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### DATES TO REMEMBER

OCTOBER 6, 2006	CCAOSC NATURAL GAS PROGRAM BOARD OF PARTICIPANTS ANNUAL MEETING, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS
OCTOBER 6, 2006	CCAO HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE, CCAO OFFICE, COLUMBUS
OCTOBER 6, 2006	CCC/ESAO REGIONAL MEETING, ROSS COUNTY SERVICE CENTER, ROSS COUNTY (CHILLICOTHE)
OCTOBER 10, 2006	CCAO INFRASTRUCTURE & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS
OCTOBER 19, 2006	CCAO LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS
OCTOBER 27, 2006	CCC/ESAO REGIONAL MEETING, MADISON LAKES LEARNING & CONFERENCE CENTER, MONTGOMERY COUNTY (DAYTON)
NOVEMBER 13, 2006	CCAO LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS
DECEMBER 10-13, 2006	CCAO/CEAO ANNUAL WINTER CONFERENCE, HYATT REGENCY, COLUMBUS

### ASSOCIATION NEWS

#### STAFF AND ORGANIZATIONAL CHANGES ANNOUNCED AT CCAO

During the last two years CCAO has experienced significant growth as services have expanded and been enhanced. For example, with the establishment of CEBCO, the County Employee Benefits Consortium of Ohio, four new employees have been added to the staff. Likewise, when the County Risk Sharing Authority (CORSA) made the decision to bring claims administration in-house earlier this year, five new employees joined the staff to provide claims

services to CORSA members. The combined staff of the CCAO organizations now totals nearly thirty employees.

In order to respond to the challenges and opportunities resulting from this growth and to assure that the administration and financial management of the combined organizations are coordinated and integrated, CCAO President Lenny Eliason earlier this year appointed the Boards' Coordinating Council to look at the long term needs of the combined organizations. The Boards' Coordinating Council was chaired by President Eliason (Athens). Other members included Olen Jackson, CCAO First Vice

President (Morrow); Bob Corbett, CCAO Immediate Past President (Champaign); Tom Strup, CORSA President (Williams); John Bayliss, CORSA Vice President (Logan); Bob Boggs, CEBCO President (Ashtabula); and Bob Hackett, CEBCO Vice President (Madison).

The Council has worked throughout the year to develop a long range plan to position CCAO, CORSA, and CEBCO to continue to provide varied and essential services to Ohio counties. The goal was to develop a plan to manage the varied services that are provided to counties and to assure that resources and expertise was being appropriately shared among the various legal and operating entities under the CCAO umbrella.

During the year a compensation and classification plan has been prepared, a cost allocation methodology has been completed, and various organizational changes have been considered. At a recent meeting of the CCAO Board of Trustees, various organizational changes were approved that will become effective on October 1.

Cheryl Subler has been named to a newly created position of Managing Director of Policy and Legislation. In this position, Subler will have management responsibility for the development and implementation of the CCAO Legislative Program and will lead our experienced legislative team at the Statehouse. Subler currently serves as a Senior Policy Analyst and has been with CCAO for ten years.

To help better manage the increasingly complex administrative budgets and to coordinate with investment managers and internal investment committees on what is now significant investment portfolios of CORSA and CEBCO, Thisbe Ingold has been named to the position of Finance Manager. The new Finance Manager will have primary responsibility to manage the financial activities at CCAO including working with the Managing Directors of Property & Casualty, Health & Wellness and the Executive Director in the preparation and monitoring of budgets, accounts receivable and payable, internal audits, and preparing for external audits of the

organizations. Accounting responsibilities for CCAO, CORSA, and CEBCO will be integrated into the finance section and will be managed by Ingold with the assistance of a full time accountant. This position will be filled through a competitive process. A job listing for the accountant position is printed in this issue of CIDS.

In addition to continuing to serve as the CCAO Office Manager, Kathy Dillon has also been named to the position of Boards' Liaison. This new position will involve serving as the Assistant Secretary to the CCAO and the CCAO Service Corporation Boards; staffing of the meetings of the Boards' Coordinating Council; and, working with the Executive Director and the Managing Directors of Property & Casualty and Health & Wellness to coordinate the activities of the CCAO, CORSA, and CEBCO Boards and to assure all Board members receive information and assistance needed to meet their responsibilities. She will serve as the representative of the Executive Director when he is not able to attend CORSA and CEBCO meetings and will work to assure that consistent policies are applied between all CCAO operating entities.

