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DATES TO REMEMBER

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)
JULY 12, 2006	CCAO ANNUAL ALUMNI GOLF OUTING, OAKHAVEN GOLF COURSE, DELAWARE COUNTY (DELAWARE)
AUGUST 4-8, 2006	NACo ANNUAL CONFERENCE, COOK COUNTY (CHICAGO), IL
AUGUST 25, 2006	CORSA ANNUAL MEETING, CONCOURSE HOTEL AND CONFERENCE, COLUMBUS, OH

ASSOCIATION NEWS

NEW VOTING MACHINES

Many counties have received the new voting machines during the past few months. For insurance coverage purposes, counties should report these new machines to their insurance agent to be sure they have the full value of the voting machines covered. Failure to report the new voting machines to your agent could result in inadequate or no coverage if a loss occurs.

CORSA member counties reported the new voting machines on their renewal application in December, 2005. If you are a CORSA Member and received new voting machines after December, 2005, you should call your local agent to be sure the voting machines have been reported to CORSA.

CCAO/CEAO 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/CEAO 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.

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.

Hotel Accommodations

Blocks of rooms have been held at the following hotels:

- **Crowne Plaza Quaker Square**
135 South Broadway, Akron
Room: \$95 single/double (includes parking)
(330) 253-5970
(800) 227-6963
- **Radisson Hotel Akron City Centre**
20 West Mill Street, Akron
Room: \$89 single/double (includes parking)
(330) 384-1500

The block of rooms at the Crowne Plaza is almost full. If the Crowne Plaza is full when you make your reservations, please call the Radisson directly. Both hotels have very nice sleeping rooms. A shuttle will run between the hotels in the evening hours.

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.

COUNTIES CAN SAVE 4% ON WORKERS' COMP PREMIUMS FOR SAFETY COUNCIL PARTICIPATION

Counties who actively participate in their local safety council can earn a 4 percent discount on their workers' compensation premium. To receive the discount, counties must:

- Enroll in a safety council by Sept. 30, 2006;
- Send a representative to at least eight meetings between July 1, 2006, and June 30, 2007;
- Have senior management attendance at the safety council CEO event;
- Submit semiannual accident / injury reports to their safety council for the 2006 calendar year.

Counties who meet the July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007 safety council discount eligibility requirements will have the discount calculated on their 2006 workers' compensation premium which is paid in May and September 2007.

The 4 percent discount will be calculated on the 2006 premium and returned by check distributed at the October 2007 meeting of their local safety council.

The safety council discount is available in addition to the discounts for participating in the CCAO Workers' Compensation Group Rating Program, the Drug Free Workplace Program (DFWP) and the Premium Discount Program+ (PDP+).

For any questions, please contact Beth Miller on the CCAO staff at 888-757-1904 EMiller@ccao.org.

COUNTY DATA EXCHANGE DETAILING TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX VALUES IS INCLUDED WITH THIS ISSUE OF CIDS

Included with this issue of CIDS are four copies of County Data Exchange Bulletin 2006-01. The bulletin details the values of tangible personal property tax in the 88 counties in calendar year 2004, the last year for which data is available. The source of the information is Ohio Department of Taxation Table PD-30, Number 66 (2005), which is based on information provided to the department by county auditors.

Under the provisions of House Bill 66, the tangible personal property tax is scheduled to be phased-out over the next four years and repealed in 2010. The purpose of the bulletin is to provide a snapshot of the tangible personal property values in each county and how they compare to each other.

The first column of the bulletin lists the percentage of total property in each county that is tangible personal property. The second column lists the total assessed value of tangible personal property in each county. The third column lists the total assessed value of all property in each county, which includes real property, public utility personal property and tangible personal property.

The fourth column provides a ranking for each county as to where the county stands among the 88 in terms of the total assessed value of tangible personal property. The fifth and final column ranks each county in terms of the percentage of its total assessed property value that is tangible personal property.

The counties with the highest percentage of their total property value comprised of tangible personal property are: 1) Shelby 25.77%; 2) Union, 20.83%; 3) Washington, 20.66%; 4) Allen 18.4% 5) Wyandot, 16.90%; 6) Hancock 16.46%; 7) Henry 16.46%; 8) Pike 16.22%; 9) Logan 15.91%; and 10) Auglaize, 15.89%.

