

2026

MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTING
& FINANCE CONFERENCE



June 17 - 19, 2026
CORNHUSKER MARRIOTT HOTEL, LINCOLN

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League of Nebraska Municipalities



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Cornhusker Marriott Hotel, Lincoln



MUNICIPAL TREASURERS: The State Auditor's Office approved 17 hours of continuing education.

MUNICIPAL ATTORNEYS: The Mandatory Continuing Legal Education Commission approved 11.5 hours of CLE credit.

Tentative Conference Program (subject to change)

Wednesday, June 17, 2026

12 pm

Atrium

Registration for Preconference Seminar

12:30–1:30 pm

Arbor 1&2

Lunch

1:30–3:30 pm

DEF

PRECONFERENCE SEMINAR: 1) Learn about the **Community Improvement District Act** created with passage of LB 1130 in the 2026 session. North Platte Sen. Mike Jacobson introduced and shepherded LB 1130 through the legislative process to allow property owners to voluntarily form a community improvement district (CID), **subject to municipal approval**, to finance, construct, and maintain public infrastructure and amenities within city or village limits. Be aware of the property tax implications for taxpayers. 2) Be informed about bills passed in the 2026 session amending laws governing **tax increment financing** (TIF).

Mike Rogers, Attorney, Gilmore & Bell, P.C.

Kari Fisk, City Attorney, Grand Island

Tim Sieh, Senior City Attorney in the Office of City Attorney, Lincoln

Thursday, June 18, 2026

7:30 am

Atrium

Registration: Visit Display Area
(coffee and rolls available)

8–9:15 am

DEF

Budget Update: Budget Forms, Lid Laws, and Related Issues

Jeff Schreier, CPA, Audit Manager, Nebraska Auditor of Public Accounts

Christy Abraham, Legal Counsel, LNM

9:15–9:30 am

Atrium

Break: Visit Display Area

9:30–10:30 am

DEF

Protecting Municipal Assets Through Better Documentation; Auditor Update on TIF Projects

Craig Kubicek, CPA, CFE, Deputy, Nebraska Auditor of Public Accounts

10:30–10:45 am

Atrium

Break: Visit Display Area

10:45 am–12 pm

DEF

League Legislative Report

L. Lynn Rex, Executive Director, LNM

12–1:30 pm

ABC

Luncheon

Welcome by *Kellie Crowell, Clerk/Treasurer, Ravenna; Chair of the MAFC Committee*

1:30–1:45 pm

DEF

Business Meeting

Thursday, June 18, 2026 (con't.)

1:45–2:45 pm

Arbor 1&2

Concurrent Sessions:

- A. Swimming Pools, Mobile Home Parks, and Recreation Camps:** Be informed how LB 759 shifts responsibility in July from the Nebraska Department of Water, Energy, and Environment (DWEE) to municipalities, counties, or a local health department for rulemaking authority, inspections, permit requests, violations, enforcement measures, and penalties relating to swimming pools, mobile home parks, and recreation camps.

(Session repeated at 3 pm)

Suzanne Polzkill, REHS, Environmental Supervisor – Onsite Wastewater/Environmental Safety, DWEE

Lash Chaffin, Utilities Section Director, LNM

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- B. Cybersecurity:** What municipal officials and employees should know to protect themselves and their city or village from cyberattacks. Learn how to develop an incident response plan in case a breach does occur to minimize the potential impact.

(Session repeated at 3 pm)

Ed Knott, President, Applied Connective Technologies

Casey Beutler, Senior Business Development Rep., Applied Connective Technologies

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- C. Sales Tax Reporting Requirements**

(Session repeated at 3 pm)

Karla Koehler, Revenue Tax Specialist Sr. – Policy Division, Nebraska Dept. of Revenue

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Hawthorne

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Dennis Maggart, Executive Vice-President, McInnes Group, Inc.

2:45–3 pm

Atrium

Break: Visit Display Area

3–4 pm

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4–4:15 pm

Atrium

Break: Visit Display Area

4:15–5:15 pm

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(Session repeated at 11 am Friday)

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B. Tax Increment Financing (TIF): Review the basics and learn about recent legislative changes in laws governing TIF.

