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### DATES TO REMEMBER

MARCH 4-8, 2006	NACo LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE, WASHINGTON HILTON & TOWERS, WASHINGTON, D.C.
MARCH 15, 2006	OCDWA MONTHLY MEETING, JUNGLE JIMS, BUTLER COUNTY (FAIRFIELD)
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
MAY 5, 2006	CCC/ESAO REGIONAL BRIEFING, WELCOME CENTER, MUSKINGUM COUNTY (ZANESVILLE)
JUNE 2, 2006	CCAO WORKERS' COMP PROGRAM ANNUAL MEETING, FOUR SEASONS CONFERENCE CENTER, HILLARD
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

#### REMINDER TO ALL COUNTIES – IRS CHANGE IN DEPENDANCY REGULATIONS

Just a reminder to all counties and their employees: The IRS changed the eligibility requirements for claiming a dependent in 2005. This has further ramifications than just your personal income tax. Many county sponsored health care plans use the IRS dependent status as a measure to claim your over age 19 dependents on your health insurance plan. CEBCO, the County Employee Benefit

Consortium of Ohio uses this as their measure. Please review the attached regulation to see if your over age 19 dependent still qualifies as your dependent as defined by the regulation. If a dependent no longer qualifies, please contact your county to remove your ineligible dependent from the health care plan.

#### OCDWA REGIONAL MEETING - MARCH 15

The Ohio County Dog Wardens Association (OCDWA) will hold their next monthly regional meeting on Wednesday, March 15 from 11:00 a.m.

to 2:00 p.m. at Jungle Jims', 5440 Dixie Highway (Exit 41 or 39), in Butler County (Fairfield). All dog wardens, animal control officers and humane investigators are invited to attend. Some of the topics to be discussed include current topics, legislation, public safety, animal handling equipment and training of officers. Please RSVP your attendance to Ivy Farley, Coshocton County Dog Warden, at (740) 622-9741. Confirm the location with Ivy two days before the meeting.

### CCAO JANUARY BOARD MINUTES

Enclosed with this issue of CIDS for county commissioners are the minutes from the January 2006 Board of Trustees meeting. Minutes are distributed to all boards of county commissioners upon approval of the CCAO Board.

### **COUNTY ACTIVITIES**

#### CARROLL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ADOPT EMERGENCY SALES TAX

The Carroll County Commissioners have adopted an emergency resolution that will restart the county's 1% sales tax, starting on July 1. Commissioners Tom Wheaton, Terry Wagner and Bob Herron said they passed the emergency resolution to protect the interests of the county. They do not believe it can be effectively operated without the revenue that the sales tax will generate.

The commissioners expressed particular concern about the fact that the citizens of the county would be less safe if the tax were not extended because of cuts that would be forced in the sheriff's office and in EMS services.

Voters in the county rejected an extension of the sales tax at the November 2005 election by a margin of 131 votes. The sales tax will come off the books on May 31.

Before imposing the emergency tax the commissioners wrestled with the question of overturning the will of the voters, as expressed in the November election.

"It's very important to respect the voters," Wheaton told the *New Philadelphia Times-Reporter*. "It's what our country is all about. But there are things in the county that people don't know. I'm trying to use that as some of my reasoning."

There will be one month of down time - June - during which the sales tax will not be collected. The county will lose about \$150,000 in revenue because of the non-collection in June.

### **STATE ACTIVITIES**

#### OHIO EPA ISSUES DRAFT GENERAL NPDES PERMIT FOR HOUSEHOLD SEWAGE TREATMENT SYSTEMS

Some counties have expressed concern to CCAO about proposed rules in the process of being adopted by the Ohio Department of Health concerning Household Sewage Treatment Systems (HSTS). These rules are the result of the enactment of H.B. 231 of the last session of the General Assembly. Now, related to these rules, the Ohio EPA-Division of Surface Water (DSW) has scheduled public hearings on a draft general National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit that may potentially provide coverage to discharges from select household sewage treatment systems (HSTS) serving one, two or three family dwellings or other residential dwelling. The draft general NPDES permit was issued on February 17, 2006. The Ohio EPA-DSW has developed this draft general NPDES permit through consultation with the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) and in conjunction with revisions to Household Sewage Treatment Rules presently being considered by the Public Health Council.

