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ASSOCIATION NEWS

TEL IS OFFICIALLY DEAD, THANKS TO YOU!

After being formally withdrawn from the November 7 ballot by its five-member petitioning committee, the Tax Expenditure Limitation Constitutional Amendment (TEL) has been laid to rest.

In accordance with the provisions of HB 312, the committee's letter of withdrawal was filed in the office of the Secretary of State. There has been no effort, within the specified time frame, challenging the constitutionality of that withdrawal. Nor has there been, within that time frame, any court order mandating that TEL be placed on the November 7 ballot. Also, the Ohio Ballot Board met on August 23 and 24 and did not approve any ballot language for the TEL. All possible avenues of appeal and reconsideration have now been exhausted.

Thanks to all county commissioners, human services advocates and other county and local government, school district and library officials who stepped forward and provided leadership on this issue. We united to pronounce loudly and clearly that the TEL would have been a public policy disaster for the state of Ohio. Our pronouncement was heard. Our arguments prevailed. TEL will not be appearing on the November 7 ballot.

We would especially like to thank Suzanne Dulaney of CCAO and John Corlett, Senior Fellow and Director of Public Policy & Advocacy at the Center for Community Solutions in Cleveland, for their efforts in spearheading the campaign to stop the TEL.

CCAO LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE - SEPTEMBER 14 & NOVEMBER 13

The CCAO Legislative Committee Chair Kerry Metzger (Tuscarawas) has scheduled a committee meeting on Thursday, September 14 at 1:00 p.m. in the CCAO offices. The Committee will begin the legislative development process by hearing presentations from the environment and local government interests.

Please note that the November meeting has been changed from November 9 to November 13!

Please notify Amanda Jones, CCAO Administrative Assistant, at (614) 220-7985, (888) 757-1904 or ajones@ccao.org if you are unable to attend.

CCAO PERSONNEL & LABOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE CONFERENCE CALL - SEPTEMBER 21

At the request of Wayne County Commissioner Cheryl Noah, CCAO Personnel & Labor Relations Committee Chair, a conference call has been scheduled for committee members on Thursday, September 21 at 10:30 a.m. Committee members will discuss the personal and labor relations legislative platform for the 127th General Assembly (2007-2008).

No new recommendations have been submitted for the committee's consideration, and there has been limited progress with our current agenda items, although CCAO is still hopeful of action during the November/December legislative session. If you have any questions about personnel and labor relations issues, please contact Cheryl Subler, CCAO Senior Policy Analyst, at (614) 220-7980, (888) 757-1904 or csubler@ccao.org

Committee members that will be participating in the conference call are asked to contact Janet Erwin, CCAO Administrative Assistant, (614) 220-7986, (888) 757-1904 or jerwin@ccao.org.

CCAO TAXATION & FINANCE COMMITTEE WILL MEET ON SEPTEMBER 25 AT CCAO OFFICE

The CCAO Standing Committee on Taxation & Finance will meet on Monday, September 25 at the CCAO office in Columbus. The meeting will run from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and lunch will be served. The committee will attempt to finalize its policy recommendations for the upcoming 127th General Assembly. These policy recommendations will then be presented to the CCAO Legislative Committee and the CCAO general membership later this year.

Taxation & Finance committee members will receive a meeting notice and agenda via U.S. mail on or about September 15. The agenda will include information on the additional policy times that we will consider at the meeting on the 25th.

NE DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS ASSOCIATION - SEPTEMBER 27

The Northeast District Commissioners Association will meet on Wednesday, September 27 aboard the Goodtime III in Cuyahoga County (Cleveland). Cuyahoga County Commissioners Jimmy Dimora, Peter Lawson Jones and Tim Hagan welcome the Northeast District to see the economic development along the waterfront. Commissioners, county administrators, clerks, spouses and guests are encouraged to attend.

Attendees will board the Goodtime III at 6:00 p.m. and set sail at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will commence after dinner. Registration fee: \$25 per person. For more information please contact the Northeast Commissioners Association President Matt Miller, Ashland County Commissioner, 110 Cottage Street, Ashland, OH 44805, (419) 282-4353 or mattmiller@ashlandcounty.org.

CCAO AGRICULTURE & RURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE - SEPTEMBER 29

CCAO Agriculture & Rural Affairs Committee Chair Joyce Morehart (Wyandot) has scheduled a committee meeting on Friday, September 29 at 9:30 a.m. Due to the CCAO Courts & Corrections Committee meeting in the CCAO Conference Room, the Agriculture & Rural Affairs Committee will meet in the Ohio Job & Family Services Directors Association office which is located in our building in Suite 1120.

