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### DATES TO REMEMBER

MARCH 4-8, 2006	NACo LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE, WASHINGTON HILTON & TOWERS, WASHINGTON, D.C.
MARCH 31, 2006	CCC/ESAO REGIONAL BRIEFING, THE VARSITY CLUB, HURON COUNTY (WILLARD)
APRIL 28, 2006	CCC/ESAO REGIONAL BRIEFING, PORTAGE COUNTY
APRIL 23-29, 2006	NATIONAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT WEEK
JUNE 11-13, 2006	CCAO/CEAO ANNUAL SUMMER CONFERENCE, JOHN S. KNIGHT CENTER, SUMMIT COUNTY (AKRON)
AUGUST 4-8, 2006	NACo ANNUAL CONFERENCE, COOK COUNTY (CHICAGO), IL

### ASSOCIATION NEWS

#### DARKE COUNTY COMMITS TO THE CEBCO PROGRAM

The staff at CCAO is pleased to announce that on February 13, 2006 the Darke County Commissioners voted to join County Employee Benefit Consortium of Ohio (CEBCO) effective March 1, 2006. With the addition of the 331 employee lives CEBCO will have nearly 6,100 county employees in the program. Darke is the thirteenth county to join the plan. In addition to the counties, the CCAO staff is also part of the CEBCO program. The consortium created by CCAO in order to help stabilize the health insurance costs for the counties. Darke County will help shape and mold the growth and development of this program. Other member counties include: Allen, Ashtabula, Athens, Butler, Champaign, Delaware,

Hardin, Hocking, Logan, Madison, Putnam and Williams Counties.

As with all of the existing CEBCO products, your county can choose any of the stand alone programs separately or in conjunction with any of the other CEBCO offerings include: medical, drug, dental, life and vision coverage. Harnessing group buying power is a key benefit of CEBCO. For more information on the CEBCO Program please contact Maggie Neely at (614) 220-7984 or Melissa Bodey (614) 220-7997.

#### ATTN: CCAO WORKERS' COMP GROUP RATING PLAN AND WHO HAVE COMPMANAGEMENT AS THEIR TPA

CCAO Workers' Compensation Group Rating Plan member counties who have CompManagement as their third party administrator should plan on

attending the "CompManagement 2006 Workers' Comp Update Seminar" in your area. Look for the dates, locations, and registration at : <http://www.compmgt.com/Seminars/Spring06/Invite.htm>.

Topics will include: how to reduce worker's comp expenses, review strategies to develop a strong defense, medical management, Drug-Free workplace program, Claim settlement and more.

Cost \$25 per person, includes tuition, comprehensive manual, lunch and refreshment breaks.

### 2006 CCC/ESAO REGIONAL MEETINGS SCHEDULED

For the past three years, the County Commissioners Clerks and Engineers Secretaries Association of Ohio (CCC/ESAO), CCAO's first and oldest affiliate organization, have held a series of very successful regional meetings around the state. The purpose of these meetings was for CCC/ESAO members to share their knowledge with other clerks and secretaries that are unable to attend conferences and workshops.

Due to the overwhelming success, CCC/ESAO has scheduled six regional meetings in 2006. These informal meetings are open to all commissioners clerks or deputies and engineers secretaries or administrative assistants to discuss various topics of concern in your county. The meeting topics are tailored to meet the needs of each district. All meetings will start at 10:00 a.m. and end at 2:30 p.m. There is no charge to attend. Lunch will be sponsored by CCAO/CEAO. The CCAO Board of Trustees encourages all county commissioners to permit their clerks and other office support staff to attend one of the following meetings.

#### **MARCH 31, 2006 - HURON COUNTY - REGION 2**

LOCATION: The Varsity Club, SR 224, Willard, OH

COUNTIES: Ashland, Crawford, Delaware, Erie, Huron, Knox, Licking, Lorain, Marion, Morrow, Ottawa, Richland, Sandusky, Seneca, Union and Wyandot

RSVP to Cheryl Nolan, Administrator/Clerk, Huron County Commissioners' at (419) 668-3092 or [cnolan@hccommissioners.com](mailto:cnolan@hccommissioners.com) or Barb Leuthold, Clerk, Crawford County Commissioners at (419) 562-5876 or [barbl@crawford-co.org](mailto:barbl@crawford-co.org).

