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DATES TO REMEMBER

APRIL 28, 2006	CCC/ESAO REGIONAL BRIEFING, 365 th FIGHTER GROUP, SUMMIT COUNTY (NORTH CANTON)
APRIL 28, 2006	CCAO AGRICULTURE & RURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, CEO 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/CEO ANNUAL SUMMER CONFERENCE, JOHN S. KNIGHT CENTER, SUMMIT COUNTY (AKRON)
AUGUST 4-8, 2006	NACo ANNUAL CONFERENCE, COOK COUNTY (CHICAGO), IL

ASSOCIATION NEWS

CCAO/CEO ANNUAL SUMMER CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN SUMMIT COUNTY

Summit County Executive James McCarthy, County President Clair Dickinson and County Engineer Greg Bachman invite all county commissioners, engineers, affiliates and guests to attend the 126th CCAO/CEO Annual Summer Conference to be held June 11-13, 2006 in Summit County (Akron). Meetings will be held at the John S. Knight Center in downtown Akron. The headquarters hotel will be the Crowne Plaza Quaker Square with additional rooms at the Radisson Hotel City Centre. Both hotels are located just a few blocks from the Center. Registration

materials and a draft agenda were mailed this week.

Sunday, June 11

Golf - An optional golf outing is planned for Good Park Golf Course, a tree lined, 71 par golf course established in 1926. The golf course has hosted two U.S. Amateur qualifiers and one U.S. Pub Link Qualifier. Transportation will not be provided. Please contact Tanya Wilcox, CCAO Administrative Assistant, at (614) 221-5627 for additional golf information.

Akron Aeros v. Connecticut Defenders Baseball Game - Last year the Akron Aeros were the 2005 Eastern League Class AA Champions. Join

CCAO/CEAO and Summit County for this optional activity at Canal Park located in downtown Akron for an exciting game. Transportation will not be provided to the game. Please contact Tanya Wilcox, CCAO Administrative Assistant, at (614) 221-5627 for additional baseball information.

Dinner and Entertainment at the Akron Zoo - Since 1953, the Akron Zoo, one of only 211 accredited world conservation zoos by the American Zoo and Aquarium Association, has participated in breeding programs to save endangered species. Visit the zoo's 50 acres to see more than 700 animals. Transportation will be provided.

Monday, June 12

CCAO Sessions

- Health Insurance Legislative Update
- Riparian Rights: Protecting Water Quality & Respecting Property Rights
- Understanding the Summit County Charter
- Panel Discussion on TEL/TABOR
- Contractual Risk Transfer/Multi Jurisdiction Vehicles
- Major Land Use Issues Facing Ohio in 2006
- The End of the Tangible Personal Property Tax

CCAO/CEAO General Session

- The Honorable Stephen LaTourette (invited)
- 2006 Gubernatorial Candidates
- CCAO Legislative Committee Membership Open Forum Meeting

Spouse/Guest Luncheon & Tours

- Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens
- Summit Art Space Gallery
- Don Drumm Studios & Gallery

Tuesday, June 13

CCAO Sessions

- Building a Discipline Case That You Can Win
- MR/DD Status Report
- 2010 Quality of Life Study
- HAVA & New State Election Laws
- Local Costs & Benefits of Wal-Mart

- Summit County's Criminal Justice Advisory Board
 - CCAO Service Corporation Program Updates
- CCAO/CEAO Luncheon**
- The Honorable Don Plusquellic, Mayor, City of Akron

Dinner & Racing at the All-American Soap Box Derby - On your mark, get set...RACE! Since 1933, the All-American Soap Box Derby has attracted more than a million children ages 8-17 from the U.S. and foreign countries. Join CCAO/CEAO and Summit County for a casual evening of food and fun at Derby Downs. Wear casual clothes suitable for racing. Transportation will be provided.

Please contact Mary Jane Neiman, CCAO Public Relations Associate, at (614) 220-7979, (888) 757-1904 or mjneiman@ccao.org if you have any questions.

