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### DATES TO REMEMBER

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)**

SEPTEMBER 28, 2006

**CCAO COURTS & CORRECTIONS COMMITTEE, CCAO OFFICE, COLUMBUS**

OCTOBER 6, 2006

**CCC/ESAO REGIONAL MEETING, ROSS COUNTY SERVICE CENTER, ROSS COUNTY (CHILLICOTHE)**

OCTOBER 27, 2006

**CCC/ESAO REGIONAL MEETING, MONTGOMERY COUNTY**

AUGUST 14-15, 2007

**COUNTY COMMISSIONER DAYS, VAN WERT COUNTY**

### ASSOCIATION NEWS

#### CCAO NOMINATING COMMITTEE APPOINTED

The CCAO Board of Trustees approved the appointment of a five member nominating committee at the August 30, 2006, meeting of the CCAO Board of Trustees, which was held in Erie County.

The Committee, appointed by CCAO President Lenny Eliason, will be chaired by Bob Corbett, Champaign County Commissioner. Other members include: Ray Feikert, (Holmes); Paula Brooks, (Franklin); Ben Nutter, (Seneca); Richard Regula, (Stark).

It is the responsibility of the committee to recommend a slate of officers and board members to be elected

at the Annual Business Meeting on Tuesday, December 12, 2006, during the CCAO/CEAO Winter Conference. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor. The committee will be nominating candidates for the offices of president, first vice president, second vice president, secretary and treasurer. In addition, seven members will be nominated to serve on the Board of Trustees for two-year terms. The Nominating Committee will also fill any vacancies that may exist where members elected to a two-year term will not be returning to office or where a member forfeits office for non-attendance. The seven members whose terms to the Board expire this year include: David Dhume (Madison), Jack Graf (Fulton), Marcia Phelps (Licking), Gerald Potter (Hardin), Peter Lawson Jones (Cuyahoga), Mark Thomas (Belmont) and Mary Walker (Clermont).

The nine members appointed by President Eliason whose one year term to the Board expires at the end of this year include: Mike Adelman (Huron), Paula Brooks (Franklin), Ray Feikert (Holmes), Ron Lane (Paulding), Cheryl Noah (Wayne), Marilyn Reid (Greene), James Tsagaris (Trumbull), Bill Young (Geauga) and Joe Secrest (Guernsey).

In accordance with the CCAO Bylaws, the six most recent past presidents who still hold the office of county commissioner are entitled to a seat on the Board of Trustees. In 2007 those individuals will include: Robert Boggs (Ashtabula), Bob Corbett (Champaign), Lenny Eliason (Athens), Mark Forni (Monroe) and Patricia Geissman (Medina).

The committee must make its recommendations no later than November 17. The report will then be published in the County Information and Data Service and an individual copy of its report will be sent to each commissioner.

On September 15, 2006, CCAO will send to all commissioners at their home addresses an application form for officer of the CCAO or as a member of the CCAO Board of Trustees.

A CCAO Nominating Candidate Questionnaire will also be included. Both forms must be returned to the committee chair: Bob Corbett, Champaign County Commissioner, 1512 S. US 68 - SUITE A100, Urbana, OH 43078-1677. **Mail a copy to CCAO, 37 W. Broad Street, Suite 650, Columbus, Ohio 43215, in an envelope marked: NOMINATING COMMITTEE.**

#### COMMISSIONERS REMINDED TO RETURN POLICY DEVELOPMENT SURVEY

Commissioners and their administrative staffs are being surveyed for their concerns as a part of the CCAO's development of its Legislative Program for 2007-2008. Each commissioner received a copy of the COUNTY LEGISLATIVE NEEDS SURVEY as a supplement to the August 18<sup>th</sup> edition of CIDS.

We hope you will take time to respond to the survey by indicating any issues which you think the CCAO ought to address during the next General Assembly. The current Legislative Platform can be reviewed at: [http://www.ccao.org/media/Legis\\_Prog05.pdf](http://www.ccao.org/media/Legis_Prog05.pdf).

Your survey should be returned by Friday, September 8, 2006. They may be mailed; faxed to 614-221-6986; or emailed to John Leutz at [jleutz@ccao.org](mailto:jleutz@ccao.org).