In addition, the new position of Deputy Director of Operations has been established and the goal is to fill this position by the end of the current year. The Deputy Director of Operations will have overall management responsibility for internal office operations and office support including responsibility for planning and management of finances; human resources; enterprise services and corporate relations; communications; and information technology including data base management and web site maintenance. Three managers will report to the Deputy Director: the Finance Manager, Office Manager, and the Enterprise Services Manager. The position of Deputy Director is now open and will be advertised in major newspapers. It is also listed in this issue of CIDS.

#### DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS

The County Commissioners Association of Ohio (CCAO) seeks an energetic, innovative, highly organized, and self-motivated individual to manage

internal operations. Position includes responsibilities related CORSA, CEBCO, and the CCAO Service Corporation in providing enterprise service programs for county governments in Ohio.

This new position, recently established by the CCAO Board of Trustees, includes management responsibility for finances; human resources; enterprise services and corporate relations; communications; and information technology including data base management and web site maintenance. The Finance Manager, Office Manager and Enterprise Services Manager will report to the Deputy Director of Operations.

Bachelor's Degree in business administration, public administration, management, or related field; 6-10 years experience; including at least 3 years of supervisory experience. Experience in human resources, public relations and budgeting preferred. Ideal candidate must have excellent oral and written communication skills, excel in project management, be a visionary, and provide leadership in a fast paced environment.

Competitive salary and benefit program in a positive team-oriented downtown Columbus office. Send resume and salary requirements to: Kathy Dillon, CCAO, 37 West Broad Street - Suite 650, Columbus OH 43215 or e-mail to [ccaodo@ccao.org](mailto:ccaodo@ccao.org). No phone calls.

### ACCOUNTANT

The County Commissioners Association of Ohio seeks a full-time Accountant. The Accountant will report to the Finance Manager and maintain accounts, prepare reports, perform internal audits and prepare for external audits for CCAO, the CCAO Service Corporation, CORSA, and CEBCO. Monitor accounts payable and receivable and initiate collection procedures as needed. Bachelors Degree in Accounting with 1-2 years experience. Knowledge of U.S. accounting principles, GASB and governmental financial reporting guidelines preferred.

Competitive salary and benefit program in a positive team-oriented downtown Columbus office, paid parking. Send resume and salary requirements to: Kathy Dillon, CCAO, 37 West Broad Street - Suite 650, Columbus OH 43215 or e-mail to [ccaaoacc@ccao.org](mailto:ccaaoacc@ccao.org). No phone calls.

### 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 last two meetings to be held in 2006:

OCTOBER 6, 2006 - ROSS COUNTY - REGION 5

LOCATION: Ross County Service Center, 475 Western Avenue, Ross County (Chillicothe)

COUNTIES: Fairfield, Fayette, Franklin, Gallia, Hocking, Jackson, Lawrence, Madison, Perry, Pickaway, Pike, Ross, Scioto and Vinton

RSVP to Flora Butler, Clerk, Butler County Commissioners at (513) 887-3504 or [ButlerFR@butlercountyohio.org](mailto:ButlerFR@butlercountyohio.org)

OCTOBER 27, 2006 - MONTGOMERY COUNTY - REGION 6

LOCATION: Madison Lakes Learning & Conference Center, 581 Olive Road, Montgomery County (Dayton)

COUNTIES: Adams, Brown, Butler, Clark, Clermont, Clinton, Darke, Greene, Hamilton, Highland, Miami, Darke, Greene, Hamilton, Highland, Miami, Montgomery, Preble and Warren

RSVP to Dianna Harris, Administrative Assistant, Montgomery County Engineer's Office at (937) 225-4904 or harrisd@mcoho.org.

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.

#### REQUESTS TO CCAO NOMINATING COMMITTEE DUE NOVEMBER 1

On September 15, 2006, Bob Corbett, Champaign County Commissioner and CCAO Nominating Committee Chair, sent each county commissioner a memo detailing CCAO nominating procedures for 2006. The Committee will nominate individuals for the offices of president, first vice president, second vice president, secretary and treasurer. It will also recommend seven members to serve two year terms on the CCAO Board of Trustees in 2007 and 2008.

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 terms to the Board expire 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).

Finally, the CCAO Nominating Committee Request Form and Candidate Questionnaire must be

submitted by November 1, 2006 as follows:

1. Bob Corbett, Champaign County Commissioner, 1512 S. US 68 - Suite A100, Urbana, OH 43078-1677, no later than November 1, 2006
2. A copy should be sent to: CCAO, ATTN: KATHY DILLON - NOMINATING COMMITTEE, 37 West Broad Street - Suite 650, Columbus, OH 43215-4195.