#### **APRIL 28, 2006 - PORTAGE COUNTY - REGION 3**

LOCATION: To-be-announced

COUNTIES: Ashtabula, Carroll, Columbiana, Cuyahoga, Geauga, Holmes, Lake, Mahoning, Medina, Portage, Stark, Summit, Trumbull, Tuscarawas and Wayne

RSVP to Julia Sigel, Executive Assistant, Summit County Engineer's Office at (330) 643-8168 or [jsigel@engineer.co.summit.oh.us](mailto:jsigel@engineer.co.summit.oh.us)

#### **MAY 5, 2006 - MUSKINGUM COUNTY - REGION 4**

LOCATION: LOCATION: Zanesville-Muskingum County Welcome Center, 2005 North Fifth Street, Zanesville, OH

COUNTIES: Athens, Belmont, Coshocton, Guernsey, Harrison, Jefferson, Meigs, Monroe, Morgan, Muskingum, Noble and Washington

RSVP to Susan Culbertson, Clerk, Muskingum County Commissioners at (740) 699-2155 or [commissioners@muskingumcounty.org](mailto:commissioners@muskingumcounty.org)

#### **SEPTEMBER 22, 2006 - HANCOCK COUNTY - REGION 1**

LOCATION: To-be-announced

COUNTIES: Allen, Auglaize, Champaign, Defiance, Fulton, Hancock, Hardin, Henry, Logan, Lucas, Mercer, Paulding, Putnam, Shelby, Van Wert, Williams and Wood

RSVP to Kelli Singhaus, Clerk, Allen County Commissioners at (419) 424-7044 or [ksinghaus@allencountyohio.com](mailto:ksinghaus@allencountyohio.com)

**OCTOBER 6, 2006 - ROSS COUNTY - REGION 5**

LOCATION: To-be-announced

COUNTIES: Fairfield, Fayette, Franklin, Gallia, Hocking, Jackson, Lawrence, Madison, Perry, Pickaway, Pike, Ross, Scioto and Vinton

RSVP to Flora Butler, Clerk, Butler County Commissioners at (513) 887-3255 o or [ButlerFR@butlercountyohio.org](mailto:ButlerFR@butlercountyohio.org)

**OCTOBER 27, 2006 - MONTGOMERY COUNTY - REGION 6**

LOCATION: To-be-announced

COUNTIES: Adams, Brown, Butler, Clark, Clermont, Clinton, Darke, Greene, Hamilton, Highland, Miami, Darke, Greene, Hamilton, Highland, Miami, Montgomery, Preble and Warren

RSVP to Juanita Hunn, Clerk, Montgomery County Commissioners (937) 225-6491 or [hunnj@mcoho.org](mailto:hunnj@mcoho.org) or Dianna Harris, Administrative Assistant, Montgomery County Engineer's Office at (937) 225-4904 or [harrisd@mcoho.org](mailto:harrisd@mcoho.org).

For more information, please contact the 2006 CCC/ESAO President Dianna Spencer, Administrative Assistant, Preble County Engineer's Office, at (937) 456-4600 or [dianna@prebeng.org](mailto:dianna@prebeng.org).

TWO COUNTIES ADD CEBCO LIFE COVERAGE

The staff at CCAO is pleased to announce that both Geauga and Wayne counties have chosen the CEBCO Anthem Life offering for their employees. The 890 employees from Geauga County joined the Life program effective February 1, 2006. The 970 employees of Wayne County will be effective as of March 1, 2006. The County Employee Benefit Consortium of Ohio added life insurance coverage as one of its programs, late in 2004. Anthem Life was selected as the carrier for the new enhancement of the CEBCO line of products and services. This program, which is for county sponsored "employer provided coverage," is a new alternative for your county's existing group life coverage or basic life coverage. The CEBCO team stresses that there is

a **guaranteed savings** for counties under 750 lives.