There are two NPDES permitting programs in place in Ohio. The first is the individual program, where a permit is developed and issued based upon site-specific conditions for a given facility. The second is the general NPDES permit program. This program allows Ohio EPA to issue a single NPDES permit that can potentially provide coverage for many systems. A general NPDES permit can be issued only in situations where there are a class of similar discharges that, when operating under the terms of

the permit, have a minimal impact to the environment either individually or as a whole. Ohio EPA believes the general NPDES permitting program provides the only practicable means for providing NPDES permit coverage for the hundreds of discharging HSTSs that may be installed annually. Additionally, Ohio EPA maintains that coverage under a general NPDES permit can be acquired in just a few weeks rather than several months, providing timely service to homeowners to address individual household sewage needs.

One of the key issues to be addressed through ODH's rule initiative is a determination on when it is appropriate to allow an off-lot discharge of wastewaters from an HSTS. The HSTS general NPDES permit, in conjunction with the update to the household sewage treatment rules by ODH, will provide for better on-lot systems, and limit the number of off-lot discharges. The goal is to prevent new household sewage system problems, thereby avoiding the need for Ohio EPA to issue orders to alleviate unsanitary conditions.

There are six distinct sections outlined by the HSTS general NPDES permit:

1. *Coverage under this permit*--Provides detail on the conditions for coverage under the permit by outlining appropriate siting, adequate receiving waters, design and other criteria.
2. *Notice of Intent requirements*-- Outlines procedures for requesting coverage under the terms of the permit including the submission of the required \$200 fee.
3. *Effluent limitations and monitoring requirements*--Provides the limitations (pollutant levels allowed) to be imposed on the discharge to protect water quality and human health, and describes how the discharge shall be sampled.
4. *Special conditions*-- Outlines program-specific operating conditions such as sample type and location, alternative treatment options that may be necessary and other similar requirements.
5. *Standard permit conditions*--General permit

requirements outlined by state and/or federal regulations that pertain to all discharges under the NPDES permit program.

6. *Definitions*-- Defines various terms used throughout the permit.

Ohio EPA's intent is to keep permitting of the operation and installation of HSTSs at the local level in compliance with ODH state minimum code. Therefore, local health departments will be primarily responsible for the implementation of the general permit through their permitting process for HSTS installation and operation. Through a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with Ohio EPA, local health departments will take responsibility for determining when coverage is appropriate, maintaining records as necessary, performing appropriate compliance initiatives, etc. This will keep all primary permitting and implementation issues with local health departments, giving the homeowners a single contact.

Ohio EPA is soliciting comments on the draft HSTS general NPDES permit through April 28, 2006. At the close of the comment period, Ohio EPA will review all comments and make any necessary changes to the HSTS general NPDES permit. Since the permit is designed to work in conjunction with the review and update of the ODH Sewage Treatment System Rules, Ohio EPA intends to delay issuance of the final permit until promulgation of the ODH rules.

Comments on the draft HSTS general NPDES permit can be made in writing through April 28, 2006. Written comments should be sent to Mark Stump, Ohio EPADivision of Surface Water, Lazarus Government Center, P.O. Box 1049, Columbus, Ohio 43216- 1049. E-mail: [mark.stump@epa.state.oh.us](mailto:mark.stump@epa.state.oh.us). Comments will also be accepted through a series of public hearings conducted by Ohio EPA as follows:

