network)

Dental Network : _____

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THIS IS NOT INSURANCE

Anyone can join and everyone can save!
 There are no income restrictions and everyone is accepted. There is no waiting or administrative forms. Your residents receive an unlimited number of visits to their provider.



Sign your county up today!

For a list of providers in your area or to get additional information on the program, please contact the Membership Staff at **888.407.NACo (6226)** or e-mail **membership@naco.org**.

The NACo Dental Discount Program is NOT insurance, but it is a great way to help county residents save on dental care and promote dental health for themselves and their families.

Thousands of county residents have already joined!



www.naco.org/dentalprogram

Contact us toll-free at
(888) 407- NACo (6226)
 and ask for "membership"
 or email **membership@naco.org**



Atlantic County, NJ reports a 97% satisfaction rating.*
 * Results of NACo survey conducted April 2013



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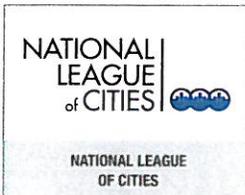
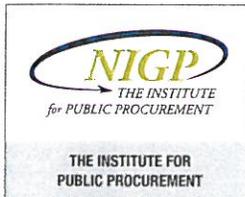
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The 411 on 457

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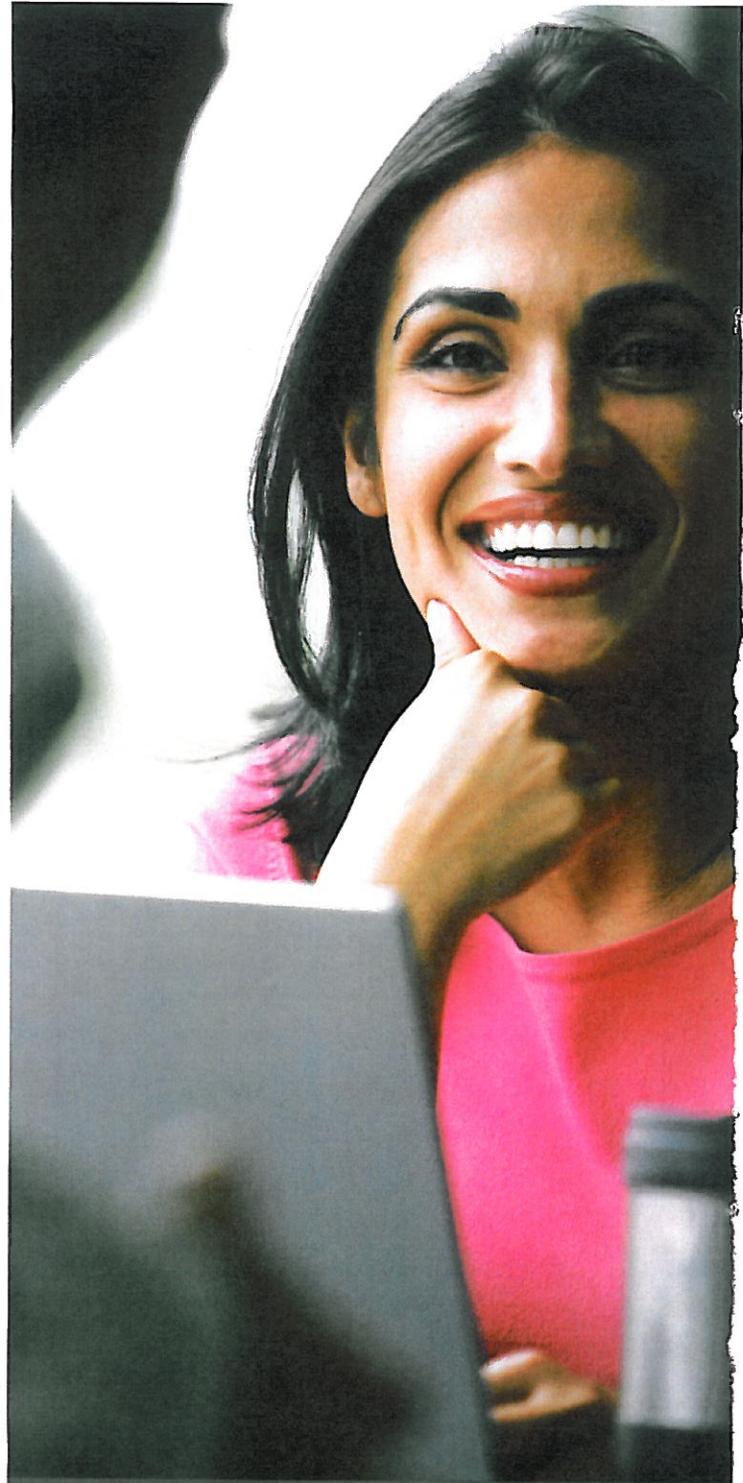
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Questions and answers about the 457 deferred compensation plan

What is a 457 plan?

The 457 deferred compensation plan (deferred comp) is a tax-deferred retirement plan offered by your employer that allows you to save money toward your retirement directly from your pay. It's designed to be a supplement to your pension and is an additional way to invest long-term. Withdrawals are taxed as ordinary income.

Do you need deferred comp?

Sixty-four percent of Americans aren't saving enough to maintain their standard of living in retirement.¹ Deferred comp can help you create a more financially secure future for you and your family. It can provide a simple approach for you to enjoy the benefits of long-term investing. You're always in control of how to use deferred comp to help achieve your goals.

¹<http://www.smartmoney.com/personal-finance/retirement/are-you-saving-enough-for-retirement> (downloaded 3/31/2009)

How much money do you need when you retire?

The amount is different for everyone. Historically, industry professionals have said you generally need 70% to 90% of your current income to maintain your standard of living. When factoring in inflation and increases in medical costs, employees will need to replace 126% of their final pay. This is significantly more than the traditional targets of 70% to 90%.² It's important to know the difference between what you'll have (from your Social Security, pension and personal savings) versus what you'll need in retirement. Contributing to a deferred comp plan can help bridge that gap.

Where does retirement income come from?

Most people depend on Social Security and their pension. On average, a public pension will replace only 50% of current income after 25 years of service. Retired public employees today earn an average of \$20,400 per year.³ Most people will look to Social Security as a secondary source of retirement income, with their own savings, pensions and continued work as primary sources.

²Hewitt Study Reveals Widening Gap Between Retirement Needs and Employee Saving Behaviors, www.hewittassociates.com (downloaded 11/18/2008).

³The Top Ten Advantages of Maintaining Defined Benefit Pensions, NCPERS Research Series (May 2007).

What are the benefits of a tax-deferred plan?

The money you contribute to deferred comp comes out of your paycheck pretax. That means before taxes come out of your check. This lowers your taxable income.

For example, let's say you pay around 25% in income taxes. Putting \$100 in your account only costs you \$75 from your take-home pay. That means your \$100 contribution only feels like \$75, or \$75 out of your pocket puts \$100 toward your retirement.

You won't pay any taxes until you withdraw your money — usually at retirement. (Then your withdrawals will be taxed as ordinary income.)

How do you put money into your account?

Perhaps the easiest thing about a deferred comp plan is contributing. Money is sent automatically from your paycheck to your account. You can establish a good saving habit without difficulty. Most people say that because they don't even see the money they invest, they hardly miss it.

How much do you put into deferred comp?

You decide how much to contribute, what you invest in and how to use your money when you retire. You can invest up to \$17,500 into deferred comp. And if you're over age 50, you may be able to invest an additional \$5,500 in deferred comp.

Although investing for your future is a smart way to help achieve financial security, there may be times when other financial matters take priority. That's why you can start, stop or re-start anytime you want. You can also change contribution amounts or investment choices any time.

When do you have access to your money?

Deferred comp is designed for long-term investing. It's not a savings account, and you won't have access to your money until you separate from your employer. However, unlike other types of tax deferred retirement savings accounts, with a 457, if you leave before age 59½, you can withdraw money without paying the 10% penalty tax. So if you're thinking about an early retirement, deferred comp can certainly help.

Who helps you with your account?

You deserve real people and convenient resources to help you plan for a secure retirement. Your employer chose Nationwide® to administer your deferred comp plan.

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Nationwide representatives are salaried — not on commission. You can also call our home office representatives. They're available by phone Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. ET.

The information Nationwide representatives give you is for educational purposes and is not intended as investment advice. They can help you understand how deferred comp fits into your overall long-term investing goals.

You can also visit NRSFORU.com to enroll, create an online account, view an online workshop, learn about individual funds or read about retirement investing. Use the retirement planning tools to:

- Help determine what kind of investor you are
- Find out how much you should be saving to meet your goals
- Learn how investing impacts your paycheck
- See how retirement investments could grow
- Simulate various payout options

**To enroll today or learn more,
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NACo IS HERE TO HELP YOU

Counties save time, staff and dollars with the National Association of Counties (NACo) through its advocacy efforts, special programs, cost saving tools, research information, conferences and much more. Your county, parish or borough can easily save more than your membership dues with NACo's money saving programs and benefits for the county and its employees. As your county grapples with demands for more services while relying on less revenue, NACo gives you the tools to be more efficient and effective. At the same time, NACo is your eyes and ears in Washington, focusing on legislation that directly affects your county.

NACo provides services to counties of all sizes and in all parts of the country—from small, rural counties to large, urban counties and those in between. To learn how NACo's benefits can enable your county to save, please request additional information on NACo's programs and services by checking the boxes and returning this pre-paid business reply card, check out NACo's award winning website at www.naco.org or contact the NACo office directly at 888.407.NACo (6226) or membership@naco.org.

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- I have a specific question on _____
 Please contact me via the phone number or e-mail listed above (please circle the preferred mode of contact)
- Please change your records to reflect my new mailing address

- I AM INTERESTED IN MORE INFORMATION ABOUT NACo**
 Please send me a:
- Full membership information packet including an application/invoice for county membership (for nonmember counties)
 - Welcome Packet (full information on NACo's programs and services...as a refresher or for newly elected officials)
 - NACo Membership Benefits Guide – a complete listing of NACo membership benefits that are available for your county officials, staff and residents

- PROGRAMS TO SAVE YOUR RESIDENTS MONEY**
- NACo Health/Prescription Discount Program – Residents can save money on vision, hearing aids, labs, diabetic supplies and an average of 24 percent and up to 75 percent on prescriptions at no cost to the county
 - NACo Dental Discount Program – Residents can save 5-50 percent on dental procedures at no cost to the county

- PROGRAMS TO SAVE YOUR COUNTY MONEY**
- Deferred Compensation Program - administered by Nationwide Retirement Solutions, this is the largest supplemental retirement income program available to county employees
 - U.S. Communities - nationally bid cooperative purchasing program that provides savings on computers, office supplies, furniture, food distribution and much more
 - Public Finance Authority – a governmental entity that can finance tax-exempt conduit bonds for public and private activities that benefit public agencies on a multi-state basis
 - Network of Care – a highly interactive web portal that allows access to a variety of important information relating to health and human services
 - The *Grants Clearinghouse*
 - Other Procurement Savings Programs (new programs added each year)

- LEGISLATIVE RESOURCES**
- Procedures for submitting and considering NACo resolutions
 - Grassroots Resources (including "cyber-lobbying")
 - The *Washington Watch* (NACo's bi-weekly legislative e-newsletter)
 - Legislative Priorities
 - Legislative Policy Briefs – Issue:.....
 - Special Reports – Issue:.....
 - NACo Associate Legislative Directors – Issue:
 - NACo Steering Committees and how to influence policy (*Please check the committee(s) you are interested in:*)
 - Agriculture and Rural Affairs
 - Community and Economic Development
 - Environment, Energy and Land Use
 - Finance and Intergovernmental Affairs
 - Health
 - Human Services and Education
 - Justice and Public Safety
 - Public Lands
 - Telecommunications and Technology
 - Transportation
 - Caucuses (*Please circle: Rural Action, Large Urban, Western Interstate Region*)
 - American County Platform* and Resolutions
 - I would like to discuss a particular legislative issue: _____

- COUNTY SOLUTIONS AND INNOVATION**
- Technology and Innovation
 - Cyber for Counties Initiative
 - Health, Human Services and Justice Programs
 - Healthy Counties Initiative
 - Health Reform Implementation
 - County Health Rankings and Roadmaps
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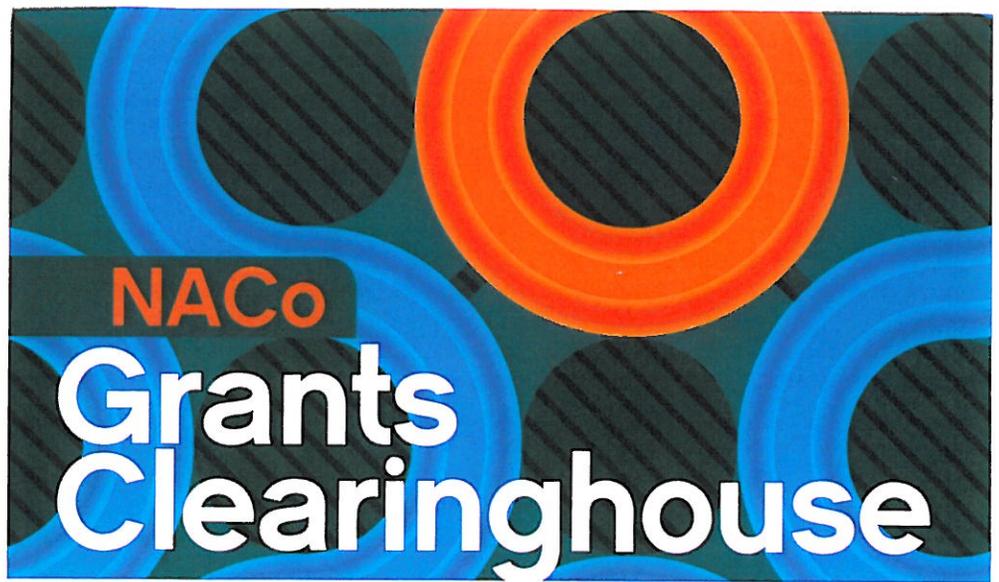
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- CORPORATE INVOLVEMENT**
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- Media Information
- Counties Work Game for Students
- Why Counties Matter
- National County Government Month
- PUBLIC AFFAIRS**
- Additional FREE Publications
- Employment Advertising Information
- The *Washington Watch* (NACo's bi-weekly legislative e-newsletter)
- County News* (NACo's bi-weekly e-newsletter/newspaper)
- PUBLICATION INFORMATION**
- County-to-County Consulting
- Information Technology Workforce
- Application Store
- Technology-Innovation Summit
- Chief Information Officer Summit
- INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES**
- New Member Recruitment Awards Program
- National County Government Month Awards
- Dale Sowards Award (public lands)
- Annual County Arts and Culture Award
- Achievement Awards
- AWARDS AND RECOGNITION PROGRAMS**

- I would like more information on this particular county issue:
- GIS Assistance
- Surveys Based on Current Events
- Wage and Salary Survey
- County Data
- Sample Codes and Ordinances
- Best Practices
- Research Publications
- RESEARCH ASSISTANCE**
- Continuous Conference Seminars
- Advanced Leadership Training
- County Leadership Institute
- Live Learning Center
- Demand (webinar archives)
- NACo Virtual Learning Opportunities – Live Webinars and Webinars on Demand
- EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL ADVANCEMENT OPPORTUNITIES**
- Sponsorship Opportunities
- Exhibitor Information
- Western Interstate Region Conference
- Legislative Conference
- Annual Conference: County Solutions and Idea Marketplace
- NACo CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS**



Grant listings updated in real time!
Nearly 1,000 opportunities to increase funding for programs!

WHAT IS IT?

- A brand new one-stop shop for grant information
- Up-to-date, searchable database of federal, state, corporate and foundation grants for which counties, as well as community-based organizations, are able to apply
- Advanced search tools to filter results based on category, eligibility, funder type, state and search term
- Comprehensive descriptions for each grant, including funder and funder type, summary of the program, history of funding, contact information, external resources and a range of additional information

WHERE IS IT?

- To access the new tool go to www.nacogrants.org.
- Alternatively, go to www.naco.org, and under "Solutions Center" tab and click on "Find a Grant." Select "NACo Grants Clearinghouse," and begin searching!
- Use your smartphone or tablet and scan the QR code!



Learn more about NACo membership at www.naco.org/membership.

Counties Work

An online interactive game to teach students about county government

The National Association of Counties (NACo) in partnership with iCivics has created the first online interactive game specifically related to county government. While letting students run their own county, *Counties Work* educates and guides students, grades 6 through 12, about the important roles and functions county government perform. Not only will the students be able to play the game in and out of the classroom, teachers will have curriculum, quizzes and web quests to help them in their lesson planning.

NACo created *Counties Work* through the generous financial support of CVS Caremark, NACo's partner on the Prescription Discount Card Program, which provides savings on prescription costs.

Please help spread the word to students, teachers and school districts about this award-winning educational tool.



Students learn about county services, budgets and tax revenues, citizen requests and decision making skills.

About iCivics

iCivics is a web-based education project designed to teach students civics and inspire them to be active participants in our democracy. iCivics is the vision of Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, who is concerned that students are not getting the information and tools they need for civic participation, and that civics teachers need better materials and support. For more information about iCivics, visit www.icivics.org.

About CVS Caremark

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About NACo

The National Association of Counties (NACo) is the only national organization that represents county governments in the United States. Founded in 1935, NACo provides essential services to the nation's 3,068 counties. NACo advances issues with a unified voice before the federal government, improves the public's understanding of county government, assists counties in finding and sharing innovative solutions through education and research, and provides value-added services to save counties and taxpayers money.

For more information about NACo, visit our website at www.naco.org.

