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DATES TO REMEMBER

AUGUST 25, 2006	CORSA ANNUAL MEETING, CONCOURSE HOTEL AND CONFERENCE, COLUMBUS
AUGUST 30 & 31, 2006	COUNTY COMMISSIONER DAYS, ERIE COUNTY
SEPTEMBER 11, 2006	NW DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS & ENGINEERS QUARTERLY DISTRICT MEETING, HENRY COUNTY (NAPOLEON)
SEPTEMBER 22, 2003	CCC/ESAO REGIONAL MEETING, HANCOCK COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SERVICE CENTER, HANCOCK COUNTY (FINDLAY)
OCTOBER 6, 2006	CCC/ESAO REGIONAL MEETING, ROSS COUNTY SERVICE CENTER, ROSS COUNTY (CHILLICOTHE)
OCTOBER 27, 2006	CCC/ESAO REGIONAL MEETING, MONTGOMERY COUNTY

ASSOCIATION NEWS

COUNTY WALKWAY PROJECT

42 Counties Pledge to Participate in Heritage Garden Path; Deadline Extended to August 15.

In the last six years the grounds at the Governor's Residence have undergone a major transformation. Each year, nearly 10,000 people visit the Residence and Heritage Garden where they learn about the artistic, industrial, political, horticultural and geologic history of Ohio through artifacts and plants. These visitors want to know what is at the "people's house" from their part of the state and are delighted to learn what other parts of Ohio have to offer.

The Residence and Heritage Garden would like to carry this concept of representing all parts of Ohio

one step farther and have something that represents each of our 88 counties. To do this, the CCAO has agreed to work with the Residence staff to encourage each county to provide a rock, stone or paver brick bearing the county's name for a walk in the Heritage Garden. For example, it could be an old cobblestone from an early road, a paver brick made in your county, a piece of local sandstone or limestone, or a flat rock from the local river.

Guidelines

- 1) **Name of the County:** The stone or brick must arrive with the county name already cut into it (i.e., Adams County, etc.)
- 2) **Smallest size:** 8"X 4" (regular brick size) 3) **Largest size:** 12" X 12" (oval, square or rectangular)

- 4) **Surface of the stone/brick:** The stone or brick does not have to be perfectly smooth since they will be used to build the 2' soldier course on each side of the walk.
- 5) **Quality:** The stone or brick should be able to withstand the harsh winters and foot traffic of the 10,000 annual visitors at the Governor's Residence and Heritage Garden.

Thanks to the following 42 counties that have contacted CCAO to indicate their interest in participating in the project: Adams, Ashland, Athens, Carroll, Champaign, Clinton, Cuyahoga, Darke, Defiance, Erie, Fairfield, Franklin, Geauga, Greene, Guernsey, Jackson, Jefferson, Hancock, Hardin, Lake, Lawrence, Licking, Logan, Mercer, Miami, Monroe, Montgomery, Morrow, Muskingum, Noble, Perry, Pickaway, Portage, Preble, Richland, Sandusky, Tuscarawas, Union, Vinton, Warren, Williams, and Wood. CCAO hopes all counties will want to add to the beauty, interest, and educational value of the Residence by donating a stone or brick with your county's name cut into it.

In addition, please provide a three-sentence story about the stone's history or why it was selected on a piece of paper. Do not cut the story into the stone. The stone's story will be posted on the website, www.governorsresidence.ohio.gov, and all donors will be invited to a reception on September 8th. For more information please contact Mary Jane Neiman, CCAO Public Relations Associate, at (614) 220-7979 or mjneiman@ccao.org or Julie Stone, Residence Facilities Manager, (614) 644-7644 or jstone@gov.state.oh.us. The Residence would like to have the stones by **August 15**. Let Mary Jane or Julie know when you would like to bring your stone or brick to Columbus with a county delegation and have a special tour of the Residence and Heritage Garden.

The Residence staff is also working with OSU Extension Agents and Master Gardeners from each county to try to get a native plant from a prepared list for the Heritage Garden, too. Perhaps your county delegation can work together to get both the native plants and stone or brick for your county. Rick Stanforth, Residence Horticulturist and former Clinton County Commissioner, will be creating this 'walk' and would be happy to discuss this project with

you. He can be reached at (614) 644-7644 or rstanforth@gov.state.oh.us.

