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**Council Member INSERT NAME attends the CCAO 2024 Summer Symposium**

HOCKING HILLS, OH – **INSERT COUNTY** Council Member **INSERT NAME** attended the 2024 CCAO Summer Symposium last week at the Hocking Hills Lodge and Conference Center in Hocking County. The theme of the symposium was *Teamwork for a Better Tomorrow*. The gathering offered an opportunity for county commissioners, executives and council members and their staff to interact with a wide array of distinguished experts and learn about issues relevant in every county.

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On Wednesday, attendees participated in conversations on management and leadership skills, with presentations by Ashtabula County Commissioner Kathryn Whittington and Clemans Nelson.

Thursday’s sessions included a presentation on emergency management from Ohio EPA Director Anne Vogel who shared lessons learned from the East Palestine train derailment crisis. Attendees also heard tips on strategic planning process from Lorain County; updated on critical 9-1-1 and MARCS radio system infrastructure; strategies for improving behavioral health challenges in county jails; and the potential of AI in county administration.

The symposium concluded on Friday with presentations on Ohio's Critical Infrastructure Data System (OCIDS) by Ohio Homeland Security and pharmaceutical trends in healthcare.

The County Commissioners Association of Ohio advances effective county government for Ohio through legislative advocacy, education and training, technical assistance and research, quality enterprise service programs, and greater citizen awareness and understanding of county government.

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