**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:** December 10, 2024

**CCAO Contact:** Jessica Newbacher, (440) 319-1041, jnewbacher@ccao.org

 **Commissioner INSERT NAME attended the 2024 CCAO/CEAO Winter Conference**

COLUMBUS, OH – **INSERT COUNTY** Commissioner **INSERT NAME** attended the 2024 CCAO/CEAO Winter Conference last week with the theme was “Teamwork for a Better Tomorrow,” providing an opportunity for local officials to become inspired by other elected officials and experts who shared collaborative ways to address important issues counties are facing. [INSERT PERSONAL COMMENTS/QUOTE HERE IF DESIRED]

Wednesday included a welcome to new CCAO members along with the CCAO/CEAO Opening General Session, featuring a keynote from speaker Brian Blasko. His thought-provoking speech included practical tips for leadership in our professional and personal lives, including effective communication and

On Thursday, Ohio Lt. Governor Jon Husted spoke at the CCAO/CEAO Luncheon. Lt. Governor Husted discussed the partnership between the state and counties in delivering services to Ohioans as well as the investments the DeWine-Husted Administration has made in counties, specifically for child protective services, workforce and economic development, public safety and jail administration, as well as water quality and infrastructure. Todd Kleismit and Taylor Tomu of the America 250-Ohio Commission also spoke at the luncheon about how counties can prepare for and celebrate America’s 250th birthday in 2026.

The conference sessions covered a variety of topics with distinguished speakers including innovative county solutions to housing, child care challenges, cybersecurity, economic development, crisis management and much more.

The 2025 CCAO Executive Committee Officers were elected at the CCAO Annual Membership and Business Meeting on Thursday. The 2025 Executive Committee includes:

* David Painter, Clermont County Commissioner, CCAO President
* Denise Driehaus, Hamilton County Commissioner, CCAO 1st Vice President
* Casey Kozlowski, Ashtabula County Commissioner, CCAO 2nd Vice President
* Ilene Shapiro, Summit County Executive, CCAO Treasurer
* Joe Antram, Logan County Commissioner, CCAO Secretary

*###*

CCAO supports effective county government through legislative advocacy, education and training, quality enterprise service programs and a greater understanding of county government. By partnering with county commissioners, executives and council members, CCAO and its members work toward a shared goal of improving and advancing Ohio’s 88 counties. Stronger counties build a stronger Ohio.