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### DATES TO REMEMBER

JUNE 11-13, 2006	CCAO/CEAO ANNUAL SUMMER CONFERENCE, JOHN S. KNIGHT CENTER, SUMMIT COUNTY (AKRON)
JUNE 19, 2006	NW OHIO COMMISSIONERS & ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION, HARDIN COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS - COMMUNITY BUILDING, HARDIN COUNTY (KENTON)
JUNE 26, 2006	CCAO COURTS & CORRECTIONS COMMITTEE, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS
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
SEPTEMBER 11, 2006	NW DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS & ENGINEERS QUARTERLY DISTRICT MEETING, HENRY COUNTY (NAPOLEON)

### ASSOCIATION NEWS

#### CIDS TO RETURN JUNE 16

CIDS will not be published on Friday, June 16<sup>th</sup> to permit the CCAO staff time to prepare for the 126<sup>th</sup> CCAO/CEAO Annual Summer Conference. We will resume our regular publication schedule on Friday, June 16.

#### CORSA MOVED CLAIMS IN-HOUSE ON JUNE 1, 2006

CCAO is pleased to announce that CORSA began

managing all claims in-house on June 1, 2006. This move has been in the discussion and planning stages for over two years, and we are very excited that it will soon become a reality. Handling claims in-house will give CORSA flexibility and control to enhance the services we provide to our members.

We are very fortunate to have been able to put together an exceptional claims management team. Please join us in welcoming:

**Greg Gilliam** - Claims Manager ([ggilliam@ccao.org](mailto:ggilliam@ccao.org), (614) 220-0638, extension 158). Greg comes to CORSA with over 17 years experience working for our third party administrator (TPA) handling CORSA

claims and litigation. Only Dave Brooks has been with CORSA longer!

**Jeff Knapp** - Senior Claims Representative ([jknapp@ccao.org](mailto:jknapp@ccao.org), (614) 220-0642, extension 145). Jeff comes to us from Riverside Hospital's Risk Management Department, but also has a CORSA connection. From 1998-2001 Jeff worked for CORSA's TPA managing major claims and litigation for our members. He has over 13 years claims experience including risk management.

**Audrey Scholer** - Claims Assistant ([ascholer@ccao.org](mailto:ascholer@ccao.org), (614) 220-0636, extension 156). Audrey joins CORSA with 13 years experience working for our TPA handling the administrative and reporting functions of the claims department.

**Jay Randall** - Senior Claims Representative ([jrandall@ccao.org](mailto:jrandall@ccao.org), (614) 220-0643, extension 149). Jay brings to CORSA 9 years of claims experience, 5 of which have been with CORSA's TPA where he has handled major claims and litigation on behalf of our members.

**Katie Lininger** - Claims Representative ([klininger@ccao.org](mailto:klininger@ccao.org), (614) 220-0637, extension 157). Katie comes to CORSA with over 5 years of claims experience, the last four of which have been with CORSA's TPA. CORSA looks forward to continuing to provide the highest level of claims management services to our members!

**CORSA Claims toll free number (866) 455-8039.  
CORSA fax (614) 220-0209.**

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CCAO/CEAO ANNUAL SUMMER CONFERENCE IN SUMMIT COUNTY-JUST AROUND THE CORNER

Summit County Executive James McCarthy, County Council President Clair Dickinson and County Engineer Greg Bachman invite all county commissioners, engineers, affiliates and guests to attend the 126<sup>th</sup> 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.

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

CCAO COURTS & CORRECTIONS COMMITTEE MEETING DATE CHANGED TO JUNE 26

The CCAO Courts & Corrections Committee meeting date has been changed from Monday, June 19 to Monday, June 26 at 1:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at the CCAO Offices in Columbus.

Topics included in the agenda include indigent defense issues, jail funding proposal for the state capital bill, law library task force update, and 127<sup>th</sup> General Assembly policy development.