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Play the game now
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COUNTIES Work



A game for students and teachers
about county government

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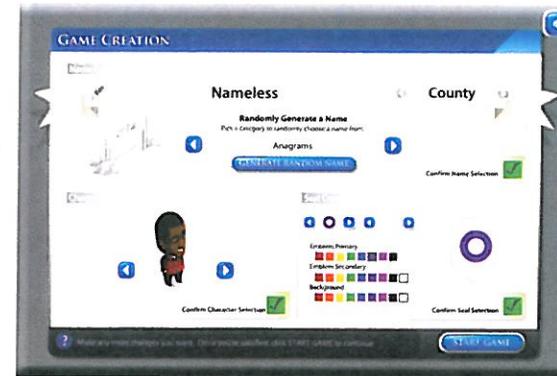


Action steps to promote this new educational tool



What can I do as a county leader to get this educational tool into local schools?

- Start by playing the game yourself at www.naco.org/countieswork
- Have your teenagers, grandchildren, neighbor's teenagers play the game
- Contact NACo to find an iCivics' representative in your state
- Contact teachers, principals and school superintendents in your county to let them know the game and curriculum are available at www.naco.org/countieswork



What can I do as a teacher or school board member to use this educational tool?

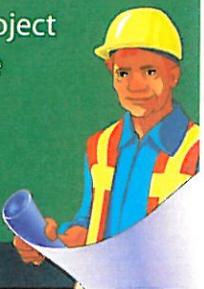
The online game, *Counties Work*, will educate students and provide teachers with an educational tool. *Counties Work* raises understanding and awareness of county government's role and function through a fun environment. While playing the game, students will serve as a county official who has to provide services, deal with citizen requests, set and raise revenues, and work within a budget. Along the way, students will learn about the various services provided by county departments while having to make tough decisions.

- Start by playing the game yourself at www.naco.org/countieswork
- Share with colleagues
- Add to your curriculum, lesson plan when appropriate
- Tools for Teachers
 - View the curriculum at www.icivics.org/teachers/lesson-plans/capable-county
 - View web quests at www.icivics.org/web-quests/county-basics

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For more information on the *Counties Work* project or the National Association of Counties, please contact Bill Cramer, Marketing Director at 202.942.4264 or 888.407.6226 or bcramer@naco.org.



NACo's VISION: HEALTHY, VIBRANT, SAFE, AND RESILIENT COUNTIES ACROSS THE UNITED STATES



NACo's MISSION

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SOURCES

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WHY COUNTIES MATTER!



TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE

Transportation and infrastructure are critical components that support the economies of our counties and improve the standard of living for all Americans. By providing efficient transportation and transit options such as buses, trains, light rail and subway systems, counties are the driving force connecting communities. Counties invest in building the schools where students learn, the hospitals that treat and provide care to the community and the jails that house and rehabilitate wrongdoers. From cleaning up storm debris and restoring safety to the community to cleaning the water we drink by maintaining reservoirs, purification plants and pumping stations, counties provide the basic services that are often taken for granted.

Services include:

- ★ Transit
- ★ Roads
- ★ Bridges
- ★ Airports
- ★ Construction of public facilities
- ★ Water and sewage systems
- ★ Solid waste management
- ★ Utilities like gas and electricity

COUNTIES ARE INVOLVED IN THE OPERATION OF **30%** of public airports

COUNTIES OWN **228,238** bridges

COUNTIES OWN AND MAINTAIN **45%** of America's roads

COUNTIES ARE INVOLVED in **27%** of public transit systems

COUNTIES INVEST **\$106.3 BILLION** IN BUILDING INFRASTRUCTURE AND MAINTAINING AND OPERATING PUBLIC WORKS ANNUALLY

COUNTIES INVEST **\$18.6 BILLION** in sewage and solid waste management annually

COUNTIES INVEST **\$52.2 BILLION** in construction of public facilities annually

THE DIVERSITY OF COUNTIES

No two counties are exactly the same. Counties are one of America's oldest forms of government, dating back to 1634 when the first county governments were established in Virginia. Ever since, county governments continue to evolve and adapt to changing environments and populations, with Petersburg Borough, Alaska, incorporating as recently as 2013. Counties are diverse in the way they are structured and how they deliver services to their communities. States decide counties' roles and responsibilities. States can allow counties to govern themselves by granting them home rule authority, which gives counties varying degrees of power to decide their own structural, functional and fiscal organization. Counties' demographic, geographic and economic characteristics dictate how they deliver services to their communities. The organization and structure of counties are tailored to fit their communities' needs and characteristics.



19,300
elected county board members and elected executives



\$482.1
BILLION
total expenditures annually



3.3
MILLION
county employees



Service to
296
MILLION
county residents

- ★ Los Angeles County invests \$18.9 billion annually — or more than 23 of our state governments each year.
- ★ If Cook County, Ill., were a state, it would be bigger than 30 states in population.
- ★ Almost two-thirds of counties have less than 50,000 residents.
- ★ One in four acres of county land is federally owned. In the West, one in two acres of county land is federally owned.

WWW.NACO.ORG/COUNTIESMATTER

NACo — BRINGING UNITY TO THE DIVERSITY OF AMERICA'S COUNTIES

The nation's 3,069 county governments provide the essential services to create healthy, vibrant, and safe communities. Counties support and maintain public infrastructure, transportation and economic development assets; keep residents healthy; ensure public safety to protect our citizens; maintain public information and coordinate elections; and implement a broad array of federal, state and local programs in a cost-effective and efficient manner.

People depend on counties to provide services that build, maintain, and protect their homes, schools and neighborhoods. Counties are also an instrumental player in America's intergovernmental system of federal, state, and local governments.

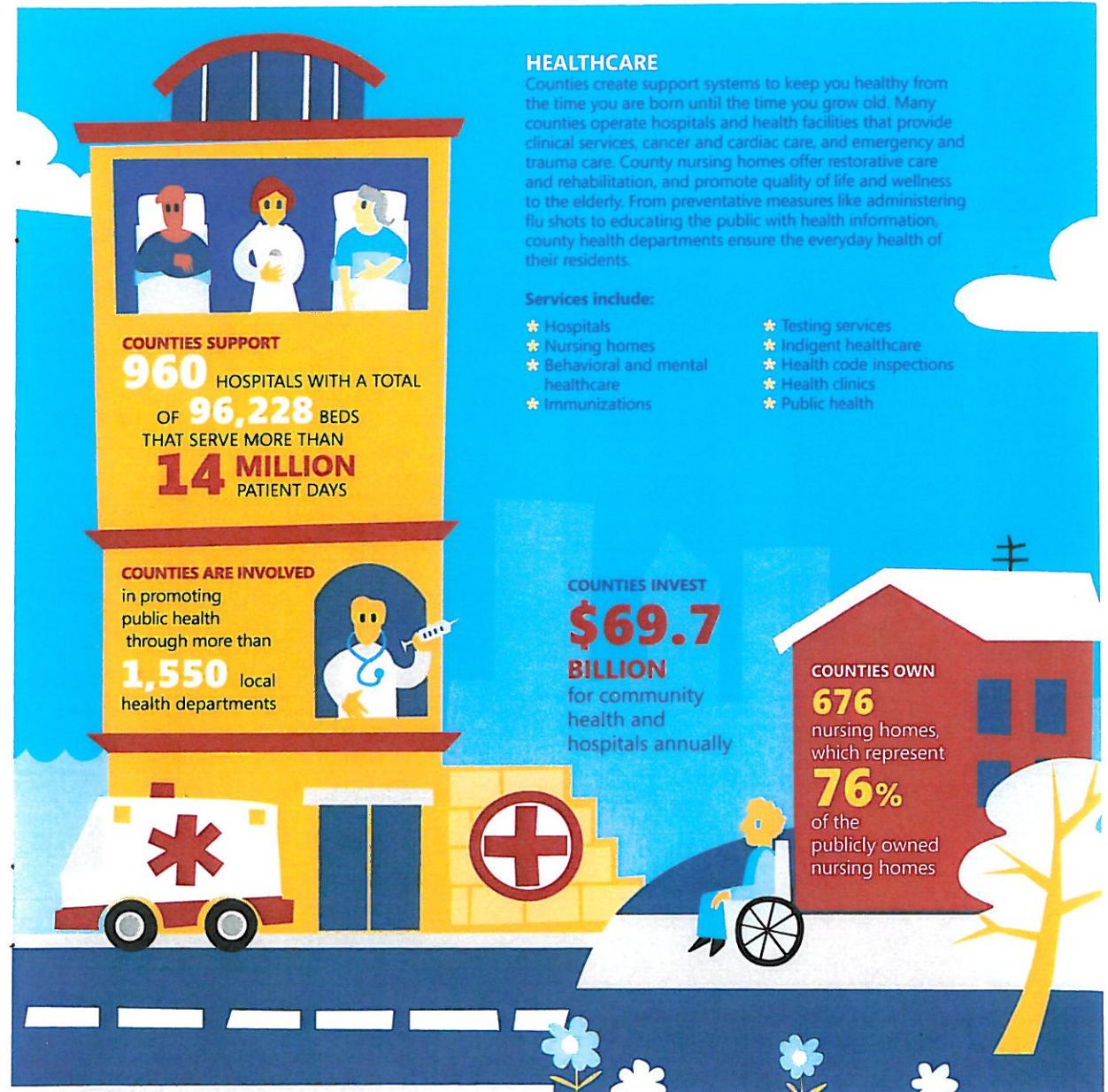
NACo members support state and federal policies and programs that provide the tools, resources, and solutions needed to spur job growth, improve the quality of life for all Americans, and increase the economic competitiveness of America's counties and communities. To accomplish this, NACo adheres to a set of core principles through its core functions.

NACo's CORE PRINCIPLES

-  Empower county leaders with new skills, resources and ideas
-  Assist counties with first-class, cost-effective services
-  Provide timely, informative and value-added data, knowledge and programs
-  Promote sound public policies that advance the interests of counties
-  Exercise sound stewardship and management of NACo's financial, intellectual, and human resources
-  Enhance the public's understanding of county government

NACo's CORE FUNCTIONS

-  Legislative, regulatory, and judicial representation in the nation's capital
-  Research
-  Education & technical assistance
-  Cost-saving programs
-  Solutions for critical problems
-  Innovative programs that meet future county needs



COUNTIES INVEST

\$70.2 BILLION

TOTAL in justice and public safety services annually, of which ...

JUSTICE & PUBLIC SAFETY

Counties keep communities safe, by providing law enforcement and promoting crime prevention. From patrolling and policing the streets, to operating and maintaining county detention facilities, to serving as the arm of the county courts, county sheriffs and police departments are the linchpin of the criminal justice system. The other key players in the system are judges, district attorneys, public defenders, court clerks, jail directors and coroners.

- Criminal justice components include:
- * Sheriffs departments
 - * County police departments
 - * County court systems
 - * Jails and correctional facilities
 - * Juvenile detention and justice services
 - * District attorneys
 - * Public defenders
 - * Coroners

THERE ARE **3,105** county police and sheriffs departments

\$30.2 BILLION IS SPENT ON POLICE AND SHERIFFS DEPARTMENTS

\$23.3 BILLION IS SPENT ON CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES

11.6 MILLION people were admitted to county and other local jails in 2012

\$16.7 BILLION IS SPENT ON COUNTY COURTS AND LEGAL SERVICES ANNUALLY

COUNTY MANAGEMENT

Counties provide vital services to all Americans, from issuing birth certificates and marriage licenses to operating 911 call centers. Counties often build and maintain the parks, swimming pools, community centers and cultural centers where you spend time with family and friends. Counties are responsible for running elections, from presidential to local. While balancing numerous administrative responsibilities, counties deliver essential services to ensure safe, healthy and resilient communities for their residents.

Services include:

- * Record keeping
- * Tax assessments
- * 911 call centers
- * Elections and polling places
- * Recreation and parks
- * Arts programs
- * Housing, community and economic development

ANNUALLY, COUNTIES INVEST **\$25.6** BILLION into economic development



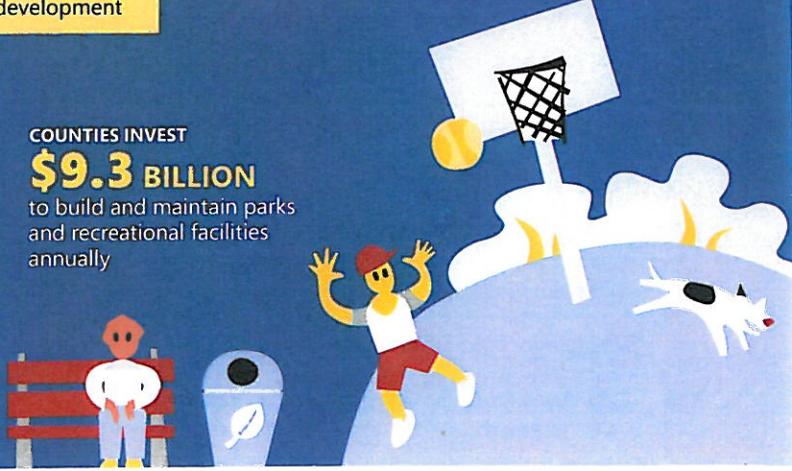
THERE ARE MORE THAN **19,300** elected county board members and elected executives; **711** are elected county executives

Every **TWO** years ...

COUNTIES FUND AND OVERSEE MORE THAN **114,000** polling places

AND COORDINATE MORE THAN **692,000** poll workers

COUNTIES INVEST **\$9.3** BILLION to build and maintain parks and recreational facilities annually



9 Solutions through Research, Education and Training

NACo provides technical assistance and training to county governments on NACo's website at www.naco.org. These programs offer assistance on issues like homeland security, smart justice, transportation, healthy counties, the environment and health care. NACo also provides research information on county programs that can save your staff time and money. NACo staff is available to research county issues providing you with a valuable benefit. Information is available to help with any aspect of county government.

10 Grants Clearinghouse

NACo's searchable Grants Clearinghouse on the NACo website lists federal grants available to county governments. Through the site, you will learn whether the grants are currently funded and how to apply. Another exclusive membership benefit is our e-mail notification system that will notify you when new grants become available. Just sign up at www.naco.org!

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ABOUT NACo

The National Association of Counties (NACo) assists America's counties in pursuing excellence in public service by advancing sound public policies, promoting peer learning and accountability, fostering intergovernmental and public-private collaboration, and providing value-added services to save counties and taxpayers money. Founded in 1935, NACo provides the elected and appointed leaders from the nation's 3,069 counties with the knowledge, skills and tools necessary to advance fiscally responsible, quality-driven and results-oriented policies and services to build healthy, vibrant, safe and fiscally resilient counties. For more information about NACo, visit www.naco.org.



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Ten Reasons to Belong to NACo

NACo National Association of Counties

1 Representation in Washington

NACo members and staff vigorously lobby the Administration and Congress on all issues affecting counties and their residents. To focus the effort, priority issues are established annually by the Board of Directors. Ongoing legislative priorities are:

- * opposing unfunded mandates and preemption of county authorities
- * maintaining and increasing the financial partnership with the federal government, including appropriations
- * ensuring federal tax policies are equitable to county government
- * working on recurring federal authorizations affecting county government, such as community and economic development, transportation, workforce development, public safety, cybersecurity, health services and public lands and rural development

Want to influence legislation? If you have knowledge or an interest in a certain issue area or concerns about the effects of federal policy on your county, then you should become a member of one of NACo's 11 Steering Committees. Steering committees represent a diverse range of issues and enable county officials from member counties to become actively involved in NACo's policy process.

2 Conferences

NACo conferences provide a great benefit at discounted rates for members. Attendees rank highly the information they receive from expert speakers, educational sessions, workshops and the networking opportunities with colleagues. NACo has a conference to meet your specific needs whether you choose the Annual, Legislative or Western Interstate Region Conference. Other special issue meetings cover subjects like homeland security, health care, smart justice, technology, leadership and rural and urban issues.

3 Financial Services Center Programs

With These Savings, NACo Membership Pays for Itself!

NACo provides numerous ways for members to save money. They include:

- * **U.S. Communities Government Purchasing Alliance** – access to nationally bid contracts that provide significant reductions in price on essential products and services. Since 1999, participating local governments, non-profits, schools and universities have saved more than \$1.5 billion.
- * **Public Finance Authority** – a unique governmental entity that

- * **Retirement benefit programs** – NACo, in partnership with Nationwide Retirement Solutions (NRS) and state associations of counties, provides county employees with a Section 457 Deferred Compensation Program. Since its inception in 1980, NACo's Deferred Compensation Program has grown to become the largest supplemental retirement income program available to county employees. More than 350,000 county employees from over 2,900 counties and county special districts currently participate in the program.

4 Prescription and Dental Discount Card Programs

The NACo Prescription Discount Card Program and Dental Discount Program provide savings for county governments and residents from the skyrocketing costs of prescriptions, medical services and dental care. The programs are available to all residents of a participating NACo member county and provide relief for the uninsured or underinsured.

The NACo Prescription Discount Card Program has provided an average savings of 24 percent and up to 75 percent off per prescription and more than 1,400 member counties have saved their residents over \$500 million. Features of the program:

- * No age or income restrictions
- * No forms to fill out by participants
- * Free to counties and participants
- * Marketing reimbursement fee for counties on each prescription
- * Optional program to save on vision, eyeglasses, hearing aids, labs/imaging and other needed medical services

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The NACo Dental Discount Program provides residents in participating member counties five to 50 percent discounts on a full complement of dental services and 20 percent discounts on orthodontics.

5 County News and Washington Watch

County News, NACo's bimonthly newspaper, is available in print and online to keep you up to date on the latest developments in counties and in Washington, D.C.

