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DATES TO REMEMBER

APRIL 21, 2006	CCAO URBAN COUNTIES COMMITTEE, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS
APRIL 21, 2006	CCAO HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS
APRIL 28, 2006	CCC/ESAO REGIONAL BRIEFING, 365 th FIGHTER GROUP, SUMMIT COUNTY (NORTH CANTON)
APRIL 28, 2006	CCAO AGRICULTURE & RURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS
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

TEL/TABOR NEWS

SENATORS VOINOVICH AND DEWINE RAISE CONCERNS

On Tuesday, Ohio U.S. Senators Mike DeWine and George Voinovich spoke out against the controversial TEL/TABOR spending measure slated for November's election. Voinovich said that the proposed Tax and Expenditure Limitation Amendment to Ohio's Constitution is "not in the best

interests of the people of Ohio," because it removes gubernatorial and legislative discretion "to deal with problems that are confronting the state and put it on automatic pilot." DeWine added, "From what I've seen, it would hurt local governments and hurt education."

POLLING DATA

According to a recent poll conducted by the Columbus Dispatch, support for the TEL/TABOR Amendment has dropped to 43%. Previous public

polls have shown support for the issue in the low 50's. The number in the undecided category has been growing and now stands at 35%. 22% of voters polled view TEL/TABOR as unfavorable.

ASSOCIATION NEWS

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.

ENTERPRISE SERVICE PROGRAM UPDATE

NEW U.S. COMMUNITIES MAINTENANCE, REPAIR AND OPERATIONS SUPPLIES CONTRACT

The U.S. Communities Cooperative Purchasing Alliance is pleased to announce that Maricopa County, Arizona, has awarded The Home Depot and its wholesale distribution subsidiary, The Home Depot Supply, a contract for maintenance, repair and operations (MRO) equipment and supplies. The contract was awarded through the U.S. Communities Governmental Purchasing Alliance and is available for use by participating agencies nationwide effective December 1st, 2005.

This new contract provides participating public agencies with a broad range of MRO equipment and supplies without the need for additional solicitation through both the wholesale and retail sides of The Home Depot. The contract includes highly favorable

pricing on entire categories of products available through The Home Depot Supply's commercial catalog. In addition, for convenience purchases at retail, public agencies can arrange to have orders accepted at the Pro Desks located in every Home Depot retail store.

U.S. Communities continually offers counties the opportunity to purchase office supplies; janitorial supplies; electrical, communication and data supplies; technology products; office furniture; carpet and flooring; and various other products at regularly updated reduced pricing. The National Association of Counties (NACo), the Association of School Business Officials (ASBO), the National Institute of Government Purchasing (NIGP), the National League of Cities (NLC), and the U.S. Conference of Mayors jointly sponsor the U.S. Communities program. Several Ohio counties already take advantage of what the U.S. Communities Cooperative Purchasing Alliance has to offer.

For further information, please contact Brent Fisher, Enterprise Services Manager at (614) 220-7996, in-state toll-free at (888) 757-1904, or online at bfisher@cca.org.

STATE ACTIVITIES

AMENDMENTS TO 9-1-1 PLAN APPROVAL PROCESS MAKE IT EASIER TO IMPLEMENT A PLAN FOR WIRELESS ENHANCED 9-1-1

Senate Bill 9, effective on April 14, 2006, and amending ORC Sec. 4931.45, will make it simpler to amend a county’s final 9-1-1 plan to incorporate wireless enhanced 9-1-1. Only the 9-1-1 planning committee’s approval will be required to adopt a wireless enhanced 9-1-1 plan and the plan will no longer have to be submitted to the county’s local jurisdictions for amendment approval under ORC 4931.44.

These amendments greatly facilitate a county’s ability to implement a wireless enhanced 9-1-1 plan and access the funding available to that county being collected under the monthly charge on each wireless telephone number of a wireless service subscriber

that has a billing address in Ohio. This monthly charge has been collected since August of 2005 and will continue through December, 2008.

A memo from the CCAO office will be sent out during this coming week with more information and will include sample language for a wireless enhanced 9-1-1 plan which has been drafted by the PUCO.

FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS ARE TO BE FILED WITH ETHICS COMMISSION BY MONDAY, APRIL 17

Monday, April 17 is the deadline for county commissioners and other elected officials to file their annual financial disclosure statements with the Ohio Ethics Commission.