Please RSVP your attendance by June 21 Council to Amanda Jones, CCAO Administrative Assistant at (614) 220-7985, (888) 757-1904 or [ajones@ccao.org](mailto:ajones@ccao.org).

2006 CCAO GOLF OUTING...A LITTLE GOLF AND A LOT OF FUN!

CCAO announces that the 17th Annual CCAO Golf Outing will be held on Wednesday, July 12 at the Oakhaven Golf Club, 2871 U.S. Route 23 North, in Delaware County (Delaware). Oakhaven is a par 72, 18-hole golf course that was redesigned and expanded in 1996. Over 100 golfers can warm up prior to a round of golf.

The purpose of this fun event is to provide funds for the CCAO Research and Educational Foundation in the preparation and printing of educational materials. All current and former county commissioners, other county elected officials, staff and friends are invited to attend this fun annual event.

Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. The driving range with unlimited range balls is available prior to tee-off.

The 18-hole scramble with a shot gun start will start **promptly** at 10:30 a.m. You may pair your own foursome or permit CCAO to match your skills with other golfers. The \$65 fee includes the driving range with unlimited range balls, 18 holes, cart, box lunch, beverages, and a steak dinner.

Registration forms were mailed this week. Deadline for golf registration: June 23. If you have any questions about golfing please contact Tanya Wilcox, Administrative Assistant, at (614) 221-5627 or (888) 757-1904.

Sponsorships are also available. The deadline for sponsorship is June 23. If you have any questions about sponsorships, please contact Amanda Jones, Administrative Assistant, (614) 220-7985 or (888) 757-1904.

We look forward to seeing you on July 12. Remember registration begins at 9:00 a.m. and golf begins with a shot gun start at 10:30 a.m. sharp - please be prompt, and be prepared to have fun!

#### COUNTIES CAN SAVE 4% ON WORKERS' COMP PREMIUM 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 local 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+).

To locate a safety council in your area, go to [www.OhioBWC.com](http://www.OhioBWC.com), click on Ohio Employers, then click on Safety Councils (listed under Safety Services).

For any questions, please contact Beth Miller on the CCAO staff at 888-757-1904 [EMiller@ccao.org](mailto:EMiller@ccao.org).

## **COUNTY NEWS FROM OTHER STATES**

### NEWS FROM NORTH DAKOTA

It is always interesting to see how county government powers, duties, and structure vary so significantly around the U.S. North Dakota is a great example of how different county government is from state to state. In Grant County the county commissioners recently held a public hearing on a resolution that would change the State's Attorney (county prosecutor) from an elected position to an appointed position. It seems no attorney in the county wants the job. Likewise, in Billings County the commissioners held a public hearing regarding a plan to combine the offices of county auditor and county treasurer. No one from the general public attended the hearing so if appears that the plan to combine offices will move forward. This action is occurring at the time the current county auditor is retiring.

## **STATE ACTIVITIES**

### GOVERNOR'S WORKFORCE POLICY BOARD UPDATE

The Planning Committee and the Executive Committee of the Governor's Workforce Policy Board

have been meeting recently to discuss making recommendations for change to Governor Taft. Conversations have ranged from whether or not to move WIA programs to a different state agency to discussing different models that would make sweeping changes in aligning the entire workforce, education and economic development systems.

Based upon a meeting of the Planning Committee on Tuesday, May 30, it appears that there was no consensus on what to recommend to the full Board at its next meeting on June 7. At this point, CCAO does not have a particular proposal to share with county commissioners or to comment upon at the June 7<sup>th</sup> meeting. It is anticipated at this point that the Board will ask for further work from the committees over the summer with the goal of bringing a single proposal to the Board at its September meeting. CCAO will be sure to share any forthcoming information.

#### CENSUS BUREAU DATA SHOWS OHIO TAX BURDEN DROPPING SINCE 2002

Recent data released by the U.S. Census Bureau shows that, despite the claims of anti-tax activists, Ohio's tax burden has actually dropped in a number of key measurements in recent years.