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C. Open Meetings Act Update: Be informed about key provisions of LB 596, including changes simplifying how to provide “reasonable advance publicized notice.”

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L. Lynn Rex, Executive Director, LNM

Make plans to network, visit the display area, and enjoy the many restaurants and activities in Lincoln.

Friday, June 19, 2026

8 am

Atrium

Visit Display Area

(coffee and rolls available)

8:30–9:30 am

Hawthorne

Concurrent Sessions:

A. Digital Tools: Learn how digital tools can positively impact communities of all sizes; for example, be aware of the benefits of online registration for recreation programs for little or no cost. Be informed about the pros and cons of using artificial intelligence (AI).

(Session repeated at 9:45 am)

Tarryn Moss, Senior Director, Hudl

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B. Labor Relations/Personnel Management: 1) Review of the **Dept. of Labor’s Final Overtime Rule** issued April 23, 2024, relating to the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) which raised salary thresholds for certain overtime exemptions; and **2)** Review and update on **laws and regulations applicable to seasonal workers**, including minimum wage requirements and restrictions on the kind of work teenagers are allowed to perform; information employers are required to post in the workplace; and other related issues.

(Session repeated at 9:45 am)

Sydney Huss, Attorney, Cline Williams

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Arbor 1&2

C. Risk Management – Who’s Minding the Money? Municipal officials have a fiduciary duty to establish and implement financial safeguards with internal controls and oversight to protect and prioritize the funds and assets of your city or village. *This session is sponsored by the League Association of Risk Management (LARM).*

(Session repeated at 9:45 am)

John Hobbs, Loss Control Specialist, LARM

Lancaster 5&6

D. Top Questions Asked of League Staff 2.0

Christy Abraham, Legal Counsel, LNM

Lash Chaffin, Utilities Section Director, LNM

9:30–9:45 am

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D. Surviving the Office: Learn how to stay safer in the office.

Jackson Sash, Utilities Field Representative/Training Coordinator, LNM

10:45–11 am

Break: Visit Display Area

Atrium

11 am–12 pm

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Adjournment: Thank you for coming! Have a safe trip home!



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Delegate Registration

Municipality: _____

Name (as you want it to appear on name tag): _____

Title: _____ Spouse (if attending): _____

First League Conference? Yes _____ No _____

Check # _____ enclosed for \$ _____ (Advanced payment encouraged)

Billing address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____ (Required for you to receive electronic handbook)

			Recordings Only (prepayment required)	
	Through June 3	After June 3	Through June 3	After June 3
Wednesday Preconference Seminar: (Includes Preconference electronic handbook)	_____ \$120	_____ \$145	_____ \$120	_____ \$145
Thursday & Friday Conference: (Includes electronic handbook)	_____ \$410	_____ \$445	_____ \$410	_____ \$445

Conference Total: \$ _____

Meals: (not included in registration fee; indicate number needed by **June 3**)

Please note any special dietary restrictions/food allergies: _____

Wednesday Luncheon _____ \$33

Thursday Luncheon _____ \$33

Meals Total: \$ _____

Grand Total: \$ _____

Conference Information

- ❖ Preregistration deadline is **June 3**. Registrations received after this date will incur higher registration costs.
- ❖ Advanced registrations not cancelled by **June 3** or "no shows" will be billed for the conference and reserved meal tickets.
- ❖ The conference sessions will be recorded, unless prohibited by the speaker, and emailed to registered delegates for viewing through **Aug. 31, 2026**.
- ❖ The conference recordings can be purchased and viewed by treasurers to receive continuing education hours.
- ❖ If you need special accommodations or equipment at this conference, contact the League office by **June 3**.

Mail registration and payment to: League of Nebraska Municipalities, 1335 L Street, Lincoln, NE 68508 or email info@lonm.org

[Click here to register and pay online.](#)



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Conference and Hotel Information

- ❖ Conference sessions will be held at the Cornhusker Marriott Hotel, 333 South 13th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508.
- ❖ [Click here](#) for instructions and necessary forms to make a hotel reservation. The deadline for reserving a room is **May 27**.
- ❖ The room rate is \$121 per night.
- ❖ Check-in time is approximately 4 p.m.; check-out time is 11 a.m.
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