As with all of the existing CEBCO products, you county can choose this product or service as a stand alone or in conjunction with any of the other CEBCO offerings (medical, drug or dental). Counties can enjoy discounted pricing. Harnessing group buying power is a key benefit of CEBCO. For more information on the CEBCO Anthem Life Program or any of the CEBCO plans, please contact Maggie Neely at (614) 220-7984 or Melissa Bodey (614) 220-7997.

**STATE ACTIVITIES**

PUBLIC COMMENTS SOUGHT ON STATE WATER OHIO EPA QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN

Ohio EPA oversees the State Water Quality Management (WQM) Plan. The State WQM Plan is a requirement of Section 303 of the federal Clean Water Act (CWA) and must include these nine discrete elements: total maximum daily loads (TMDLs), effluent limits, municipal and industrial waste treatment, nonpoint source management and control, management agencies, implementation measures, dredge and fill program, basin plans, and ground water.

Ohio EPA has prepared a major overhaul of the State Water Quality Management (WQM) Plan, including elements of areawide waste treatment management plans (a.k.a. 208 Plans). Also under review for certification by the Governor are 208 plan updates or amendments prepared by five of the six areawide planning agencies in Ohio. All documents are available on the Agency's website: <http://www.epa.state.oh.us/dsw/index.html>.

A public meeting will be held on March 8, 2006 at the Ohio EPA Central Office, 122 W. Front Street, Columbus, OH. Ohio EPA staff will be available to answer questions at afternoon and evening informational sessions beginning at 2:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m., respectively. Anyone wishing to make a statement for the record may do so at the that time. Written comments should be submitted by the close of business on March 31, 2006 (Attn: Dan Dudley,

Ohio EPA Division of Surface Water, P.O. Box 1049, 122 South Front Street, Columbus, OH 43216-1049).

Local officials, planners and the public are encouraged to browse the agency's website listed above to learn more about the current State WQM Plan, the 208 plans, and the new plan material.

## **FEDERAL ACTIVITIES**

### 2006 15<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL 8<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT FARM FORUM

U.S. House Majority Leader John Boehner (Dist. 8-West Chester) announced that Deputy Secretary of Agriculture Chuck Connor will be the keynote speaker at the "15<sup>th</sup> Annual 8<sup>th</sup> District Farm Forum" to be held on Saturday, March 4, 2006. Boehner will host the Farm Forum from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Edison State Community College, 1973 Edison Drive in Piqua. The 8<sup>th</sup> Congressional District ranks among the largest agricultural districts in the State of Ohio and includes all of Darke, Miami and Preble counties, most of Butler and Mercer counties, and the northeastern corner of Montgomery County. Boehner was first elected to Congress in 1990.

Connor was sworn into office in May, 2005. Prior to serving in the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Connor served on the National Economic Council beginning in November 2001 as a special assistant to the President for Agricultural Trade and Food Assistance, focusing primarily on farm bill issues.

In addition to Connor's keynote address, a distinguished panel of experts will discuss the 2007 farm bill and the general state of agriculture in Ohio. The Farm Forum is a free event for anyone with an interest in agriculture. RSVP your attendance to Congressman Boehner's district office at (800) 582-1001.

### PRESIDENT'S 2007 BUDGET REQUEST

Enclosed with this issue of CIDS for county commissioners and attached to the email version of CIDS is a summary of the President's budget request that was submitted to Congress last week. This summary was prepared by the legislative staff at the

National Association of Counties (NACo). Please make copies for all interested officials and staff.

## **NACo ACTIVITIES**

### ANNUAL SMOKE-FREE CHALLENGE

To protect children from the harmful effects of secondhand smoke, NACo and the National Organization of Black County Officials (NOBCO) are challenging counties to collect the most signed Smoke-Free Home pledge cards. The cards ask the signer not to smoke, or allow others to smoke, around children. Exposure to secondhand smoke causes serious health effects in children, including bronchitis, pneumonia, ear infections, worsened asthma and even sudden infant death syndrome.

Participating counties will collect pledges from March 1 through May 31, 2006. Winning counties will receive special recognition. Counties can sign up for the challenge anytime until March 31. For more information please contact Justin Carmody at (202) 942-4279 or [jcarmody@naco.org](mailto:jcarmody@naco.org).

