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Former CCAO members to serve in prominent roles in Ohio House

Earlier this week, Speaker of the House Jason Stephens announced his leadership team and the chairs and vice chairs of House committees. Former commissioners and county councilors will serve in many roles.

Speaker Stephens himself is a former Lawrence County Commissioner and the assistant majority whip, Representative Sharon Ray, is a former Medina County Commissioner.

Former commissioners and council members chairing or vice chairing committees are:

- Former Preble Commissioner Rodney Creech will chair House Agriculture and former Paulding County Commissioner Roy Klopfenstein will serve as vice chair.
- Former Wayne Commissioner Scott Wiggam will chair the new committee House Constitutional Resolutions.
- Former Delaware County Commissioner Kris Jordan will chair House Financial Institutions.
- Former Fayette County Commissioner Bob Peterson will chair House Government Oversight.
- Former Pickaway County Commissioner Brian Stewart will vice chair House Public Health Policy.
- Former Richland County Commissioner Marilyn John will chair House State and Local Government.
- Former Summit County Council Member Bill Roemer will chair House Ways and Means.

Additionally, former Lake County Commissioner and former CCAO President Dan Troy will serve as the ranking member of the House Agriculture and House Ways and Means.

Executive budget to be previewed during State of the State address, likely released following day

Next Tuesday, Governor Mike DeWine will give his annual “State of the State” address. He will use this address to announce many of his budget initiatives for the upcoming biennium. The following day, we expect the actual language of the Governor’s Executive Budget to be released. As a result of your advocacy efforts, we expect additional funding for jails, indigent defense, and children services

to be included in the Executive Budget.

CCAO staff will promptly review the language and we will provide a detailed summary next week.

Senate introduces two bills of note for counties

This week, two bills were introduced into the Senate that CCAO will be monitoring as they move through the legislative process.

[Senate Bill 25](#) (Senator Bob Hackett) makes changes to real property foreclosure procedures and [Senate Bill 35](#) (Senator Frank Hoagland and Senator Sandra O'Brien) creates two funds within the Attorney General's budget that will be used to reimburse costs for peace officer and state trooper training and to provide grants to small local law enforcement agencies for equipment purchases.

CCAO will keep our membership informed on these bills as they begin to receive hearings.