**April 4, 2006** - Ohio EPA-NWDO, 347 North Dunbridge Road, Bowling Green

**April 6, 2006** - Ohio EPA-SWDO, 401 East Fifth Street, Dayton

**April 11, 2006** - Ohio EPA-NEDO, 2110 East Aurora Road, Twinsburg

**April 13, 2006** - Ohio EPA-SEDO, 2195 Front Street, Logan

**April 18, 2006** - Ohio EPA-CDO, 122 South Front Street, Columbus

An information session will begin at 6:00 p.m. on these dates at these locations followed by the public hearing portion at 7:00 p.m. To get copies of the draft HSTS general NPDES permit and to obtain additional information: Contact Mark Stump at the address above or by phone at (614) 644-2028. Copies of the draft permit and fact sheet are also available on the Division of Surface Water Web site at <http://www.epa.state.oh.us/dsw/permits/gpfact.html>

GROCCERS GROUP SUES TO BLOCK APPLICATION OF COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY TAX TO FOOD PURCHASED FOR OFF-PREMISE CONSUMPTION

As expected, the Ohio Grocers Association has filed a lawsuit challenging the application of the newly-enacted commercial activity tax (CAT) to food purchased for off-premise consumption. The group claims that the Ohio Constitution prohibits the application of the tax, which they describe as a sales tax in disguise. They also are challenging the application of the CAT to wholesale and packaged food.

The association, along with four food services businesses based in Cleveland, Columbus and Youngstown, filed their suit in Franklin County Common Pleas Court on February 17. They are seeking an invalidation of the CAT as applied to the types of food described above, a refund for all CAT receipts already paid on that food to the state, and a permanent order barring the tax commissioners from collecting CAT in the future on that food.

At the heart of the dispute is the question of how to characterize the CAT. Department of Taxation spokesmen describe it as a business privilege tax and dismiss the view that is a sales tax because it is not applied on a transaction- to- transaction basis.

The CAT was designed by lawmakers to replace the

corporation franchise tax and the tangible personal property tax, both of which are being phased out in accordance with the provisions of House Bill 66, the state budget bill passed last year.

The CAT is expected to generate \$551 million in fiscal year 2007, which begins July 1, 2006. When fully phased in in five years, it is expected to generate about \$1.55 billion per year.

PETRO SAYS HE MAY DROP SPENDING PLAN PROPOSAL IF BLACKWELL TEL MISSES BALLOT

Republican gubernatorial candidate Jim Petro said Wednesday he may forego his effort to put a spending-related constitutional amendment before voters this fall if a competing plan offered by campaign rival J. Kenneth Blackwell fails to make the ballot.

Mr. Petro said potential legal challenges targeting the Blackwell-backed Tax Expenditure Limitation (TEL) could result in the plan being dropped from the ballot. The challenges may focus on the legality of TEL supporters using paid, out-of-state staff to gather petition signatures.

If that happens, Mr. Petro said he would consider dropping his spending-related amendment, dubbed the Citizens' Amendment for Prosperity. The attorney general maintained that his proposal, newly introduced in the legislature (SJR7 and HJR12), is a needed alternative to the TEL, which he said would have a "devastating" impact on Ohio's local governments.

"There's still some hope on my part that something will occur that will kill what would be Issue 1, the Blackwell TEL amendment," he said. "If that occurs, I won't feel so compelled to have a budget framework in the constitution."

Regardless, Mr. Petro said he hopes lawmakers will hold hearings on his plan, with the goal of securing the supermajority vote to place it on the ballot. Short of that, Mr. Petro said backers would be collecting signatures - likely on primary election day - that would help secure the plan on the November ballot.

## QUESTIONS ARISING ABOUT VOTING EQUIPMENT SERVICE AGREEMENTS

A number of county commissioners have expressed frustration and concern about proposed operations & technical assistance service agreements for new electronic voting equipment. Part of this is due to the growing expense associated with life-after-HAVA (Help America Vote Act); another part is due to the lack of awareness about “operations” service agreements.