Two guest presenters from the Office of Farmland Preservation and the Livestock Permitting Program at the Ohio Department of Agriculture will provide the latest developments in their field. If you have a particular question or issue that you want them to address, please contact Cheryl Subler, CCAO Senior

Policy Analyst, at (614) 220-7980, (888) 757-1904 or csubler@ccao.org prior to the meeting.

Following the presentations, the Committee will formulate the recommended legislative changes priorities and platform issues. These issues will go before the CCAO Legislative Committee and CCAO Board of Trustees for consideration and finally to the membership at the CCAO Annual Business Meeting, which is held during the CCAO/CEAO Annual Winter Conference.

Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP your attendance by September 21 to Janet Erwin, CCAO Administrative Assistant, (614) 220-7986, (888) 757-1904 or jerwin@ccao.org.

CCAO HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE WILL MEET ON OCTOBER 6 IN COLUMBUS

The next meeting of the CCAO Health & Human Services Committee will be Friday, October 6 at 10:00 a.m. at the CCAO office in Columbus.

The primary purpose of the meeting will be to review and revise the CCAO policies and platform for the 127th General Assembly, which convenes in January 2007. If you have questions, please contact Suzanne Dulaney at (614) 220-7982, (888) 757-1904 or SDulaney@ccao.org

CCAO INFRASTRUCTURE & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE - OCTOBER 10

Mark Thomas, Belmont County Commissioner and CCAO Infrastructure & Environment Committee Chair, has scheduled a meeting of the Committee on Tuesday, October 10 at 10:00 a.m. in the CCAO offices. The purpose of the meeting is to develop recommendations for the legislative platform and priorities for the 127th General Assembly (2007-2008). The Committee will review existing CCAO policy and make recommendations for changes in policy based on the results of the legislative survey which was sent to all members.

Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP your attendance to Tanya Wilcox, CCAO Administrative

Assistant, at (614) 221-5627, (888) 757-1904 or twilcox@ccao.org by October 3. If you have any questions about the CCAO infrastructure and environment policy, please contact Brad Cole, CCAO Senior Policy Analyst, at (614) 220-7981, (888) 757-1904 or bcole@ccao.org.

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.

2006 CCC/ESAO REGIONAL MEETINGS SCHEDULED

For the past three years, the County Commissioners Clerks and Engineers Secretaries Association of Ohio (CCC/ESAO), CCAO's first and oldest affiliate organization, have held a series of very successful regional meetings around the state. The purpose of these meetings was for CCC/ESAO members to share their knowledge with other clerks and secretaries that are unable to attend conferences and workshops.

These informal meetings are open to all commissioners clerks or deputies and engineers secretaries or administrative assistants to discuss various topics of concern in your county. The

meeting topics are tailored to meet the needs of each district. All meetings will start at 10:00 a.m. and end at 2:30 p.m. There is no charge to attend. Lunch will be sponsored by CCAO/CEAO. The CCAO Board of Trustees encourages all county commissioners to permit their clerks and other office support staff to attend one of the following meetings.

The last three CCC/ESAO regional meetings to be held in 2006 are as follows:

<p>SEPTEMBER 22, 2006 - HANCOCK COUNTY - REGION 1</p> <p>LOCATION: Hancock County Agricultural Service Center, 7868 County Road 140, Hancock County (Findlay)</p> <p>COUNTIES: Allen, Auglaize, Champaign, Defiance, Fulton, Hancock, Hardin, Henry, Logan, Lucas, Mercer, Paulding, Putnam, Shelby, Van Wert, Williams and Wood</p> <p>RSVP to Kelli Singhaus, Clerk, Allen County Commissioners at (419) 424-7044 or ksinghaus@allencountyohio.com</p>
<p>OCTOBER 6, 2006 - ROSS COUNTY - REGION 5</p> <p>LOCATION: Ross County Service Center, 475 Western Avenue, Ross County (Chillicothe)</p> <p>COUNTIES: Fairfield, Fayette, Franklin, Gallia, Hocking, Jackson, Lawrence, Madison, Perry, Pickaway, Pike, Ross, Scioto and Vinton</p> <p>RSVP to Flora Butler, Clerk, Butler County Commissioners at (513) 887-3504 or ButlerFR@butlercountyohio.org</p>
<p>OCTOBER 27, 2006 - MONTGOMERY COUNTY - REGION 6</p> <p>LOCATION: Madison Lakes Learning & Conference Center, 581 Olive Road, Montgomery County (Dayton)</p> <p>COUNTIES: Adams, Brown, Butler, Clark, Clermont, Clinton, Darke, Greene, Hamilton, Highland, Miami, Darke, Greene, Hamilton, Highland, Miami, Montgomery, Preble and Warren</p> <p>RSVP to Juanita Hunn, Clerk, Montgomery County Commissioners (937) 225-6491 or hunnj@mcoho.org or Dianna Harris, Administrative Assistant, Montgomery County Engineer's Office at (937) 225-4904 or harrisd@mcoho.org.</p>

For more information, please contact the 2006 CCC/ESAO President Dianna Spencer, Administrative Assistant, Preble County Engineer's Office, at (937) 456-4600 or dianna@prebeng.org.