#### COUNTY SALARY SURVEY IN PROCESS

Counties are currently being asked to complete a salary survey for twenty-two possible professional positions under a board of county commissioners. CCAO has teamed up with OHPELRA and OSU Extension to conduct the survey.

Counties have until September 15 to respond. One individual in each county already has been contacted by CCAO and has been forwarded the survey material.

Individuals with questions may contact CCAO Staffers Cheryl Subler or Amanda Jones at (888) 757-1904.

#### CCAO PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE TO MEET ON SEPT 22

CCAO Planning and Economic Development Committee Chair Bill Young has scheduled a committee meeting on Friday, September 22 at 10:00 a.m. at the CCAO Office, 37 West Broad Street - Suite 650, in Columbus. The purpose of this meeting is to have the committee develop its recommendations for the legislative platform and priorities for the 127<sup>th</sup> General Assembly in 2007-2008.

The committee will be asked to review the existing CCAO policy and make recommendations for changes in policy based in part of the results of the legislative survey which was sent to all members. The current legislative platform that relates to planning and economic development issues was sent

to all committee members this week. CCAO staff intends to compile the results of the legislative surveys and mail this information to committee members prior to the meeting.

Lunch will be provided during the noon lunch hour. In order to get an accurate count for lunch, please contact Tanya Wilcox, CCAO Administrative Assistant, at (614) 221-5627, (888) 757-1904 or by email at [twilcox@ccao.org](mailto:twilcox@ccao.org) by September 15 if you plan to attend the meeting. If you have any questions about CCAO planning and economic development policy, please call Brad Cole, CCAO Senior Policy Analyst, at (614) 220-7981 or [bcole@ccao.org](mailto:bcole@ccao.org).

### COUNTY WALKWAY PROJECT - 64 COUNTIES PLEDGE TO PARTICIPATE

There is still time for the 24 counties that have not responded to the invitation to participate in the County Walkway Project at the Governor's Residence and Heritage Garden. Letters of invitation were sent to all counties in July.

During the last six years the grounds at the Governor's Residence have undergone a major transformation. Each year, nearly 10,000 visitors 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.

### Delivery of Stones

If you **would like a tour** of the Residence Garden when you deliver your stone, please contact Rick Stanforth, former Clinton County Commissioner and Residence Horticulturalist, at (614) 208-7956 or [rstanforth@gov.state.oh.us](mailto:rstanforth@gov.state.oh.us).

If you **do not want a tour**, you can deliver the stone at the Ohio State Highway Residence Post which is located on the corner of North Parkview Avenue and Maryland in Bexley. The Post is open 24/7.

Please deliver your county stone as soon as possible!

### Stone's History

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](http://www.governorsresidence.ohio.gov).

### Participating Counties as of 9/1/06

Thanks to the following 62 counties that have contacted CCAO to indicate their interest in participating in the project: Adams, Allen, Ashland,

Athens, Auglaize, Carroll, Champaign, Clark, Clermont, Clinton, Columbiana, Coshocton, Crawford, Cuyahoga, Darke, Defiance, Delaware, Erie, Fairfield, Franklin, Fulton, Geauga, Greene, Guernsey, Hancock, Hardin, Harrison, Hocking, Huron, Jackson, Jefferson, Knox, Lake, Lawrence, Licking, Logan, Lorain, Medina, Mercer, Miami, Monroe, Montgomery, Morgan, Morrow, Muskingum, Noble, Ottawa, Perry, Pickaway, Portage, Preble, Putnam, Richland, Ross, Sandusky, Tuscarawas, Union, Van Wert, Vinton, Warren, Wayne, Williams, Wood, and Wyandot. 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. Can we add your county's name to the list?

### **Reception Postponed**

Due to the delay in the delivery of the stones, the reception on September 8 has been postponed until October. A date and time will be announced later. The final design for the walk cannot be completed until the stones have been delivered.

### **Native Ohio Plant**

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.

For more information please contact Mary Jane Neiman, CCAO Public Relations Associate, at (614) 220-7979 or [mjneiman@ccao.org](mailto:mjneiman@ccao.org) or Julie Stone, Residence Facilities Manager, (614) 644-7644 or [jstone@gov.state.oh.us](mailto:jstone@gov.state.oh.us).

