
League of Nebraska Municipalities

2018 MIDWINTER CONFERENCE

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Feb. 26-27, 2018
Cornhusker Marriott Hotel
Lincoln, Nebraska

Wendall Gaston
League President
Council Member, Sidney



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Tentative Conference Program (subject to change)

Monday, February 26, 2018

7:15–7:45 am **Registration:** Visit Display Area (coffee and rolls available)

7:45–8 am **Welcome**
Welcome by League President Wendell Gaston, Council Member, Sidney
Host City Welcome

8–9 am **2018 Retail Trends and How to Develop a Retail Recruitment Strategy:** The Retail Coach is a national retail consulting, market research and development firm that combines strategy, technology and creative expertise to develop and deliver high-impact retail recruitment and development strategies to local governments, chambers of commerce and economic development organizations.
Aaron Farmer, Senior Vice President, “The Retail Coach,” who is a nationally recognized speaker and consultant

9 am-4 pm **Fire Chiefs Section Meeting**

9–9:15 am **Break:** Visit Display Area

9:15–10:30 am **League Legislative Update**
L. Lynn Rex, Executive Director, LNM

10:30–10:45 am **Break:** Visit Display Area

10:45-11:45 am **Concurrent Sessions:**

A. Right of Way Management for High-Tech Applicants: Small cells, towers and new devices that want to access municipal right of way.
(Session repeated at 1:45 pm)

B. Healthcare for Municipal Employees in the Future: Learn about the issues, status and implementation.
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C. CORE TOPIC – Employment Policies and Procedures: Elected and appointed officials need to know what should be included in employment policies and procedures, including anti-harassment policies.
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D. Nebraska City-County Management Association (NCMA) Update: This session for only NCMA members will discuss important issues of concern.

11:45 am-12 pm **Break:** Visit Display Area

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12–1:30 pm **Luncheon**
Special Keynote Address

1:30–1:45 pm **Break:** Visit Display Area

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D. “Service” and “Comfort” Animals: Learn how to effectively regulate “service” and “comfort” animals in public buildings and places in compliance with ADA requirements.

2:45–3 pm **Break:** Visit Display Area

3–4 pm **Section Meetings:**
City Managers/Administrators
Clerks
Larger Cities
Smaller Cities and Villages
Utilities Section

4–4:15 pm **Break:** Visit Display Area

4:15–5:45 pm **Concurrent Sessions:**

A. Nebraska Expressways for Economic Development (NEED) Meeting: Property tax relief proposals have fiscal notes of \$1.1 billion; transportation infrastructure funding needs to be protected! Be updated on the critically important role of NEED in the coalition’s lobbying effort to help pass LB 960 in 2016 to expedite completion of Nebraska’s expressway system; NEED was instrumental in passing LB 84 in 2011 and LB 610 in 2015 to provide additional funds for transportation infrastructure.

B. Important League Meeting for LARM Members: There has been a tremendous amount of misinformation about LARM. Please make plans now to attend this session to get the FACTS. Any municipal official is welcome to attend without paying a registration fee for this session, regardless of whether your municipality is a LARM member.

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Tuesday, February 27, 2018

6:30-8 am Meeting of Mayors and Village Board Chairs

8 am Registration: Visit Display Area (coffee and rolls available)

8:15–9:15 am Concurrent Sessions:

A. Groundbreaking Tools to Make 21st Century Infrastructure Decisions: Drones and 3D models.
(Session repeated at 9:30 am)

B. Using the “Certified Local Government (CLG) Program” in Your Municipality: The CLG Program is a community wide preservation assistance program for historic preservation. With CLG status, your municipality is eligible for grants, training and other benefits.
(Session repeated at 9:30 am)

C. CORE TOPIC – Tax Increment Financing (TIF): Panel discussion about TIF requirements, pending legislation and relevant issues.
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- A. UNO/UNK/NDOT Partnership:** Be informed about the important partnership involving the University of Nebraska – Omaha, University of Nebraska – Kearney and the Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) regarding a long-term planning and policy project to improve access to public transportation in rural Nebraska. NDOT has created six regions where coordinating councils and transit plans will be developed.

- B. Municipal Land Banks:** Learn how Municipal Land Banks acquire vacant, abandoned or dilapidated properties and either renovate or demolish them for future use and growth. This redevelopment tool transforms neighborhoods and creates more affordable housing. If LB 854 passes this session, any municipality would be allowed to create a land bank. Currently, only Omaha and cities in Sarpy County are authorized to do so.

- C. CORE TOPIC – Grant Availability, Applications and Requirements:** Be informed about the requirements for Community Development Block Grants (CDBGs); start preparing now for your next grant from the Civic and Community Center Financing Fund (CCCFF)!

- D. Successfully Handling a Major Infrastructure Project:** Learn about the practical implications, planning, policies, procedures and related staff work necessary to address the infrastructure needs of Costco in Fremont, one of the largest economic development projects in the state.

11:45 am–12 pm Break: Visit Display Area

12 pm Designated Delegates with White Ribbons on Their Name Badges
Please pick up your Senator's nametag at the registration desk and greet your State Senator at the door.

12–1:10 pm Senator Appreciation Luncheon

1:10 pm Adjournment – Thank you for coming! Please drive safely!