COUNTY WALKWAY PROJECT - 72 COUNTIES PLEDGE TO PARTICIPATE

There is still time for the 16 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. Use your imagination!

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.

If you do not want a tour, you can deliver the stone at the Ohio State Highway Patrol 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.

Participating Counties as of 9/8/06

Thanks to the following 72 counties that have contacted CCAO to indicate their interest in participating in the project: Adams, Allen, Ashland, Ashtabula, Athens, Auglaize, Brown, Carroll, Champaign, Clark, Clermont, Clinton, Columbiana, Coshocton, Crawford, Cuyahoga, Darke, Defiance, Delaware, Erie, Fairfield, Fayette, Franklin, Fulton, Geauga, Greene, Guernsey, Hancock, Hardin, Harrision, Highland, Hocking, Huron, Jackson, Jefferson, Knox, Lake, Lawrence, Licking, Logan, Lorain, Lucas, Marion, Medina, Mercer, Miami, Monroe, Montgomery, Morgan, Morrow, Muskingum, Noble, Ottawa, Perry, Pickaway, Pike, Portage, Preble, Putnam, Richland, Ross, Sandusky, Shelby, 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?

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 or Julie Stone, Residence Facilities Manager, (614) 644-7644 or jstone@gov.state.oh.us.

CCAO SERVICE CORPORATION PROGRAM NEWS

CCAO NATURAL GAS PROGRAM TO BE OPENED TO NEW COUNTIES IN 2007

Back in 2000 CCAOSC began a Natural Gas Program that involved both a prepayment program though the issuance of debt and savings from aggregation and management activities. Due to a recent restructuring of the CCAO Natural Gas Program's prepayment portion of the program an opportunity has arisen that would enable new counties to join into this cost-saving program. To date, the thirty counties that participate in the program have saved in excess of \$4 Million when compared to the gas recovery charge of their local distribution company.

The CCAO Service Corporation and its partners, Bricker & Eckler, Seasongood & Mayer, Peck, Shaffer and Williams and Exelon Energy are working on the development of the new program which should provide even additional benefits and flexibility when compared to the current program.

We anticipate that we will be providing information about the new program during October. Once the program is formally opened, applications will be

accepted until April 15, 2007. The new program will begin transportation and transmission of new gas resources beginning July 1, 2007. Interested counties should be careful of entering into extended contracts with other parties at this time, as it could prevent joining at the onset of the CCAO program. Efforts will be made, however, in the development of the new program to allow counties to enter the new program after the anticipated initial startup date of July 1, 2007.

Details will be discussed at the CCAO Natural Gas Program Board of Participants meeting on October 6, 2006. Further information on the application process will also be made available in late fall. This notification is primarily designed to prepare interested counties for when the application window will open and when marketing endeavors to solicit new county members will begin.

STATE ACTIVITIES

OHIO TO OFFER MEDICARE "CHECK-UP"

Have constituents who need assistance identifying the Medicare Part D prescription drug coverage that best fits their budget and prescription drug needs? Know somebody who wants to change their Medicare drug plan? Maybe learn more about the recent Medicare Part A and B changes, preventative care benefits, or tips on managing drug expenses?

The Ohio Senior Health Insurance Information Program (OSHIIP) is providing important Medicare updates for 2007 and offering enrollment assistance for the annual election period for Medicare options and Part D prescription drug coverage that runs from November 15 through December 31, 2006.

Medicare beneficiaries are encouraged to call OSHIIP at 1-800-686-1578 with any questions and to learn about upcoming outreach events in their community which are entitled: OSHIIP's Medicare and Part D Check-up: Stay informed. Stay healthy. Save money.

FOUR GUBERNATORIAL DEBATES SCHEDULED

Ohio's major-party candidates for governor have scheduled four debates - the most gubernatorial debates in Ohio for the past 24 years. Democrat Ted Strickland and Republican Ken Blackwell opened the series of debates this week on Tuesday in Youngstown. No specific topic was selected as the theme for the debate. The two minor-party candidates, Robert Fittrakis of the Green Party and Bill Peirce of the Libertarian Party will not be included in any of the debates.