The standard filing fee for all county elected officials is \$40. A fee of \$10 per day is assessed for late returns, up to a maximum late fee of \$250. Knowingly failing to file a financial disclosure statement is a fourth degree misdemeanor. Knowingly filing a false financial disclosure statement is a first degree misdemeanor.

NACo ACTIVITIES

NACo ANNUAL CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN COOK COUNTY - AUGUST 4-8

Join the National Association of Counties (NACo) for their Annual Conference & Exposition to be held August 4-8, 2006 at the Lakeside Center at McCormick Place in Cook County (Chicago). With a three billion dollar budget, 25,000 employees and geographic region as large as many states, Cook County Government strives each day to provide its 5.3 million residents with a myriad of services intended to protect their health and safety as well as the environment around them. Last year more than 1.5 million patients visited the John H. Stroger, Jr. Hospital and more than 2.9 million prescriptions were filled - more than 26 Walgreen stores combined! Cook County's public safety system includes the largest single site jail complex in the nation housing more than 10,000 detainees daily; a unified court system with more than 300 courtrooms. To learn

more about Cook County Government log on to www.cookcountygov.com.

Registration fees: earlybird registration is available until July 10; advance registration, which costs \$50 more than the earlybird rates, is available until August 3; and onsite registration in Chicago costs \$160 more than the earlybird rates. Register early to save your county money!

According to NACo, registration is up this year and the hotel rooms are filling fast. Don't be left out in the heat! Two hotels are being used for the Conference:

- Hilton Chicago - \$157 single/double
- Hilton Towers rate - \$182 single/double
- Palmer House Hilton - \$157 single/double
- Palmer House Towers rate - \$182 single/double

The CCAO officers and staff will be staying at the Hilton Chicago. CCAO will be scheduling time for Ohio to caucus about the election of the NACo 2nd Vice President during the conference. A special social event for Ohio is being considered. More details to follow.

If you have any questions about the Conference please contact Mary Jane Neiman, Public Relations Associate, at (614) 220-7979, (888) 797-1904 or mjneiman@ccao.org. For links to Cook County information or to register online log on to www.naco.org. Click on Conferences > Annual Conference.

NACo AWARD PROGRAMS

2006 ARTS AND CULTURE AWARD PROGRAM

Is your county working to foster an environment where arts can thrive and also contribute to the creation of more livable communities? Are you and other local leaders generating more public and leveraging more private sector resources for the arts and arts education? Would your county like to win the 2006 Arts and Culture Award? In 2005, Cuyahoga County certainly could say "yes," because they won the award!

The 3rd Annual County Arts and Culture Award program is designed to recognize county governments for their efforts in enriching America's cultural and intellectual life, promoting lifelong learning and protecting the national heritage by supporting local museums and other cultural institutions, supporting historic preservation, helping children succeed in school, work, and life through arts education, and supporting America's nonprofit arts organizations.

Both on-going programs and one-time projects are eligible for the award, but must have been initiated since January 2002. County officials and/or staff, as part of their official duties, must have played a significant role in developing and implementing the program or project. Criteria for selection: demonstrated community impact, innovation, community/county partnership, leadership, and transferability.

Application deadline: **April 14, 2006.** For more information about the Arts and Culture Award Program please contact Christina Crayton, Research Associate, National Association of Counties, 440 First Street NW - Fl 5, Washington, D.C. 20001, (202) 942-4228. You can print an application from NACo's website at www.naco.org. Click on awards from the left menu and scroll down to the Arts and Culture Award category.

2006 NACIO AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE COMPETITION

Counties across the nation are invited to submit their best communication efforts for recognition by the National Association of County Information Officers (NACIO), an affiliate of NACo. The deadline for entries for the Awards of Excellence competition have been extended to April 7, 2006. Awards will be presented during the NACo Annual Conference to be held in Cook County (Chicago), Illinois.

Entry categories: annual reports, brochures, internal publications, external publications, writing, graphic design, photography, audiovisual productions, special projects and computer media. Submissions must have been completed and distributed from January 1

to December 31, 2005. Entries must be primarily the work of the entrant with outside assistance strictly limited to support functions, such as typesetting and printing.

