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DATES TO REMEMBER

MARCH 14, 2006	CCAO INFRASTRUCTURE & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS
MARCH 15, 2006	OCDWA MONTHLY MEETING, JUNGLE JIMS, BUTLER COUNTY (FAIRFIELD)
MARCH 16, 2006	CCAO TAXATION & FINANCE COMMITTEE, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS
MARCH 31, 2006	CCC/ESAO REGIONAL BRIEFING, THE VARSITY CLUB, HURON COUNTY (WILLARD)
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APRIL 28, 2006	CCC/ESAO REGIONAL BRIEFING, PORTAGE COUNTY
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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

TAXATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE WILL MEET ON MARCH 16 AT CCAO OFFICE; GERALD POTTER OF HARDIN COUNTY WILL SERVE AS 2006 CHAIR

The CCAO Standing Committee on Taxation & Finance will meet on Thursday, March 16 at 9:30 a.m. at the CCAO office in Columbus. Gerald Potter of Hardin County is the 2006 Taxation & Finance chair. The 2006 vice-chair is Sam Bassitt of Allen County. The CCAO staff contact for the committee is Doug Putnam.

Topics of discussion at the meeting will include the Blackwell TEL-TABOR amendment, the local government funds task force, and several pieces of pending legislation. The committee also will begin the process of developing CCAO's taxation and finance-related policy positions for the 2007-2008 Ohio General Assembly.

Members of the committee for 2006 are Max Coates, Champaign County; Mike Crabtree, Scioto County; Rich Cromwell, Defiance County; Fred Deel, Gallia County; Jack Graf, Fulton County; Paul Heltzel, Trumbull County; Ed Kuenzli, Wyandot County; Sean Logan, Columbiana County; Matt Miller, Ashland County; Cheryl Noah, Wayne County; Ed Olson, Richland County; Mary Samide, Geauga County; Joe Schock, Seneca County; Joe Secrest, Guernsey County; Daniel Troy, Lake County; Mary Walker, Clermont County; Carl Watt, Crawford County.

NATIONAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT WEEK - APRIL 23-29

"Protecting Our Communities" is the theme for National County Government Week (NCGW) held April 23-29, 2006. Counties provide a wide variety of services to the public. Among the most important are those services which protect our communities. Counties prepare for and protect communities from natural disasters, terrorist attacks, crime and drug abuse. Counties also work to protect families, children and youth. NCGW is an ideal opportunity to explain how the county works and the services provided to citizens.

To print a copy of this year's planning materials go to www.naco.org and click on the story about National County Government Week on the front page.

HURON, PORTAGE & MUSKINGUM COUNTIES TO HOST CCC/ESAO REGIONAL MEETINGS

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. The first three meetings will be held in Huron, Portage and Muskingum counties.

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 or Barb Leuthold, Clerk, Crawford County Commissioners at (419) 562-5876 or 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

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) 455-7100 or commissioners@muskingumcounty.org

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

STATE ACTIVITIES

COUNTIES ARE BEING SHORT-CHANGED ON INDIGENT DEFENSE FUNDING WHILE MONEY FOR NON-MANDATED LEGAL SERVICES GROWS

During the budget process counties took a \$1.2 million cut from FY05 funding level down to only \$30 million in each year of the biennium in reimbursement for our CONSTITUTIONALLY MANDATED OBLIGATION, while civil legal services, a purely permissive undertaking, obtained more money through a \$10 dollar increase civil case filing fee.

Now, adding insult to injury, civil legal services will have more money to spend than the budget originally provided for them. Due to the higher interest rates being paid on bank accounts the Ohio legal Assistance Foundation's revenues received from the interest on lawyer trust and real estate escrow accounts has increased substantially. And the kicker is: for FY 07 their spending authority which was originally pegged at \$23 million has been increased to **\$30 million** - the SAME AMOUNT OF MONEY counties will receive for indigent defense reimbursement in FY 07.

SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS CONTEST

The Ohio Committee for Severe Weather

Awareness, is sponsoring an annual poster-drawing contest where school-aged students create safety posters that illustrate how to prepare for and protect oneself from the severe weather that affects the state of Ohio.

The contest is open to students in first through sixth grades to include special education classes. The schools can be public, private or home. Schools send their top winners per grade to regional National Weather Service offices.

National Weather Service offices select regional winners from each grade level and forward the posters to the Ohio Committee for Severe Weather Awareness for a final round of state-level judging. A maximum of 63 regional posters can be entered. The deadline to enter weather safety posters is April 17, 2006.

