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DATES TO REMEMBER

MARCH 31, 2006	CCC/ESAO REGIONAL BRIEFING, THE VARSITY CLUB, HURON COUNTY (WILLARD)
APRIL 3, 2006	NW DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS & ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION, FINDLAY INN & CONFERENCE CENTER, HANCOCK COUNTY (FINDLAY)
APRIL 21, 2006	CCAO URBAN COUNTIES COMMITTEE, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS
APRIL 28, 2006	CCC/ESAO REGIONAL BRIEFING, 365 th FIGHTER GROUP, SUMMIT COUNTY (NORTH CANTON)
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

TEL OPPOSITION ACTIVITIES: COMMUNITY FORUMS SCHEDULED

As part of a joint effort of local governments, the Ohio Townships Association is taking the lead to organize forums to educate communities about the negative impact the proposed constitutional amendment known as TEL (Tax Expenditure Limitation) could have if it passes in November. CCAO is coordinating with the OTA to

have CCAO staff in attendance at these forums whenever possible. CCAO strongly encourages you to attend the event scheduled in your county. Save one for the following dates that OTA has reserved for the forums thus far. OTA will be sending more information about forum locations:

March 23, Richland County, 7:00 p.m., Mansfield-Ontario-Richland County Health Department, 555 Lexington Avenue, Mansfield

March 29, Putnam County, 8:00 p.m., -Putnam Co. Courthouse 1st Floor

March 30, Muskingum County, TBA, -Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church, on SR 93 just east of Zanesville.

April 3, Marion County, 7:00 p.m.

April 4, Summit County, 6:00 p.m., -Summit County Health District, 1100 Graham Circle Road, Stowe

April 6, Athens County, 7:00 p.m., -Shade Community Center, Old Rt 33 between Athens and Pomeroy

April 13, Scioto County, 6:00 p.m.

April 20, Guernsey County, 6:30 p.m., -Center United Methodist Church, 2 1/2 miles east of Cambridge on US RT 22

May 2, Greene County, 6:30 p.m.

May 3, Hancock County, 7:00 p.m.

May 18, Stark County, 7:00 p.m.

June 19, Hocking County, 7:00 p.m.

June 29, Carroll County, 7:00 p.m.

July 12, Columbiana County, TBA

September 9, Fairfield County, 6:30 p.m.

September 11, Madison County, 7:30 p.m.

THE REAL STORY BEHIND TABOR

TABOR is a state constitutional amendment that limits the growth of state and local revenues or expenditures to a highly restrictive formula - the annual change in population plus inflation. In Colorado, where the so-called "Taxpayer Bill of Rights (TABOR)" was adopted in 1992, public services deteriorated significantly. Some groups are suggesting that Ohio adopt a similar proposal.

Learn more about the Colorado experience by watching a 13-minutes video on "The Real Story Behind TABOR" (Windows Media format) at <http://communitiesolutions.com>. Click on Projects and Targeted Issues, click on Projects, Policy & Advocacy in the pull down menu and scroll down to "The Real Story behind TABOR." For more information about The Center for Community Solutions please contact them at 1226 Huron Road #30, Cleveland, OH 44115, (216) 781-2944, fax (216) 781-2988 or at the website listed above.

HANCOCK COUNTY TO HOST NW COMMISSIONERS & ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION ON APRIL 3

Hancock County Commissioners Edward Ingold, David Spahr and Emily Walton and County Engineer Steve Wilson will host the Northwest District Commissioners and Engineers quarterly meeting on Monday, April 3, 2006. Registration, business meeting and dinner will be held at the Findlay Inn and Conference Center, 200 East Main Cross, in Findlay.