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.

COUNTY ACTIVITIES

LORAIN COUNTY KICKS BUTTS

The Lorain County Kicks Butt campaign, which aims to reduce the amount of cigarette litter on streets, sidewalks, and neighborhoods, will be launched in conjunction with Earth Day held on April 22. The first

Earth Day celebrated on April 22, 1970 drew 20 million participants. Earth Day is observed annually in April and many communities celebrate Earth Week or Earth Month with a series of environmental activities in April.

Dan Billman, director of the Lorain County Solid Waste District said, "The Lorain County Kicks Butt campaign aims to reduce the amount of cigarette litter in streets, sidewalks and neighborhoods. It's a tremendous challenge to keep people from throwing cigarette butts on the ground. But only part of the butt you throw out the window is biodegradable and the cellulose that makes up the filter of the butt takes hundreds of years to decompose."

The cigarettes flicked and squashed out on the ground often get washed into drains and streams that are carried off with other runoff into waterways, and potentially get eaten by fish, ducks and other animals in the ecosystem. A lot of people who use the world as one big ashtray might not even be aware that doing so can be costly. Tossing a cigarette butt out the window of a vehicle is considered a minor misdemeanor and can result in fines up to \$100, according to the Ohio Revised Code. Putting your cigarette out on public or private property is considered a third degree misdemeanor and could result in a \$500 fine and 60 days in jail.

About 1,000 personal portable ashtrays will be handed out. The campaign is being funded through the Solid Waste District's \$20,000 anti-littering budget. Lorain County Commissioner Betty Blair said the portable ashtrays are small enough to be kept in a pocket and will help to remind smokers not to litter. The Lorain County Commissioners, U.S. Rep. Marcy Kaptur (Dist. 9) and representatives from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Ohio Department of Natural Resources are scheduled to participate in the Lorain County Kicks Butt campaign kickoff.

STATE ACTIVITIES

MUSKINGUM WATERSHED CONSERVANCY DISTRICT'S ASSESSMENT PLANS GET LAWMAKERS' ATTENTION

A 20-year, \$270 million flood prevention and water quality improvement plan proposed by the Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District has gotten the attention of eastern Ohio lawmakers who have been bombarded in recent weeks with constituent complaints over assessments.

Sen. President Bill Harris (R-Ashland) said Tuesday he has asked the Legislative Service Commission to conduct some research on conservancy district assessments and related issues in light of the uproar.

Rep. Allan Sayre (D-Dover) plans legislation that would exempt local governments, schools and churches from assessments under the plan.

The watershed district, which covers all or parts of 18 eastern Ohio counties, said in a March Conservancy Appraisal Record filing with the Conservancy Court in Tuscarawas County that the plan would result in \$2.5 billion in "future benefits" for property owners.

"The Board of Appraisers has concluded that the benefits from this assessment of the MWCD far exceeds the cost to owners of property in the watershed," district Board of Appraisers President Thomas Roe said at the time. He estimated that benefits to property owners would exceed \$2,000 an acre.

Residential property owners would be assessed at \$12 per acre under the proposal, which requires final approval from the Ohio Supreme Court. Commercial and industrial property owners would pay considerably more per acre depending on water runoff and other factors, according to MWCD.

In one example provided by the district, a one-acre commercial property would be assessed \$132 a year. The state is being asked to pony up \$50,000 for assessments on land in the district, and local

government entities including schools would be charged an estimated \$60 per acre.

The district said it is the only one of 21 active conservancy districts in the state that doesn't levy a maintenance assessment.

However, the MWCD plan has riled local government and church officials who have argued that they should be exempt from the assessments. Thousands of objections have been filed in the Conservancy Court, comprised of common pleas judges. Attorney General Jim Petro has joined the fray, filing an objection on behalf of the Department of Natural Resources.

