



Second Wednesday's

April 13, 2011

State Budget: How It Effects Counties

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Faced with one of the more challenging state budget shortfalls in memory, learn directly from key individuals within the Kasich Administration how the proposed budget is being balanced, the primary objectives of the administration in preparing the budget, and key provisions providing local government relief through management improvement, efficiency and cost allocation initiatives. Learn directly from key legislators in the legislative process the priorities of the legislature in reviewing the Governor's budget to meet the government service delivery needs of all Ohioans.

PRESENTERS

Brad Cole, Managing Director of Research, County Commissioners Association of Ohio

Tim Keen, Director, Ohio Office of Budget and Management

Randy Cole, Policy Advisor & President of the Controlling Board, Ohio Office of Budget & Management

Hon. Ron Amstutz, House Finance and Appropriations Chair

Hon. Mike Skindell, Ranking Minority Member

AGENDA—9:30-12:30

- 9:30 a.m. Welcome and Introductions
- 9:35 a.m. Overview of Executive Budget by Tim Keen
- 10:20 a.m. Local Government Relief and Shared Services by Randy Cole
- 11:00 a.m. Panel Discussion with State Legislators/or Key Legislative Budget Staff
- 12:30 p.m. Adjourn

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Brad Cole is the Managing Director of Research for the County Commissioners Association of Ohio. In this capacity Brad coordinates and manages the research, data, and technical publications prepared and distributed by the association; maintains research data bases, develops survey instruments; and promotes the CCAO Educational and Research Foundation. In addition, Brad provides legislative advocacy and member's services in taxation and finance, permissive taxes, auditing and accounting, county budget procedures, county debt, purchasing, investment policy, and general government legislation that impacts counties including transportation and infrastructure, tax abatement, and solid waste management. He is the liaison to the CCAO Taxation and Finance Committee. Cole holds a Bachelor of Arts cum laude and Master of Arts degrees in American History from Bowling Green State University.

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State Representative Ron Amstutz represents Ohio's 3rd House District (Wayne County), a mix of rural agricultural and smaller industrial communities. Amstutz chairs the House Finance & Appropriations Committee for the current session, which began in January. In addition, he serves on the following committees: Ways & Means, Public Utilities, Legislative Service Commission, and State Controlling Board. From 2001 through 2008, he served in the Ohio Senate, where his primary appointment was Chairman of Ways & Means & Economic Development. Prior to his service in the Senate, Ron served 20 years in the Ohio House of Representatives. His experience includes numerous leadership and committee assignments, such as Assistant Majority Whip and Chairman of the Education Section of the House Finance and Appropriations Committee. He served as Mayor of the City of Orrville from 1976-1980 until he was elected to the Ohio House of Representatives. He is a graduate of Central Christian High School and holds a B.A. Degree in Government Communications from Capital University.

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A little over 20 years ago, Randy Cole started his career as an LSC intern and then as a member of the Senate Finance staff. In fact, he worked with OBM Director Tim Keen on the 1991 budget as legislative staff. Since then, Cole has spent his career in local government and the private sector working to make government more efficient and save taxpayers money. For the past two years he served Ohio Auditor of State Mary Taylor leading the Local Government Services (LGS) and Performance Audit Sections in her office. LGS provides support to schools and communities in Fiscal Watch and Fiscal Emergency and the Performance Audit Section makes efficiency recommendations and compiles best practices from around Ohio and the nation. Cole was one of the panelists that reviewed and selected "EfficientGovNow" projects in Northeast Ohio. At Mary Taylor's request, he coordinated the 2009 "Summit on Local Government Sustainability" and developed the "Shared Services Idea Center" website. With that experience and perspective, Cole has been working with Governor Kasich's Policy Director Wayne Struble, OBM staff, and local government and education leaders throughout Ohio to develop the reform initiatives included in Governor Kasich's Executive Budget.

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Timothy Keen became Director of the Office of Budget and Management (OBM) in January, bringing more than 25 years of fiscal management and public policy expertise to his responsibilities as Governor John Kasich's chief financial officer. This is the second time he has held this position, leading the cabinet-level agency that provides financial management and policy analysis to help ensure the responsible use of state resources. From 2007 through 2010, Keen was Senior Policy Advisor to Auditor of State Mary Taylor, following his previous service with OBM as Assistant Director and then as Director with the administration of Governor Bob Taft from 1999 through 2006. Earlier he was Deputy Director of Policy Development at OBM, including service as President of the State Controlling Board (1992-1993). His career in public service, beginning in 1986 as a Budget Analyst with the Ohio Legislative Budget Office, also includes senior budget policy positions with both houses of the Ohio General Assembly. Director Keen received an undergraduate degree in communications from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst and holds a master's degree in public policy from the Eagleton Institute of Politics at Rutgers University.

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Senator Michael Skindell was elected to serve Ohio's 23rd Senate District (Cuyahoga County) in November, 2010. Skindell is the ranking Minority Member of the Senate Finance Committee and is a member of the following committees. Government Oversight & Reform, Judiciary—Civil Justice, Ways & Means & Economic Development, and the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review. Prior to serving in the Senate, he served four terms in the Ohio House of Representatives representing the 13th District (Cuyahoga County). In the Ohio House of Representatives, Skindell served as chair of the Joint Commission on Agency Rule Review, vice Chair of the Ohio House Consumer and Economic Protection Committee, and as a member of the Civil and Commercial Law Committee, the Finance Committee and its Transportation Subcommittee, and the Judiciary Committee. After graduating cum laude with a bachelor's degree in business and political science from Walsh College, Skindell earned his law degree from the Cleveland Marshall College of Law. Upon graduation from law school, Senator Skindell served as an Assistant Ohio Attorney General under Attorney General Anthony J. Celebrezze, Jr. from 1989 to 1999. He represented the people of Lakewood as a Councilman at Large between 1998 and 2002.