New for the 2006 Competition! In recognition of the growing number of Spanish-language publications and communications, NACIO is sponsoring a parallel awards competition for Spanish-language entries. For details about entry deadlines and procedures for the Spanish-language competition, see the link on the NACIO website: www.nacio.org.

Entry fee: \$35 per entry for NACIO members or \$50 per entry for non-members. Deadline: April 7, 2006. Entry forms can be downloaded from www.nacio.org. For more information please contact Mary Jane Neiman, CCAO Public Relations Associate, at (614) 220-7979, (888) 757-1904 or mjneiman@ccao.org.

ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINIONS

SYLLABUS

2006-005

1. A person who is a child abuse investigator for a county children services board that is designated as the county's public children services agency may also serve as an auxiliary police officer in the unclassified service of a charter city. (1989 Ohio Attorney General Opinion Number 89-072, distinguished.)
2. As a child abuse investigator for a county children services board, the person may not review or investigate reports he has referred to, or filed with, the county children services board as an auxiliary police officer.
3. As an auxiliary police officer, the person may not conduct or participate in investigations that he has worked, or is working, on as a child abuse investigator.

SYLLABUS

2006-006

Pursuant to ORC 5705.31 and ORC 5705.341, a county budget commission may not disapprove or

modify a tax levy in excess of the ten-mill limitation for the general operation of a city board of health even though the board of health has been abolished, provided that the tax levy was properly authorized, approved by the electors of the city, and the amounts to be levied are clearly required by the city's budget or other information submitted by the city.

SYLLABUS

2006-007

A permanent public employee who performs service in the uniformed services as provided in ORC 5923.05 (A) (1) is entitled by ORC 5923.05 (A) (1) to receive up to one month's leave of absence with full pay in the calendar year in which the uniformed service begins, and an additional one month's leave of absence with full pay in each subsequent calendar year in which uniformed service is performed. Therefore, if a permanent public employee whose compensation and leave are governed by ORC 5923.05 (A) (1) receives a month's leave of absence with full pay for time spent performing uniformed service, that employee is entitled to receive an additional month's full pay beginning in January of 2006, and another month's full pay beginning in each subsequent year in which the performance of uniformed service continues.

SYLLABUS

2006-010

A person may serve simultaneously as a trustee of a township that has adopted a limited home rule government pursuant to ORC Chapter 504 and investigator in the consumer services division of a county auditor's office when the person's duties as an investigator do not include reviewing matters, or conducting or participating in investigations, involving the township and the township trustee position is normally filled by nonpartisan election.

SYLLABUS

2006-011

Because Rule 9 of the Rules for Local Practice of the Erie County Court of Common Pleas requires the clerk of court to journalize a judgment "forthwith," should the court of common pleas wish to change that requirement to require journalization within a specific number of days following filing, it may amend

the rule to replace the word "forthwith," as used in Local Rule 9.03, with a specific number of days, so long as the stated number of days does not conflict with the time requirements of Ohio Supreme Court Rule 7 (A) or a statute or any other rule adopted by the Ohio Supreme Court.

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2006-013

A board of county commissioners has no authority to move to a reserve balance account general fund money, originally appropriated to the various county offices and agencies for goods and services, and pay the offices' and agencies' expenses from the reserve balance account.

CLASSIFIEDS

DIRECTOR

The Pickaway County Commissioners are accepting applications for the position of Director of Pickaway County Job and Family Services. This position is responsible for the overall operation of the agency which includes children services, workforce development, child support and public assistance programs. The Director assures agency compliance with statutory requirements and implements program and operational policies and procedures.

Candidates must possess strong management skills, be competent in setting goals and objectives and have experience in establishing working relationships with other community agencies and supports. This position also requires the candidate to have strong leadership skills; a sincere desire to assist individuals, families and children; excellent verbal and written communication; and knowledge or experience in collective bargaining.

Qualifications: Bachelor's degree (advanced degree preferred) in social work, business administration, public administration, human resources, psychology, sociology, education or finance. Also five years of administrative/managerial experience with at least two of the five years having supervisory responsibility is a must.

More information regarding this position is available on the Pickaway County website at www.pickawaycoc.org. Applications can also be downloaded from this site. Please send resume and/or completed application to Pickaway County Commissioners Office, Attn: County Administrator, 139 West Franklin Street, Circleville, Ohio 43113 by close of business on **April 21, 2006**.

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.