"No one wants to be assessed," Sen. Harris said. "And if they are assessed, they want to know what it's going to pay for." Cities, churches and non-profit groups in the watershed are among constituencies that have contacted his office in recent weeks to express concerns, the lawmaker said. "No one was left out."

He chalked up some of the distress to the unknown, but said those calls have prompted his own inquiries to LSC. "I think it's not been explained well enough," Sen. Harris said. "As a result, it's got people concerned above and beyond."

The 70-year-old MWCD said its planned assessments would generate more than \$11 million a year for: dam safety improvements, sediment removal, shoreline protection, water quality improvements, watershed management and reservoir operations. The district manages 14 reservoirs behind dams operated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

The conservancy district includes all or part of Ashland, Belmont, Carroll, Coshocton, Guernsey, Harrison, Holmes, Knox, Licking, Morgan, Muskingum, Noble, Richland, Stark, Summit, Tuscarawas, Washington and Wayne counties.

OEPA'S NEWEST WEBSITE FEATURE: ANSWER PLACE

The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA) has a new feature on the agency's website that allows users to submit questions that will be answered by a staff member. How do you use Answer Place? First search the Answer Place to see if the answer to your question might already be available. If not, click on the Ask a Question tab at the top of the page. Fill in the form with the requested information, including your e-mail address. If you haven't already created an Answer Place account, you will be prompted to create one so that someone may contact you with an answer. Once you have created an account, the Answer Place will provide you with some potential answers based on information already contained in the database. If none of the potential answers are appropriate, click the Finish Submitting Question button and your question will be forwarded to the appropriate Ohio EPA staff for a response. To get started, use the following web address:

http://ohioepa.custhelp.com/cgi-bin/ohioepa.cfg/php/enduser/std_alp.php

ACLU CHALLENGES NEW PRE-EMPLOYMENT & CONTRACTING REQUIREMENT EFFECTIVE ON APRIL 14

The American Civil Liberties Union of Ohio Foundation has filed suit in the Ohio Supreme Court to stop the state and other governmental entities from collecting Declaration Regarding Material Assistance/Nonassistance to a Terrorist Organization (DMA) data. As of April 14 state and local governmental entities are now mandated to provide future employees and certain vendors with a checklist for declaration as to whether they have provided material assistance, or not, to an organization listed on the Department of State Terrorist Exclusion List. This new requirement was included in Senate Bill 9 and became effective April 14, 2006.

The ACLU filed the suit on behalf of an indigent defense attorney that practices law in the City of Bellefontaine. Upon receiving the DMA form from the

Municipal Clerk of Courts, the attorney refused to sign the document. The suit was filed in the Ohio Supreme Court because they have exclusive power over "Admission to the practice of law, the discipline of persons so admitted, and all other matters relating to the practice of law."

Even though the suit has been filed, the state and local governments are still mandated to collect the information at the time of this printing. Watch future issues of CIDS for updates. If you have any questions, contact your county prosecuting attorney.

COLUMBIANA, HENRY AND SUMMIT COUNTIES WILL HAVE SALES TAX LEVIES UP ON MAY 2; THERE WILL BE 53 COUNTY AND COUNTY-AFFILIATED PROPERTY AND SALES TAX ISSUES ON THE BALLOT

Columbiana, Henry and Summit counties will have sales tax levies up for voter approval at the May 2 primary election.

Columbiana is seeking a one-half percent increase for five years for the general fund. Henry is seeking a one-half percent increase for a continuing period of time for the general fund. Summit is seeking a one-quarter percent increase for the purposes of economic development, infrastructure, and criminal justice services.

In addition, the Stark County Regional Transit Authority is seeking a continuation for five years of its current one-quarter percent levy.