### **CCAO SERVICE CORPORATION PROGRAM NEWS**

#### **NACo/OFFICE DEPOT CHANGE-A-LIGHT CAMPAIGN**

The ENERGY STAR Change-a-Light Campaign encourages individuals to change the most frequently

used light in their homes to an energy efficient (ENERGY STAR rated) light bulb - saving them money on energy bills and reducing greenhouse gas emissions in the process! To assist others in changing their bulbs, Office Depot offers a \$1.50 coupon to all county employee pledge takers!

For more information about county participation, including coupon rules, please sign up at [www.naco.org/changealight](http://www.naco.org/changealight). The pledge drive runs through September 30. (Contact: Kelly Zonderwyk at (202) 942-4224 or [kzonderwyk@naco.org](mailto:kzonderwyk@naco.org))

### **STATE ACTIVITIES**

#### **COMMISSIONERS TO SERVE ON CBCF GOVERNING BOARDS**

With the passage of HB 162, Community-Based Correctional Facilities will now be governed by a Facility Governing Board [FGB]. Commissioners will make up 1/3 of this Board's membership. The Facility Governing Board must be in place by Thursday November 9. This is 30 days after the October 12 which is the effective date of the legislation.

Initially the Common Pleas Court Judges will appoint a Judicial Advisory Board (JAB) for the CBCF. Two-thirds of the appointments to the FGB will be made by the JAB and one-third will be made by the County Commissioners of the CBCF's member counties. It is being recommended that the common pleas judges do Journal Entries designating their participation in the CBCF and the formation of the JAB for the CBCF. The common please judges should then deliver a copy of their journal entry to their board of commissioners to notify them of the creation of CBCF and trigger the commissioners' process for designating their appointments to the FGB. CCAO recommends that the commissioners from the CBCF's member counties communicate with each other to decide which commissioners will serve on the CBCF. Each county should them pass a

resolution acknowledging the common pleas court's Journal Entry and indicating their mutual appointment of the commissioner members to the FGB.

Commissioners will be receiving information regarding the processes for establishing the CBCFs and appointing FGB members from DRC's Bureau of Community Sanctions in the near future. Once the FGBs have been formed DRC, in cooperation with the CBCF's Executive Director, will conduct a presentation at each of the current eighteen CBCF facilities for the purpose of providing FGB members with detailed information concerning their broader responsibilities and those requiring interaction with the Department of Rehabilitation and Correction.

#### WIRELESS ENHANCED 9-1-1 FUNDING AVAILABLE

Counties are reminded that funding is available to support establishing and maintaining a wireless E 9-1-1 system within their county. With the passage of SB 9, effective earlier this year, it is now easy to amend a county's final 9-1-1 plan to incorporate wireless enhanced 9-1-1. Only the 9-1-1 planning committee's approval is required to adopt a wireless enhanced 9-1-1 plan and the plan will no longer have to be submitted to the county's local jurisdictions for amendment approval under ORC 4931.44.

Currently 43 counties have submitted their plan addendum and are receiving the revenue being collected under the 32 cents per month charge on each wireless telephone number of a wireless service subscriber that has a billing address in Ohio. HB 361 of the 125<sup>th</sup> General Assembly established this monthly charge which will be collected between August, 2005, and December, 2008.

For more information see CAB 2005-04 [obtained at the CCAO web cite at: <http://www.ccao.org/newsletter/cab200504.pdf> ] or see the information contained on the Public Utilities Commission web cite under the Ohio 9-1-1 Council at: <http://www.puco.ohio.gov/>

## **FEDERAL ACTIVITIES**

### FEMA WEBSITE RECORDS 50 YEARS OF OHIO'S DISASTER HISTORY

Go to the FEMA website: [www.fema.gov/](http://www.fema.gov/), click on "Declaration Archives," then click on "Ohio," to find a listing of all of the state's federally declared disasters dated from 2006 back to 1956. According to FEMA's records, the state of Ohio has had 42 Major Disaster Declarations, four Emergency Declarations (the 2006 Hurricane Katrina Evacuation; the January 2005 Snow Emergency; the 2003 Power Outage; and the 1978 Blizzard), and no Fire Management Assistance Declarations.