While CCAO staff does not have technical insight to advise whether such service agreements are needed in every county, CCAO has been urged to encourage counties to “take ownership” of the equipment and to become independent of vendors in long-term use of the equipment. More specifically, county commissioners should encourage board of elections to learn from their vendor in order to become self-sufficient. (Yet, this may be easier said than done given limited resources in some counties, particularly smaller counties without IT staff or just limited staff in general.)

Under the state purchase contract, vendor representatives are to assist with the May primary. Counties should see this as an opportunity to further question, probe and learn how to program, operate, and maintain equipment.

Counties continue to face challenges in this post-HAVA world, and the Association will quantify how counties are rising to meet these challenges and at what cost. Staff will be working with the elections officials’ association and others to do this. Commissioners are encouraged to contact CCAO Staffer Cheryl Subler with your concerns and suggestions. She can be reached via e-mail at [csubler@ccao.org](mailto:csubler@ccao.org) or at 614-220-7980 or toll-free at 1-888-757-1904.

Moreover, county commissioners are urged to continue to communicate with their state and federal lawmakers about costs counties incur due to recent federal and state election laws. Grassroots lobbying is very important!

## LEGAL PROTEST FILED THURSDAY AGAINST TEL/TABOR PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PETITIONS

Opponents of the proposed constitutional amendment that would force a rigid budgeting formula on Ohio state and local governments filed a legal protest against the initiative petitions with the Clark, Clermont, Cuyahoga, Franklin, and Lorain County Boards of Elections on Thursday, February 23.

The grounds for the protest are stated in a letter sent to the counties that specifies defects on the part-petitions filed last year for the proposed tax and expenditure limitation (TEL) amendment in Ohio.

The legal filing specifies three broad grounds for protest:

1. A number of submitted part-petitions list inaccurate and false employer information.
2. A number of part-petitions have a false number of total signatures per sheet as reported and witnessed by the circulator.
3. A number of part-petitions do not accurately state the compensation of circulators.

The TEL/ TABOR proposal limits growth in state and local budgets through a formula of inflation (the Consumer Price Index) plus population growth, or 3.5 percent, whichever is greater. Under this rigid formula, budgets are squeezed over time, with no flexibility to address the realities of funding for public services. A policy that equates the items purchased by average consumers to the large-scale goods and services purchased by government cannot work. Especially given that costs associated with education and healthcare – the two main areas of government spending – rise much faster than the rate of inflation.

As written, the amendment has problems. One example is the issue of local governments and various political subdivisions’ ability to hold special elections to override the TEL budget formula. The amendment requires that any local tax increase or spending increase beyond the constitutional

spending cap would require the "approval of a majority of electors in that political subdivision," not just a majority of those electors voting. This means that if the voter turnout for local election on a tax increase or spending increase fell below 50 percent, the measure would automatically fail because the issue would need the approval of a majority of all those registered to vote, not just those voting.

In addition, the TEL/TABOR amendment could affect Ohio's solid bond rating. Ohio has a very positive AA+ bond rating. Compare that with Colorado which was actually put on a "credit watch" by Moody's Investor Services in 2000 as a result of TABOR. In 2002, Standard and Poor's put Colorado under a "negative credit watch" also as a result of TABOR. Governing Magazine ranks Colorado's financial management among the worst in the country, due to TABOR. Decreased credit ratings would cost taxpayers millions more in interest on future borrowings.

Ohio's TABOR/TEL is virtually identical to one passed 12 years ago in Colorado. In the only state where this particular budget formula has been tried, it has seriously compromised Colorado's ability to keep pace with higher education, public safety, roads and transportation needs, healthcare and more. Colorado voters approved Referendum C last November which placed a five-year moratorium on its TABOR, so that the state can restore funding to critical services.

