



2025 Wyoming Association of County Officers Conference Agenda September 23-25, 2025 Sweetwater Events Complex – Rock Springs, Wyoming

***All events are held at the Sweetwater Events Complex unless otherwise noted.
All times and events are tentative and subject to change.***

Tuesday, September 23, 2025

9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Education Session- Essentials of Public Engagement

Presenter: Tara Kuipers, Owner/Principal of Tara Kuipers Consulting (Cody, WY)

Public participation and community input-gathering are increasing in both importance and complexity. Citizens want and need to be engaged in decisions that impact them, so community engagement must be respectful, civil, positive, and effective in creating the best possible outcomes for everyone involved. This workshop will focus on the essential planning, communication, and mindset necessary for meaningful public engagement.

10:45 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Education Session- Public Records

Presenter: Darlena Potter, Public Records Ombudsman, Governor's Office and Kyle Ferris

Wyoming's counties must conduct their business according to the Wyoming Public Records, Public Meetings, and Ethics and Disclosure Act. Learn more about the rights, responsibilities, and limitations of these laws from Wyoming's experts.

(Lunch is on your own) Food trucks will be on site for food purchase

1:00 pm. – 2:15 p.m.

Education Session- HB0172; What it changes and what it does not

Presenter: Judge Kaste, District Court Judge, Third Judicial District

2:30 pm. – 4:00 p.m.

Education Session- Purpose and Benefits of Associations

- Melissa Shinkle, Teton County Assessor and President of County Assessor Association of Wyoming
- Tucker Ruby, Johnson County Attorney and President of the Wyoming County Attorney Association
- Malcolm Ervin, Platte County Clerk and President of County Clerk's Association of Wyoming
- Ann Sutton, Teton County Clerk of District Court and President of the Wyoming Association of Clerks of District Court
- Natalia Macker, Teton County Commissioner and President of the WCCA
- Erin Ivie, Fremont County Coroner and President of the Wyoming Coroner's Association
- John Grossnickle, Sweetwater County Sheriff and Second Vice-President of the Wyoming Association of Sheriff's
- Ashley Harpstreith, Executive Director, Wyoming Association of Municipalities

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Sponsor Booth Set-Up (<i>booths may be set-up at any time between 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.</i>)
5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Sweetwater County Welcome Reception <i>Location at Sweetwater Events Complex (transportation provided)</i>

Wednesday, September 24, 2025

8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. **WACO General Session**

- Presentation of the Colors
 - Sweetwater County Sheriff's Office
- Pledge of Allegiance & National Anthem
 - Taylor Lynn Hernandez
- Invocation
 - Pastor Nate Purvis
- Local Welcome
 - Sweetwater County Commissioner Keaton West
 - Mayor of Rock Springs, Max Mickelson
- President's Welcome
 - Loretta Kallas, Uinta County Attorney
- Financial Report
 - Tracy Fletcher, Treasurer
- Introduction of Sponsors
- Remarks by Governor Gordon
 - Governor Mark Gordon

9:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. **Break and Sponsor Visitation**

9:45 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. **Guest Speaker-** Tara Kuipers, Owner/Principal of Tara Kuipers Consulting (Cody, WY)

10:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. **Individual Association Meetings**

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. **Lunch**

1:00 p.m. – 1:15 p.m. **Break and Sponsor Visitation**

1:15 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. **Individual Association Meetings**

Evening **Individual Association Dinners**

Thursday, September 25, 2025 – Wyoming Day

8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. **WACO General Session**

- Call to Order
- NACo Board of Directors Report

- NACo Board Member Terry Wolf, Washakie County Commissioner
- NACo Board Member Bill Novotny, Johnson County Commissioner

8:30 a.m. – 8:40 a.m.

Break and Sponsor Visitation

8:40 a.m. – 9:40 a.m.

WACO General Session

- **Guest Speaker-** Staff Sergeant (Ret.) Johnny Joey Jones, U.S. Marine Corps EOD

9:45 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

WACO General Session

- Adoption of Resolutions and Bylaw Changes
- Memorial Ceremony
- Nominating Committee Report and Election of Officers
- Presentations and New President Remarks

10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Break and Sponsor Visitation

10:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

Individual Association Meetings

11:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

U.S. Representative Harriet Hageman

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Lunch

- **Video Messages from Congressional Delegation**
 - Senator John Barrasso
 - Senator Cynthia Lummis

1:00 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.

Break and Sponsor Visitation

1:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Individual Association Meetings

5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Social Hour

Sweetwater Events Complex (transportation provided)

6:30 p.m.

WACO Banquet

Theme: Denim and Diamonds!

Location at Sweetwater Events Complex

- Door Prize Giveaways
- Entertainment: Turn Up the Volume - DJ
- 50/50 Raffle- all proceeds will go to Hospice of Sweetwater County