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### NEW LAND USE PUBLICATION

A workshop summary (the fourth and final one in a series) entitled "New Generation Resource Policy for a Region in Transition: Land Use, Agriculture, Environment, and Health in the Great Lakes Region" has recently been published by the Swank Program, Michigan State University, OSU and the USEPA. The workshop addressed the disconnect of policies and research among those in the fields of agriculture, environment, land use, and human health. Participants representing academic, industry, government and the health sciences brainstormed about possible solutions and explore collaborative efforts and address the wide array of issues surrounding resource policies.

The publication may be viewed at [http://aede.osu.edu/programs/Swank/EPA%20Proceedings%202006 Jan10.pdf](http://aede.osu.edu/programs/Swank/EPA%20Proceedings%202006%20Jan10.pdf). For more information please contact Terri Cory, Administrative

Coordinator, Swank Program in Rural-Urban Policy, Department of Agricultural, Environmental, and Development Economics, The Ohio State University, 2120 Fyffe Road - Room 334, Columbus, OH 43210-1067, (614) 688-4890, fax (614) 688-3622 or [cory.1@osu.edu](mailto:cory.1@osu.edu).

### GUIDE TO PLANNING IN OHIO: REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Ohio Planning Conference invites proposals for book chapters to be included in the forthcoming "Guide to Planning in Ohio" which will be targeted at citizen planners and will be written in a way that uses plain English to explain fundamental concepts of planning. The Guide will be distributed through the Planning and Zoning Workshops held throughout Ohio.

The review committee is looking for strong proposals on the following topics: Introduction to Planning, Role of Planning Commissioners and Elected Officials, Role of the Board of Zoning Adjustment, Ethics for the Planning Commissioner, Introduction to the Comprehensive Plan, Introduction to Zoning, Introduction to Subdivision Controls, Annexation and Extraterritorial Jurisdiction, Introduction to Capital Improvements Programming, Introduction to Transportation Planning, Effective Meeting Management for Public Officials, and Differences in Planning in Townships, Counties, and Cities.

Authors are also encouraged to submit proposals for additional specialized topic areas. These could vary from smart growth, historic preservation, or any other topic you believe would be worthy of inclusion.

#### Timelines:

Deadline for Submission of Proposal: June 1, 2006

Deadline for Notification of Selection: July 1, 2006

Deadline for Submission of Book Chapter: November 30, 2006

Publication Date: Summer, 2007

All proposals should be submitted electronically in a pdf or Word format to: Jennifer Evans-Cowley, PhD,

AICP at [cowley.11@osu.edu](mailto:cowley.11@osu.edu). Questions regarding this RFP should be emailed to Jennifer at the address above.

### **CLASSIFIEDS**

#### DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR IT-MCDJFS

**RESPONSIBILITIES:** Under the supervision of the County IT Director and at the operational direction of the Director of MCDJFS, the Deputy Director for IT-MCDJFS administers all aspects of the MCDJFS' information technology services, and serves on the MCDJFS Executive Team and as MCDJFS' IT expert. This includes budget and staffing needs, implementing cooperative projects and maximizing resource utilization with the County Data Center, MCDJFS and recommends policy and develops procedures; supervise assigned personnel. **MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:** Masters Degree in the field of computer science, computer technology or information technology or a closely related field from an accredited university, successful experience in the public sector, and knowledgeable of JFS' programs, supervisory and project management experience; knowledge and skills in both hardware and software applications, knowledge of SQL administration, as well as experience in systems analysis, in systems design, budgeting, in statistical analysis, and in employee public relations. A combination of education and experience may be considered in place of a Masters degree. **BENEFIT PACKAGE:** Starting salary not to exceed \$70,000.00 [Salary Range is \$65,000.00 - \$75,000.00]; 100% PERS and 90% of healthcare insurance contribution by the employer; and leave accruals. Interested candidates should send an electronic resume to: [STEEVB@odjfs.state.oh.us](mailto:STEEVB@odjfs.state.oh.us) by no later than: **February 27, 2006 at 5:00 p.m.**

#### PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER

An immediate full-time position is available for a qualified professional who would be responsible for public relations/ promotions of Board of Commissioners by development and implementation of communications and community outreach programs. Write, edit, and develop publications,

speeches, and of all other marketing/print pieces. May participate in public speaking engagements using audiovisual equipment to educate other government agencies, general public or clients/consumers. Serve as Public Affairs Officer for Board of Commissioners Agencies by writing & editing of press release/media advisories. Proactively pitch county departments, programs, and services to a variety of print and electronic media. Develop relationships with reporters, producers, and assignment editors and coordinates press conferences and other media releases. Responsible for Media/Communications Technology, e.g., desktop publishing layout, graphic design of publications/collateral pieces, website design, video filming, and photography. Minimum Qualifications: A Bachelor's degree in journalism or communications or equivalent experience is preferred with 3-5 years performing news gathering or public information duties. Desire someone with outstanding writing and editing skills. Prefer someone with state-of-the-art computer skills, including web and graphic design, Excel and Outlook.

Salary is \$21.38/hour, plus a comprehensive benefit package. If interested, send resume by **February 24, 2006** to the Franklin County Human Resources Department, 373 S. High St., 25th Fl., Columbus, OH 43215. EOE.

#### COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR/PROJECTS MANAGER

The Belmont County Board of Commissioners seeks a County Administrator/Projects Manager for Belmont County, Ohio. This is an unclassified, fiduciary position that directs and supervises a staff of six (6) employees. Job description and requirements are available at [www.belmontcountycommissioners.com](http://www.belmontcountycommissioners.com). Minimum of (four) 4 years public sector experience with strong communication skills required. Competitive salary and benefits. Position is full time. Please respond by **March 15, 2006**. Letter of interest and a resume can be sent to: Belmont County Commissioners, Belmont County Courthouse, 101 West Main Street, St. Clairsville, OH 43950 or by e-mail transmission to: [mthomas@belcc.com](mailto:mthomas@belcc.com). EOE.

#### DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES

Erie County (Sandusky), Ohio – Population 80,000 – (Salary negotiable based on qualifications and experience; plus benefits.) Erie County is home to a diverse economy with strong industrial, agricultural and recreational industries. Position available immediately. Under the supervision of the County Administrator, this individual assists the County Administrator in the area of human resource management in the County government and is responsible for developing solutions to simple and complex personnel problems. Applicants must have a Bachelor's degree in Personnel Management or related field, a minimum of three years experience in human resource management and three or more years experience as a first line negotiator for union or management. A Masters Degree in Personnel Administration, Public Administration or a related field and Erie County residency is preferred. Valid driver's license with an acceptable driving record required. We do criminal background checks, medical exam and drug screen. Resumes can be sent to Michael Bixler, County Administrator, 2900 Columbus Avenue, Sandusky, Ohio 44870. Job description and application will be sent to candidates who submit resume. Phone (419) 627-7678, FAX (419) 627-7599. Applications may also be obtained by visiting our website, [www.erie-county-ohio.net](http://www.erie-county-ohio.net), where current job listings and employment applications can be downloaded or you can apply at Your Job Store, 5500 Milan Road, Sandusky (operating hours Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m., and Saturday, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.). Deadline for application: **March 3, 2006**.

#### PLANNING AND ZONING DIRECTOR

This position, under general direction, researches and analyzes various records, reports and other data to make recommendations regarding County planning activities. Directs activities of planning and zoning staff, assigns and reviews work; prepares annual budget, projections and monitors departmental spending.

Requires a Bachelor's Degree or other post secondary education in city planning, community development, urban studies, public administration or related field plus three (3) years experience in planning or zoning inspection including supervisory

experience, or equivalent

Applications can be obtained at [www.co.miami.oh.us](http://www.co.miami.oh.us). All properly completed applications with salary requirements are to be e-mailed to [hr@co.miami.oh.us](mailto:hr@co.miami.oh.us). Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. Miami County is an equal opportunity employer.

**CLASSIFIED ADS**

CCAO publishes the County Information and Data Service (CIDS) weekly. Classified ads will be published free of charge as a service to counties. Ads will run for two weeks if space is available. Please provide faxed or e-mailed copy of the classified ad by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday of each week. Transmit the copy to Mary Jane Neiman, CCAO Public Relations Associate, via fax at (614) 221-5627 or e-mail [mjneiman@ccao.org](mailto:mjneiman@ccao.org).