CCAO IS SEEKING INFORMATION ON COUNTY EXPERIENCE WITH SURETY BONDS AND SURETY COMPANIES

With the goal of possibly recommending some statutory changes to the ORC, the CCAO Taxation & Finance Committee is looking at the issue of counties and surety bonds. There have been complaints in recent years, including at the recent CCAO-CEAO Summer Conference in Akron, that the statutes make it difficult for counties and other governmental entities to collect payments from surety companies when they face situations where bonds have been violated.

If you have some experiences to relate on this subject, please contact Doug Putnam, CCAO Research & Information Manager at 614-221-5627 or dputnam@ccao.org. Thank you!

CCAO SERVICE CORPORATION PROGRAM NEWS

2007 WORKERS' COMP GROUP DEADLINE

August 15, 2006 is the deadline for eligible counties to join the 2007 CCAO Workers' Comp Group. Packets were mailed out to all eligible counties the week of June 5th. As of July 25th, we have not received documents from the following eligible counties: Allen, Ashtabula, Clinton, Columbiana, Coshocton, Delaware, Fairfield, Fayette, Gallia, Geauga, Guernsey, Hancock, Hocking, Licking, Madison, Medina, Miami, Muskingum, Noble, Paulding, Richland, Scioto, Van Wert, Vinton and Wood. **Don't wait until the last minute!** The estimated total group savings for 2007 is \$1.8 million, with an average savings of 10.19% for each member. For additional information, contact Beth Miller at emiller@ccao.org.

NEW U.S. COMMUNITIES AUTOMOTIVE PARTS AND ACCESSORIES FOR LIGHT DUTY VEHICLES CONTRACT

U.S. Communities is pleased to announce that the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, after a nationally

advertised competitive solicitation, has awarded Auto Zone a contract for parts and accessories for automobiles and light duty trucks. The contract was awarded through the U.S. Communities Governmental Purchasing Alliance and is available for use by Public Agencies nationwide effective immediately.

The Auto Zone contract provides a broad range of automotive parts and accessories through both the commercial and retail outlets of Auto Zone. The contract includes highly favorable pricing on products for under hood, transmission, drive axle, brakes, automotive chemicals and fluids. Because the contract has already been competitively solicited, it may be accessed by government agencies without the need for additional solicitation.

Specifically, the contract offering includes products and services in the following categories:

- . Alternators and Starters
- . Bearings (ball, roller)
- . Batteries
- . Belts, Hoses, Clamps
- . Brakes (Pads & Shoes)
- . Brakes (Drums & Rotors)
- . Brakes (Calipers)
- . Caps and Thermostats
- . Chemical
- . Coolant/Antifreeze
- . Electrical & Ignition
- . Emission & Exhaust
- . Filters
- . Gaskets and Seals'
- . Heating & Air Conditioning
- . Lamps, Lighting, Mirrors
- . Power Steering Pumps & Gears
- . Pumps (fuel & water)
- . Steering and Suspension
- . Universal Joints
- . Wipers and Wheel Accessories

AutoZone, a Fortune 400 company, utilizes a nationwide footprint of over 3,700 company-owned stores to sell to wholesale customers through its Commercial Division. AutoZone Commercial has the delivery capability to provide parts to Pubic Agencies from their nationwide footprint of stores. In addition to

this delivery capability, Public Agencies can purchase at Auto Zone retail locations. Orders can be placed in advance and picked up at the stores.

Auto Zone pricing offers lowest zone pricing, plus an additional discount: as the use of the contract grows nationwide, Auto Zone will provide deeper discounts to Public Agencies from the lowest zone price. As the discounts increase Public Agencies that previously used the contract at the lower discount will be provided a credit for the discount difference.

Public agencies that are interested in using the Auto Zone contract must have registered to participate in the U.S. Communities program and will need to establish or update their U.S. Communities account with Auto Zone.

More information on the Automotive Parts and Accessories contract, including RFP documentation and U.S. Communities registration information, can be found at <http://www.autozone.com/uscommunities>.

For further information on the contract or program, or to contact a representative of Auto Zone to establish or update your account, please call 1-866-853-6459 or e-mail uscommunities@autozone.com. For general information about U.S. Communities, please contact Brent Fisher, CCAO Enterprise Services Manager, at 614-220-7996 or e-mail at bfisher@ccao.org.

CCAO FIRST COMMUNICATIONS PROGRAM GETS NEW VENDOR REPRESENTATIVE

For regular long distance calling, CCAO also offers a deep discount long distance program for county government. The program is administered by First Communications.