County News (www.countynews.org) highlights model programs, concise news items on timely issues, solutions from experts, research, and even job postings to attract candidates nationally. The *County News Alert* e-mail notifies members to the latest online updates.

Washington Watch, a weekly e-newsletter, informs members about NACo's current legislative developments and policy updates.

6 Website

NACo's website, www.naco.org, is packed with news, research, conference details, legislative updates, and geographical information on counties. More than 15,000 individuals visit the site daily. You can even receive e-mail alerts when new content has been added. The Membership link in the About NACo section provides access to the Grants Clearinghouse, all of NACo's publications available for free, a media relations guide, right way to run a meeting pamphlet and information on lobbying Congress. Make sure you put the NACo web page on your list of favorites.

7 Webinars

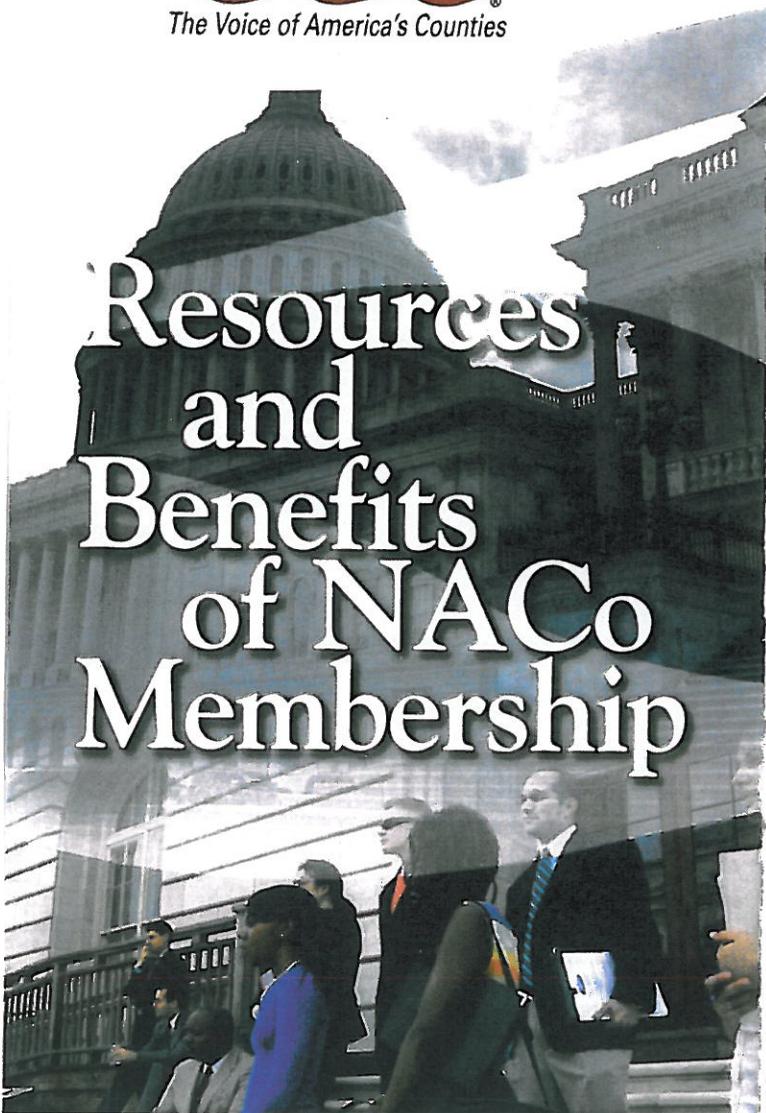
If you can't travel to NACo conferences, you and your staff can benefit from more than 60 free and easy-to-use webinars for members each year. The webinars are based on timely, practical education on one or more of the many topics of interest to counties and these programs bring the information right to your desktop.

8 Networking with Other County Officials

NACo membership provides a unique opportunity to interact with colleagues from across the country whether at a conference, through participation on a steering committee, on a legislative issue, or even through NACo's online social media presence.



Resources and Benefits of NACO Membership



NACO Membership offers you many opportunities to get involved ...

Steering Committees:

- * Agriculture and Rural Affairs
- * Community and Economic Development
- * Environment, Energy and Land Use
- * Finance and Intergovernmental Affairs
- * Health
- * Human Services and Education
- * Justice and Public Safety
- * Labor and Employment
- * Public Lands
- * Telecommunications and Technology
- * Transportation

Standing Committees:

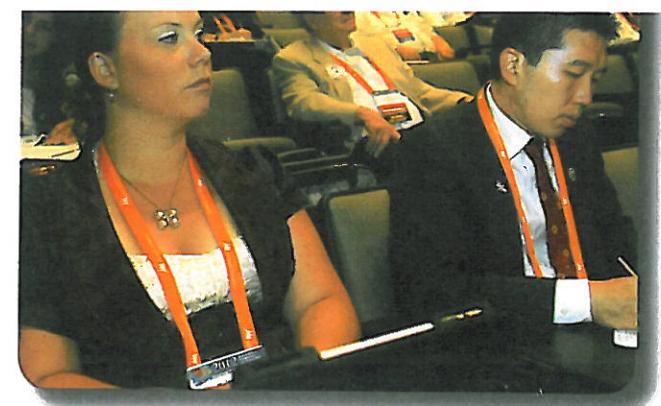
- * Audit Committee
- * Finance Committee
- * Information Technology Committee
- * Membership Committee
- * Programs and Services Committee

NACO Caucuses:

- * Large Urban County Caucus (LUCC)
- * Rural Action Caucus (RAC)
- * Western Interstate Region (WIR)

NACO Affiliated Associations:

- * National Association of Black County Officials (NABCO)
- * National Organization of Black County Officials (NOBCO)
- * National Democratic County Officials (NDCO)
- * National Conference of Republican County Officials (NCRCO)
- * National Association of Hispanic County Officials (NAHCO)
- * Women of NACO Leadership Network (WON)



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Be an Active NACo Member

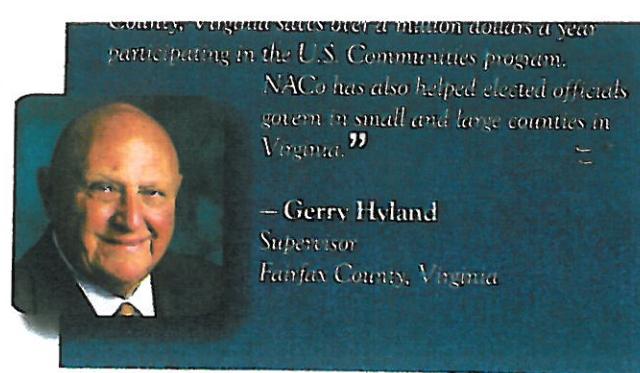
It's YOUR Association

When a county joins NACo, all of its elected and appointed officials and county staff can fully participate and receive all the benefits and services that NACo offers. Being an active member of NACo is easy and very rewarding. Keep this brochure handy to provide you with information, resources, and benefits of your membership in NACo because we welcome your active participation. Members benefit from networking with peers, learning from one another and taking advantage of professional development and educational opportunities. You may also join a steering committee, interact with NACo affiliates, or become a NACo officer. These are just a few of the many ways to get the most from your county's membership. Be sure to visit www.naco.org to access resources and become involved.

Represents County Government

Legislative Affairs

NACo's professional legislative staff works with county officials to educate and lobby the Administration and Congress on key issues affecting counties and their residents. NACo's Board of Directors, at the direction of the membership, establishes legislative priorities annually which guide the association's efforts.



Over the past decade, NACo has been successful on 75 percent of its priority issues. Ongoing legislative priorities include:

- * Opposing unfunded mandates and preemption of county authorities
- * Maintaining and increasing the financial partnership with the federal government, including appropriations
- * Ensuring federal tax policies are equitable to county government
- * Working on recurring federal authorizations affecting county government, such as community and economic development, transportation, workforce development, public lands and rural development

NACo's Large Urban County Caucus and Rural Action Caucus have platforms that are consistent with NACo's key legislative priorities and advocate these priorities on behalf of urban and rural counties throughout America.

Members participate in NACo's Legislative Affairs by:

- * Attending NACo's Conferences where policy is formulated
- * Serving on a steering committee
- * Receiving Legislative Bulletins and Alerts
- * Taking action by writing or calling Members of Congress to voice concerns on behalf of your county and county governments across the nation
- * Attending NACo Fly-Ins to lobby Members of Congress and educate the Administration alongside your colleagues

Counties have limited sources of revenue. NACo programs help counties make the most of their budgets, preserve taxpayers' dollars and enable county governments to serve citizens more efficiently through innovative, cost-saving and direct funding opportunities.



U.S. Communities Government Purchasing Alliance

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- * Office and School Supplies
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- * Office Furniture
- * School Furniture
- * Park and Playground Equipment
- * Office Machines
- * Homeland Security Solutions
- * Telecommunications Supplies
- * Physical Education Supplies
- * Technology Products and Solutions
- * Roofing Supplies and Services
- * Electrical Products
- * Auto Parts and Accessories
- * Maintenance, Repair and Operating Services & Supplies
- * Disaster Assistance Solutions
- * Uniforms and Apparel
- * Green Products and Services
- * Synthetic Turf and Athletic Surfaces
- * Elevator Service
- * Rental Equipment
- * Flooring and Installation Services

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Online Supplier Directory

A web-based online tool, the directory provides quick and easy access to an extensive directory of suppliers of products and services purchased every day by counties. County officials, purchasing agents and employees can use the searchable database to find nationally recognized, regional or locally based businesses. You can find NACo's Online Supplier Directory by visiting www.naco.org/onlinesupplierdirectory.

Deferred Compensation

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Public Finance Authority

In 2010, the Public Finance Authority (PFA) was created as a unique governmental entity that can finance tax-exempt conduit bonds for public and private activities that benefit public agencies on a multi-state basis. PFA presents a new approach to traditional bond finance. The national and streamlined processes it offers will drive down costs of

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— Marc Hamlin
District Clerk
Brazos County, TX

issuance and improve the access of many communities to tax-exempt finance for projects that provide public benefit, contribute to social and economic growth, and improve the overall quality of life in communities throughout the country.

Network of Care

The Network of Care (NOC) enables a county to create an interactive, single information internet network that its residents, community-based organizations and county workers can use to quickly access a wide variety of critical information relating to health and human services. Resources available in the NOC "virtual community" include: an easy-to-use service directory, a comprehensive health library, a secure personal health record, a social networking platform, and links to relevant websites throughout the nation. NACo provides NOC through a partnership with Trilogy Integrated Resources which was chosen through a nationally solicited competitive bid process. This process enables counties to establish a NOC site without having to go out for bid.

Grants Clearinghouse

The Grants Clearinghouse is a searchable index of federal grants available to counties on NACo's website. The index includes the funding status of each grant as well as how to apply. Members can also receive an e-mail notification informing them when new grants become available.

NACo Prescription Discount Card Program

The NACo Prescription Discount Card Program provides county governments with a way to help their residents deal with the high cost of prescription drugs. There is no cost to the county or the resident and there are no age or income restrictions. The program has saved more than \$480 million for county residents in over 1,400 counties nationwide and there have been more than 38 million prescriptions filled.

The new marketing reimbursement fee option gives counties the opportunity to receive \$1 for every prescription filled where the card is used to receive a discount. The funds that your county will receive through this benefit could help your county with needed revenue. Counties that do not choose the marketing reimbursement fee option can implement the existing program.

The NACo prescription discount card also includes free support from NACo. Here is a sample of our support activities for your program:

- * Unlimited free card brochures, posters and display stands featuring your county name, logo and seal
- * Website print-a-card feature for your county residents
- * Mailing discount cards directly to county facilities at the direction of the county
- * Mailing discount cards directly to pharmacies with display stands that will hold the cards
- * Making regular telephone calls to county officials and county coordinators responsible for the program to assess the success of the program and determine what additional support NACo can provide
- * Providing free cards that can be inserted into county mailings, property tax bills, and water bills, without increasing the cost of the mailing
- * Preparing press releases and distribution to local media for counties launching the program
- * Preparing press releases, promoting the program and discounts at various milestones showing the program's success
- * Interviewing county officials and producing radio news releases to provide to radio stations in areas where it can be most effective
- * Production and distribution of PSAs to radio stations with featured county officials

To view program information, visit www.naco.org/drugcard.

NACo Dental Discount Program

The NACo Dental Discount Program can help the residents or employees of NACo member counties save 5 to 50 percent on a comprehensive list of dental services, and 20 percent on orthodontics. The card is for people who are uninsured but can also complement health insurance plans or work with health savings accounts, flexible spending accounts and health reimbursement arrangements.

To view program information, visit www.naco.org/dentalprogram.

Provides Educational Development, Research Information and Technical Assistance

Conferences and Meetings

NACo conducts three annual conferences each year. NACo membership entitles you to attend the following conferences at significantly reduced costs:

- * Annual
- * Legislative
- * Western Interstate Region

Conferences provide members with an opportunity to:

- * Network with their peers
- * Participate in professional development programs
- * Attend issue-related, informative workshops
- * Hear from expert speakers on a variety of topics
- * Learn best practices from county governments across the United States.

Web-Based Education

Thousands of county officials and staff around the country participate in timely, practical education through NACo's webinar calendar each month. Staff and experts update content regularly to reflect the current economic challenges, program innovations and leadership strategies that concern NACo members. The webinar calendar, with instructions for registration, appears on the NACo website at www.naco.org/webinars. All programs are available to NACo members at no charge.

County Leadership Institute

Each year, 30 elected officials from member counties, nominated by their state associations and selected through a competitive process, participate in a four-day intensive introduction to adaptive leadership skills through the County Leadership Institute (CLI). Offered in conjunction with Cambridge Leadership Associates, CLI offers a challenging learning experience that ultimately enhances the ability of county officials to identify and implement innovative solutions to complex leadership issues.

Leadership Training

County officials and staff can register for continuing professional development in five key practice areas of leadership through webinars and workshops designed exclusively for NACo members. NACo Educational Services staff is also available as "faculty" that can provide on-site training at your location.

NACo Website

Counties Connect via NACo's website, your direct and best source for all information pertaining to NACo's programs, products and services. Visit www.naco.org for research, legislative information, educational resources, conference details, county related data, and a special Members Only Section to save you and your county time, resources and money.

Research

NACo can conduct research for your county that can save you time and money. By request, the research department is able to provide resources for your county such as sample resolutions, collections of county data, writing assistance in specific documents, and more! Research and technical assistance also form a cornerstone of NACo services for members. Special publications, best practices and surveys and research data help provide solutions to county officials as they face everyday challenges.

Green Government Initiative

NACo's Green Government Initiative (GGI) provides comprehensive resources for local governments on all things green—including energy, air quality, transportation, water quality, land use, purchasing, and recycling. GGI serves as a catalyst between local governments and the private sector to facilitate green government best practices, products and policies that result in financial and environmental savings for America's counties. Through this initiative NACo:

- * Develops strategies to save counties money while going green
- * Educates counties on techniques for implementing green strategies
- * Provides tools for counties to educate their communities on all things green
- * Promotes environmentally preferable purchasing
- * Facilitates an open exchange with the private sector

“One of the specialties of NACo’s research department is to help counties with the grant process. [The Research Director] has helped Johnson County find and write grants and showed us how to use the NACo website to find federal grants. It makes it so much easier and efficient to go to one place to find where possible grants are. Bringing back federal dollars to our counties is really beneficial to our local citizens.”

— Robert Tucker
Public Information Officer
Johnson County, Kansas



Information Technology

NACo’s Information Technology programs assist counties in the development of services and projects related to information technology, information systems and technical standards as well as providing resources to additional information and technology vendors. Two technology summits are held annually and provide connections which bring private sector leaders and county officials together to learn about new cutting edge technologies.

Promotes County Government

County News

NACo’s biweekly newspaper, *County News*, is rated one of the best benefits of membership. *County News* is available in print, electronically and online (www.countynews.org). *County News* highlights best practices, model programs, news items on timely issues, solutions from experts, research, and even job postings to attract candidates nationally. Multiple subscriptions are included with NACo membership.

NACo e-News

NACo e-News is a biweekly electronic newsletter sent to over 40,000 county officials and staff. As part of NACo’s efforts to enhance communication to our members, the newsletter is designed as a quick read with links for more in depth information on the website. E-news’ focus

is on informing members of all that is new including publications, grant opportunities, legislative information, upcoming educational webinars, training programs, conferences, and more.

Counties Work

NACo, in partnership with iCivics, created an online, interactive game, **Counties Work** for students in grades six through 12 to learn about county government. While playing the game, a student serves as a county official responsible for providing services, dealing with citizen requests, setting and raising revenues, and working within a budget. Students also learn about the various services provided by county departments while having to make tough decisions. The game is a great educational tool for teachers teaching civics in the classroom. There is also an integrated curriculum section for teachers on the website to help them use the game to teach students specifically about county government. Play **Counties Work** now at www.naco.org/countieswork.

National County Government Month

Every April counties across the country celebrate National County Government Month. During this month, counties highlight and promote the many services county governments provide their citizens with a goal to raise awareness and understanding of counties and their great value to society. NACo member counties receive assistance from NACo to help facilitate this important awareness effort.

Awards Programs

NACo has a number of awards programs to recognize and honor the special achievements of counties and county officials. As a member, you can model programs after NACo award winners to help save time, money, avoid pitfalls and establish successful programs in your county.

“Our county relies on NACo’s lobbying expertise to leverage our impact on decisions made everyday in Washington that effect our constituents’ lives and our county’s bottom line.”