Additional forms may be obtained by contacting Kathy Dillon at (614) 221-5627, (888) 757-1904 or kathydillon@ccao.org.

#### COUNTY COMMISSIONERS RING

In 1986, CCAO authorized the creation of an official county commissioners ring. The ring was designed at the request of current and former county commissioners under the guidance of CCAO. To order a ring, please contact Mike Miller at Miller's Jewelers in Mansfield at (419) 522-2793. It takes about six weeks for delivery of the rings.

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

#### ENERGY/TELECOM SAVINGS: COST CONTROL ASSOCIATES, INC.

A new CCAO-endorsed service provider, Cost Control Associates, Inc. (CCA), makes it possible for local governments to receive funds and cost savings from their telecom and energy providers. Through a nationally bid contract by Dallas County, TX that meets the competitive bid requirements for local governments, the National Association of Counties (NACo) and Cost Control Associates developed a program that is focused specifically on reducing costs in cellular, local and long distance phone, electrical, and natural gas services.

Cost Control Associates accomplishes this through two distinct methods: cost recovery/reduction and energy source analysis. First they examine the bills of your existing telecom and energy suppliers to identify any potential errors, submit claims based

upon those errors, and obtain refunds. Prior to submitting any potential claims CCA will present their plans of action to the county client for approval. Recommendations will be made in writing, and will only be implemented at the discretion of the client.

Secondly, they can also perform a comprehensive comparative analysis of rate plans from different service providers in the client's available area for telecom, electrical, and natural gas services. Again, recommendations will be made by the CCA and implemented only after county approval.

Fees for this program are contingency-based and tied directly to the refunds and savings produced. If no savings are found, then nothing is charged. CCA also takes no fees from any telecom or energy suppliers. This independence from suppliers means they will be providing impartial advice that is best for you, not anyone else.

Over 97% of clients receive refunds and/or savings by using these services. Their clients include counties in Michigan and New York, the State of New York, the City of Cleveland, OH, and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

**UPDATE:** Cost Control Associates has just recently added Tuscarawas County to their client list.

NACo has reported that Dallas County has now waived the requirement for the participants in the program to sign their (Dallas County's) Master Interlocal Agreement. Some Counties may still want to make it part of the agreement and others would prefer to keep it out. It is your choice, but this has greatly simplified the "piggyback" process involved with nationally-bid contracts.

For detailed information or to discuss program enrollment, please contact Norm Poli of Cost Control Associates at (989) 358-1590 or via e-mail at [norm.poli@costcontrolassociates.com](mailto:norm.poli@costcontrolassociates.com). For general information, please contact Brent Fisher, CCAO Enterprise Services Manager, at 614-220-7996 or via e-mail at [bfisher@ccao.org](mailto:bfisher@ccao.org).

## STATE ACTIVITIES

### 2006 SERB HEALTH INSURANCE SURVEY DUE OCTOBER 4

Under ORC 4117.02 (K)(5), the State Employment Relations Board (SERB) has a statutory requirement to act as a clearinghouse of information related to wages, fringe benefits, and employment practices applicable to the various political subdivisions in Ohio.

Under the same ORC chapter, public employee organizations, public employers, and governmental units are required to provide assistance, services and data to enable SERB to carry out its functions and powers. For the 15<sup>th</sup> year, SERB is conducting a survey distributed to public employers in an attempt to assess the cost and content of health insurance in Ohio's public sector report.

SERB mailed a copy of the survey to all public employers, but it can also be completed via the internet at <http://vista-survey.com/survey/v1/survey.dsb?ID=8021776306>. To begin the survey, e-mail or paper, you will need your unique "identification number" which was provided to you by e-mail and through the mailed copy.

SERB is aware that many public employers deal with multiple health care plans and/or multiple unions, please photocopy the survey or follow instructions on-line, and submit separate information on each plan made available to your employees. Please answer all of the relevant questions for each of your county's plans.

Complete and return the survey by **October 4, 2006**. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Kay Raffo, SERB Researcher, at (614) 466-1123 or [KRaffo@SERB.STATE.OH.US](mailto:KRaffo@SERB.STATE.OH.US) or Cheri Alexander, SERB Administrator, (614) 466-1193 or [CAlexander@SERB.STATE.OH.US](mailto:CAlexander@SERB.STATE.OH.US).