For more information contact Doug Putnam, CCAO

Research & Information Manager at dputnam@ccao.org or 614-221-5627.

CCAO SERVICE CORP UPDATE

CCAO FLEXIBLE BENEFITS PROGRAM

The Flexible Benefits Program enables counties to offer employees the opportunity to pre-tax qualified employee benefit premiums that they contribute to health, dental, and life insurance. Flexible benefits are authorized under IRS Section 125. The law also authorizes the same pre-tax advantages for other qualified medical and dependent care expenses. The program is administered by Colonial Supplemental Insurance.

The county may offer a Premium Only Plan, in which employees could pretax any deductions now made from the employee for health, dental and life insurance coverage provided by the county. Under this type of plan, there is no ability to use a flexible spending account for medical and day care expenses.

Counties that also wish to offer flexible spending accounts for medical and day care expenses may offer employees the opportunity to establish Health Care Flexible Spending Accounts and Dependent Care Flexible Spending Accounts. By establishing medical and dependent care reimbursement accounts, employees can pay for, on a pre-tax basis, medical and day care expenses that are not reimbursed. These plans are more complex to administer and require additional employee education, but do provide additional significant tax benefits for employees and counties. The additional education and administration tasks are completed by Colonial Supplemental Insurance.

Colonial Supplemental Insurance will work with the commissioners and county auditor in establishing the program, and will provide necessary administrative services. If the Health Care and/or Dependent Care Spending Accounts are offered, there may be a cost for the administrative services if the county is not capable of administering the reimbursement program with current staff. These costs are nominal and

usually are offset with the tax savings to the county with their Section 125 program.

Under the agreement with CCAO, Colonial is also authorized to market the following products to county employees on a payroll deduction basis: disability income protection; accident insurance; cancer insurance; critical illness insurance; hospital intensive care protection; hospital income protection; whole life insurance; and term life insurance. All of these Colonial insurance programs are available to family members on a stand-alone basis. This means that a county employee need not purchase an insurance product in order to insure a family member.

Over 40 Ohio counties are currently active in the program. For additional information, please contact Chuck Mers, Public Sector Manager at Colonial Supplemental Insurance, at (800) 272-5025 or Brent Fisher, CCAO Enterprise Services Manager, at (614) 220-7996 or bfisher@ccao.org.

STATE ACTIVITIES

PUBLIC HEALTH COUNCIL ADOPTS NEW SEWAGE TREATMENT SYSTEM RULES

The Ohio Department of Health (ODH) announced that the Public Health Council adopted the new sewage treatment system (STS) rules at their meeting on May 4. The rules, which will go into effect on January 1, 2007, have a grandfather clause that includes a provision for current existing lots. The ODH Sewage Treatment System Program website will provide information on the progress and preparations for implementation of the new STS rules.

SUPREME COURT TASK FORCE RECOMMENDS MOVING PUBLIC DEFENDER COMMISSION FROM EXECUTIVE TO JUDICIAL BRANCH AND RENEWS CALL FOR FIFTY PERCENT STATE FUNDING

In a report issued on May 3, an Ohio Supreme Court task force has called for the removal of the Ohio Public Defender Commission from the executive branch of state government, with the goal of transforming the commission into an independent entity within the judicial branch.

The 25-member Task Force of Pro Se and Indigent Litigants also found that “an excessive portion of the burden of providing indigent criminal representation is being borne by county governments.” It recommended that the state assume at least 50% of the financial responsibility for representing indigent criminal defendants.

Attaining a state funding level of 50% has long been a legislative priority for CCAO. Currently, counties fund about 75% of the cost of providing indigent criminal defense, and the state funds about 25% of the cost.

Chief Justice Thomas Moyer created the task force in May 2004 to study ways to improve the delivery of pro se (without an attorney) and pro bono (free) legal service in the state.

John Atkins, a municipal court judge in Circleville in Pickaway County, chaired the task force. Serving on the task force representing the CCAO were Lenny Eliason, Athens County Commissioner and 2006 CCAO President, and Sharon Ray, Medina County Commissioner. John Leutz of the CCAO staff attended the meetings and contributed to the research findings used by the task force in making its recommendations.