All regional winners will be invited to attend an awards ceremony at the Ohio State Fair on August 12 for prizes, awards and certificates, and the announcement of the 2006 overall and state level winners.

Poster contest rules and the 2006 Spring Emergency Preparedness Guide are available online at www.ema.ohio.gov/weather.htm. Ohio's Severe Weather Awareness Week is March 26-April 1, 2006, with the statewide tornado drill Wednesday, March 29 at 9:50 a.m.

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. 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>

NACo ACTIVITIES

OHIO COUNTY OFFICIALS PARTICIPATE IN NACo's 2006 LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE IN WASHINGTON

Officials from 25 Ohio counties brought the concerns of their counties to the nation's capital as part of the National Association of Counties' (NACo) 2006 Legislative Conference in Washington, D.C. Ohio officials joined more than 2,000 county officials that

came from around the country on March 4-8 to help strengthen the voice of county government on Capitol Hill.

CCAO organized briefings for Ohio officials with U.S. Senators Mike DeWine and George Voinovich on Tuesday, March 7. Many county commissioners also scheduled meetings with their members of Congress and attended a White House briefing during the conference.

Morrow County Commissioner Olen Jackson told Senators DeWine and Voinovich that preserving the federal CDBG program is vitally important to his small, rural county. Like other counties, Morrow County depends on the FY 2005 \$133,000 CDBG funds for replacing home septic systems, street improvements, flood and drainage projects, making buildings handicapped accessible, and funding the Meals on Wheels program. Jackson asked the Senators to protect the program from funding reductions or outright elimination.

Clermont County Commissioner Bob Proud, a member of NACo's Methamphetamine Action Group and chair of NACo's Justice and Public Safety Steering Committee's Juvenile Justice Subcommittee, thanked Senator DeWine for his work on the Senate Meth Caucus spearheading meth hot spots. Proud also mentioned that combining the Justice Assistance Grants (JAG) and the Byrne Memorial Grants reduces the drug task force funding by \$200,000 for Clermont County. The abuse of methamphetamine is rapidly becoming a nationwide epidemic with devastating impacts on county governments.

The subject of the change in the Budget Reconciliation Bill that affects Ohio's child support program was raised by Ohio Job and Family Service Directors Association Director Loretta Adams. Ohio is one of the top performing states in child support collections and will realize a \$95 million cut with the change in incentives that were used to reinvest in the program in Ohio. On behalf of all Ohio counties, Adams asked for the Senators to look closely into this issue.

This year's notable conference speakers included U.S. Department of Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff, U.S. Transportation Secretary Norman Mineta, Sen. Gordon Smith (Ore.), House Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security Subcommittee Chairman Rep. Howard Coble (N.C.), and former FEMA Director James Lee Witt.

NACo is a full-service organization that provides legislative, research, technical and public affairs assistance to county governments. Created in 1935, NACo continues to ensure that the nation's 3,066 counties are heard and understood in the White House and Congress. Currently, 50 of Ohio's 88 counties are members of NACo.

CLASSIFIEDS

COMBINATION BUILDING/ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR

This position will perform various duties including reviewing residential plans and inspecting residential and commercial building and electrical work for compliance with codes. Additional duties will include maintaining inspection records, interacting with various parties on code issues and performing other duties as necessary. Good public relation skills are essential.

Qualifications include a high school diploma, a valid State of Ohio Driver's License, and other training to obtain required state certifications. The ideal candidate would possess a Building Inspector Certification and Electrical Safety Inspector Certification from the Ohio Board of Building Standards. Resume and application required. Salary is \$28,200 annually or commensurate with experience. EOE.

Applications for this position may be obtained at Richland County Dept. of Human Resources, 99 Park Avenue East or the Richland County Commissioners' Office, 50 Park Avenue East, Mansfield, Ohio 44902. Application deadline is **Friday, March 17, 2006** by 4:00 p.m.

DEPUTY SANITARY ENGINEER

Job Responsibilities: Under general direction, assists with planning, directing and administering the operations of the Warren County Water and Sewer Department, assists with the establishment and administration of special projects, meets with community officials, and performs other related duties as required. Assume the responsibilities of the Sanitary Engineer in his/her absence.