## **FEDERAL ACTIVITIES**

### METH PREVENTION BILL INTRODUCED IN THE SENATE

On February 16, Senator Conrad Burns (R-Mont.) introduced the NACo-supported Methamphetamine Awareness and Prevention Act of 2006 (S. 2315). The legislation would authorize \$25 million for a competitive grant program to state and local governments and non profits to produce meth prevention ads and outreach activities. Applications would be selected for up to \$5 million in grants based on several criteria, including the severity of the meth problem in the area and how such a campaign would

reach at-risk target groups. Grants would be required to have a 100 percent non-federal match, except in the case of rural or underserved areas, in which case it would call for a 50 percent match. The legislation was referred to the Health, Education, Labor and Pensions committee and does not have any co-sponsors at this time. Currently, there is no companion bill in the House.

### PRISONER RE-ENTRY LEGISLATION REPORTED OUT OF SUBCOMMITTEE

The House Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security by voice vote favorable reported H.R. 1704, the Second Chance Act, thus clearing it for consideration by the House Judiciary Committee. The bi-partisan legislation which NACo strongly supports has 100 co-sponsors in the House. H.R. 1704 was introduced by former Congressman Rob Portman (Dist. 2-Cincinnati) and is currently co-sponsored by the following members of Congress from Ohio: Steve Chabot (Dist. 1-Cincinnati), Dennis Kucinich (Dist. 10-Lakewood), Marcy Kaptur (Dist. 9-Toledo), Ted Strickland (Dist. 6-Lisbon), and Stephanie Tubbs Jones (Dist. 11-Shaker Heights).

The House bill authorizes \$110 million over a two-year period. The Senate bill authorization is about \$100 million per year. The legislation funds demonstration projects to provide ex-offenders with a continuum of housing, health, education, employment and mentoring services. A daily jail census conducted in 2004 reported 714,000 local jail inmates at midyear. However, over the period of a year, the number of admission to county jails is over seven million or many times the number entering state and federal prisons.

### TREASURY DEPARTMENT SUSPENDS SALE OF SLGS

The U.S. Treasury Department suspended the sale of its state and local government series of debt securities (SLGS) effective 3:00 p.m. EST on Thursday, February 16. SLGS are intended as an investment option to help state and local

governments avoid running afoul of federal rules that limit the amount of interest that can be earned on investing tax-exempt bond proceeds. This has become a routine action for the Secretary of the Treasury each time that the federal government breaches the statutory debt limit. This and other maneuvers, such as issuing IOUs to the Federal Employees' Retirement System, permit the Treasury Department to manage the federal debt without technically breaching the limit until Congress passes legislation to raise the statutory ceiling. The federal debt limit is currently \$8.18 trillion.

### CDBG REPORT NOW AVAILABLE

The Federalism and the Census Subcommittee of the House Government Reform Committee analyzed the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) after holding a series of hearings on the program last year. The report, recently made available through the Government Printing Office, makes a number of findings and recommendations. Overall, the committee recommended that CDBG remain intact at HUD, as the department has the institutional history, capacity and expertise to administer CDBG. The committee acknowledged that the Performance Assessment Rating Tool (PART), utilized by the Office of Management and Budget to negatively assess the CDBG program, was ineffective at measuring the success of flexible block grant programs. However, the committee also concluded that CDBG's formula allocation model may inaccurately calculate a community's needs index and should be periodically reviewed. The committee also noted that any changes in the CDBG formula should be phased in as alterations would cause a disruption in funding for grantees, and that sustaining funding for CDBG should remain a Congressional priority. The CDBG report is available from the Government Printing Office website at [www.gpo.gov](http://www.gpo.gov) and is House Report No. 109-365.

## **CONFERENCES**

### BROADBAND & TELECOMMUNICATIONS

### FINANCING CONFERENCE

U.S. Senator Mike DeWine and the U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development are sponsoring a "Broadband & Telecommunications Financing Conference" on Tuesday, April 18, 2006 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The Conference will be held at the Radisson Hotel, 7007 North High Street, in Worthington. There is no registration fee. Register early, seating is limited. To pre-register please contact Bobbi Weaver, (614) 255-2392 or [Bobbi.Weaver@oh.usda.gov](mailto:Bobbi.Weaver@oh.usda.gov).