It is the opinion of the task force that “the system of providing counsel to indigent criminal defendants is inefficient and ineffective and in need of significant improvements.”

With regard to moving the commission into the judicial branch, the task force said that two other entities -- the Office of Disciplinary Counsel and the Ohio Criminal Sentencing Commission -- already operate as independent entities in the judicial branch and could serve as models for the Public Defender Commission

Among the task force’s specific recommendations are the following:

- Increasing funding for indigent criminal defense and civil legal representation.

- Expanding both the number of members and the number of appointing authorities for the Public Defender Commission, including representatives from CCAO. The current commission has nine appointed members. Five are appointed by the governor and four are appointed by the Supreme Court.
- Adding a surcharge to all misdemeanors, other than minor misdemeanors, and to all felonies to fund indigent criminal defense services.
- The establishment in each county or multi-county region of an indigent representation commission that would develop a plan for the delivery of indigent legal services in its area.
- Placing into the Ohio Revised Code the indigency standards that now are used to determine who is eligible to receive services.
- Requiring the use of qualified interpreters in Ohio courts.
- Restoring the indigent criminal defense programs any court fees that have been redirected by the General Assembly to other purposes.
- Maintaining current, separate funding streams for criminal and civil indigent legal services to help maximize the total amount of funding available to for the legal needs of all indigent Ohioans.

CCAO agrees in principle with the recommendations regarding moving the Public Defender Commission under the judiciary and providing additional funding streams for indigent defense including those identified by the report. However, CCAO has proposals which differ from the task force as to the Commission’s composition and the sources of funding for criminal indigent defense.

CCAO strongly disagrees with the report’s suggestion that increased funding for both criminal and civil legal services are equally important and that separate funding streams for criminal and civil

indigent legal services ought to be maintained. In CCAO's opinion the constitutionally mandated provision of criminal representation ought to be fully funded before any funding is allocated for the purely discretionary civil legal services.

STATE LAUNCHES FIRST ROUND OF JOB READY SITES PROGRAM

On May 9, Lieutenant Governor Bruce Johnson announced the Ohio Department of Development (ODOD) is launching the first competitive application round of the Job Ready Sites (JRS) Program. The program, approved by voters last November, is designed to fill gaps in Ohio's site offerings market and to create types of sites or facilities that do not exist or are not available in sufficient quantities within the state.

The JRS Program is a competitively funded program and was part of the \$2 billion public works and economic development bond package initiative, which was supported by voters last fall. The program will provide \$150 million in grants to eligible and qualified applicants across the state that are interested in developing job ready sites.

The ODOD is making available applications for the first round of grant funding and releasing eligibility guidelines for the five large-scale, high-impact project site categories eligible for funding under the program. These categories include: mega manufacturing operations; technical center/research laboratories; manufacturing facilities; existing industrial buildings; and "smart" office. Within three years after receiving a grant award, approved projects must receive certification from a third party firm to verify the site has the necessary attributes to accommodate large-scale end use development; the property will then be added to a statewide inventory of available sites.

The program is funded by \$150 million in bonds issued by the State over the next seven years. Grant recipients will receive up to \$5 million per project sites, not to exceed 75 percent of the total project cost. Funds may be applied to a broad array of allowable costs associated with the development of the property for site certification. The program's first

funding round is expected to be announced in early November 2006.

The JRS Program documents include: 1) the program guidelines; 2) the application form; and 3) the application scoring sheet, to be used both by ODOD and the District Public Works Integrating Committees (DPWIC). The program will be operated through the District Public Works Integrating Committees with each DPWIC eligible to submit up to three applications per funding round, with calendar year featuring one "combined" funding round. Information about the JRS Program is available online at www.odod.state.oh.us/edd/obd/jrs.

TAFT SIGNS EXECUTIVE ORDER ALLOCATING \$199 MILLION IN TANF FUNDS FOR STATE FISCAL YEAR 2007

Governor Bob Taft signed an executive order on May 10th allocating an additional \$199 million in Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) funding to help more low-income Ohioans attend college, offer more child care services for working families and help to support adoption services.

"From after-school programs and heating assistance, to supporting an individual's desire to obtain a college education, today we are renewing our commitment to Ohio families and children," Taft said. "Each of these initiatives will continue to make a significant difference in the lives of many Ohioans who are working so hard to become self-sufficient."