Registration begins at 1:00 p.m. A walking tour of the following recently renovated downtown Findlay historical buildings begins at 2:00 p.m.:

- Factory Direct International
- Aardvark Inc./CentraComm Communications, Ltd.
- Corporate Research
- First Choice Consultant Company
- Hancock Historical Museum

The business meeting begins at 4:00 p.m. followed by networking and a buffet dinner. Registration fee: \$35.00 per person (includes dinner and meeting). Deadline for reservations: March 24. Deadline for cancellations: March 31.

A four-person scramble golf outing (weather permitting) has been planned at 10:00 a.m. at Red Hawk Run Golf Course. Greens fees: \$35.00 (18 holes and a shared cart). To reserve a tee time for the golf outing please call Steve Wilson, Hancock County Engineer, at (419) 424-5050.

For more information about the meeting please contact Melissa Edson, Hancock County Commissioners Office, at (419) 424-7044, fax (419) 424-7828 or maedson@co.hancock.oh.us.

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.

AFFILIATE NEWS

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 - SUMMIT COUNTY - REGION 3

LOCATION: 356TH Fighter Group Restaurant, 4919 Mt. Pleasant Road, North Canton, OH

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, 205 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.

COUNTY LOSS CONTROL COORDINATORS ASSOCIATION EXTENDS INVITATION TO JOIN MEMBERSHIP

The County Loss Control Coordinators Association (CLCCA) is an organization comprised of people who work in safety, workers' compensation, risk management, human resources, property and casualty insurance, or other areas with the goal of protecting the county's assets. Members carry a wide array of job titles and are diverse in their approach toward attaining loss prevention goals. CLCCA provides a forum for the exchange of information between members, as well as providing learning opportunities at our general meetings.

CLCCA schedules quarterly meetings where timely and appropriate loss control issues are discussed, as well as an active e-mail network, scholarship funding opportunities to attend the annual PRIMA conference, and the benefit of peer relationships to rely on when you need assistance (or insights) with loss control issues.

In 2006 some of the topics to be presented at the quarterly meetings will be:

- Lightning protection – grounding and bonding
- What's going on with DAS
- Interviewing and Hiring – What to say and what not to say
- Ergonomics and the Aging Workforce
- Employee Wellness
- Ethics
- Effective Communications

For more information about becoming a CLCCA member, please contact Patricia Harsh, Coshocton County Safety Coordinator and CLCCA Secretary/Treasurer, at (740) 295-7467 or ptharsh@coshoctoncounty.net.

COUNTY ACTIVITIES

FRANKLIN COUNTY ADOPTS ETHICS POLICY FOR EMPLOYEES IN AGENCIES CONTROLLED BY COMMISSIONERS

The Franklin County Commissioners have adopted a new ethics policy that directs 1,500 employees in agencies under their control to avoid conflicts between their private interests and public duties and to use county resources only for work-related activities.

Commissioners Paula Brooks, Mary Jo Kilroy and Dewey Stokes adopted the policy at their March 14 meeting. Kilroy told the *Columbus Dispatch* that the policy “an effort to let citizens of Franklin County know that we are working toward an ethical culture here.”

The Franklin County auditor, recorder, clerk of courts and treasurer already have ethics policies in place that are similar to the one adopted by commissioners.

LUCAS COUNTY IS MULLING MOVE TO ALLOW COUNTY EMPLOYEES TO TAKE DAY OFF WITH PAY TO WORK POLLS AT MAY 2 PRIMARY ELECTION

The Lucas County Commissioners are deciding whether to allow county employees to take the day off, with pay, on May 2 to work the polls at the primary election.

They delayed their decision after discussing the move at their meeting on March 14. Board of Elections Director Jill Kelly and Assistant Director Nancy Patrick Greeley asked the commissioners to let county employees work the election without having to take a vacation day or a personal leave day.

The authority to allow the work was enacted in House Bill 3 by the Ohio General Assembly to help boards of elections find more poll workers. Lucas County had numerous problems with tallying votes during the November 2004 election and Board of

Commissioners President Tina Skeldon Wozniak said she wants to give serious consideration to the proposal.