Many counties have found that they can save 30 to 40 percent on long distance calls through this program. In addition to the savings, counties also benefit from optional services such as six-second incremental billings, accounting codes, fiber optics technology, conference calling, calling cards and 1-800 service. Several new features are currently in development with First Communications in order to

provide even more valuable services for counties to use.

Because of these new technological changes, a new First Communications contact representative has been assigned to the CCAO program: Ryan Morton. Mr. Morton replaces the previous representative, Carlene White. He is a telecommunications specialist and has previous experience in hardware-based communications solutions.

Ryan Morton can be contacted at (330) 835-2457 or via e-mail at rmorton@firstcomm.com for further questions, comments, and concerns regarding the First Communications program and the services they offer.

STATE ACTIVITIES

SUPREME COURT RULING IN NORWOOD CASE WILL DETER EMINENT DOMAIN TAKINGS SOLELY FOR PURPOSES OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

In a decision that has brought national attention to the state, the Ohio Supreme Court has ruled that the city of Norwood in Hamilton County cannot take private homes by eminent domain for the purposes of building a \$150 million complex of offices, stores and restaurants.

The unanimous ruling overturned two lower court decisions that allowed Norwood to raze homes and proceed with building the Rookwood project, over the objection of two homeowners in the working class neighborhood. It is thought to be the first decision by a state supreme court since the *Kelo* decision by the United States Supreme Court in 2005.

Most of the property owners in the area sold their homes to the developer building the project; however, two homeowners objected and filed suit against the city. Their homes, as well as the home of one other owner, were not razed. They sit now in the middle of a bulldozed three- block area, barricaded by a chain link fence. The future of the Rookwood project is now uncertain.

The *Kelo* decision that authorized the use of eminent domain by governments for the purposes of building complexes such as the one in Norwood, unless the state itself imposed restrictions. That is what the Ohio Supreme Court has done in its Norwood decision.

Writing for the court, Justice Maureen O'Connor did not absolutely rule out of the possibility of a government entity taking homes or other private property for the purposes of economic development in the future. Government entities may continue to consider economic benefits as one element in an eminent domain taking, but that fact that a taking would provide economic benefits to the community does not by itself satisfy the requirement in Section 19, Article I, the Ohio Constitution that takings must be for "public use."

"We have never found economic benefits alone to be a sufficient public use for a valid taking," O'Connor wrote. "We decline to do so now."

Targeting property for taking because it is located in a "deteriorating area," as Norwood did, also would not be allowed because the term "deteriorating area," at the moment, is too vague and speculative. The court urged state lawmakers to adopt statewide, uniform definitions of blight, slum and deterioration to guide the taking process in the future.

The Norwood taking was voided by the court because the city failed to find that the property it was attempting to seize was dilapidated, vacant, or tax delinquent. Those findings were required by the city's own ordinances before a taking could occur.

Citation: *Norwood v. Horney* __ Ohio St. 3d, __ 2006-Ohio-3799. Decided July 26, 2006.

EMINENT DOMAIN TASK FORCE ISSUES FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS; WANTS VOTERS TO DECIDE IN 2007 WHETHER TO LIMIT MUNICIPAL TAKING POWERS

In a development related to the Ohio Supreme Court's *Norwood* decision, a 25-member public-private study panel has recommended that voters be allowed to decide in 2007 whether municipalities

should be limited in their power to use eminent domain.

The sharply-divided Legislative Task Force to Study Eminent Domain and Its Use and Application in the State voted 12-11 on August 1 to ask voters to determine whether cities should be limited to the same authority that the state itself and other government entities now have, under statute, to seize private property. Cities currently have the power to exercise eminent domain independently of state laws, and with different standards, under the municipal home rule power.

The recommendation was backed by the panel's two chairs, Senator Tim Grendell (R-Chesterland) and Rep. Bill Seitz (R-Cincinnati) but opposed by panel members representing municipalities, as well as by representatives of the Taft administration.

Another part of recommendation by the panel was related to the Supreme Court's Norwood decision. It called for the proposed constitutional amendment to bar the government taking of private property solely for the purpose of increasing tax revenues. The Norwood decision severely restricted such takings but did not absolutely ban them outright.

"Even though you have a Supreme Court opinion, that's not as good as a constitutional amendment," said Rep. Seitz.

Concerning the definition of "blight," the panel asked that the definition be rewritten and tightened, and made consistent throughout the ORC.

Among the other recommendations of the task force:

1. The government's "quick-take" authority in cases of emergency should remain unchanged.
2. All public agencies should have a process for public input before they proceed with takings.
3. A judge, not a jury, should decide legal questions surrounding the necessity for taking property.