— Liz Archuleta
County Supervisor
Coconino County, Arizona

The Award Programs include:

- * Achievement Awards
- * Arts and Culture Awards
- * County Courthouse Awards
- * County Leadership in the Arts Award
- * Dale Sowards Award (public lands)
- * Legislator of the Year Award
- * National County Government Month Awards

Media and Marketing

Using various media and marketing strategies, NACo strives to raise awareness of issues important to counties and foster the public’s understanding of the roles and responsibilities of county government. In addition to news conferences, press releases and online communications, NACo educates Administration officials, Members of Congress and their staffs about the importance of strengthening the federal-local government partnership through Capitol Hill briefings and targeted print, broadcast and online advertising.

MyNACo

MyNACo is a password protected feature of NACo’s website that enables members to network, discuss issues, policies, and proposals with other members and NACo staff in a secure environment. MyNACo is a member exclusive benefit. Access to MyNACo is at www.naco.org.

Social Networking

NACo is actively using social media to assist counties and inform the public. Look for NACo on Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter and YouTube to connect and communicate with other county leaders. Access NACo online at:

- * Facebook: www.Facebook.com/NACoDC
- * YouTube: www.youtube.com/NACoVideo
- * Twitter: www.twitter.com ... use #NACotweets
- * LinkedIn: www.linkedin.com ... search “National Association of Counties” in groups

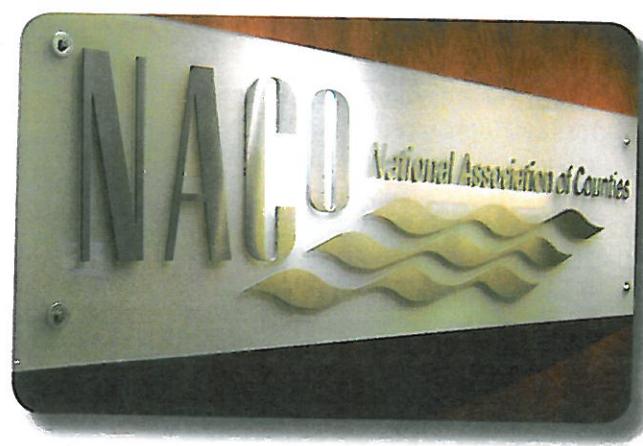
Corporate Outreach

NACo’s corporate membership program provides counties and corporations with a forum to exchange ideas, information, and collaborate on issues of mutual understanding and benefit. The program provides businesses the unique opportunity to share products and services that address the needs and challenges counties face across America.

NACo Affiliates

NACo affiliate organizations represent departments and professions within county government. Each NACo affiliate has one representative on the NACo/NACoRF Board of Directors.

- * International Association of Assessing Officers (IAAO)
- * International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM)
- * International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC)
- * National Association of County Administrators (NACA)
- * National Association of County Aging Programs (NACAP)
- * National Association of County Behavioral Health and Developmental Disability Directors (NACBHD)
- * National Association of County Civil Attorneys (NACCA)
- * National Association for County Community & Economic Development (NACCED)
- * National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO)
- * National Association of County Engineers (NACE)
- * National Association of County Health Facility Administrators (NACHFA)
- * National Association of County Human Services Administrators (NACHSA)
- * National Association of County Information Officers (NACIO)
- * National Association of County Intergovernmental Relation Officials (NACIRO)
- * National Association of County Planners (NACP)
- * National Association of County Park and Recreation Officials (NACPRO)
- * National Association of County Recorders, Election Officials, and Clerks (NACRC)
- * National Association of County Surveyors (NACS)
- * National Association of County Treasurers and Finance Officers (NACTFO)
- * National Association of Local Boards of Health (NALBOH)
- * National Association of Veterans and Service Officers (NAVSO)
- * National Association of Volunteer Programs in Local Governments (NAVPLG)
- * National Council of County Association Executives (NCCAE)
- * National Sheriff's Association (NSA)
- * National Workforce Association (NWA)



About NACo

For more than 75 years, NACo has served as the only national organization representing county governments, before the Administration and Congress in the United States. Founded in 1935, NACo provides essential services to the nation's 3,068 counties. NACo advances issues with a unified voice before the federal government, improves the public's understanding of county government, assists counties in finding and sharing innovative solutions through education and research, and provides value-added services to save counties and taxpayers money.

In August 2006, NACo was named one of nine remarkable associations in the United States after a four-year study conducted by the American Society of Association Executives (ASAE) and The Center for Association Leadership because of its commitment to members and purpose.

NACo's membership totals more than 2,300 counties, representing more than 75 percent of the nation's population.

With its headquarters on Capitol Hill, NACo is a full-service organization that delivers its services through its dedicated and skilled staff.

Departments:

1. County Services
2. Executive Office
3. Finance and Administration
4. Financial Services Corporation
5. Information Technology
6. Legislative Affairs
7. Public Affairs (includes Membership)

Sample issues that NACo's County Services Department focuses on include:

1. Energy efficiency and renewable energy
2. Health reform implementation
3. Jail-to-community transition planning and Jail population management
4. Pipeline safety
5. Rural health
6. Rural road safety
7. Traffic congestion management
8. Wetlands restoration and coastal resources management
9. Wildfire prevention

Board of Directors

NACo's Board of Directors consists of elected and appointed county officials or designated officials from active member counties and are nominated at the NACo Annual Conference to serve.

The role of the Board of Directors is to:

- * Supervise, manage and control the business and property of the association
- * Determine NACo's mission as identified by the members
- * Monitor NACo's success in fulfilling its mission including mission-driven programs and services
- * Ensure that NACo will be able to continue to fulfill its mission

The Executive Committee of the Board of Directors is composed of elected officials of active member counties who serve as officers of the association. The president serves as chair of the committee which includes a first vice president, a second vice president, and an immediate past president.





Participation and Membership Benefits Report



This report provides a detailed summary of services and dollars your county has received as a direct benefit from being a member of NACo.

Lancaster County, NE

Non Member County

555 S 10Th St Rm 110
 County City Building
 Lincoln, NE 68508-2803
Phone: (402)441-7447 **Fax:** (402)441-6301
Website: <http://www.lancaster.ne.gov>

Dues: \$5,708

Assistance Provided to Your County

Direct assistance, materials or information provided to officials or staff in your county by NACo staff.

Year	Assistance Provided
2011	9 times

NACo Program Participation



NACo Prescription Discount Card Program

Total Saved by Residents
\$ 1,126,189.24



U.S. Communities Participant - Annual Savings

2010	2011	2012	2013
\$23,199	\$1,838	\$2,509	\$5,581



Deferred Compensation Program Participant

Federal Funds Lobbied for by NACo

At the federal level, NACo works to increase, maintain, or create funding for programs that benefit county governments and their residents. It is important to note that these programs listed here represent the types of programs on which NACo lobbies. This is not the complete list of all the federal funds counties receive, but a sample of specific federal programs through which counties receive funding as a result of NACo's lobbying efforts.

Year	PILT	SCAAP	CDBG	HOME	SRS	USDA
2013	\$17,915	\$59,251	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2012	\$18,356	\$55,271	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$5,097,390
2011	\$17,983	\$70,819	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,821,353

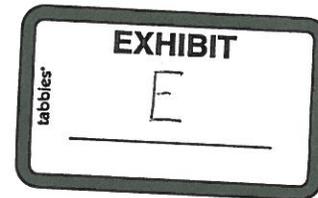
Economic Recovery Funds

Year	CDBG	EECBG	NSP1	Byrne JAG

2009	\$0	\$110,300	\$0	\$21,097

NACo Educational & Professional Development

Conference / Event		Total Attendees
2013 NACo National Cyber Symposium		2
2011 Annual Conference and Exposition		1
Year	Webinar	Total Attendees
2013	From the County Up: Toward a 2030 Vision of Disaster Resilience	13
2013	Sustainable Jails: Ripe Opportunities for Saving County Resources	2
2012	Developing a Social Media Policy That's Right for Your County	1
2012	Enhancing Local Criminal Justice Practice with a Criminal Justice Coordinating Council	1
2012	Health Coverage for Your County Jail's Pretrial Population	1
2012	NACo Briefing on President's FY2013 Federal Budget	1
2011	Reducing Youth Detention Populations and Cost Saving Opportunities	1
2010	Leadership Lessons of the 7 Habits of Highly Effective People	1



Lancaster County

Experience Summary and Cost Review

Plan Year January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013

Experience through December 31, 2013

February 13, 2014

**Lancaster County
Medical & Rx Monthly Report**

	Enrollment						Administration Expenses					Claim Expenses						Total Cost Summary				
	EE	2 Party	4 Party	Family	Total	Total Members	Admin Fees	Specific Stop Loss Prem	Agg Stop Loss Prem	AEA FEES	Total Admin Costs	Medical Claims	Rx Claims	Other Claims (M/N, vision)	Other Claims (Run-out, capitated expense)	Total Gross Paid Claims	Claims Over Specific	Net Paid Claims	Total Plan Cost	Expected Plan Cost	Amount Over / (Under) Expected	Ratio of Actual to Expected
Jan-13	403	116	82	239	840	1835	\$37,136	\$41,236	-	\$267	\$78,639	\$581,318	\$187,049	-	-	\$768,367	\$0	\$768,367	\$847,006	\$935,155	(\$88,149)	90.6%
Feb-13	403	116	83	238	840	1840	\$37,136	\$41,236	-	\$2,020	\$80,392	\$562,665	\$188,771	-	-	\$751,436	\$0	\$751,436	\$831,828	\$935,155	(\$103,327)	89.0%
Mar-13	403	118	82	240	843	1848	\$37,269	\$41,383	-	\$115	\$78,767	\$863,687	\$186,949	-	-	\$1,050,636	\$0	\$1,050,636	\$1,129,403	\$938,495	\$190,908	120.3%
Apr-13	408	120	84	239	851	1855	\$37,623	\$41,776	-	\$53	\$79,451	\$668,291	\$169,931	-	-	\$838,222	\$0	\$838,222	\$917,673	\$947,401	(\$29,728)	96.9%
May-13	409	118	84	240	851	1855	\$37,623	\$41,776	-	\$101	\$79,499	\$492,627	\$181,398	-	-	\$674,025	\$0	\$674,025	\$753,524	\$947,401	(\$193,877)	79.5%
Jun-13	403	121	82	241	847	1856	\$37,446	\$41,579	-	\$53	\$79,078	\$679,354	\$191,312	-	-	\$870,666	\$0	\$870,666	\$949,744	\$942,948	\$6,796	100.7%
Jul-13	406	121	81	241	849	1854	\$37,534	\$41,677	-	\$86	\$79,298	\$626,441	\$186,670	-	-	\$813,111	(\$7,040)	\$820,151	\$899,449	\$945,175	(\$45,726)	95.2%
Aug-13	404	119	82	242	847	1852	\$37,446	\$41,579	-	\$75	\$79,100	\$576,285	\$182,501	-	-	\$758,786	(\$5,164)	\$763,950	\$843,050	\$942,948	(\$99,898)	89.4%
Sep-13	403	117	81	241	842	1844	\$37,225	\$41,334	-	\$391	\$78,950	\$624,146	\$142,200	-	-	\$766,346	(\$19,888)	\$786,234	\$865,184	\$937,382	(\$72,198)	92.3%
Oct-13	402	118	81	239	840	1844	\$37,136	\$41,236	-	\$3,098	\$81,470	\$826,823	\$205,216	-	-	\$1,032,039	(\$13,427)	\$1,045,466	\$1,126,936	\$935,155	\$191,781	120.5%
Nov-13	399	121	81	239	840	1848	\$37,136	\$41,236	-	\$1,123	\$79,495	\$800,182	\$152,555	-	-	\$952,737	(\$38,054)	\$990,791	\$1,070,286	\$935,155	\$135,131	114.5%
Dec-13	401	122	82	239	844	1858	\$37,313	\$41,432	-	\$1,321	\$80,066	\$965,503	\$127,108	-	-	\$1,092,611	(\$58,248)	\$1,150,859	\$1,230,925	\$939,608	\$291,317	131.0%
Total	4844	1427	985	2878	10134	22189	\$448,024	\$497,478	-	\$8,703	\$954,205	\$8,267,322	\$2,101,660	\$0	\$0	\$10,368,982	(\$141,821)	\$10,510,803	\$11,465,009	\$11,281,979	\$183,030	
Monthly Avg					845	1849	\$37,335	\$41,457	-	\$725	\$79,517	\$688,944	\$175,138	\$0	\$0	\$864,082	-\$11,818	\$875,900	\$955,417	\$940,165	\$15,252	101.6%
Avg PEPM							\$44.21	\$49.09	-	\$0.86	\$94.16	\$815.80	\$207.39	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,023.19	-\$13.99	\$1,037.18	\$1,131.34	\$1,113.28	\$18.06	
Avg PMPM							\$20.19	\$22.42	-	\$0.39	\$43.00	\$372.59	\$94.72	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$467.30	-\$6.39	\$473.69	\$516.70	\$508.45	\$8.25	

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	Admin Fee	ISL	ASL	Other Admin Fee
Per EE	\$44.21	\$49.09	NA	-
2 Party	\$44.21	\$49.09	NA	-
4 Party	\$44.21	\$49.09	NA	-
Per Family	\$44.21	\$49.09	NA	-

Projected Plan Cost PEPM: (from contribution summary)	\$1,113.28
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	Change From Prior Year	2013 YTD	2012	2011
Administrator		BCBSNE	BCBSNE	BCBSNE
Prescription Benefit Mgr		BCBSNE	BCBSNE	BCBSNE
Reinsurance Carrier		BCBSNE	BCBSNE	BCBSNE
Admin Fee PEPM	4.5%	\$44.21	\$42.30	\$48.61
Specific Prem PEPM	18.0%	\$49.09	\$41.60	\$32.00
Aggregate Prem PEPM	-	-	-	-
Other Admin Fee PEPM	8.3%	\$0.86	\$0.79	\$0.58
Net Paid Claims PEPM	21.4%	\$1,037.18	\$854.41	\$819.11
Monthly Cost Per EE	20.5%	\$1,131.34	\$939.11	\$900.30
Annual Cost Per EE	20.5%	\$13,576	\$11,269	\$10,804
Change from Prior Year		20.5%	4.3%	

Benchmarks *	Annual Cost Per EE
Medium Employer Size	\$5,858
Central Region	\$6,075
City & County Government	\$6,453

* 2011 Aon Hewitt Health & Welfare Client Base

⁽¹⁾ Lancaster County does not have ASL coverage



Lancaster County

2013 Large Claim Report through December 2013 Claims Over \$100,000 (50%) of the Specific Deductible

The information on this report is for general client reporting purposes and is not meant to be used for risk evaluation or assessment for underwriting purposes.

Claimant	Relationship to Employee	Member Status	Diagnosis *	Total Paid YTD	Amount Over the Specific	Net Plan Cost	% of Net Plan Paid Claims
#1	Spouse	Active	Multiple Sclerosis	\$319,542	\$119,542	\$200,000	1.9%
#2	Spouse	Active	Secondary Malignant Neoplasm of Respiratory and Digestive System	\$213,118	\$13,118	\$200,000	1.9%
#3	Dependent	Active	Benign Neoplasm of Brain and Other Parts of Nervous System	\$210,601	\$10,601	\$200,000	1.9%
#4	Dependent	Active	Single Liveborn / Disorders Relating to Short Gestation and Unspecified Low Birthweight	\$191,111	\$0	\$191,111	1.8%
#5	Employee	Active	Other Hernia of Abdominal Cavity without mention of Obstruction or Gangrene	\$150,822	\$0	\$150,822	1.4%
#6	Employee	Active	Myeloid Leukemia / Other Disorders of Cervical Region	\$143,161	\$0	\$143,161	1.4%
#7	Employee	Active	Chronic Liver Disease and Cirrhosis / Complications Peculiar to Certain Specified Procedures	\$139,764	\$0	\$139,764	1.3%
#8	Employee	Active	Other Diseases of Endocardium / Osteoarthritis and Allied Disorders	\$132,078	\$0	\$132,078	1.3%
#9	Spouse	Active	Encounter for Other and Unspecified Procedures and Aftercare / Aplastic Anemia	\$120,497	\$0	\$120,497	1.1%
#10	Dependent	Active	Other Disorders of Arteries and Arterioles	\$116,560	\$0	\$116,560	1.1%
#11	Employee	Active	Disorders of Plasma Protein Metabolism	\$114,536	\$0	\$114,536	1.1%
#12	Employee	Active	Disorders Involving the Immune Mechanism	\$100,004	\$0	\$100,004	1.0%
				Total Paid Claims		Total Net Plan Paid Claims	
				Total Large Claims	\$1,951,794	\$1,808,533	
				Total Paid Claims YTD	\$10,368,982	\$10,510,803	
				Large Claims as a Percent of the Total	18.8%	17.2%	

Year over year numbers

Year	Total paid	Administration	Paid Claims	% Increase	Members
2013	\$11,465,009	\$954,205	\$10,510,803	23%	10134
2012	\$9,419,732	\$842,272	\$8,577,460	1%	10039
2011	\$9,341,787	\$836,974	\$8,504,813		10383

Year	# of claimants over \$200,000	Dollars spent over \$200,000	Premium dollars paid to BCBSNE
2013	3	\$143,261	\$497,478 -35.8%
2012	1	\$223,301	\$417,622 -10.5%
2011	1	\$246,800	\$332,256

Year	# of claimants over \$100,000	Dollars spent over \$100,000
2013	12	\$1,951,794 62.3% \$749,386
2012	7	\$1,202,408 -0.4%
2011	8	\$1,207,548