The Center for Community Solutions in Cleveland reports that in 2003-2004, Ohio ranked 20<sup>th</sup> in state and local taxes per person. In 2001-2002, Ohio ranked 18<sup>th</sup>. When controlling for personal income, Ohio's state and local tax burden in 2003-2004 was 11<sup>th</sup>. By comparison, Ohio ranked 8<sup>th</sup> in 2001-2002.

When considering tax rankings, the Center for Community Solutions reminds us that there are some things to note. First, taxes paid reflect the costs of services that are demanded by citizens. Second, while Ohio's ranking have been high in recent years, the difference between the highest tax states and the lowest tax states is getting smaller, or converging. The gap is getting smaller. Finally, stronger economies have higher levels of taxation. Claims that high levels of taxation are harming Ohio's economy are unsubstantiated.

For more information on the Census Bureau tax rankings contact the Center for Community Solutions

at 1226 Huron Road, Cleveland, OH 44115-1702.  
Phone: 216-781-2944

#### ECOM-OHIO STUDY SURVEY TO DETERMINE BROADBAND USE AND ACCESSIBILITY IN OHIO

Lieutenant Governor Bruce Johnson announced the Ohio Department of Development (ODOD) has commissioned an Ecom-Ohio Study to examine the availability and cost of high bandwidth network services for business and government use. The study will identify areas of the state that face barriers to economic and workforce growth as a result of limited access to broadband services.

The survey will be conducted by the Ohio Supercomputer Center (OSC), on behalf of the ODOD, and will analyze broadband services and Internet access in all 88 Ohio counties focusing on areas of government, health care,. State agencies and key employers. The study will enable the ODOD to determine costs associated with the creation Of the statewide, high-tech environment required to recruit business and industry to Ohio and will provide the workforce training necessary to meet Ohio's future economic development needs.

In 2000, Ohio became the first state to measure its Internet readiness against a comprehensive set of national benchmarks. This first statewide study evaluated the use and demand for broadband services and assessed the availability of fiber by region, as an indicator of future broadband capability. Results of the 2000 study indicated that 48 percent of Ohio households owned a computer; 43 percent used the Internet; 16 percent purchased goods online; 45 percent avoided e-commerce because of privacy concerns; and 37 percent perceived lack of access to the Internet as a problem. The study also found that while nearly 70 percent of Ohio businesses used computer, only 28 percent utilized the Internet for business opportunities and only 15 percent had a Web site.

Results of the 2000 study, and a follow-on study compared with the 2006 study to determine Ohio's progress in accessibility and availability of broadband. Since 2000, a number of developments

have greatly altered the landscape of broadband access in Ohio, including the state's Third Frontier Network (TFN), which now connects higher education and the K-12 community to a highly scalable, advanced network. The study is expected to be complete in Autumn 2006.

#### OEPA SEEKING COMMENTS ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO WASTEWATER RULES

The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA) Division of Surface Water (DSW) is making available for review and comment proposed amendments to five existing Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) rules and one proposed new OAC rule. The new rule will address phosphorus discharges. The amended rules will change the Ohio River background flow in wasteload allocations for non-carcinogens, add requirements to put identification signs at NPDES outfalls, and make several administrative changes.

The reasons for these rule amendments and the new rule are: 1) to convert broadly applicable policies to rule; 2) to correct an error made in a 2002 rulemaking; 3) to settle an appeal of the Ohio River water quality standards; 4) to update administrative rules; and 5) to add protections for public water supplies and public notification of NPDES outfall locations.

A public hearing on the proposed rules will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 29, 2006 at the Ohio EPA Central Office - 5<sup>th</sup> floor Conference Room A, located in the Lazarus Government Center at 122 South Front Street in downtown Columbus. Written comments may be filed with the presiding officer at the hearing or with Ohio EPA by the close of business on Friday, July 7. Comments received after July 7 may be considered as time and circumstances permit. Send comments to Eric Hygaard, Ohio EPA Division of Surface Water, P.O. Box 1049, Columbus, OH 43216-1049.