FEDERAL ACTIVITIES

STEVENSON ACCEPTS POSITION AS STATE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR OHIO FARM SERVICE AGENCY

Pickaway County Commissioner John Stevenson, has accepted the position as the State Executive Director (SED) for Ohio's Farm Service Agency (FSA). Stevenson replaces Larry Adams, former Marion County Commissioner, who accepted the position as Assistant Deputy Administrator for Farm Programs in Washington, D.C.

Stevenson has served as Pickaway County Commissioner since 2003. He also serves as the in-state Agricultural Liaison for Senator Voinovich and worked closely with Ohio farmers, farm organizations, commodity groups and the Negev Foundation in Cleveland. Prior to working with Senator Voinovich, he was appointed by the Ohio Department of Agriculture's Director Dailey, to be the Chief of the Plant Industry Division.

Stevenson has served on the USDA's FSA State Committee for Ohio and later served as Ohio's SED. As SED, Stevenson administered FSA commodity, conservation and farm loan programs for Ohio farmers. In 1989 through 1993 he worked in Washington, D.C. as the Associate Administrator of FSA. Stevenson also founded the Ohio Corn Growers Association and served as its first President before being elected President of the National Corn Growers Association.

Stevenson grew up in southern Ohio and graduated from The Ohio State University with a Bachelor's of Science degree in Animal Science. After college he served as a fighter pilot for three years in the United States Air Force Stevenson returned home to the family farm to produce diversified crops, raise hogs and beef cattle. Still an active pilot, Stevenson resides on the home farm with his wife, Linda.

FUNDING FOR FARM AND RANCH LAND PROTECTION UNDER THREAT

The 2007 Budget request to Congress proposes a 50 percent cut in funding for USDA's Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program (FRP). The program received close to \$75 million in 2006 and is authorized by law to receive nearly \$100 million in 2007. President Bush's budget proposes a deep cut in funding - limiting the program to only \$50 million.

Congressional appropriators are in the process of preparing FY 07 funding legislation for agricultural programs. The administration requested only \$50 million for FRPP, a massive cut from FY 06 levels. While congress is not required to follow the administration's request, it serves as a starting point from which to begin the appropriations debate. In order to increase funding for FRPP, congressional appropriators need to hear from their colleagues about the importance of the program.

Working in cooperation with state, tribal and local governments, and private organizations, the Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program has helped to preserve more than 300,000 acres of farm and ranch land across the country. FRPP is a vital tool in helping landowners and communities protect agricultural land that is being lost to development and fragmentation at an alarming rate. FRPP helps ensure the food security of the nation, stabilizes rural communities, promotes regional food production, saves critical wildlife habitat, protects our water quality and assists family farmers and ranchers in passing their land on to future generations of producers. Without adequate federal funding, many state and local programs will not be able to effectively address their farmland protection needs. As it is, the unmet backlog of proposals to FRPP last year alone topped \$100.0 million. For more information please contact Dennis Nuxoll, Director of Government Relations, American Farmland Trust, 1200 18th Street-Suite 800, Washington, DC 20036, (202) 331-7300 or action@farmland.org.

CONFERENCES

HUMAN RESOURCE INSTITUTE

The 12th Annual Ohio University Human Resource Institute, the "21st Century Workplace," will be held on Friday, May 5, 2006. The institute will be held at the Ohio University - Zanesville Campus, 1425 Newark Road, Zanesville. Recertification credits: 6.5 through HRCI (pending). For more information please call (740) 588-1401 or e-mail ouzconted@ohio.edu.

ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINIONS

SYLLABUS 2006-008

1. No existing statutory provisions authorize the board of county commissioners of a county that is a member of a regional council of governments (COG) to borrow money on behalf of the COG to fund a COG-created operation.
2. Assuming that a county that is a member of a COG is financially able to pay its proportionate share of the COG's operating expenses, the board of county commissioners is permitted to use other available county funds to pay additional amounts to the COG for expenses of the COG, and the members of the COG may amend the Agreement and By-Laws to reflect changes in the comparative contributions of the various members.