Lancaster County
Self Funded Report- Dental with Ameritas

	Enrollment						Administration Expenses	Claim Expenses	Total Cost Summary
	EE	EE+Sp	EE+Ch	Family	Total	Total Members	Admin Fees	Dental Claims	Total Plan Cost
Jan-13	340	148	83	238	809		\$3,616	\$44,745	\$48,361
Feb-13	343	151	86	230	810		\$3,621	\$41,696	\$45,317
Mar-13	342	154	84	233	813		\$3,634	\$41,394	\$45,028
Apr-13	345	157	86	231	819		\$3,661	\$37,884	\$41,545
May-13	346	158	85	226	815		\$3,643	\$45,492	\$49,135
Jun-13	348	160	82	226	816		\$3,648	\$39,061	\$42,709
Jul-13	351	158	84	225	818		\$3,656	\$45,316	\$48,972
Aug-13	348	154	82	227	811		\$3,625	\$48,527	\$52,152
Sep-13	348	157	82	223	810		\$3,621	\$39,581	\$43,202
Oct-13	344	157	78	223	802		\$3,585	\$45,965	\$49,550
Nov-13	343	159	79	222	803		\$3,589	\$37,202	\$40,791
Dec-13	344	161	82	220	807		\$3,607	\$36,501	\$40,108
Total	4,142	1,874	993	2,724	9,733		\$43,507	\$503,364	\$546,871
Monthly Avg					811		\$21,753	\$251,682	\$273,435
Avg PEPM							\$4.47	\$51.72	\$56.19
Avg PMPM									

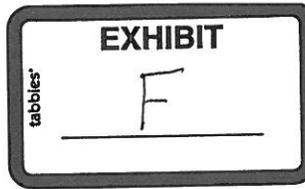
11/1/2012-10/31/2013	SF Admin Fee
Per EE	\$4.47
EE + Sp	\$4.47
EE + Ch	\$4.47
Per Family	\$4.47

	Change From Prior Year	2013 YTD	2012
Carrier		Ameritas	Ameritas
Carrier	-7.6%	\$51.72	\$55.97
Administrative Fee	0.0%	\$4.47	\$4.47
Annual Cost PEPY	-7.0%	\$674.25	\$725.24
Loss Ratio *		-7.0%	

Benchmarks *	Annual Cost Per EE
Medium Employer Size	\$411
Central Region	\$365
Public Administration	\$427

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Responding Suppliers (4729)

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<input type="checkbox"/> Supplier	Items Responded	Response Total	Vote to Buy
<input type="checkbox"/> MODERN METHODS [View Response]	0		
<input type="checkbox"/> Claritus, Inc [View Response]	1	3,450.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> DOCUMENT FINISHING RESOURCES [View Response]	1	3,880.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Southwest IT Solutions [View Response]	1	5,500.00	

Items 1-4 shown of 4 **1**

Awarded Suppliers

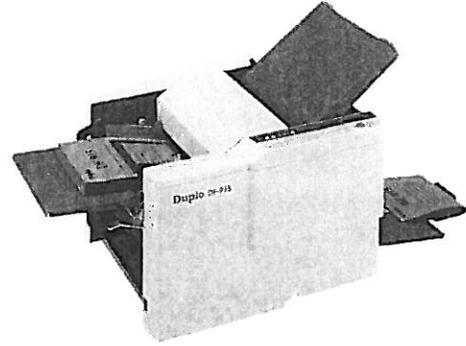
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 No Awarded Suppliers

Bid Line Items

Description	MODERN METHODS	Claritus, Inc	DOCUMENT FINISH	Southwest IT So
1 Duplo DF-915 Folder	\$0.00	\$3,450.00	\$3,880.00	\$5,500.00
Folder MUST take ballots and fold them in thirds while keeping them in sequential order.	(1) \$0.00	(1) \$3,450.00	(1) \$3,880.00	(1) \$5,500.00

Quantity: 1 **UOM:** EA
Item Notes:

Items 1-1 shown of 1 **1**

Proposal For:**Lancaster County Electoral Commission
February 12, 2014****Duplo DF-915 Folder****Claritus Guarantees:**

- Up to 280 sheets per minute
- Feed bin holds up to 500 sheets of paper
- Pre-programmed fold types - single, double, half accordion, C-fold, Z-fold & brochure fold
- Folds 16-80 lbs. paper
- Local Service and Support - NO 1-800 Call Centers
- PMA Covers ALL Parts and LABOR!! (It breaks, We fix it!)
- 9 Factory Trained Technicians
- At least one Scheduled Clean-Up per year
- 1-hour Call Back with PMA
- FREE Installation, Training and Re-Training

Lease Option:

- 63 month lease = \$ 106 per month*

*Billed Quarterly

Purchase Option: \$ 4,495**Optional (Lease or Purchase):**

- Preventative Maintenance Agreement (PMA) \$ 38 per month

**covers all parts except main fold rollers*

Accepted by: _____

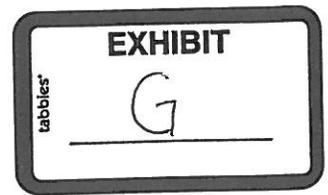
Purchase Order#: _____

Date: _____ Valid: 30 Days MFG Warranty: **90 Days** Net 10 Days or Lease Term

Submitted By: Tom Nottlemann

Subject to our credit department approval, this quotation is made for immediate acceptance and is subject to change without notice. Deliveries are subject to delays beyond our control. Prices do not include sales tax or freight. Sign and return to indicate your acceptance of this quote. Cancellations may be subject to restocking fees. PMA terms and conditions subject to distance and location.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you!**Lincoln • Omaha • Sioux Falls • Sioux City**

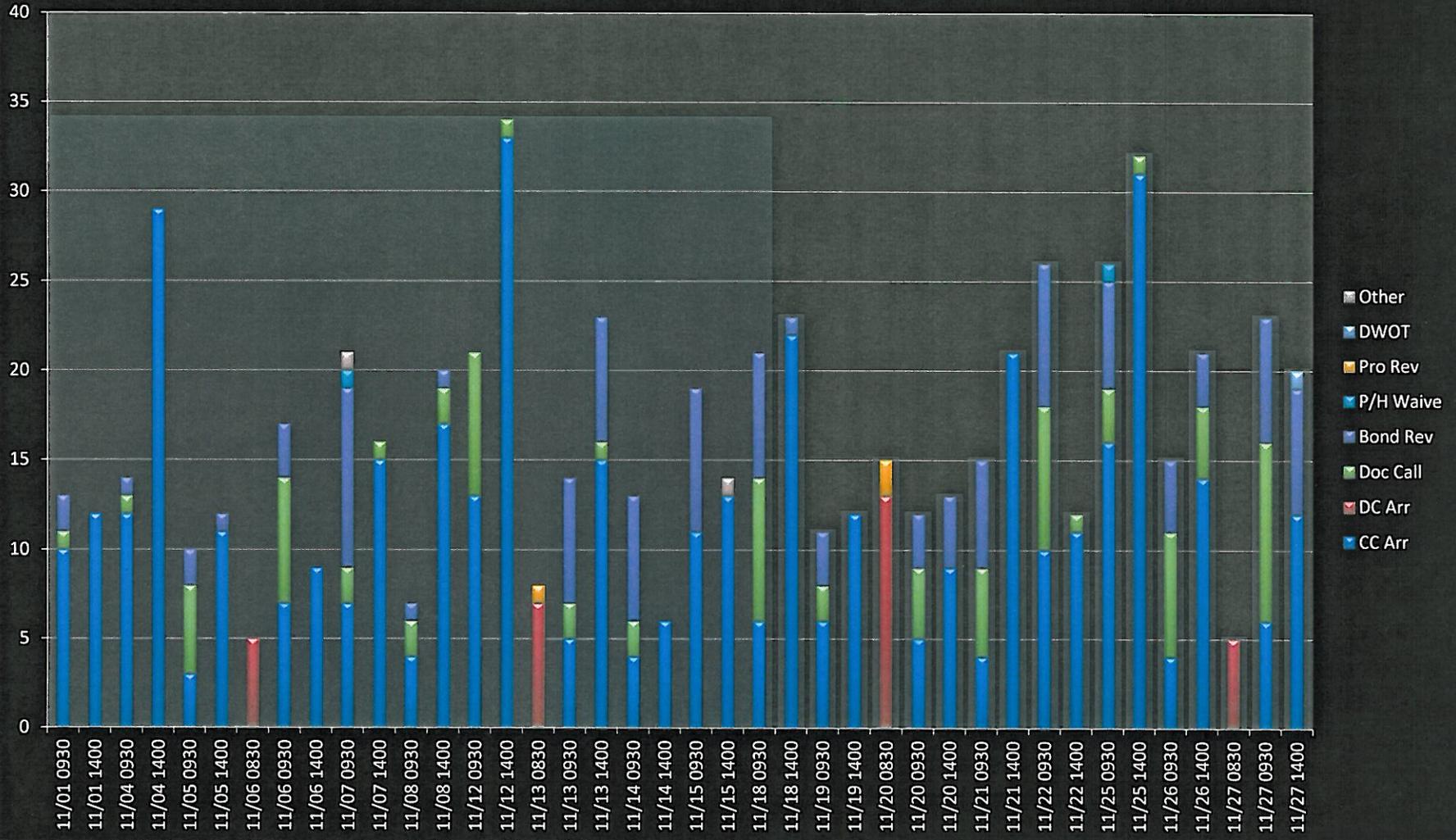


Video Court Hearing Stats

- Total video hearings since beginning: 3,158 (2/10/2014)
- Total video hearings by month:
 - November: 660
 - December: 726
 - January: 805
- Average daily In person court appearances for January: 21
- Current daily schedule:

Monday & Friday	8:30am	Bond Reviews
Monday – Friday	8:00am	Bench Warrants
Monday – Friday	9:30am	Arraignments (City)
Monday – Friday	2:00pm	Arraignments (State)
Wednesday	8:30am	Arraignments (District)
Wednesday	3:30pm	Bond Reviews

November 2013 Video Arraignments



Date/Time	Court	CC Arr	DC Arr	Doc Call	Bond Rev	P/H Waive	Pro Rev	DWOT	Other
11/01 0930	County	10		1	2				
11/01 1400	County	12							
11/04 0930	County	12		1	1				
11/04 1400	County	29							
11/05 0930	County	3		5	2				
11/05 1400	County	11			1				
11/06 0830	District		5						
11/06 0930	County	7		7	3				
11/06 1400	County	9							
11/07 0930	County	7		2	10	1			1
11/07 1400	County	15		1					
11/08 0930	County	4		2	1				
11/08 1400	County	17		2	1				
11/12 0930	County	13		8					
11/12 1400	County	33		1					
11/13 0830	District		7				1		
11/13 0930	County	5		2	7				
11/13 1400	County	15		1	7				
11/14 0930	County	4		2	7				
11/14 1400	County	6							
11/15 0930	County	11			8				
11/15 1400	County	13							1
11/18 0930	County	6		8	7				
11/18 1400	County	22			1				
11/19 0930	County	6		2	3				
11/19 1400	County	12							
11/20 0830	District		13				2		
11/20 0930	County	5		4	3				
11/20 1400	County	9			4				
11/21 0930	County	4		5	6				
11/21 1400	County	21							
11/22 0930	County	10		8	8				
11/22 1400	County	11		1					
11/25 0930	County	16		3	6	1			
11/25 1400	County	31		1					
11/26 0930	County	4		7	4				
11/26 1400	County	14		4	3				
11/27 0830	District		5						
11/27 0930	County	6		10	7				
11/27 1400	County	12			7			1	
November Totals		425	30	88	109	2	3	1	2

CC Arr DC Arr Doc Call Bond Rev P/H Waive Pro Rev DWOT Other

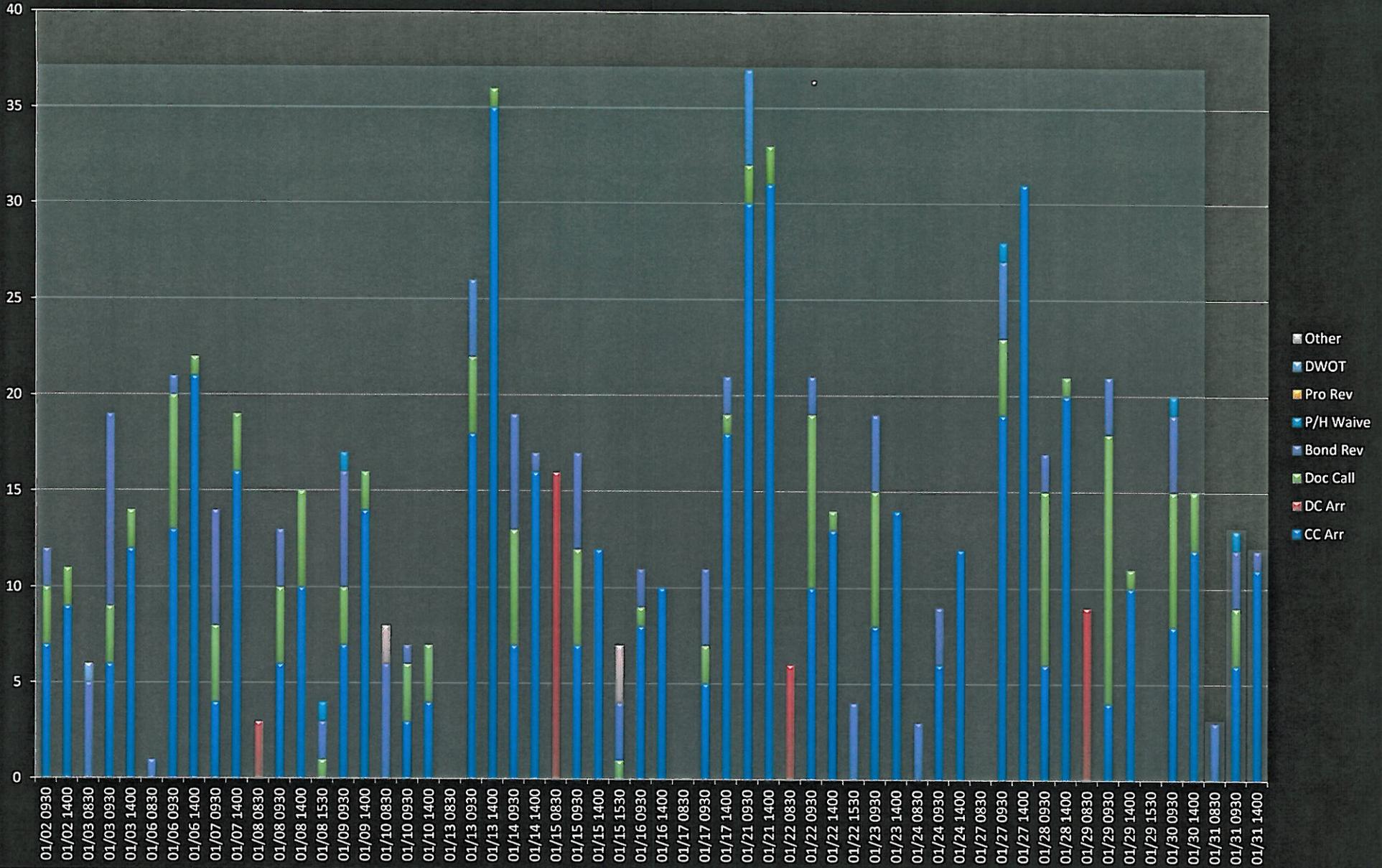
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12/02 0930	County	14	3	3		
12/02 1400	County	34				
12/03 0930	County	11			2	
12/03 1400	County	15	4			
12/04 0830	District		7			
12/04 0930	County	8	4	7	2	1
12/04 1400	County	16		1		
12/05 0930	County	5	1	5	1	
12/05 1400	County	18	2			
12/06 0930	County	12	6	10		
12/06 1400	County	12	1			
12/09 0930	County	7	5	3		
12/09 1400	County	18	1			
12/10 0930	County	5	3	1		
12/10 1400	County	10	1			
12/11 0830	District		8			
12/11 0930	County	11	6	4		
12/11 1400	County	7	5	5		
12/12 0930	County	4	3	3		
12/12 1400	County	10	2	1	1	
12/13 0930	County	2	1	3	1	
12/13 1400	County	12				
12/16 0930	County	12	6	5		
12/16/1400	County	24				1
12/17 0930	County	11	6			
12/17 1400	County	9	1	3	1	1
12/18 0830	District		10			
12/18 0930	County	5	1	4		
12/18 1400	County	11		3		
12/19 0930	County	7	2	1		
12/19 1400	County	14	13			
12/20 0930	County	4	6	7		
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12/23 0930	County	11	4	5		1
12/23 1400	County	42	1			
12/24 0930	County	2				
12/24 1400	County	9				
12/26 0930	County	4	1	3		

12/26 1400	County	18								
12/27 0930	County	6	1		1					
12/27 1400	County	14			1					
12/30 0930	County	11	1		10					
12/30 1400	County	18	5							
12/31 0930	County	5	5		5		1			
12/31 1400	County	13								
December Totals		492	25	101	97	7	0	3	1	
		CC Arr	DC Arr	Doc Call	Bond Rev	P/H Waive	Pro Rev	DWOT	Other	

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January 2014 Video Appearances



01/02 0930	County	7	3	2	
01/02 1400	County	9	2		
01/03 0830	County			5	1
01/03 0930	County	6	3	10	
01/03 1400	County	12	2		
01/06 0830	County			1	
01/06 0930	County	13	7	1	
01/06 1400	County	21	1		
01/07 0930	County	4	4	6	
01/07 1400	County	16	3		
01/08 0830	District	3			
01/08 0930	County	6	4	3	
01/08 1400	County	10	5		
01/08 1530	County		1	2	1
01/09 0930	County	7	3	6	1
01/09 1400	County	14	2		
01/10 0830	County			6	2
01/10 0930	County	3	3	1	
01/10 1400	County	4	3		
01/13 0830	County				
01/13 0930	County	18	4	4	
01/13 1400	County	35	1		
01/14 0930	County	7	6	6	
01/14 1400	County	16		1	
01/15 0830	District	16			
01/15 0930	County	7	5	5	
01/15 1400	County	12			
01/15 1530	County		1	3	3
01/16 0930	County	8	1	2	
01/16 1400	County	10			
01/17 0830	County				
01/17 0930	County	5	2	4	
01/17 1400	County	18	1	2	
01/21 0930	County	30	2	5	
01/21 1400	County	31	2		
01/22 0830	District	6			
01/22 0930	County	10	9	2	
01/22 1400	County	13	1		
01/22 1530	County			4	
01/23 0930	County	8	7	4	
01/23 1400	County	14			
01/24 0830	County			3	
01/24 0930	County	6		3	
01/24 1400	County	12			
01/27 0830	County				
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01/27 1400	County	31			

01/28 0930	County	6		9	2			
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01/29 0830	District		9					
01/29 0930	County	4		14	3			
01/29 1400	County	10		1				
01/29 1530	County							
01/30 0930	County	8		7	4	1		
01/30 1400	County	12		3				
01/31 0830	County				3			
01/31 0930	County	6		3	3	1		
01/31 1400	County	11			1			
January Totals		519	34	130	111	5	0	1 5
<small>CC Arr · DC Arr · Doc Coll · Bond Rev · P/H Waive · Pro Rev · DWOT · Other</small>								

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In person Court appearances for January 2014

Distribution for appearances by day:

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For a total of 437 appearances in 21 Court dates

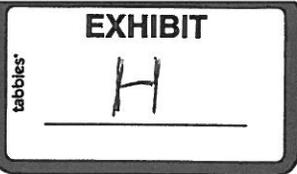
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Range: 19

Daily Mean: 20.8

Median: 20

Mode : 17 (3 appearances in distribution)



Kerry P. Eagan

From: Marvin S. Krout
Sent: Wednesday, February 12, 2014 2:26 PM
To: Kerry P. Eagan; Don Killeen
Cc: Paul D. Barnes; Steve S. Henrichsen
Subject: FW: County Properties

Kerry and Don – we asked our planner Paul Barnes to attend the recent discussion that the County Board had about selling these properties, since Paul is currently assigned to work on the special zoning permit that is needed for Lutheran Family Services to operate the mental health services at 2201 South 17th Street that had been operated directly by the County. Paul put together the memo below on zoning implications for all 4 properties that the Board is considering for sale, and so I’m providing it for your information and to share with the Board if you think that is appropriate, as the Board continues this discussion. Paul is planning to attend the Board meeting next Tuesday morning to assist with any zoning-related questions that they may have.