County-affiliated human services agencies also will have a number of property tax increases up for voters to approve or disapprove on May 2. There will be ADAMH levies in Columbiana, Marion and Tuscarawas; children services levies in Allen, Belmont, Clermont, Logan and Muskingum; MR / DD levies in Ashland, Delaware, Huron, Jackson, Lawrence, Lorain, Morrow, Pike, Union, Vinton and Wyandot; and senior service levies in Allen, Auglaize, Clermont, Madison, Marion, Pickaway, Scioto, Tuscarawas, Washington, and Van Wert.

A sign of the times perhaps is the appearance of

three road and bridge levies on the ballot at one time. They have been something of a rarity in recent years. Those levies will appear in Geauga, Greene (bridges only) and Miami.

There will be on OSU Extension levy, in Vinton County. Other agencies with levies up include county homes, EMS and ambulance, 9-1-1, health districts, libraries, and parks.

In all, there will be 53 county and county-affiliated property and sales tax issues on the ballot. We wish all of you the best of luck in passing your levies on May 2!

NACo ACTIVITIES

NACo LEGISLATIVE ACTION NETWORK

The NACo Legislative Action Network (LAN) needs your help! Given the power and influence that grassroots efforts can have on our political process, it is imperative that NACo strengthen its grassroots advocacy on Capitol Hill. Join with county officials from across the nation by responding to Legislative Action Alerts, calling and e-mailing your Members of Congress and their staff. As a member of LAN you will receive e-mail alerts about important issues facing counties, have opportunities to lobby Congress personally and make a real difference for your county's citizens and for counties across America.

To sign up please contact Brad Banks, Legislative Research Associate, NACo, 440 First Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20001, (202) 942-4205, fax (202) 942-4281 or bbanks@naco.org.

CLASSIFIEDS

PLANS EXAMINER

Montgomery County has a position available in our Building Regulations Division for a Master Plans Examiner. We are a leader in high quality code enforcement, and offer a friendly, professional, stable working environment with competitive wages and benefits.

This is a management-level position which requires thorough knowledge of management principles, architectural and engineering construction methods, building codes and associated regulatory requirements and standards. Duties include examining and reviewing plans for new construction and alteration/renovation compliance with building codes and requirements, informing owners of violations and necessary corrections for final approval and performing field reviews as necessary.

Requirements include possession of Interim Masters Plans Examiner certificate AND certification as Ohio registered Architect or Professional Engineer PLUS 5 years related experience in building design and construction or building inspection with a certified building department. Must attain full Master Plans Examiner certification within 1 year of hire date and maintain certification, registration and licensure thereafter. Valid Ohio driver's license with acceptable driving record also needed.

Salary: \$48,422-\$72,634/year plus a comprehensive benefits package. Apply online at www.mcohio.org ("Find a Job" link) or fax a detailed resume to 937-225-6496. Emails are also accepted at recruiter@mcohio.org. Mailing address is Montgomery County HR, 451 W. Third Street, Dayton, OH 45422. An EOE M/F/V/H.

ASSOCIATE PLANNER

The Stark County Regional Planning Commission is accepting applications for an Associate Planner. The successful candidate will prepare technical components of major work elements of the comprehensive and environmental planning program, including the following: land use inventory and analysis, natural resource conservation, water quality planning, and community assistance planning. Candidate must be able to conduct surveys, prepare reports, present statistical data and prepare maps and graphic representations. Plan and organize presentations and public involvement concerning environmental issues. Attend meetings and conferences, as requested. A working knowledge of GIS and computer applications in a planning context is preferred.

QUALIFICATIONS: Bachelor's or Master's degree in urban/regional planning or related field from an accredited college or university. A minimum of one (1) to two (2) years professional planning experience required, or equivalent combination of education and experience. Salary Range: \$25,000 - \$35,000. 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, May 5, 2006**. EOE.

