

Perkins County has received a monetary dividend of \$9,413 from the Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Association (NIRMA), the county's property, liability and workers' compensation coverage provider.

The dividend was part of a \$750,000 financial return distributed among 77 Nebraska counties during a NIRMA conference Aug. 5-6 in Kearney.

With this dividend, Perkins County has now received a total of \$194,234 in financial returns since becoming a member of NIRMA in 1988.

NIRMA issues financial dividends from funds no longer needed for the payment of claims and general operating expenses.

This marks the 20th time since 1991 and the 15th consecutive year that NIRMA has been able to return funds, now totaling nearly \$12.25 million, to member Nebraska counties and their property taxpayers.

"NIRMA is able to return funds because of a proactive partnership we have with our membership," said NIRMA Executive Director Craig Nelson.

"When members take extra steps to prevent losses, it reduces the potential for claims and the amount that might otherwise have been spent," he said. "And when a claim does occur, NIRMA works hard to reach a timely and satisfactory resolution, which again saves local taxpayer dollars."

NIRMA was created by 32 counties in 1988 as the state's first governmental risk management and self-insurance program.

Today it serves 79 counties and six county-related public agencies.