## **ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINIONS**

### SYLLABUS

2006-36

1. Absent a statute that either expressly or by necessary implication authorizes a county coroner to charge an expert witness fee for the testimony of the coroner or the coroner's staff in a civil proceeding concerning a death investigation performed by the coroner's office, a county coroner is without authority to impose such a charge, whether such fee is paid to the coroner, a staff member of the county or to the county.
2. If a county coroner or a member of the coroner's staff, while being paid his regular compensation by the county, is also paid witness fees under ORC 2335.06 for providing testimony in civil litigation regarding a death investigation by the coroner's office, the county coroner is not entitled to retain such fees for his personal use, but must remit such fees to the county.

### SYLLABUS

2006-037

Except as provided in ORC 149.43 (A) (1) (a) – (y), and ORC 1724.11, information kept in the records of a community development corporation designated as

an agency of a county under ORC 1724.10 is a public record for purposes of ORC 149.43.

## **CLASSIFIEDS**

### DEPUTY SANITARY ENGINEER

The Miami County Commissioners are accepting applications for a Deputy Sanitary Engineer.

Nature of Job: This position, under general direction assists the Sanitary Engineer to direct operations and development of water supply systems, sewer districts, and refuse disposal districts; assists with the establishment and administration of special projects; researches, develops proposals, and applies for federal grants; acts as Sanitary Engineer in his/her absence; assists with supervision of departmental personnel issues; analyzes, interprets, and prepares records, reports, statistical data, and related documents and materials; investigates and resolves complaints; communicates with the public, press and various officials; performs other related duties as required; performs other duties requested by the Sanitary Engineer.

Qualifications. Completion of post secondary education with a degree in Civil Engineering from an accredited college or university, or equivalent, plus substantial experience and/or training in refuse disposal, water supply and wastewater treatment facilities operation; or equivalent combination of education and experience. Must be registered as a Professional Engineer in the State of Ohio; must possess a valid Ohio Drivers License.

Method of Application and Deadline: All interested applicants may acquire an application at the Miami County Job Center, 2040 N. County Road 25A, Troy, Ohio 45373 between the hours of 7:00 am to 6:00 pm on Mondays and 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Tuesday through Friday. They can also be accessed through the Miami County web site at [www.co.miami.oh.us](http://www.co.miami.oh.us). All properly completed applications are to be returned to the above address or e-mailed to [hr@co.miami.oh.us](mailto:hr@co.miami.oh.us) until **September 8, 2006**. EOE

### ZONING INSPECTOR/CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

The Clark County Building Regulations Department is seeking a qualified individual to join its staff as a Zoning Inspector and Code Enforcement Officer. The successful candidate will work under the supervision of the Building Regulations Deputy Director and will serve as the chief enforcement officer of the Clark County Zoning Code. This position is responsible for processing zoning applications, certificates of approval, and investigating zoning violations; in addition to, assisting, processing, and reviewing residential building plans for compliance with code requirements.

Qualifications: The qualified applicant will have an Associates degree or higher in architectural drafting or a related field, or a combination of education and experience; a minimum of 5 years experience in residential or non-residential construction; and preferably, two years experience as a residential contractor or job foreman responsible for residential construction operations, or similar position. Experience in zoning enforcement preferred. A complete job description is available at [www.clarkcountyohio.gov](http://www.clarkcountyohio.gov). To apply, send application, resume and letter of interest to the Clark County Human Resources Office, County Offices/Municipal Courts Building, 50 E. Columbia St. P.O. Box 2639, Springfield, OH 45501-2639, or fax to (937) 328-4588 or email [ayowler@clarkcountyohio.gov](mailto:ayowler@clarkcountyohio.gov). Applications accepted until the position is filled.

### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Warren Metropolitan Housing Authority is seeking an Executive Director. The Executive Director manages the staff and central office of Warren County's 3 low-income housing programs: Section 8, Public Housing and Transitions.

The ideal candidate will possess Bachelor's degree and/or 4 years of management experience and

knowledge of HUD regulations and Programs. Responsibilities include budgeting, planning, program and staff development, supervision & public relations.

Mail resume, salary requirements to Warren Metropolitan Housing Authority, 990 East Ridge Drive, Lebanon, Ohio 45036. Attention: Interim Executive Director; or e-mail resume or inquiries to [gulldr@co.warren.oh.us](mailto:gulldr@co.warren.oh.us).

Resumes will be accepted until the position is filled. EOE Salary range: 60's - 70's.

**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).