4. Companies should be compensated for loss of business and goodwill when their land is taken.
5. Property owners should not be compensated for the emotional stress they suffer when their property is taken. However, they should be compensated for moving and relocation expenses in all types of takings.
6. If a road or development project is abandoned in its early stages, before transfer of title, affected landowners should have the right to repurchase their properties.
7. Government agencies should be required to disclose a full appraisal to the landowner at the time of making a first offer on the property the agencies want to take.
8. There should be no statutory right to mediation in eminent domain cases. Mediation should be on a voluntary basis only.
9. Farmland should not be subject to eminent domain at all under a "blight" standard, absent the presence of specified environmental or public health hazards.

SUPREME COURT LIMITS USE OF CAUV PROPERTY STANDARD IN GREENE COUNTY CASE

In a decision released earlier this summer, the Ohio Supreme Court has ruled that a farmed portion of a Greene County farm does not qualify under the state's current agricultural use value (CAUV) standard for purposes of property taxation because the actual farmed portion of the entire 26.25 acre parcel was only five acres in size.

The landowners had argued that their five acres of cropland should retain its CAUV tax rate because their entire parcel, at 26.25 acres, was above the 10 acre threshold in state law for granting the CAUV tax reduction.

Justice Maureen O'Connor, writing the majority opinion in the 6-1 decision, rejected that argument and wrote that "in order for contiguous land or other land in the same parcel to be considered to be devoted exclusively to agricultural use, that land must qualify on its own for CAUV status." The five acres of cropland were contiguous to the rest of the acreage, which consisted of non-commercial timber.

Citation: *Dircksen v. Greene County Bd. of Revision*, 109 Ohio St 3d 470, 2006-Ohio-2990. Submitted February 21, 2006. Decided June 28, 2006.

FEDERAL ACTIVITIES

LOCAL GOVERNMENT LOBBYING KEEPS TAX CUT BILL FROM HOUSE FLOOR VOTE; MEASURE WOULD GUT OHIO'S COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES TAX TO BENEFIT OUT-OF-STATE BUSINESSES

NACo and other local government lobbying groups in Washington succeeded last week in blocking a House floor vote on H.R. 1956, a measure that would gut Ohio's newly-enacted commercial activities (CAT) tax by imposing a federal "nexus" standard that would free many out-of-state businesses who sell products to Ohio consumers from paying the tax.

The Business Activity Tax Simplification Act, sponsored by Representative Bob Goodlatte (R-Virginia) was approved by the House Judiciary Committee and headed for a floor vote when it was shelved by House Majority Leader John Boehner (R-West Chester). The bill would free businesses from income or gross receipts taxes, such as the CAT, in any state in which they do not "maintain a physical presence in the state for at least 21 days during the taxable year." A companion bill, S. 2721 (Schumer D-New York) is pending in the Senate.

Governor Taft and the Ohio Department of Taxation have expressed opposition to H.R. 1956, saying it would cost Ohio between \$275 and \$400 million in CAT revenue in 2007. The total projected intake in CAT revenue in 2007 is \$1.2 billion. Ohio co-sponsors of H.R. 1956 are Steve Chabot (R-Cincinnati), John Boehner (R-West Chester), and Pat Tiberi (R-Columbus).

NEWS FROM OTHER STATES

STOP OVERSPENDING NEBRASKA

Just as CCAO and Ohio counties have been fighting the TEL/TABOR amendment, the Nebraska Association of Counties Board has voted to oppose the "Stop Overspending Nebraska" petition. The petition is an attempt to amend the Nebraska Constitution by placing a lid on government spending.

The Western Nebraska Taxpayers Association is sponsoring the petition campaign, but much of the money is coming from an out-of-state group, Americans for Limited Government, a group that supports similar efforts in other states. An organization called America At Its Best, which has ties to Americans For Limited Government, provided \$100,000 to the campaign. Americans For Limited Government or other groups tied to them have helped other drives in Missouri, Montana, Oklahoma, Oregon and Michigan. This group also has ties with U.S. Term Limits, which helped pay for the term limit petition drive in Nebraska.

The proposed amendment will cover nearly the entire state funding structure including the gas tax used for road building, state aid to education and some state user fees. Spending above the lid will require statewide voter approval.

The Nebraska Association of Counties Board has voted to oppose this petition drive and has asked their counties to rally in opposition.

LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES

UPCOMING EFFECTIVE DATES OF ENACTED LEGISLATION

HB 46 (Schaffer R-Lancaster) - Permits boards of county commissioners to establish and maintain health savings accounts (HSAs) for employees and permits boards of county commissioners that establish and maintain HSA programs to use public monies to pay for or fund federally qualified high deductible health plans that are linked to health

savings accounts or to make contributions to HSAs. Amends ORC section 9.833 and enacts new ORC section 305.172. Effective date: August 17, 2006.

HB 235 (Wagner R-Sycamore) - Allows coroners to contract with independent contractors to aid the coroner in the execution of the coroner's powers and duties, exempts those contracts from the competitive bidding requirements of the ORC, allows a coroner to practice law as an attorney in the state of Ohio, and makes other changes to the coroner's law. Amends ORC sections 313.05, 313.08, 313.10, 325.17, 3705.16, 3705.29, 3705.99, 3901.21, 4705.01 and 4731.053 and enacts new ORC sections 313.123 and 313.23. Effective date: August 17, 2006.

CONFERENCES/SEMINARS

HEALTH LIFESTYLE SUMMIT SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 2007 IS SEEKING COUNTY PARTICIPATION

The Ohio Coalition for Physical Activity is sponsoring a Health Lifestyle Summit on February 6, 2007. This summit is a kick off for statewide wellness initiatives. We are looking for county representatives to participate in the summit and also represent their county on an on-going basis at the regional meetings to build a statewide plan.

For additional information please contact Michelle Park at the Ohio Parks and Recreation Association mpark@opraonline.org or 614-895-2222 or one of the CEBCO team: (888)757-1904: Melissa, extension 150 or Maggie, extension 146.

ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINIONS

SYLLABUS 2006-030

Pursuant to ORC 2967.16 (C), a person convicted of a felony under the laws of Ohio is restored the privilege of holding an office of honor, trust, or profit, which had been forfeited by operation of ORC 2961.01, when the person is granted a final release by the Adult Parole Authority under ORC 2967.16 (B). Upon the grant of a final release by the Adult Parole Authority under ORC 2967.16 B, such person

may serve as a member of a village board of zoning appeals.

SYLLABUS 2006-031

1. Pursuant to ORC 2961.01, a person who was convicted of a felony under the laws of Ohio prior to, or on or after July 1, 1996, and who is on probation or is serving a period of one or more community control sanctions, may not serve as a juror on a petit jury.
2. ORC 2967.16 (C (3) restores the privilege of serving as a juror on a petit jury to a person who was convicted of a felony under the laws of Ohio prior to, or on or after July 1, 1996, and who has completed his probation or a period of one or more community control sanctions.

SYLLABUS 2006-032

So long as a former member of the armed forces of the United States served on active military duty and received an honorable discharge or honorable separation, he is eligible for appointment under ORC 5901.02 as a member of the veteran service commission, whether or not such military duty was for training purposes. (1990 OAG Opinion Number 90-049 (syllabus, paragraph one), limited due to statutory amendment.

SYLLABUS 2006-033

Taxes on personal property that is the subject of a petition for reassessment become delinquent, for purposes of the five percent deposit into the delinquent tax and assessment collection (DETAC) fund, if they remain unpaid after sixty days following the county auditor's certification to the county treasurer, pursuant to ORC 5711.32 (C), and ORC 5711.33 (A) (1), that a final determination has been rendered on the petition for reassessment, and the amount of the adjusted deficiency.

SYLLABUS 2006-034

A person may not hold within the same county the

positions of member of a city legislative authority and chief deputy treasurer or deputy treasurer for the county treasurer when the chief deputy treasurer or deputy treasurer may serve in place of the county treasurer on the county budget commission or a hearing board of the county board of revision.

AWARD PROGRAMS

APPLY FOR PRESTIGIOUS INNOVATIONS AWARD

Harvard University invites you to apply for an Innovations in American Government Award.

Administered by the Ash Institute for Democratic Governance and Innovation at the John F. Kennedy School of Government in partnership with the Council for Excellence in Government, the Innovations Award is heralded as the premier public-sector award in the nation. It is given annually to programs that serve as examples of creative and effective government at its best.

All units of government--federal, state, local, tribal, and territorial--are eligible to apply.

Each of the seven winners of the 2007 Innovations Award, including the winner of the Fannie Mae Foundation Innovations Award in Affordable Housing and the Annie E. Casey Award in Children and Family System Reform, will receive a \$100,000 grant to support replication and dissemination activities.

Applications and additional information are available at their website:www.innovationsaward.harvard.edu. Applications are due **September 12, 2006**.