## **GRANT PROGRAMS**

### MENTORING INITIATIVE FOR SYSTEM INVOLVED YOUTH

The U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention's "Training and Technical Assistance Program for Mentoring Initiative for System Involved Youth" grant program will provide training and technical assistance. This initiative will provide funds to public agencies and faith- and community-based non-profit, and for-profit agencies to enhance and expand existing mentoring strategies; programs to develop, implement, and pilot test mentoring strategies and programs design for youth involved in the juvenile justice system, reentry, or foster care. Deadline for applications: April 17, 2006. For more information please contact John Martin, GMS Support, at (202) 616-4506 or [www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&oppID=8023](http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&oppID=8023).

### LIFE SKILLS FOR STATE AND LOCAL PRISONERS PROGRAM

The U.S. Department of Education's "Life Skills for State and Local Prisoners Program" will provide assistance for establishing and operating programs designed to reduce recidivism through the development and improvement of life skills necessary for reintegration of adult prisoners into society. Deadline for applications: April 3, 2006. For more information please contact Julius Cotton, ED Grants.gov FIND System Administrator at (202) 245-

6140 or [julius.cotton@ed.gov](mailto:julius.cotton@ed.gov), Carlette Huntley, U.S. Dept. of Education, 400 Maryland Ave. SW - Room 3E216, Washington, DC 20202, (202) 205-7943 or [www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode+VIEW&oppId=8033](http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode+VIEW&oppId=8033).

## **CLASSIFIEDS**

### COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR/PROJECTS MANAGER

The Belmont County Board of Commissioners seeks a County Administrator/Projects Manager. This is an unclassified, fiduciary position that directs and supervises a staff of six employees. Job description and requirements are available at [www.belmontcountycommissioners.com](http://www.belmontcountycommissioners.com). Minimum of four 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 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. Salary negotiable based on qualifications and experience; plus benefits. 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 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.

### PORT AUTHORITY DIRECTOR

The Board of Belmont County Commissioners seeks an executive director for a newly-created port authority.

The successful candidate shall be responsible for implementing the necessary policies and procedures of a start-up authority. The candidate shall be employed for and under the authority's five Person Board of Directors.

Requirements include a Bachelor's degree (or equivalent) and at least four years experience in



public sector economic development field. Salary commensurate with experience along with county benefits package. Deadline for application is **March 15, 2006**. A complete list of job requirements, description and other information may be found at [www.belmontcountycommissioners.com](http://www.belmontcountycommissioners.com). EOE.

### ADMINISTRATOR FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

RESPONSIBILITIES: Under the supervision of the Deputy Director of Administrative Support Services, the Administrator for Information Technology administers all aspects of the MCDJFS' information technology services with appropriate technical consultation with the County IT Director and MCDJFS IT personnel 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; supervises 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: {Salary Range \$65,353 - \$76,440}; 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: **March 9, 2006 at 5:00 p.m.**

### SPECIAL PROJECTS DIRECTOR

The special projects director will carry out special projects as assigned, conduct research, prepare project budgets and timetables, implement and track projects through to completion; prepare reports;

make presentations; prepare requests for proposals, obtain bids, consults with elected officials, the administrator, department heads, and staff as appropriate for specific projects; works with human resources department on programs such as risk management and safety, workers compensation, wage continuation and transition to work programs and in recommending policies related to such programs; provides oversight for purchasing activities for the commissioners' office, makes recommendations on policies governing purchasing; provides oversight on the administration of grants, including guidance and assistance in reviewing proposals; trains grant writers and managers in the preparation and administration of grants.

Applicants must have completed a Bachelor's Degree in public administration, business administration, human resources management or a comparable or related field; with at least three to five years of project management or related experience in a public agency, non-profit organization or business, or equivalent combination of education and experience. Experience and/or knowledge of purchasing or contracting, grantsmanship, human resources, general financial accounting. Experience and/or knowledge of risk management and technology desirable. Salary: DOQ.