SYLLABUS 2006-009

Administrative fees retained by the county auditor and deposited into the county general fund pursuant to ORC 319.63 (C) are restricted to use by the county recorder for the administration of the housing trust fund fee.

SYLLABUS 2006-012

The position of general counsel to the Summit County Engineer is not an "appointive office of the county" for purposes of ORC 5901.02. (1964 Ohio Attorney General Opinion Number 1611, page 2-458

and 1961 Ohio Attorney General opinion Number 2064, page 125, overruled due to statutory change.)

CLASSIFIEDS

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.

PLANNER 2

The Wayne County Planning Department is seeking qualified candidates for full-time Planner 2. This professional position will develop and implement special projects and activities; establish and implement educational programs regarding land use, zoning and alternative development options; conduct research and data gathering; and provide technical assistance to various entities.

Qualifications are an Undergraduate degree in planning, public administration and/or related field and two years related experience. Salary available upon request. An application for employment may be obtained at the Wayne County Planning Department, 2nd Floor, County Administration Building, 428 W. Liberty Street, Wooster, OH 44691. Applications will be received through **March 31, 2006** until 4:30 p.m. EOE.

BUILDING MAINTENANCE MANAGER

Montgomery County's Public Works Department has an excellent opportunity available for an experienced and skilled building maintenance manager.

Responsibilities include custodial services, renovation and repair of approximately 25 County buildings spanning over 1.5 million square feet. With the assistance of over 120 employees and 8 subordinate supervisors, the Building Maintenance Manager

develops and administers comprehensive buildings and grounds maintenance programs, including budgets, cost assessments, and inventory control systems. Thorough knowledge of engineering or construction management and the operating capabilities and maintenance requirements of large complex buildings and related equipment is essential. The department will soon be implementing a Computer Maintenance Management System.

The Building Maintenance Manager also provides oversight for the County's 4 parks systems, covering approximately 700 acres. Upkeep of park facilities and shelters as well as involvement in the development and administration of year-long recreation program activities are included in these responsibilities.

Requirements: Undergraduate major program course work in engineering or construction management and 5 years experience in building maintenance and repair (i.e., HVAC, electrical and mechanical systems) or 2 ½ years management experience in all phases of building maintenance programs (i.e., HVAC, electrical and mechanical systems) is required. Basic computer skill and ability is highly preferred.

Salary: \$62,421-\$78,021 annually depending upon qualifications including a comprehensive benefits package. Email resume to recruiter@mcoho.org or mail/fax detailed resume immediately to: Montgomery County Human Resources, 451 W. Third Street, Dayton, OH 45422. 937-225-6496 (FAX). EOE .

DOG WARDEN

Seneca County Commissioners are seeking a full time Dog Warden; position requires training and experience, acceptable driving record, Seneca County residency, the ability to obtain insurance bonding, appropriate firearm training and certification, pay range between \$11.00 and \$14.00 and the satisfactory fulfillment of the physical agility

standard. For consideration, submit an application/resume by March 23, 2006 to County Administrator, 81 Jefferson Street, Suite 3202, Tiffin, Ohio 44883. EOE.

911 DIRECTOR

Trumbull County is seeking a 911 Director to serve the 225,116 county residents and 24 townships and 11 cities/villages. See www.mercergroupinc.com for brochure. BS/BA required in Telecom, IT, Public/Business Admin/related field; five years experience in enhanced 911 center. Salary range \$52K-\$72K. Resumes by COB **April 14, 2006**, to James Mercer, The Mercer Group, Inc., 551 W. Cordova Road, #726, Santa Fe, NM 87505. Voice: 505-466-9500; Fax: 505-466-1274; E-Mail: mercero@mindspring.com. 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.