To obtain copies of the proposed rules, contact Eric Hygaard at the address above or by calling (614) 644-2024. Copies of the proposed rules are also available on the Ohio EPA Division of Surface Water website at [www.epa.state.oh.us/dsw](http://www.epa.state.oh.us/dsw) and the Register

of Ohio website at [www.registerofohio.state.oh.us](http://www.registerofohio.state.oh.us).

#### SIGN UP FOR OHIO CITIZEN ALERT NETWORK

According to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, more than 262,000 children in the United States are abducted each year (59,200 are abducted by non-family members, 203,900 are abducted by family members). When a child is abducted, the first three hours are the most critical to recovery efforts, which is why members of the Ohio AMBER Alert Steering Committee are commemorating National Missing Children's Day by encouraging Ohioans to sign up for the Ohio Citizen Alert Network (Ohio CAN).

Ohio CAN allows people to receive AMBER Alerts through cellular telephones and e-mail. The individual can choose which type of alert he or she would like to receive - regional or statewide.

Cell phones assigned to Ohio EMA personnel have also been programmed to receive AMBER Alerts issued both regionally and statewide.

The goal of the AMBER Alert is to promptly involve entire communities to assist in the search for and safe return of abducted children. The public can assist the police by reporting sightings of the abducted children, their perpetrator or other associated information. Citizens can report information by calling 1-877-AMBER-OH (1-877-262-3764).

#### OHIO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH LAUNCHES PANDEMIC FLU WEB SITE

Ohio residents now have a one-stop web site for information about the state's pandemic influenza planning efforts.

The site, [www.ohiopandemicflu.gov](http://www.ohiopandemicflu.gov), contains comprehensive, statewide information about what the Ohio Department of Health and other state agencies are doing to prepare, and what Ohioans can do to protect themselves, their loved ones and others from illness.

The site - launched in late April - contains information from state agencies working on pandemic influenza preparedness, to include the Ohio departments of health, agriculture and natural resources and the Ohio Emergency Management Agency. Also represented in the State of Ohio Security Task Force Pandemic Influenza Planning Committee.

The avian influenza (H5N1), also known as "bird flu", has infected more than 200 humans in nine countries, as of late April, according to the World Health Organization (WHO). The virus has killed about half of these patients, WHO reported. Most human cases appear to be the result of contact with sick and dying birds.

There were three different pandemics during the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Officials believe it is only a matter of time until the first pandemic of the 21<sup>st</sup> century occurs. From: Ohio Department of Health Public Information Office.

## **SERVICE CORP PROGRAM UPDATE**

### NEW U.S. COMMUNITIES MAINTENANCE, REPAIR AND OPERATIONS (MRO) SUPPLIES CONTRACT

Most public agencies own and operate substantial numbers of public buildings. As a part of this ownership, the public agency must budget for maintenance, repair and operation costs, commonly known as MRO. In the past, it has been difficult to secure national pricing for MRO needs. A new program now available to all public agencies in the United States offers a remedy to this procurement conundrum.

The National Association of Counties and County Commissioners Association of Ohio sponsored U.S. Communities Government Purchasing Alliance has announced the award of a contract for Maintenance, Repair and Operations (MRO) to The Home Depot and its wholesale distribution subsidiary, The Home Depot Supply. Maricopa County, Arizona acted as the lead public agency on this solicitation and was supported by a team of professional public purchasing officials from across the nation representing counties, cities and schools.

The Home Depot contract provides 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.

Users may purchase any products stocked at retail locations of The Home Depot: e.g ., appliances, building materials, flooring, hardware, HVAC, irrigation, janitorial supplies, landscaping equipment and supplies, motors and pumps, paints and sundries, plumbing supplies, pool supplies, hand and power tools, and window coverings.