The Executive Order calls for the funds to be allocated beginning in State Fiscal Year 2007. The funds will be allocated for the following:

- \$30 million for vouchers to help college students with tuition costs or other expenses such as books, computers and supplies.
- \$60 million in TANF funds in FY07 through FY09 to allow additional working families to be served by the state's subsidized child care program.
- \$20 million to continue after-school and summer programs as well as school readiness enrichment services.

- \$45 million to supplement the Home Energy Assistance Program in FY07.
- \$7 million to support two-parent working families receiving Ohio Works First benefits.
- \$5 million for county public children services agencies to help promote adoptions, recruit adoptive parents and support families after they adopt.
- \$1.5 million in additional funding for Ohio food banks.
- \$2.5 million to support independent living for youth aging out of the foster care system.
- \$15 million to expand Ohio's voluntary child care provider-rating system.
- \$5 million to continue TANF demonstration projects.
- \$8 million to enhance the state's public assistance eligibility computer system.

Each year, Ohio receives \$728 million in TANF funds from the federal government. With the addition of state and local funds, a total of approximately \$1.1 billion is available each year for a variety of family support programs including Ohio Works First cash assistance, subsidized child care and local county support programs.

The state budget calls for TANF expenditures to exceed TANF resources by \$236 million in FY06 and \$226 million in FY07, significantly reducing the state's TANF balance. However, because TANF spending in the state has historically been below budgeted levels, the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) estimates that the additional allocation of \$199 million could occur without causing the program to reach a negative balance through FY09.

The governor's executive order is available at www.taftnews.com Contact: Jon Allen, ODJFS at 614-466-6650 or Mark Rickel, Governor's Office, at 614-644-0957

NEWS FROM OTHER STATE ASSOCIATIONS

LEGISLATURE INCREASES COMPENSATION OF WEST VIRGINIA OFFICIALS

The West Virginia Association of Counties (WVACo) recently reported in its monthly newsletter that "with just a few minutes to spare before midnight of the last night of the session" the Legislature in Charleston passed legislation increasing the compensation of our neighboring state's county elected officials effective July 1, 2006. The last increase in compensation prior to this was effective July 1, 2002.

HB 4100 will provide a 20% increase to all county officials in ten compensation classifications as had been proposed by the West Virginia Association of Counties. There is one exception to the 20% increase and that is a Senate amendment that caps the dollar amount of the increase to any elected official to not more than \$13,000, which primarily affects prosecuting attorneys from larger counties.

In West Virginia the county ten class compensation system is based on the total assessed property valuation. In addition, before elected officials in West Virginia are entitled to the increased salaries each elected official must file a "written agreement" to accept the salary increase with the clerk of the county commissioners. In addition, under West Virginia law the officials only may receive the increase on July 1, 2006 if the state auditor certifies that the proposed annual county budget has increased over the previous fiscal year in an amount sufficient for the payment of the increase.

The bill passed after consideration of a bill offered in the state Senate to give county commissioner in West Virginia the responsibility and authority to establish salaries for themselves and most other county elected officials.

NACo ACTIVITIES

NACo STEERING COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS

Do you want a voice in creating the national

legislative policies of the National Association of Counties (NACo)? Do you want to represent Ohio on the national level? NACo has eleven steering committees: Agriculture & Rural Affairs; Community & Economic Development; Environment, Energy & Land Use; Finance & Intergovernmental Relations; Health; Human Services & Education; Justice & Public Safety; Labor & Employment; Public Lands; Telecommunications & Technology; and Transportation.

The nomination process for membership on NACo policy steering committees in 2006-2007 is underway. As a NACo steering committee member, you are responsible for debating and creating national policies and priorities affecting counties and serve as NACo's front line in their grassroots efforts. Committees meet at the NACo legislative and annual conferences and one other time during the year. You will be responsible for your own travel. Attendance and participation in the committee is important.

CCAO processes all nominations for Ohio public officials. The nominations are processed in the CCAO office and will be forwarded to NACo **by June 15** for approval by the incoming NACo President after the NACo Annual Conference which will be held in August. NACo will announce your appointment in September 2006.