Here’s the bottom line: when the County is directly providing a “public” service, or in some cases is contracting for that service, the County is exempt from local zoning regulations. But otherwise, any buyer of this land will be subject to local zoning. Even in the case of Lutheran Family Services, with the County contracting for some of the sane services that will be provided in a building that the County still owns, it was determined that a special permit was needed. Prospective buyers are going to wonder what can they do with the property without some zoning approval, what kind of zoning approval do I need to have a certain use, and what is the likelihood that the zoning for this use will be approved. Buyers may want to make offers that are contingent on obtaining the zoning approval that they are seeking. Each of these four tracts is different in these regards.

Please feel free to contact me or Paul if this memo raises additional questions.

Marvin S. Krout, Director
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402-441-6366

From: Paul D. Barnes
Sent: Tuesday, February 11, 2014 3:30 PM
To: Marvin S. Krout
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Subject: County Properties

Marvin:

The Lancaster County Board will consider selling four properties at its February 25th meeting. Since the properties will be transferred from public to private use, a review of the zoning for each property now would inform the County Board of required zoning action, in advance of selling the properties. The four properties under consideration are:

- 1) Midtown Center, 2966 ‘O’ Street
- 2) Former Community Mental Health Center, 2201 S. 17th Street
- 3) Trabert Hall, 2292 S. 11th Street
- 4) Former Youth Detention Center, 2220 S. 10th Street

The Midtown Center is zoned B-1 Local Business and the Former Community Mental Health Center (CMHC) is zoned R-4 Residential. We are currently processing a special permit for Lutheran Family Services to operate at CMHC. Neither of these two properties would need zoning action at this time. Trabert Hall and the Former Youth Detention Center are

both zoned 'P' Public. These two properties will need to be rezoned to allow for private reuse. A summary of each property with zoning recommendations is provided below.

- 1) 2966 'O' St., CenterPointe plans to continue to operate a day rehabilitation program for people with mental health issues. The property is zoned B-1 Local Business District which allows nonresidential health care facilities by right. No further zoning action is required.
- 2) 2201 S. 17th Street: Lutheran Family Services now uses most of the building for programs once operated by Lancaster County and would continue to do so. The County's Crisis Center would continue to operate in the building as well. The property is zoned R-4 Residential, the same as Bryan Health Medical Center. Lutheran Family Services is in the process of obtaining a special permit to operate the non-residential health care facility. If the Crisis Center leaves the building, the special permit will need to be amended to reduce the parking requirements for a new use in the former Crisis Center space. No further zoning action is required at this time.
- 3) Trabert Hall at 2202 S. 11th Street: This building currently houses County departments including general assistance, the County attorney's child support division and adult probation. The County plans to move those departments into the former county jail at 605 S. 10th Street in the future. This property is zoned 'P' Public. Rezoning for private ownership is required for private reuse. R-4 zoning surrounds most of this property. R-4 is recommended for this property with a local landmark historic designation which would allow new owners considerable flexibility in use of property for commercial or residential purposes. Once the property is rezoned with a local landmark designation, the new owner could apply for a special permit for historic preservation to reuse the building. According to Ed Zimmer, the property is historically significant due to the architect and because it was Lincoln's first general hospital. In addition to the flexibility in uses, the landmark designation would also provide the ability to apply for economic incentives to rehab the building. There is also a question regarding the parking lot for Trabert Hall. I believe the parking originally owned by Trabert was sold to Lancaster Manor with a long-term lease for Trabert Hall to use the lot. This needs further review with Don Killeen.
- 4) 2220 S. 10th Street: According to the CenterPointe website, this facility is used as a transitional housing facility for residents age 19 and older. Individuals in this program are homeless and have severe mental illness or substance dependence. The property is zoned 'P' Public. Rezoning for private ownership is required. R-4 zoning is adjacent to this property on the north and south. R-4 zoning is recommended for this property so CenterPointe could apply for a special permit to continue to operate the residential health care facility at this location. It's likely that the site would need waivers from the Zoning Ordinance since this is an existing facility.

Please let me know if you have questions. Thank you.

Paul D. Barnes, MBA, AICP
Lincoln-Lancaster County Planning Department
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Lincoln, NE 68508
402-441-6372



Services/donations sought to support this 501(3)c non profit

- Web site design/maintenance
- Marketing agency (branding, logo, ongoing graphic design as needed)
- Online & Social media (Email, Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest, etc.)
- Street and parking lot signage
- Interior design (concession stands to be re-launched as themed cafes, entrances to tell Event Center mission/story)
- Construction/Remodeling
- Building materials e.g. reclaimed barn wood siding etc.
- Office furniture
- More to be announced as further plans put in place

What you will receive in return for your donation of time, materials or services:

- Tax deductible donation
- Opportunity to market your business as a key sponsor
 - 500K+ in-person visitors at events / year
 - Millions of visits to Event Center web site/year
 - High drive-by visibility on main thoroughfare of 84th street
 - Future growth: population growth on East side of Lincoln with plans for Event Center expansions



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 Kendra Ronnau, Search Committee Chair
 c/o ERICKSON & SEDERSTROM, P.C.
 301 S. 13th Street, Suite 400
 Lincoln, NE 68508



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EMPLOYMENT APPLICATION

Date: Dec. 15, 2013

Name: Amy E. Dickerson

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Address: 6119 Everett Street

City: Lincoln

State: NE

Zip Code: 68506

Telephone Number: cell 858-414-7241 home 402-486-9250

E-Mail Address: amydickerson6119@gmail.com

GENERAL

Are you currently employed? Yes If not, when was your last day employed? N/A

Position Applying for: Managing Director, Lancaster Event Center

Who referred you? Lincoln Journal Star 11/17/13 article **Rate of Pay Expected:** negotiable

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND			
Type of School	Name and City	Year Completed	Course or Major?
College	University of Nebraska-Lincoln	Dec. 1987	B.S. in Management & Marketing Regents Scholar
Graduate School	University of California at Berkeley, CA	May 2000	MBA (Masters in Business Administration) with emphasis in Non-profit Mgt., Internet Marketing
High School	York High School	May 1983	Valedictorian of class of 136; Newspaper Editor, ACES Honor Society
Other	University of Vaxjo, Sweden (semester abroad 1987)	Jan.-June 1987	Intercultural Studies

SALARY AND COMPENSATION HISTORY

YEAR	AMOUNT OF SALARY/COMPENSATION
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2013	\$145,000 + \$25,000 bonus (includes retention bonuses to stay with group until HP shuts group down in 2015)
2012	\$145,000 + \$15,000 group profitability bonus
2011	\$141,000 + \$10,000 group profitability bonus

LIST PRESENT AND PAST EMPLOYMENT, BEGINNING WITH MOST RECENT

1	COMPANY NAME: Hewlett-Packard (HP) Retail Photo Services division & National Consumer Marketing group	POSITION(S) HELD Currently National Marketing & Event Manager (increasing responsibilities over 7 years from start-up zero stores to current 4000 stores): Consumer Strategist & Change Agent, Consumer Experience Solutions Manager (Education, Small Business, Digital Entertainment markets)
	ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP 16399 W. Bernardo Dr. San Diego CA 92127	DUTIES/RESPONSIBILITIES <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Built marketing team from inception and currently manage \$12 million budget to drive revenues to meet/exceed double-digit sales growth goals. Hire & Lead 8 FT contractor staff who manage over 12 agencies and over 150 employees to deliver in store & online marketing and events nationwide. Design and execute events for 12 to 10,000 attendees ranging in various facilities ranging from largest conference halls in the USA to major hotels, Fortune 100 corporate offices and 4000 retail stores. Please see resume for other details.
	PHONE NO. My manager: Carla Stephan	
	TYPE OF BUSINESS Overall: Computing & Printing Services: My division: Retail Photo Services	
	NAME OF SUPERVISOR Carla Stephan, General Manager of Retail Photo Services	REASON FOR LEAVING My profitable consumer photo services division being shut down by early 2015 as HP focuses on larger enterprise business opportunities; Moved back to Nebraska 18 months ago and would like to work with locally-based organization.
	DATE STARTED June 1999 (as MBA intern); Full-time as of Sept. 2000	DATE ENDED Currently employed
2	COMPANY NAME: U.S. Peace Corps	POSITION(S) HELD Peace Corps Volunteer—Business Education program
	ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP Khabarovsk, Russia	DUTIES/RESPONSIBILITIES <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assigned to University of Khabarovsk, Russia Taught college students and local small business people and non-profits how to write business plans and marketing strategies. Exposed to variety of cultures throughout Europe, Asia
	PHONE NO. N/A	
	TYPE OF BUSINESS University of Khabarovsk	
	NAME OF SUPERVISOR Nancy Luther	REASON FOR LEAVING 2 year volunteer assignment ended; went to graduate school
	DATE STARTED Summer 1996	DATE ENDED Summer 1998
3	COMPANY NAME: Black & Decker Power Tools Division	POSITION(S) HELD National Brand Manager, Regional Sales Manager, National Account Manager, National Sales Total Quality Manager, National Sales Coordinator, Retail Sales Rep.
	ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP Towson, Maryland	DUTIES/RESPONSIBILITIES National Marketing campaigns and initiatives for power tool accessories business. Managed marketing staff of 3 and 7 sales reps across Western states. Hired, trained staff; Oversaw training for over 200 new sales reps. Designed and executed sales meeting with 600 attendees that launching DeWalt brand of power tools.
	PHONE NO. N/A	
	TYPE OF BUSINESS Power tools & power tool accessories	
	NAME OF SUPERVISOR Eric Soik	REASON FOR LEAVING Go to Peace Corps and graduate school
	DATE STARTED January 1988	DATE ENDED Summer 1996

4	COMPANY NAME: University of Nebraska-Lincoln Residence Halls Division	POSITION(S) HELD Conference Hall Assistant Director Resident Assistant
	ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP Lincoln, Nebraska	DUTIES/RESPONSIBILITIES <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oversee check-in, services and departure for large conference groups Supervise conference hall assistants. Manage cash, opening & closing desk services. Handle emergencies; enforce safety rules with students, conference attendees. Conduct dorm student events & orientation. Counseling students.
	PHONE NO. N/A	REASON FOR LEAVING Semester abroad & Graduated
	TYPE OF BUSINESS Residence halls for students during school year Residence halls turned into conference hosting facilities during summers	
	NAME OF SUPERVISOR Can provide if needed—would have to re-connect	
	DATE STARTED August 1984	DATE ENDED December 1986

5	COMPANY NAME: McDonald's Restaurant	POSITION(S) HELD Assistant Manager (HS & College PT during school, FT summers)
	ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP York, Nebraska	DUTIES/RESPONSIBILITIES <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supervise shifts with up to 15 employees on duty—service and food prep. Determine food inventory levels to meet quality and waiting time standards. Manage cash, opening & closing, inventory ordering. Maintain health standards and company quality/service/cleanliness standards. Train new employees. Led drive-thru team that won finalist status in multi-state stores contest based on speed/quality of service.
	PHONE NO.	REASON FOR LEAVING Moved out of state after college graduation
	TYPE OF BUSINESS Fast food restaurant	
	NAME OF SUPERVISOR Bette Wichn, Restaurant Manager	
	DATE STARTED June, 1981	DATE ENDED Dec. 1987

WORK REFERENCES

NAME Carla Stephan		YEARS KNOWN 5+ years	RELATIONSHIP AND TITLE General Manager, HP Retail Photo Services (my current manager)	
COMPANY Hewlett-Packard Company (HP)				
WORK ADDRESS 16399 W. Bernardo Dr., MS 60U-360	CITY San Diego	STATE CA 92127	CELL PHONE 858-228-6040	EMAIL carla.stephan@hp.com

NAME Greg Kearman		YEARS KNOWN 7 years	RELATIONSHIP AND TITLE National Sales Manager for HP on Walmart account Colleague in Retail Photo Services who has broad exposure to my marketing and event work and operating in internal and external events/meetings with different audiences ranging from retailer clients to agencies to colleagues to consumers.	
COMPANY Hewlett-Packard Company (HP)				
WORK ADDRESS 115 E. Seve Court	CITY Morrisville	STATE NC 27560	CELL PHONE 732-690-8651	EMAIL gregory.kearnan@hp.com

NAME Janine Perkal		YEARS KNOWN 13 years	RELATIONSHIP AND TITLE Vice President & HP Account Manager Her agency does all my HP marketing campaign creative design & communications execution including for major events (Photo industry show, sales /marketing meetings, retailer events, in-store events)	
COMPANY Source Communications				
WORK ADDRESS 16399 W. Bernardo Dr., MS 60U-360	CITY San Diego	STATE CA 92127	CELL PHONE 310-990-5585	EMAIL jperkal@sourcead.com

Supplemental Question

Your answer to the following question, as well as the Employment Application, will be evaluated in order to determine the most suitable applicants to continue in the selection process. Please attach your response limited to one page:

What is your vision for the Lancaster Event Center?

TO BE READ AND SIGNED BY APPLICANT

I certify that I have carefully read and understand all portions of this application for employment. I further understand that the employer or its agents may investigate my background to determine any and all information of concern relating to my employment history and I release the employer and its agents from any and all liability for damages arising from the furnishing of such information. I further understand that my application for employment may be conditioned upon the results of a physical examination or drug test. The undersigned acknowledges that misrepresentation or omission of information or facts may result in rejection or dismissal. I certify that this application was completed by me and that all entries and information provided are true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

December 15, 2013

Date

Applicant Signature

Amy E. Dickerson

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Lancaster County Agricultural Society, Inc.
Kendra Ronnau, Search Committee Chair
c/o ERICKSON & SEDERSTROM, P.C.
301 S. 13th Street, Suite 400
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Dear Ms. Ronnau & Search Committee,

I would like to apply for the position of Managing Director for the Lancaster Event Center and am enclosing the requested job application, resume and vision statement.

I have recently returned to Lincoln after growing up outside York and being a Cornhusker grad from the proud Osborne era of the 80's and am very excited about the growth and dynamism I see in Lincoln area building on the strong base of Midwest values that hasn't changed. While Lincoln seems to be over 2x bigger than my college days, it's still a close-knit community where my York HS buddy lives in front of my daughter's middle school and another church youth group friend is now her Sunday school teacher while my older daughter's softball teammate works with my HS political science teacher who now happens to be the head of the Unicameral...and everyone loves the balloon design that my mom came up with for the now-famous York's I-80 water tower while working at the city offices....it's GREAT to be back after living and working mainly in California.

I've had the opportunity to visit the Lancaster Event Center several times over the last 18 months (SuperFair, antique show etc.) and can see it's destined to be a strong anchor for eastern NE and Lancaster County on Lincoln's growing east side. My division of Hewlett-Packard (HP) is closing down in 2015 but I wasn't yet actively looking for a new role inside or outside of HP as I'd been asked to stay via a retention bonus through the final days of the group leading the marketing/event team. But when I read about this open position to lead the Lancaster Event Center in the Lincoln Journal Star in late November, I literally felt called to make an application as it would be such a natural progression in my career managing events, people, budgets, marketing campaigns and working with non-profits. While it's earlier than my manager had hoped, she is supportive with my application as she knows I would love to transition to a smaller, local organization and is serving as my first recommender.

i believe my experiences and passion for events and facilities hosting events combined with my business, marketing and non-profit background would uniquely enable me to be a strong, dynamic leader for the Lancaster Event Center to help it to establish its reputation as leading event center and operate in the black now and for decades to come. I can see a bright future for the Event Center to enrich lives of all those in the area community that participate, work or attend events there.