Users may also purchase products not available in the stores, but illustrated in the wholesale commercial catalog of The Home Depot Supply (visit [www.hdsupply.com](http://www.hdsupply.com) to browse their virtual catalog). Home Depot Supply's products are especially oriented to the needs of professional maintenance people. In no case will you ever pay more than the published, end column, maximum discount price, and in many cases you will receive substantial discounts (2%-25% based on product category) below end column pricing. A copy of the discount schedule for this contract is available at the US Communities website (<http://www.uscommunities.org/>) or from The Home Depot Supply. Most purchases from The Home Depot Supply will be delivered overnight by parcel carrier, free of delivery charge.

The MRO contract not only offers competitive pricing and delivery, but also can be used in times of disaster or emergency. Since this contract has been publicly solicited by Maricopa County on behalf of all local governments and non-profits in the United States, most public agencies can use the contract without having to re-solicit. And because the pricing on this contract is the best available governmental pricing from Home Depot Supply in the marketplace, public agencies are assured of not only excellent service but also outstanding savings. U.S. Communities is open to all governmental agencies, charges no fees to participate and requires no

minimum spending by agencies. It is the most user-friendly strategic sourcing program available to local agencies and non-profits in the United States.

For more information and to register for the U.S. Communities program, visit <http://www.uscommunities.org> and click on the MRO contract. You may also contact Brent Fisher, Enterprise Services Manager at [bfisher@ccao.org](mailto:bfisher@ccao.org) for additional contact information.

## **CLASSIFIEDS**

### CHIEF DOG WARDEN – PICKAWAY COUNTY

The Pickaway County Commissioners are posting the position of Chief Dog Warden to plan, direct and review the activities and operations of the Animal Shelter, including the impounding, caring for and disposing of animals as appropriate. This position is also responsible for enforcing County ordinances governing the control, licensing, care and keeping of domestic animals and livestock in an effort to maintain public safety and welfare. **SUPERVISION RECEIVED AND EXERCISED:** Receives administrative direction from the Pickaway County Commissioners and/or their designee; exercises direct supervision over Deputy Dog Wardens and/or technical or clerical support staff. **EDUCATION:** Completion of secondary education, with a two or four year college degree preferred. Documentation of training and/or work experience. Must have a valid Ohio Drivers License. Salary range: \$25,000 - \$30,000 annually. The Chief Dog Warden is an unclassified position with the county. Submit resume/application no later than **June 30, 2006** to: Dan Bradhurst, County Administrator, 139 West Franklin Street, Circleville, Ohio 43113

### DIRECTOR OF HUMAN SERVICES

Erie County (populations 80,000) is home to adverse economy with strong industrial, agricultural and recreational industries. Position available immediately, under the supervision of the county administrator, this individual assists the county administrator in the area of human resource management in the county government and is responsible for developing solutions to simple and

complex personnel problems. Applicants used have a Bachelor's degree in Personnel Management or related field, a minimum of three years experience in human resource management and three or more years experience a first lin negotiator for union or management. A Masters Degree in Personnel Administration, Public Administration or a related field and Erie County residency is preferred. Salary negotiable based on qualification and experience; plus benefits. Valid driver's license with an acceptable driver record required. We do criminal background checks, medical exam and drug screen. Resumes can be sent to Erie County Human Resource Department, 2900 Columbus, Ave., Sandusky, Ohio 44870, Job description and application will be sent to candidates who submit a resume. Phone (419) 627-7678, Fax (419)627-7599, applications may also be obtained by visiting our website; [www.erie-county-ohio.net](http://www.erie-county-ohio.net), where current job listings and employment applications can be downloaded or you can apply at Your Job Store, 5500 Milan Road, Sandusky (opening hours Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m., and Saturday, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.). Deadline for application: **June 16, 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](mailto:mjneiman@ccao.org).