If you are a current or would like to be a new committee member in 2006-2007 please contact Mary Jane Neiman, CCAO Public Relations Associate, at (614) 220-7979, (888) 757-1904 or mjneiman@ccao.org.

CONFERENCES/WORKSHOPS

DEVELOPING SOLUTIONS TO OHIO'S FORECLOSURE CRISIS

Six workshops will be held around Ohio to get input on "Developing Solutions to Ohio's Foreclosure Crisis." The workshops, which are free and open to the public, are sponsored by Homeownership Center of Dayton, Miami Valley Fair Housing Center, National City Bank, Neighborworks, Option One, Toledo Fair Housing Center and Fannie Mae.

Foreclosure Workshop dates:

May 17 - 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Fifth Ave Community Church, 1361 Fifth Ave., Youngstown

May 18 - 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

HUD Theater, 1350 Euclid Ave., Cleveland

May 22 - 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church, 126 S. Church St., Bowling Green

May 23 - 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Dayton Cultural & RTA Transit Center, 40 S. Edwin C. Moses Blvd., Dayton

May 24 - 12:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Columbus Urban League, 788 Mt. Vernon Ave., Columbus

May 25 - 12:00-3:00 p.m.

Ohio University Inn & Conference Center, 331 Richland Ave., Athens

RSVP to Lisa Lawson-Lapointe at (419) 243-6163 - ext 23 or lisalawson@toledofhc.org. Please state the date and meeting location when responding.

LAND, WATER, PEOPLE - SWCD TOUR

CCAO and the Ohio Federation of Soil and Water Conservation Districts are co-sponsoring a "Land, Water, People Tour" on May 17, 2006. Space is limited up to 100 participants. The Federation would like county commissioners to attend the tour with a SWCD board member or SWCD administrator. The tour is free to all participants.

The first stop will be at E.J. Miller's farm in Delaware County where we will visit one of the Upper Big Walnut research sites. Information on this watershed project in on the district website www.delawareswcd.org. The next site will highlight the District's stormwater drainage maintenance program. District personnel will explain what structures are maintained and demonstrate inspection procedures. A retention basin project will

be featured and you will hear perspectives of the maintenance program from the developer and a homebuilder.

The Union SWCD will host the group at the Glacier Ridge Metro Park – 1,030 acres of enduring conservation practices. The park is located literally across the road from some of the most intensively developed land in Union County and Ohio. Also included is a tour of the Honda Wetland Education Area (hands-on activities), then visit a special “WHIP” Vernal Pool Restoration Project! In addition, we will visit with Arno Renner, a dedicated land steward who enrolled his farm in the Clean Ohio Agricultural Easement Purchase Program (AEPP). A recent threat of using eminent domain against the donated easement will be discussed.

Please RSVP by calling Jeaneen Hooks at (614)784-1900.

NPELRA LABOR RELATIONS ACADEMY & OHPELRA SUMMER WORKSHOP

The Ohio Public Employer Labor Relations Association (OHPELRA) will be offering two of three parts of the National Public Employer Labor Relations Association (NPELRA) Academy together with OHPELRA’s Summer Workshop. The OHPELRA Summer Workshop is offered free to members on Friday, June 23 at the Hyatt on Capitol Square, 75 East State Street, in downtown Columbus.

The NPELRA Academy is a national professional certification program leading to designation as a Certified Labor Relations Professional (CLRP). Once you have completed all three segments and complete a paper, you will be certified. “Academy I - The Foundation of Labor Relations” will be offered on Wednesday, June 21 and “Academy III - The Negotiations Process” will be on Thursday, June 22. Both Academy I and III will be held at the Hyatt on Capitol Square. In the near future, NPELRA has committed to bringing “Academy II - The Arbitration Process” to Ohio following the 2007 OHPELRA Annual Training Conference.

Registration fees: OHPELRA Summer Workshop - no charge for members or \$150 for non-members; Academy I only - \$200 for members or \$325 for non-members; Academy III only - \$200 for members or \$325 for non-members; or Both Academy I & III - \$350 for members or \$600 for non-members.

For more registration information please contact Laura Joy Campbell, OHPELRA Treasurer, Butler County Department of Personnel, 315 High Street - Floor 6, Hamilton, OH 45011-6016, (513) 887-3595, f a x (5 1 3) 7 8 5 - 5 1 9 9 o r campbellj@butlercountyohio.org.