All interested applicants may acquire an application at the Miami County Job Center, 2040 N. County Road 25A, Troy, Ohio 45373 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Mondays and 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. They can also be accessed through the Miami County web site at [www.co.miami.oh.us](http://www.co.miami.oh.us) . All properly completed applications are to be returned to the above address or e-mailed to [hr@co.miami.oh.us](mailto:hr@co.miami.oh.us) . Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. EOE.

### PLANNING & ZONING DIRECTOR

The planning and zoning director will research and analyze various records, reports and other data to make recommendations regarding county planning activities; direct activities of planning and zoning staff, assign and review work; prepare annual budget, projections and monitor departmental

spending; communicate with commissioners, board members and general public; provide information on changes and subdivision of property regarding approvals, zoning permits and related activities to interested parties; organizes, attends, and participates in various meetings and other related duties as required.

Applicants must have a Bachelor's Degree or other post secondary education in city planning, community development, urban studies, public administration or related field plus three years experience in planning or zoning inspection including supervisory experience, or equivalent. Must possess a valid State of Ohio vehicle operator's license. Salary: DOQ

All interested applicants may acquire an application at the Miami County Job Center, 2040 N. County Road 25A, Troy, Ohio 45373 between the hours of 7:00 am to 6:00 pm on Mondays and 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Tuesday through Friday. They can also be accessed through the Miami County web site at [www.co.miami.oh.us](http://www.co.miami.oh.us). All properly completed applications are to be returned to the above address or e-mailed to [hr@co.miami.oh.us](mailto:hr@co.miami.oh.us) until position is filled. EOE.

#### JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES DIRECTOR

Lake County is seeking an experienced administrator to serve as its County Job and Family Services Director. The administrator's primary purpose is to oversee all agency functions and the responsibility for maintaining all agency programs and activities. Examples of agency departments and programs include Income Maintenance, Children Services, Child Support Enforcement, Public Assistance Programs, Social Service Programs, Food Stamps, among others. The successful candidate will be able to provide vision, imagination and leadership to agency staff and the public regarding the work of the agency and the unmet needs of the community. Responsibilities include developing, implementing and monitoring annual program plans and budget; establish policies and procedures in accordance with state and federal laws. Requirements of the position include BS degree in business administration, public

administration, human services, psychology, sociology social work, education, finance or equivalency. Also requires at least five years of administrative/managerial experience, which includes the fiscal aspects of an agency or program area in implementing policies, programs laws, rules and regulations. A salary of \$70,000-\$90,000 is being offered along with a generous county benefit package. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. Interested candidates should submit detailed resumes to: William A. Margalis, Lake County Commissioner, 105 Main Street, Painesville, OH 44077. EOE.

#### PROJECT DESIGN ENGINEER

POSITION DESCRIPTION: The Clark County Engineer's Office is seeking a qualified individual to join its staff as a Project Design Engineer. The successful candidate will work under administrative direction to assist the Deputy of Engineering and Planning with the management and technical operation of the Engineering Department; direct work with consultants in engineering plan development; direct work of contractors to ensure compliance with plans, specifications, and engineering principles; perform surveys and analyses, and develop engineering plans. QUALIFICATIONS: A Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering is required, plus, a minimum of two years experience in roadway design and construction work. Survey experience is highly desirable. Must have knowledge in principles and practices of civil engineering; design and construction standards and methods; codes, regulations, and standards governing public works projects; advance mathematics; and public relations. A complete job description is available at [www.clarkcountyohio.gov/personnel.job openings](http://www.clarkcountyohio.gov/personnel.job%20openings). To apply, send application, resume and letter of interest to the Clark County Engineer's Office at 4075 Laybourne Road, Springfield, OH 45505. Applications will be accepted until **March 17, 2006**.

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