Thanks in advance for your consideration.

Best Regards,

Amy Dickerson

Enclosures: Application for Lancaster Event Center Managing Director, Resume, Vision Statement

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HIGHLIGHTS

- **Experienced event manager: over 20 years experience** managing and/or building events, restaurant, conference and event facilities **for wide range of groups from 12 to 36,000 people**
- **Experienced people manager** with nearly 30 years in leadership roles
- Known for ability to set **successful strategies while managing the details** to drive to successful execution
- Enjoy juggling multiple priorities in order to **consistently meet objectives**
- **Fast learner** and improver of complex systems
- **Up-to-date in latest event, marketing and technology trends:** online, social media, mobile marketing, marketing experiences, PR campaigns
- **Grew up in Iowa/Nebraska** with ongoing close local ties throughout the years as traveled and lived on both coasts and internationally since college
- **Resourceful networker and relationship builder** with excellent verbal and written communication skills...enjoy working with variety of people
- Interest in **making a difference in my community** operating under Midwestern values of hard work, integrity, team work

EXPERIENCE

1999 to present

Hewlett-Packard Company (HP) Lincoln, NE & San Diego, CA

National Marketing & Events Manager, Retail Photo Services group

- Recruited, trained and **lead team of 8 contractors that direct over 125 employees in over 12 agencies**
- Oversee profitable **annual \$12 million budget** spend with agencies and retailers to deliver double-digit growth meeting/exceeding objectives.
- Initiate, design and lead execution **in-store/online marketing & in-home/in-store events** to drive sales in 4000 retail stores
- **Orchestrated impactful external and internal events** from concept to execution including leading booth at Photo Marketing Association Show in Las Vegas & Anaheim, HP Retailer Executive Forum, HP employee meetings, HP House Parties
- **Designed and oversaw construction of 1600 square foot concept retail store** to move between convention centers, hotel ballrooms & corporate offices.
- **Recognized by both HP and Walmart for marketing & event leadership** including multiple "Vendor of the Year" (2010, 2011) and HP national employee trip awards (2006, 2010).

1996-1998

U.S. Peace Corps

Business Consultant/Educator, Far Eastern University Khabarovsk, Russia

- Created, delivered marketing seminars for 500 business people in 8 cities
- Provided 100+ business consultations and judged 50+ business plans

1988-1996

Black & Decker, Inc. Power Tools Division

Baltimore, MD &

Brand Marketing Manager, Sales Manager

San Francisco, CA

- Designed and led execution of 600-person sales meeting to successfully launch DeWalt professional power tool brand
- Successfully managed 3-person marketing team and profitable financials for \$80 million power tool accessories business
- Selected by national sales executive committee to lead "Total Quality" change management process for 500-person sales team
- Certified Zenger-Miller facilitator of meetings, problem-solving teams

- Recruited, trained and managed 7-member sales team for 10-state West region, achieved \$2 million sales goal and top tier national status

1985-87

University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Lincoln, NE

Summer Conference Hall Assistant Director

- Managed staff to host thousands of conference guests in dormitories

Resident Assistant

1981-1985

McDonald's Restaurant

York, NE

Assistant Manager Trained and supervised staff, led shifts

EDUCATION

University of California

Berkeley, CA

Walter A. Haas School of Business, **Master of Business Administration**

- Emphasis in Non-profit Management, International Business and Internet Marketing, May 2000

University of Nebraska—Lincoln, Bachelor of Science magna cum laude

- Double Major in Management & Marketing, December 1987
- UNL Regent's Scholarship (Full tuition)

Vaxjo University,

Vaxjo, Sweden

- Intercultural Studies Program, Semester Abroad 1987

York High School

York, NE

- Valedictorian, Newspaper Editor, ACES Honor Society

OTHER

Grew up in Iowa, Nebraska

- Lived on acreage outside York—great growing-up experience with animals, bus riding to school, watching the crops, gardening and all
- Long-time 4-H member: Attended multiple 4-H summer camps. NE State Fair furniture refinishing finalist.
- Owned Pony of America Appaloosa ponies as girl. Experience with cats, dogs, horses, chickens, goats.
- First job at 14 was corn "pollinating" at Goehner test facility.
- Family has been active in plant and animal sciences for decades
 - Father is York, NE crop consultant and former Harlan, IA Extension Agent
 - Grandfather was UNL Animal Science Professor, attended national Animal Science conventions with him

Believe in giving back to community

- Inspired by parents to become a Peace Corps volunteer (they were in 3rd group in Peru) before going back for master's degree
- Active volunteer in PTA, softball association, tapped to run events such as 60-team, 4000-person tournament & permanent snack shack facility

Recently moved back to Lincoln to be closer to family and better school systems...and wonderful Midwestern values

- Orchestrated complete remodel of grandparents' 1955 home over last year with my husband and I completing as much work ourselves as possible--participated in April 2013 Parade of Homes
- Two daughters both active in competitive club softball which has taken us to tournaments in six adjoining states around NE over last 18 months (ongoing great opportunity to see other event facilities in the Midwest)
- Older daughter to attend UNK next year to study elementary education
- Younger daughter is 7th grader at Lux MS in Lincoln

Enjoy traveling

- Extensive USA & international travel; Lived abroad four years (Sweden, Russia, Ecuador); Fluent English, Spanish

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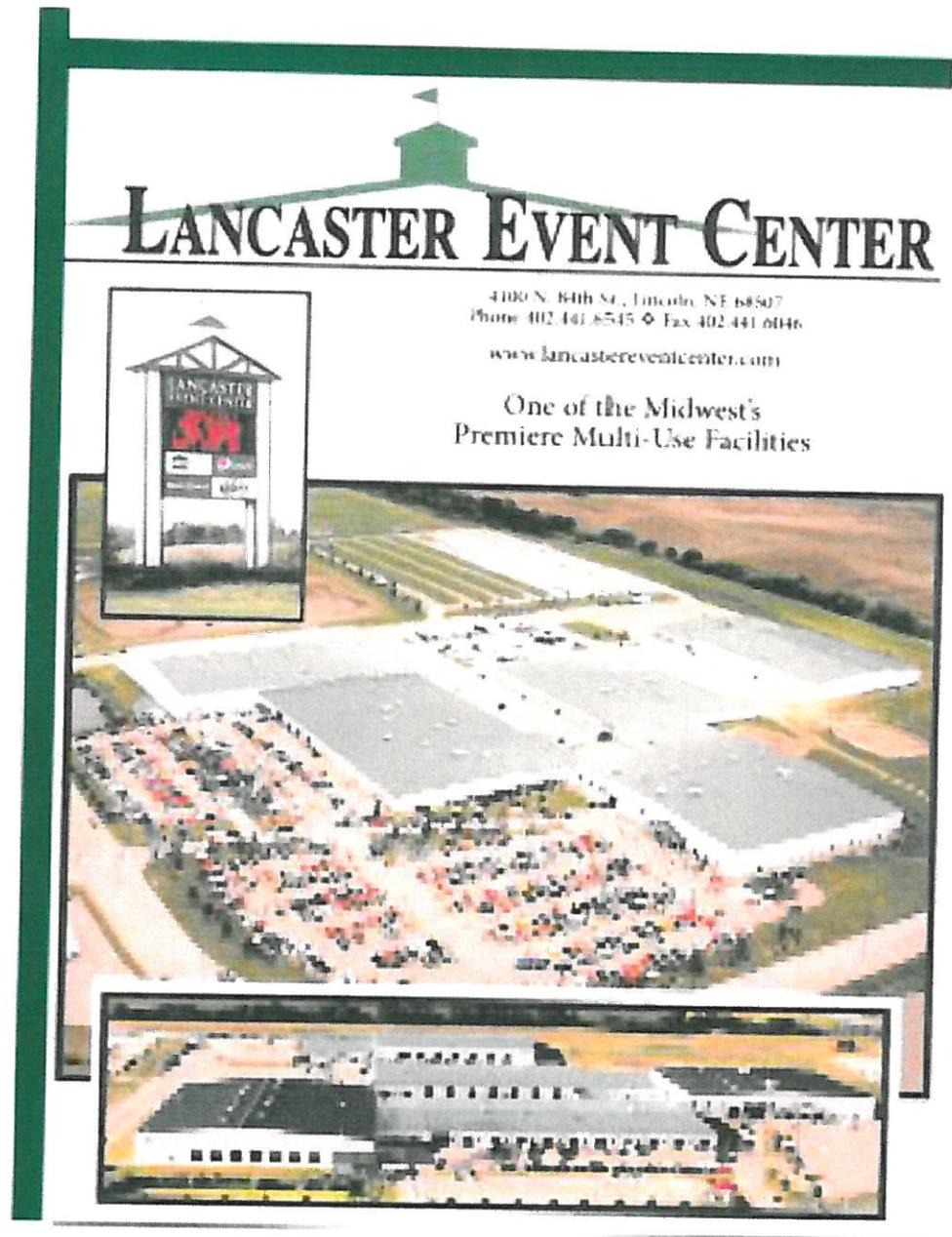
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Final interview presentation

prepared for:

- Lancaster Event Center Managing Director Search Committee
- Lancaster County Agricultural Society Board of Directors

by candidate Amy Dickerson
February 10, 2014

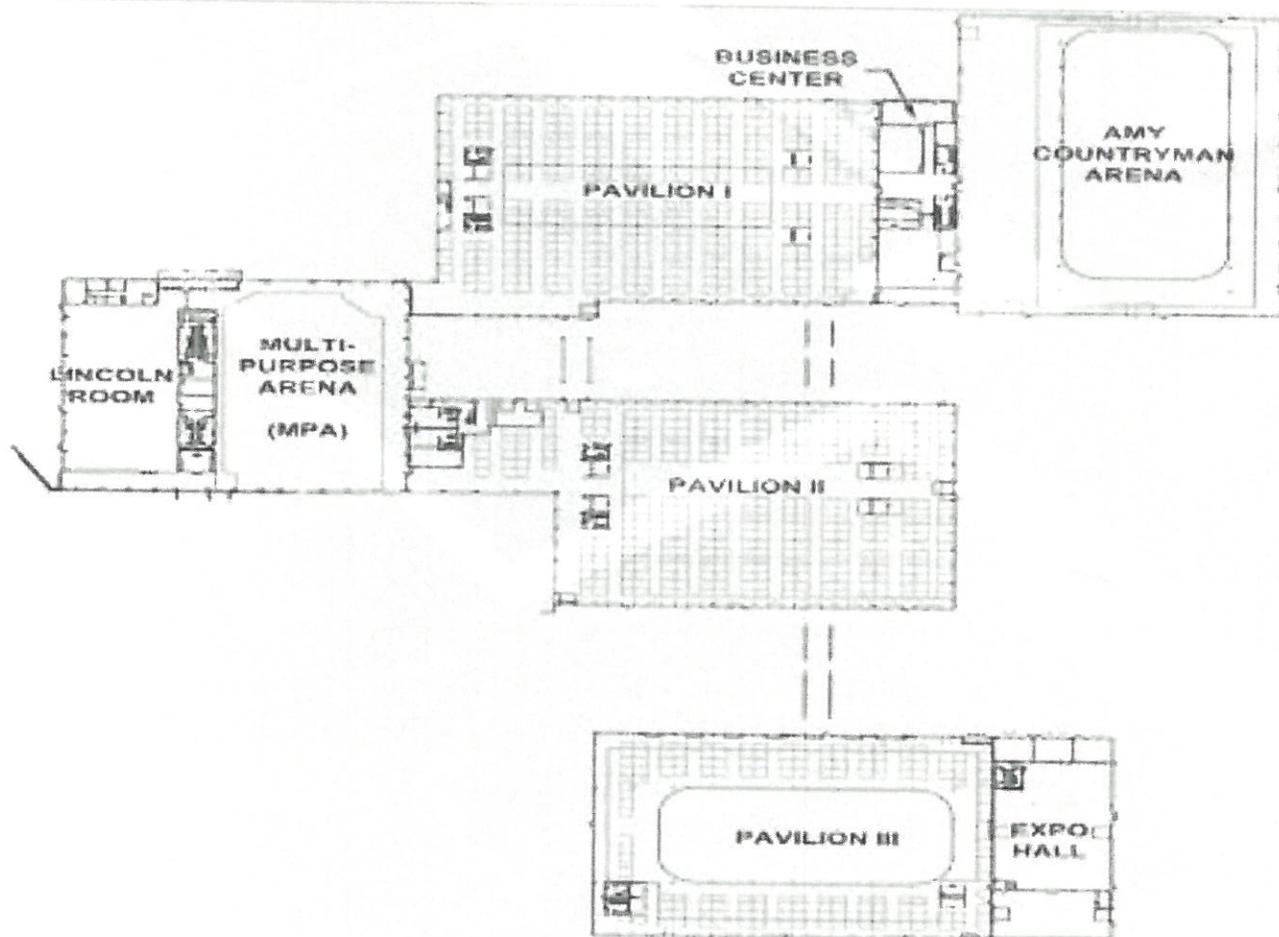


Topics

- Thoughts: Lancaster Event Center today
- Opportunities: next 2 years + longer-term
- Options: event center management
- My background: why I'm excited to be here



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Busy weekend at the Lancaster Event Center
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Sheryl R. Hernandez How much does a child? Per parent?
 October 19, 2013 at 1:28pm · Like

Lancaster Event Center Ages under 12 are \$12 or \$20 for a wristband to ride the rides the bouncehouses. Adults \$17 and Seniors 65+ \$15. Saturday 10am-8pm and Sunday 10am-7pm
 October 19, 2013 at 2:08pm · Like

Sheryl R. Hernandez Ok. Thank u
 October 19, 2013 at 2:13pm · Like

Chris Yeutter Would be better if anyone could afford to take their family there... We were going to attend until I realized it would cost almost \$100 for 4 of us. I've been told its not worth the \$\$.
 October 19, 2013 at 3:04pm · Like · 2

Louie Ramos Yeah to hard for famileys to enjoy when they charge so much
 October 19, 2013 at 11:43pm · Like

Sheryl R. Hernandez Wished I could've afforded it!!! But I didn't want to pay for myself! Its supposed to be for the kids. 😊
 October 20, 2013 at 2:50pm · Like

Findings from surveying internet presence

- Lots of sharing of photos by attendees = good marketing to be encouraged
- Many attendees looking for hotels nearby—could help answer this question better to drive local business traffic
- Event Center not yet using social media / low profile e.g. Facebook, Twitter
- Not answering negative comments on cost, campground
- Not actively managing ratings/recommendations

Advertisement: Get a Free Quote!
 You could save an average of \$335 a year on RV insurance.
 Review Rating: 7/10
 June 2013 \$15
 The website reflects that this campground is open year round. However, when we got there, most of the power boxes were locked and we never saw anyone who was responsible for directing us to a site we could use or to whom payment could be made. However, we found an unlocked power box, had good 50 amp service and did not have to pay anything. Since there were no events the weekend we were there, there were only about 5 campers total so, we had the place to ourselves. There is a lovely rails to trails path right behind the campground which we used to exercise ourselves and the dog. I can see how this campground would be really crowded during the state fair but for one overnight or even several, it was fine. Not pretty but level. We camped here in a Motorhome.

Lincoln Journal Star: Lancaster County Board votes to approve \$21 million grant for Lancaster Event Center #LNK ow.ly/i4uwe

Journal Star: Show Sees Record Attendance: Thousands packed the Lancaster Event Center this weekend for one o... bit.ly/10XaZri

Journal Star: The public will have a say on the Lancaster County Event Center ow.ly/r0y62 #LNK

Journal Star: Planners OK Event Center soil mining permit: The Lincoln-Lancaster Planning Commission on Wedn... bit.ly/H5qSXR

Lincolnite: @Lancaster County Event Center w/ 4 others) 4sq.com/nl47QY

Search results for "lancaster event center"

Pinterest: Lancaster Event Center Lincoln Nebraska

2014 #womensexpo at the Lancaster Event Center

"A FABULOUS AFFAIR" Lancaster Event Center

It's just around the corner so get your calendar marked for "A FABULOUS AFFAIR" OCT 13TH AND OCT 14TH AT THE LANCASTER EVENT CENTER "SHARE" THIS ON YOUR PAGE AND TELL YOUR FRIENDS! There are still some \$1 VIP tickets available. ONLY VIP guests will be entered into a drawing for a SCASHS Prize! This is an event you DON'T want to miss. it's going to be FABULOUS!!!