CLASSIFIEDS

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR

The Wood County Commissioners are accepting applications until **4:30 p.m. on August 16, 2006**, for a Director for the Emergency Management Agency (EMA).

This position directs and manages the EMA staff,

plans and develops the countywide emergency management program, and coordinates activities of all local agencies having emergency management responsibilities. Ideal candidates will possess management experience related to planning and developing programs, creating and maintaining a budget, coordinating emergency response efforts and strong computer skills. Specific examples of duties include staff training and evaluation, and maintaining positive working relationships with elected officials and department heads. Salary: Pay Grade 11 -- \$45,741.10 Minimum (FLSA Administrative Exemption)

Minimum Qualifications: Advanced training and/or education in public business administration and public relations. Two and one half years training and/or experience in emergency services planning and civil defense preparedness, of which one year was in a supervisory or administrative capacity or equivalent. Must have basic computer skills, preferably in Microsoft Office software. Must possess a valid Ohio driver's license and reside within a three-mile radius of Bowling Green, or upon the approval of the Wood County Commissioners.

Information packets and applications are available from the Commissioners' Office, 5th Floor, County Office Building, One Courthouse Square, Bowling Green, Ohio 43402, Monday through Friday, from 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M., or visit the County's website at www.co.wood.oh.us. EOE.

LUCAS COUNTY SANITARY ENGINEER

Pre-Treatment Coordinator: Responsible for administration of the County's industrial pre-treatment and bio-solids management programs.

Minimum Requirements: Bachelor degree with major in chemistry, environmental science, or related science; or an associate's degree and two (2) years experience in industrial pre-treatment or laboratory analysis. Must have Wastewater Class II license or be able to obtain one within three (3) years. Valid Ohio driver's license. Salary: \$41,121.00 Excellent benefits

Accepting applications/resumes until position is filled. Please send resume with a copy of your Class II Wastewater Operator License and transcript to: Lucas Human Resources Department, One Government Center, Suite 450 Toledo, Ohio 43604-2259, Attn: WWTPM. Applications/resumes also accepted at the Source, 1301 Monroe Toledo, Ohio (419) 213-JOBS. Visit our website at www.lucasohio.gov or www.lucascountyoh.gov/SanitaryEngineer. EOE.

PURCHASING AGENT 3

Minimum requirements: Bachelor's degree in business administration, public administration, accounting, economics or closely related field and two years experience as a buyer, contract administrator, procurement specialist or similar position, plus coursework and experience in computer practices and procedures, or training and/or experience which evidences an advanced knowledge of computer systems, data entry practices and procedures, purchasing/procurement practices and procedures, and public relations. Demonstrable ability to analyze data and formulate viable conclusions. Certified Public Professional Buyer or equivalent certification.

Job Duties: Participates in efficiency efforts at the program level through potential formal managed competition initiatives; facilitates group meetings between departments and vendors to brainstorm savings possibilities; reads and interprets financial system reports as assigned and takes appropriate action; evaluates spending and makes recommendations for improvement and initiates cost saving measures.

Manages and facilitates all aspects of procurement related to the acquisition of goods, equipment, and services; consults with County departments about their purchasing needs; develops plans to procure goods, supplies, and services taking into consideration the needs of the organization as whole; leverages the buying power of the organization to generate savings; processes requisitions in two financial systems screening for proper procurement and sourcing.

Prepares specifications for bid; prepares bid analysis; manages bids assigned in the DemandStar system including uploading of documents and management of addenda; recommends award of bid to Director, including any resolutions necessary to finalize the transaction. Demonstrates regular and predictable attendance. Handles all incoming communication with regard to how vendors can best conduct business with Hamilton County; provides vendors with information regarding the use of the on-line procurement tool and all tools places on the county website for vendor use; tracks all vendor participation in quotes and bids (provides written follow-up to vendors, issues customer satisfaction surveys, makes cold-calls insuring participation, etc.)

Speaks publicly as required with regard to the County's vendor program; works with Small Business Development to deliver Purchasing's portion of the Small Business Program. Completes special projects; performs other duties as required. Salary: \$1,639.20 Biweekly.

Apply in person or send your resume/application, by **August 15, 2006**, to the following address: Hamilton County Personnel Department, County Administration Building, 138 East Court Street, Room 707, Cincinnati, OH 45202; fax your resume/application to: (513) 946-4720; or apply on-line at: <http://www.hamiltoncountyohio.gov/personnel/employmentapplication.asp>. 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.