PLANS EXAMINER

The Wood County Building Inspection Department is accepting applications for a full time Plans Examiner to review construction blueprints and sites to ensure compliance with the Ohio Building Code and Wood County Residential Building Code. Pay Grade 12: \$48,841.16 to \$54,701.81 depending on experience

Minimum Qualifications: Ohio Registered Professional Engineer or Architect with five years Ohio Building Code experience. Requires a valid Ohio Driver's License. Classification specifications and applications are available on the County's website, www.co.wood.oh.us, or visit the Wood County Building Inspection Department, Third Floor, County Office Building, One Courthouse Square, Bowling Green, OH 43402, Monday through Friday, from 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. Application Deadline: **June 16, 2006** at 4:30 p.m. EOE

BUILDING INSPECTOR

The Wood County Building Inspection Department is accepting applications for a full time Building Inspector (Plumbing) to inspect assigned aspect to ensure compliance with the Ohio Building Code and Wood County Residential Building Code. Pay Grade 7: \$16.04 to \$17.96 per hour depending on experience

Minimum Qualifications: Journeyman plumber or equivalent with seven years Ohio Plumbing Code experience. Requires Board of Building Standards certification and a valid Ohio Driver's License.

Classification specifications and applications are available on the County's website, www.co.wood.oh.us, or visit the Wood County Building Inspection Department, Third Floor, County Office Building, One Courthouse Square, Bowling Green, OH 43402, Monday through Friday, from 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. Application Deadline: **May 9, 2006** at 4:30 p.m. EOE.

CHIEF DOG WARDEN

Butler County Board of Commissioners is looking for a chief dog warden. Completion of secondary education, college degree preferred; training and/or work experience evidencing a thorough knowledge of state and local dog control laws, animal euthanasia, staff management and office administration, and a basic knowledge of bookkeeping, purchasing, and public relations. Salary range \$43,936.34-\$57,909.91 annually. Submit resume/application no later than **May 5, 2006** to: Mr. Derek L. Conklin, County Administrator, Butler County Board of Commissioners, 315 High Street, Hamilton, OH 45011. EOE.

ASSOCIATE PLANNER POSITION

Accepting applications for a full-time Associate Planner to assist Medina County Department of Planning Services with subdivision application review, township text and map zoning amendment evaluation and preparation of staff reports for same, GIS mapping, comprehensive plan writing. Medina County is one of the fastest growing Counties in Ohio and consists of 17 townships, 6 villages and 3 cities, all of which the Department of Planning Services may provide mapping or land use services.

Applicant must be able to work in a team situation and to proceed independently. Attendance at evening meetings will be required.

Minimum qualifications: Bachelor's degree (master's and AICP preferred) in planning or related field. Knowledge of, and experience with, all Microsoft Office and ArcGIS software required. Applicant must have excellent interpersonal relations, and

communicative and organizational skills; ability to handle busy workload and multiple projects.

Application, resume, 3 work references and examples of writing and mapping skills, must be submitted to Medina County Human Resources, Room 206, Attn: POA, 144 North Broadway, Medina, Ohio 44256. Queries may be directed to Patrice Theken, AICP, Director, Medina County Department of Planning Services at ptheken@medinaco.org. Applications accepted until position filled. EOE. Successful candidate must pass a background check and drug screen.

Additional information about Medina County and the Medina County Department of Planning Services may be found at www.planning.co.medina.oh.us.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

The Medina County Board of Commissioners (Department of Planning Services) is seeking qualified candidates to fill the position of full-time zoning inspector to perform the enforcement of zoning regulations for various communities within Medina County. The applicant must be knowledgeable in inspection, investigation, enforcement, record keeping and permitting tasks associated with township and municipal zoning. The applicant will be expected to answer general questions from the public, follow consistent enforcement procedures, review and issue zoning permits, maintain adequate records and prepare reports. The applicant must be available to attend evening meetings.

Applicants must be familiar with Microsoft office products, have at least three years of progressively responsible experience in zoning enforcement, a bachelor's degree or technical certification in either the fields of engineering, surveying, public administration, planning, geography or cartography, be motivated, organized and able to work well with people and pass a background and drug test. EOE employer.

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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.