2012 photo: cowgirl Bobbi Grann ropes a calf during the breakaway event at the UNL Rodeo at the Lancaster Event Center in Lincoln, Neb. (AP Photo/The Journal-Star, Kristin Streff)

2012 photo: cowboy Wyatt Smith takes a hard fall during the saddle bronco event at the UNL Rodeo at the Lancaster Event Center in Lincoln, Neb. (AP Photo/The Journal-Star, Kristin Streff)

On a solidified foundation, demand exists for Phase III



Source: Lancaster County Ag Society

•Max ongoing revenue from adjacent hotel development

•Leveraging experience to date into final design



•Naming sponsorship opportunity

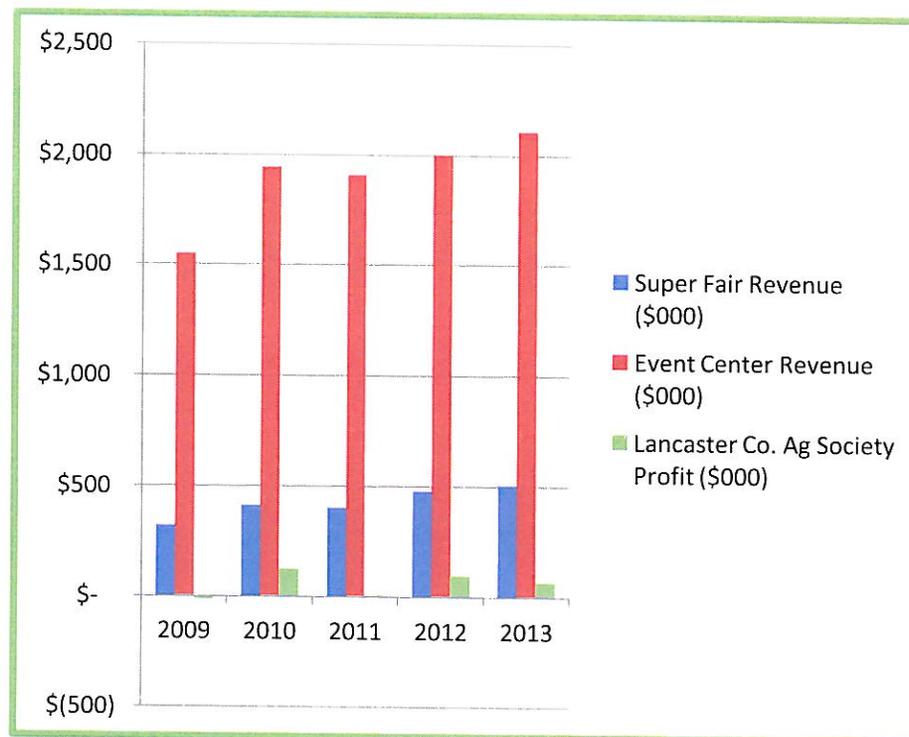
Finances

Challenges:

- Finances not stable yet
- Profit not significant to help fund ongoing facility needs

Opportunities:

- Event Center revenue growth should be higher since new facility



Year	SuperFair		Event Center		Total Costs		TOTAL Lancaster Co. Ag Society Operational Profit		Notes
	Revenue (\$000)	% change	Revenue	% change	Costs	% change	Profit	% change	
2009	\$ 321		\$ 1,550		\$ 1,885		\$ (14)		
2010	\$ 414	29%	\$ 1,944	25%	\$ 2,231	18%	\$ 127	907%	great year with revenues growing more than costs
2011	\$ 405	-2%	\$ 1,910	-2%	\$ 2,306	3%	\$ 10	-93%	all revenues down, costs still up
2012	\$ 480	19%	\$ 2,001	5%	\$ 2,384	3%	\$ 98	926%	Super Fair strong growth, costs in control
2013	\$ 508	6%	\$ 2,107	5%	\$ 2,549	7%	\$ 66	-33%	heat wave depressed fair attendance; costs rose higher than revenues despite adding \$53K from fair parking

Next 18-24 months: “Phase 2.5” needed to solidify operations, finances & communications

A fourth build-out phase in order. From my preliminary experience with and research about the Event Center, I would propose that a fourth phase is in order-- **to build out the Event Center’s entire event-hosting experience both on site and online.** After surveying our current and potential event planners and attendees, we can offer high-value event services for all types of events from smaller weddings or 4-H activities to large horse or tractor shows such as:

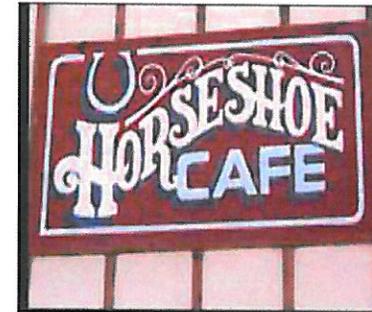
Physical facilities	Online presence
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lighting inside & out 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sponsors to help build out online presence
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Signage inside & out 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Benefit-focused descriptions for each building with photos/videos/testimonials examples of events
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parking lot management & services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Event scheduling & management tools for planners and attendees
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Selling sponsor space 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mobile services (text alerts, mobile web sites, etc.)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On-site event services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social (<u>Facebook</u>, YouTube, Twitter etc.)

This fourth phase is critical to being a leading event center and will attract clients, add to revenues and provide potential cost-saving operational benefits. **Ongoing effort will be needed to stay on top of the latest technology** while maintaining the outstanding physical plant.

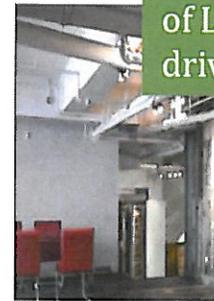
From Amy Dickerson application vision statement

Ideas to solidify finances over next 2 years

- Event analysis
 - Fill open spots in calendar
 - Target events by profitability
 - Survey current event planner satisfaction & unfilled needs
- Concessions/catering
 - Re-vamp to **grow sales 2-3x** in first 18 months
- Finish build-out with clear branding / design
 - Could have unique County Fair/Local Farm feel all year: warm, friendly, fun, blue jeans
 - Share successes: kids served, business brought to County
- Marketing on site and online
 - E.g. signage, web site, social media, PR, community relations
 - Will help increase events booked, on site revenue, event attendance
- Refresh & increase sponsorship & donations
- Improve event operations to increase satisfaction
 - Staff availability, cleanliness, lighting, arena prep, stable services etc.
 - Event services enhanced but priced fairly
- SuperFair
 - Continue to improve for community while covering costs as much as possible
- Establish operating policies consistent with mission
 - 4-H, FFA priority in booking /how handle conflicts
 - Pricing schedules: non-profit vs. profit



Establishing unique character of Lancaster Event Center can drive revenue



Another key short-term priority:
Strong communications & working relationships
with key stakeholders & potential supporters



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Lancaster County 4-H



Management options

- Independent manager
 - Fair / 4-H experience
 - Business/events experience
- Events facility agency
 - leadership person assigned by a corporation, not local people
 - manager with no local history or personal desire for success.

Unique mission vs. other regional facilities

Fair or Event Center	Sq Ft (000)	Arena Seat Capacity	Fair Attendance (000)	Event Attendance (000)	TOTAL Attendance	Run major fair event	Run Events Year Round	Maintain buildings	Run permanent food services/catering
Nebraska									
Lancaster Event Center--Super Lancaster Co Fair + year-round events	400		250	300	550	yes	yes	yes	yes
Nebraska State Fair--Grand Island	594		350	0	350	yes	no--run by Heartland Event Center	no--by Fonner Park staff	no--temp. vendors
Heartland Event Center--Grand Island	180	7000	0			no	yes	no--by Fonner Park staff	yes

Lancaster Event Center mission

Create state-sized Lancaster Co. SuperFair

PLUS Operate year-round event facility: In-house concessions/catering, building mgt.

Financial compare

Fair or Event Center	Sq Ft (000)	Full-time managers/office staff	Management	Salary (\$000)	Capital (\$Million)	Revenue (\$000)	Expenses (\$000)	Profit (\$000)	Notes
Nebraska									
Lancaster Event Center--Super Lancaster Co Fair + year-round events	400	6-8	TBD Managing Director	was \$90	\$37M	\$ 3,651	\$ 3,481	\$ 66	100% revenue self-generated; #2 attended fair in NE
Nebraska State Fair--Grand Island	594	9	Joe McDermott Executive Director	\$117	\$45M	\$ 5,500	\$ 5,000	\$ 500	\$3M revenue from NE lottery
Heartland Event Center--Grand Island	180	4	Hugh Miner, Jr. CEO						

Differences vs. agency-run facilities

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Agency-run facilities --usually anchored by major arenas																
Century Link Center Omaha	1100	18000		CEO hired by MECA--Metro Enter Conv Authority	\$148 + \$85 bonus		1200	1200	30M	39M	38.5M	450K, now \$4M before depr	no	yes	yes	yes
Iowa Events Center (Des Moines)	214	15000		Polk Co. Board of Supervisors hired Global Spectrum	agency				217M	gambling revenue, hockey team			no	yes	yes	yes
Sprint Center KC	666	19000	600 total employees	AEG agency	agency		900	900	276M				no	yes	yes	yes
Pinnacle Arena Lincoln	470	15000		SMG agency	agency		700	700	179M				no	yes	yes	yes

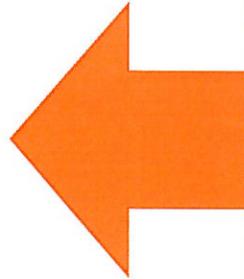
Characteristics

- Major arenas: 15,000+ seats that book national-scale artists, host pro teams
- \$175 million+ capital
- Don't create state fair/major events

Lancaster Event Center Managing Director

Job description

- Operations
 - Facility management & Super Fair execution
 - Improving operations
- Planning
 - Annual: Fair & Event strategy
 - Longer term: strategic planning with key stakeholders support including Phase III build-out
- Financial management
 - Control costs, increase revenues
 - Reliable, transparent
- Event Services
 - Right services at right price in a secure, friendly environment
 - Done right: events return year after year, public sees value in Event Center
- Community relations
 - Event planners & attendees—starting with 4-H/FFA, Horse Shows
 - Local businesses & organizations including UNL, Chamber, LIBA etc.
 - County taxpayers & their representatives
- Marketing
 - On site
 - Online
- People recruitment/training/management
 - Staff
 - Volunteers
 - Sponsors



- UNL undergrad, Top 10 MBA
- \$12M budget management
- 20 years creating events for up to 36K people/day for wide variety audiences
- 30 years people & agency management
- Marketing/PR expert
- Food service experience
- Non-profit passion
- Networker/relationship builder & recruiter
- Strategic / Creative
- Enjoy juggling multiple projects & priorities to consistently exceed goals
- Known for creating wow experiences
- Nebraska born & bred with national/international experience
- Family working in NE agriculture field for decades
- Grew up as 4-Her, horse owner
- Comfortable in business suit or jeans

Thank you and final question...

What is your vision for the Lancaster Event Center?
And what will it take to secure Phase III and the long-term future of the Lancaster Event Center?

Congratulations on what you've created so far...it's a huge contributor to the county and the region.



Additional information

Event & food service experience

Year	Event / Venue	# attendees	Length
1981-84	York McDonalds	one of busiest in 10-state region	Daily
1985-87	UNL Summer Conference halls	18000	Summer
1990-92	Black & Decker sales rep national orientation trainings	50	2 weeks/year
1991	Black & Decker launch of DeWalt brand sales meeting	600	5 days
2000 to date	HP Road Shows/In store demonstrations via 125 HP reps at 4000 stores = 20K events/year	200000	year-round
2005-6	Marketing Experiences Conference--by authors/consultants Joseph Pine, Jim Gilmore	200	4 days
2005	HP Executive Forum--1st Experience Fair	500	3 days
2006	HP marketing meeting	200	5 days
2007	HP booth at PMA show in Anaheim CA	20000	5 days
2008-2010	1400 sq ft. HP Retail Concept Store from design/build to merchandised & traveling to 4 different venues: PMA show & 2 different hotel ball rooms & HP office for major retailer executive presentations	30000	10 days + ongoing
2008	HP booth at PMA show in Las Vegas	20000	5 days
2010-13	HP booth at annual Walmart store managers meeting	12000	5 days
2010	Poway Girls Softball tournament food service director--4 snack shacks netting (\$15K profit in 4 days)	4000	4 days
2011	Poway CA Parade Committee	30000	2 hours
2011	Poway Girls Softball tournament director--4 softball complexes with 70 teams from 150 mile radiua	4000	4 days
2010-2011	Poway Girls Softball Snack Shack Director /Fundraising (\$15K annual profit)	16000	120 days
2005-2011	Valley Elementary PTA events	500	3 hours
Mar-13	HP House Party--Wake Up Your Walls in 2500 homes	36000	1 day
Nov-13	HP House Party--Warm Up Your Walls in 3000 homes	36000	1 day

Comments from my managers in recent annual reviews

- 2009: Amy is a **change agent**. Amy looks to make a difference in all that she does **pushing herself and the organization to think creatively** and to **develop new ideas to drive sales**.
- 2009: She has an amazing ability to strategize and **see the big picture** as well as manage deep into the details and **pull a fully integrated event or project together** that drives the business.
- 2009: When given projects she can get the job done and there is **almost always a WOW factor**. She is a strong **customer advocate internal and company advocate external**.
- 2011: She is relentless when it comes to **making things happen**, and she can manage and produce **dozens of programs simultaneously while also staying on budget**.
- 2011: One of Amy's core strengths is her ability to **think through the customer lens** and **create demand generation programs**
- 2012: The work Amy does as a **marketing leader** is well recognized across the entire organization as **best in class**.

2010 Amy is phenomenal at seeing the big picture and moving the team and agencies to both maximize the opportunity and operationalizing the strategy. When times are tough and when there is an urgent business need she steps up. She is stellar at pulling together events, executive meetings, presentations at a moments notice and with completeness from strategy to execution. She does all of this with an eye to the customer. She is the best I've seen at enabling impactful events, meetings, forums. Examples of this include Executive Forum, San Diego Store Experience, Walmart Innovation Summit, and the Walgreens executive walkthrough in Palo Alto. One of the best quotes from the Palo Alto event was from Walgreens CIO Tim Thierault who commented in front of the entire HP senior staff at the meeting that "This event significantly exceeded my expectations". Amy had a significant impact on the success of that event. In addition at the 2010 PMA show Amy pulled out all the stops and merchandised a 460 sq ft store experience in a six week period. HP RPS was the most trafficked booth at the show! Customer, stakeholder and employee feedback was overwhelmingly positive and Amy acknowledged as a key driver behind HP success.

2013 [REDACTED] operating profit favorability to overall Americas budget. Your ongoing creativity and execution around demand generation activities helped drive the sales we needed to beat budget. Your tight management of both the contra and program OPEX budgets were also extremely effective in closing out each quarter with strong predictability.

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January 23, 2014

Dear Ms. Ronnau & Search Committee,

I wanted to thank you very much for inviting me in for a final interview for the Managing Director of the Lancaster Event Center and making me feel so welcome on Monday in my initial interview. I sincerely enjoyed meeting each one of you and really appreciate all the different perspectives and passion I saw for serving the people of Lancaster County.

Important time for the Event Center. You are all helping guide the Lancaster Event Center through a critical crossroads in its young history and I would be very excited and honored by the opportunity to play a part in helping you navigate to what could be a very promising future with the potential to have an even bigger impact on the children, the citizens and the businesses that all benefit from your hard work.

I see a window of opportunity over the next year to 18 months to make good, sustainable progress on:

1. **Solidifying the Lancaster Event Center's financials** to be transparent and reliably in the black. By both controlling costs and pursuing additional revenue, we could make a difference quickly: attracting new events after Pershing's closure and offering fairly-priced services valued by Event Center customers; including food services, wireless, etc.
2. **Tightening operations to exceed event customer's expectations**--which helps to ensure that events and attendees want to return and will drive ongoing revenue growth.
3. **Improving relationships and trust with all the Event Center's stakeholders** from the base of 4-H/FFA programs and horse shows to all the for-profit events, local business organizations, local government entities and ultimately, the citizens, that support the Center,
4. **Running a collaborative strategic planning process that helps support the Phase III expansion** to move forward while the financial climate and event demand is so favorable.

Broad skill set matches Event Center needs. I believe my broad background in both the non-profit and business worlds brings several key skills that are invaluable to lead accomplishment of these important Event Center tasks. Recruiting and leading teams of motivated employees and volunteers, creating and running large-scale events, managing finances profitably, running marketing/PR campaigns on small budgets, being hands-on (and jeans on!) when needed to make it happen, and building relationships with a variety of people are all strengths that I truly enjoy using daily.

Protecting the heart and soul while driving needed growth. I would be very proud to serve the Lancaster County community so that every 4-H'er and FFA'er feels at home and taken care of at the Lancaster Event Center while local businesses really enjoy growing revenues as regional events are

attracted to Lincoln. I also believe that the growth the Event Center is planning can actually strengthen the support that the Center can provide for the original heart and soul of the Center. I believe that the 4-H, FFA, and horse shows will reap benefits of greater Event Center usage and proceeds. This applies, as well, to the broader local community--in so many ways.

Looking forward to a new challenge. I want to reassure the committee that I am very excited about this potential next phase in my career and would welcome the change from working in a corporate environment that can often be impersonal and ultimately doesn't have the noble mission to serve people, as you all have. Yes, I would welcome leaving my home-based one-person office where I am constantly processing hundreds of emails, in phone meetings, or on cross-country business trips, to working from "one building" that would have such a variety of people and challenges to work with face-to-face.

Committing to a new level of growth & professionalism. I know there were natural questions on my salary expectations given my moving from the private sector to public sector, but I truly believe if the fit is right, we can work out this detail to where we are all comfortable. There are other factors beyond base salary, or the bonuses I would be foregoing to start after 2 weeks notice to my current organization, such as vacation time, benefits, eligibility for annual increases based on performance etc. that we can discuss. More important is if you all believe this is a critical time for the Lancaster Event Center to go to a new level of growth, operational excellence, regional/national respect and professionalism, then I believe you will need a strong leader with experiences beyond strictly events or operating a facility to support your efforts to make this vision a reality.

I left our conversation feeling very excited about the opportunity to work with such genuinely caring and competent people that you represent. I am motivated to contribute as a servant leader to help the Lancaster Event Center be recognized regionally and nationally as a leading event center, county fair, and base of 4-H/FFA programs and horse shows.

Please don't hesitate to reach out with any other questions. I look forward to seeing you and the rest of the Agricultural Society Board of Directors on February 10th.

Best Regards,

Amy Dickerson