The last three debates will be held on the following dates: September 20 @ noon in Cleveland. Topic: education; October 4 @ 7:00 p.m. in Cincinnati. Topic: economy; October 16 @ 7:00 p.m. in Columbus. Topic: open

Both the Blackwell and Strickland campaigns stated that the events will be 60 minutes long with each candidate getting a three-minute opening statement and a two-minute closing statement. The candidates will have 90 seconds to respond to questions, 60 seconds for rebuttals and 30 seconds for clarifications, if needed.

LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES

LAWMAKERS PROPOSE FINES FOR SELLING SUBSTANDARD FUEL

Gasoline retailers selling fuel that does not meet advertised octane levels would be subject to fines under legislation to be sponsored by State Representative William Healy (D-Canton). The legislation would give county auditors the ability, at the expense of the county, to perform random tests at service stations within their jurisdictions. County auditors have sought this legislation for nearly a decade.

While the legislation establishes fines for violations of fuel quality standards and requires such fines to be deposited in a special county fund to be used exclusively for the fuel testing program, the entire cost of initiating such a program, including the purchase of measuring equipment, testing and

training of inspectors, would be a general fund expense. In order for this proposed service not to be a burden to the county general fund, it would be necessary for counties to be granted authority to charge fees for testing fuel.

Forty-six states already allow testing for octane levels and Summit County has a testing program that tests each gas station three times per year. The measure would provide uniformity for testing methods across the state. The first violation would draw a warning; second and subsequent offenses would bring an escalating fine schedule that reaches \$1,000 for the fourth violation.

CONFERENCES/WORKSHOPS

7th ANNUAL FARMLAND PRESERVATION SUMMIT

The Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA), in cooperation with the American Farmland Trust (AFT) and The Ohio State University's C. William Swank Program in Rural-Urban Policy and Center for Farmland Policy Innovation, will host the "7th Annual Ohio Farmland Preservation Summit" on November 2, 2006. The Summit will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Ohio Department of Agriculture, 8995 East Main Street, in Reynoldsburg.

Registration fee: \$40 per person. Registration forms may be obtained at <http://cffpi.osu.edu/summit.htm> or by contacting Kelly Carneal at (614) 728-6210 or kcarneal@mail.agri.state.oh.us.

A panel of experts from Maryland, Pennsylvania, and Massachusetts will focus on local success stories - highlighting a local farmland protection funding technique, a local foods program, a creative annexation agreement and voluntary zoning in support of agriculture. The keynote speaker will be the president of the American Farmland Trust.

A roundtable discussion for local leaders to interact with the experts from Maryland, Pennsylvania, and Massachusetts follows the Summit from 3:45-5:00 p.m. (See following article.) For more information about the roundtable discussion visit <http://cffpi.osu.edu/roundtables.htm>.

CENTER FOR FARMLAND POLICY INNOVATION - OHIO LEADER ROUNDTABLES

The OSU Center for Farmland Policy Innovation along with the OSU Swank Program in Rural-Urban Policy are hosting several local leader roundtables on focused and current local farmland protection issues. The purpose of the roundtables is to give local leaders interested in starting or furthering farmland protection programs the opportunity for small group learning from experts and peer-to-peer exchanges with 15-20 participants. Local leaders in farmland preservation (i.e., county commissioners, township trustees, planning and zoning, land trust leaders, etc.) are invited to participate.

Reservations are being taken for the following two roundtables:

Farmland Protection Funding Options

October 1, 2006 - 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Agricultural Administration Building

The Ohio State University

2120 Fyffe Road - Room 105, Columbus

A short presentation on legally available and potential future funding tools for Ohio local governments followed by a roundtable discussion between experts and participants.

Experienced Program Experts

November 2, 2006 - 3:45 to 5:00 p.m.

Ohio Department of Agriculture

8995 East Main Street, Reynoldsburg

Three experts from Massachusetts, Maryland and Pennsylvania representing both state and local farmland protection programs will engage with a small group of local leaders.

Space is limited. Please RSVP at <http://cffpi.osu.edu/roundtables.htm>.

Other roundtables to be held during the 2006-2007 academic years include:

Retention and Expansion of the Local Agricultural Industry - February 2007

Zoning in Support of Agriculture - April 2007

For more information please contact the Center for Farmland Policy Innovation, Department of Agricultural, Environmental, and Development Economics, The Ohio State University, 2120 Fyffe Road - Room 103, Columbus, OH 43210, (614) 247-6479 or cffpi@osu.edu, <http://cffpi.osu.edu>.

CLASSIFIEDS

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. 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. 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.

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.