Qualifications: Demonstrates a comprehensive knowledge of management, supervision, engineering, accounting, water chemistry and hydraulics. Experience and/or training in the operations of water and sewer systems and treatment facilities. Ability to discuss financing and bonding requirements; prepare and deliver statements before specialized groups; resolve complaints from angry citizens; define problems, collect facts and draw valid conclusions; negotiate collective bargaining agreements. Hold state of Ohio Professional Engineer's Certificate. Pay Range: \$39,772.00 - \$66,301.00

Application Process: A Warren County Application for Employment must be completed. Please visit Warren County's website, www.co.warren.oh.us.com, to download an application. Please send application and resume to: One Stop, 300 E. Silver Street, Lebanon, OH 45036 or fax to: 513-695-2547. Application deadline **March 17, 2006**.

SENIOR PLANNER/GIS COORDINATOR

The Stark County Regional Planning Commission is accepting applications for a Senior Planner/GIS Coordinator. The successful candidate must demonstrate proficiency with Arc GIS software, databases, and spreadsheets. Candidate must be able to digitize and analyze GIS data used to prepare land use and socioeconomic data sets. The ability to prepare technical components of major work elements of a comprehensive and transportation planning program is preferred. Strong computer, communication, and problem skills are required. **Qualifications:** Bachelor's or Master's degree in GIS, geography, urban/regional planning or related field. A minimum of 2-3 years work-related experience or

equivalent combination of education and experience. Salary Range \$30,000-\$40,000. Send resume and cover letter stating qualifications, experience and salary history to Stark County Regional Planning Commission, 201 3rd Street NE, Suite 201, Canton, OH 44702-1211, Attn: Bob Nau, Executive Director, or FAX to 330-451-7990, by noon, **Friday, March 24, 2006.**

ASSISTANT FINANCE DIRECTOR

The Medina County Board of Commissioners seeks an Assistant Finance Director to assist in managing and administering financial and business activities of the county. This position entails specialized accounting work; assistance with the preparation of the county's annual budget; review and oversight of financial records and documents; grant reporting; analysis of complex financial information; special projects; and other related duties as required.

Requires any combination equivalent to graduation from an accredited college or university with a Bachelor's Degree in accounting, finance, public administration, or related field and five or more years of professional related experience (preferably in the public sector) in areas of accounting, budgeting, purchasing, information systems, cash management, financial management and/or capital planning. Supervisory experience is required.

Submit resume to Human Resources, Room 206, Attn: AFD, 144 N. Broadway, Medina, OH 44256. No third party reps, fax or email submissions accepted. Learn more about Medina County at www.co.medina.oh.us. Submissions accepted until position is filled. EOE.

DEVELOPMENT PLANNER

The Clark County Planning Commission is searching for a Development Planner. This position will administer and implement CDBG, Community Housing Improvement Program, and other grant projects. The ideal candidate must be able to research and analyze needs and prepare grant applications, which reflect the County's priorities. This person will also coordinate with other

governmental entities, including the State Economic Development Department and Controlling Board. Experience working effectively with business and government officials, school boards, zoning, and other officials is preferred. The chosen candidate will also work with municipalities, townships, and other organizations on community development activities and grants as assigned. Bachelor's Degree in related field or a minimum of six years of related experience or combination thereof.

Applicants interested in the above named position are to submit an employment application, resume and letter of interest to the Clark County Personnel Office, County Offices/Municipal Courts Building, 50 E. Columbia St., P.O. Box 2639, Springfield, Ohio 45501-2639 or fax to (937) 328-4588 or email kpayton@clarkcountyohio.gov Application forms may be obtained at http://www.clarkcountyohio.gov/personnel/job_openings.htm Applicants needing accommodation in completing this application, please contact the County Personnel Office at (937) 328-2413. T.D.D. (937) 328-2560. Applications accepted until the position is filled. EOE.

TECHNICAL COORDINATOR

The Holmes County Commissioners are requesting applications for a full-time employee whose responsibilities will include, but not limited to: proficiency in th Diebold Electronic Voting Systems, maintain and update county website, day to day technical support for all county offices including the special needs for the Board of Elections Diebold Voting System, manage, maintain, repair, program, and purchase computer equipment. Attendance of specific meetings and workshops are required and the ability to relay the information to other county employees.

Salary will be base on experience, education and qualifications.

Deliver resume to and complete employment application by 4:30 p.m. on **March 27, 2006** at: Attn: HR/IT, Holmes County Commissioners Office, 2 Court Street, Millersburg, OH 44654. EOE.

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) 221-6986 or e-mail mjneiman@ccao.org.