CLASSIFIEDS

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

The Hamilton County Department of Job & Family Services, a large metropolitan county agency, is seeking an experienced professional to serve as principal financial advisor to the Director on all matters related to financial management, financial control and accounting, contracts, procurement and funding. Assists the Director in defining agency goals and objectives; and by promoting sound financial management through leadership, policy and oversight. Develops overall agency policies, guidelines, and procedures for budget administration, financial reporting, and financial management systems. Directs operations in one or more major agency divisions and provides direct and indirect supervision over agency personnel and activities. Performs or oversees fiscal duties for entire agency. Position requires a bachelor’s degree in business administration, public administration, human services, human resources, or finance; plus an additional four years of administrative/managerial experience to include responsibility for managing the fiscal aspects of an organization, agency, program, or operational area and assisting in developing and implementing policies, programs, laws, rules and regulations (at least one of the four years must have been as a supervisor over subordinate staff and/or contractors).

Send resume and cover letter outlining qualifications, by May 31, 2006, including salary expectations to: Human Resources, Hamilton Co. Dept. of Job &

Family Services, 222 E. Central Parkway, Cincinnati, OH 45202-1225, Attn: Chief Financial Officer, or fax to (513) 946-2377. EOE.

STORM WATER PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR

The Mahoning County Engineer seeks a qualified individual for the position of Storm Water Program Administrator (Administrator). The position will be responsible for providing technical and administrative support both internally and externally while implementing the requirements of the Mahoning County Storm Water Management Plan (SWMP) submitted to Ohio EPA in April, 2003. Plan may be v i e w e d a t : www.mahoningcountyoh.gov/MahoningWeb/Department+and+Agencies/Department/Engineer/ENGPhase2.htm.

The Administrator position requires a four-year degree in Civil or Environmental Engineering or closely related field; minimum of four years work experience in storm drainage, land development design, or related field directly addressing storm water related issues. Prior regulatory review experience is preferred. A valid driver's license and good driving record is also required. Mahoning County Engineer's Office is a Drug Free Work Place. All applicants are required to submit to and pass a pre-employment drug test and submit to random unannounced drug testing throughout their employ with Mahoning County. This position reports to the Chief Deputy Engineer and works under the engineering staff. Hiring rate is negotiable up to \$55,000 yearly depending upon qualifications and experience.

Send resume and letter of interest by **May 26, 2006** to: Ms. Marilyn Kenner, P.E., Chief Deputy Engineer, Mahoning County Engineers Office, 940 Bears Den Road, Youngstown, Ohio 44511-1299. EOE.

BUILDING INSPECTOR

The Stark County Building Department is accepting applications for the position of Building Inspector. Applicants for this position must be able to obtain State Certification and have a valid Ohio driver's

license. This position is full-time with excellent benefits. Salary is negotiable depending on experience.

All interested candidates can send a letter of interest with a current resume to the Stark County Building Department no later than **May 20, 2006** addressed to: Stark County Building Department, 1727 Mahoning Rd. N.E., Canton, OH 44705, (330) 451-2370. EOE

HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR

Mahoning County is seeking a human resources director. Masters degree in public administration, human resources and/or labor relations or related field and a minimum of five years experience in human resources administration, or an equivalent combination of education, training, and experience; experience in public sector employment and labor contact negotiation and administrative preferred. Apply 21 W. Boardman Street, Admin: Building, 2nd Floor or call 330-740-2130 ext: 7101, dead line **June 30, 2006 at 4:30 P.M.**

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Warren Metropolitan Housing Authority is seeking an Executive Director. This person oversees operations for Warren County's 3 low-income housing programs: Section 8, Public Housing and Transitions. Candidates must possess Bachelor's degree and/or 5 years of leadership experience supervising employees in the correct interpretation and application of HUD regulations. Responsibilities include budgeting, planning, program and staff development & public relations. Send resume, salary history and a handwritten cover letter to Warren Metropolitan Housing Authority, 990 East Ridge Drive, Lebanon, Ohio 45036. Attention: Interim Executive Director. Resumes will be accepted until the position is filled. No phone calls please. 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.