## OHIO INDUSTRIES FOR THE HANDICAPPED

All Ohio counties, state agencies, public universities, public schools, villages and townships are required by the "State Use Law" to buy supplies and services provided by severely handicapped Ohio citizens. The State Use Law was originally enacted in 1976 to provide Ohio's severely handicapped citizens with long term employment by providing an increased market for supplies and services of sheltered workshops and the employment of mentally retarded and developmentally disabled persons.

The last biennial budget bill (HB 66) substantially changed the structure of the State Use Law. The law eliminates the State Use Committee which was responsible for selecting supplies and services and setting prices for those items. These responsibilities will be transferred to a new Office of Procurement from Community Rehabilitation Programs which the state must create by July 1, 2007. This new office, similar to the state use committee, must maintain and publish a procurement list that includes all supplies and services suitable for use by state and local governments.

Before purchasing any supply or service, a county is generally required to do the following:

1. Determine whether the supply or service is on the office's list at a fair market price. If it is available, then a county is required to purchase the supply or service from a qualified agent or agency at that price.
2. If no price has been established, the county is required to negotiate an agreement for a fair market price. If no price is negotiated, the state may release the county from its obligation to purchase from within the program.
3. Pay administrative fees to the Department of Administrative Services to defray the administrative cost of the program.

4. Provide information to the Office of Procurement from Community Rehabilitation Programs necessary for the state to administer the program.

Local officials must keep in mind that the state is still in the process of implementing the comprehensive changes to the State Use Law brought about by the last state budget. For updated lists of products and services, visit the Ohio Industries for the Handicapped 2007 Products and Services List please see [www.oih.org](http://www.oih.org) or call (614) 846-4877.

## **FEDERAL ACTIVITIES**

### HOUSE PASSES MANDATE FOR PROOF OF CITIZENSHIP, NEW PHOTO ID CARDS FOR ALL VOTERS

On September 20, the U.S. House of Representatives approved H.R. 4844, the "Federal Election Integrity Act". The bill would require all voters to either present a valid U.S. Passport or obtain a new picture ID card and demonstrate proof of citizenship prior to voting in November 2010.

NACo sent a letter of opposition, pointing out that the Congressional Budget Office has determined that the bill creates an intergovernmental mandate with costs that far exceed the threshold in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act. According to CBO's figures, states and/or counties would incur approximately \$570 million in costs to issue new photo identification cards to all voters without a current U.S. Passport by 2010, of which no more than \$70 million would be reimbursable by the federal government (and that only if Congress appropriates the funds). An unfunded mandate point of order against consideration was raised, but it also failed on a party-line vote.

If federal structures are in place for states to issue voters a "Real ID" driver's license or identification card by then, states could comply with the mandate by adding a proof of citizenship requirement and dramatically accelerating the timeline for

implementing that federal mandate - the costs of which are already well into 11 figures. However, with federal regulations still in process and major nationwide computer systems still to be developed, the timeline would seem prohibitive. In addition, federal funding could not be used to issue Real ID cards for voting. To claim funds states would have to issue a card to be used solely for elections purposes. In many states, this would likely mean requiring county clerks or registrars to verify the citizenship of registered voters and implement a new photo voter registration card.

Any fees are capped at the cost of issuance and cards must be issued free of charge to those who assert that they are indigent. In addition, all cards would have to be issued free of charge if fees are determined by the courts to be an unconstitutional poll tax. Federal funds, if appropriated, would only be available for reimbursing the cost of indigent cards.

Such controversial legislation is unlikely to pass the Senate as a standalone bill in the waning days of the Congressional session; however, there may be an attempt to add it to another bill, such as the funding package for the Department of Homeland Security, next week. County officials should call their members of the Senate to apprise them of what this bill would mean for your county and insist that they impose no further unfunded mandates in the final weeks of the Congressional session.

## **NACo ACTIVITIES**

### EARN 300 FREE RADON TEST KITS FOR YOUR COUNTY

Now in its second year, NACo is continuing its successful radon program to coincide with National Radon Awareness Month in January 2007. To raise awareness of radon, its health effects, and mitigation techniques, NACo is again conducting the County Radon Outreach Program. Your county could be one of 10 counties to earn 300 free radon test kits. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has found that radon is responsible for about 21,000 lung

cancer deaths every year. About 2,900 of these deaths occur among people who have never smoked, according to the EPA. To learn how to submit an application on your planned outreach activities to diverse and low-income areas of your counties, please contact NACo. Applications are due to NACo by November 13, 2006.

### NACo ANNOUNCES FIRST EVENT UNDER ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE INITIATIVE

NACo will hold its first regional Health Care Leadership Institute, November 12-13, in Chandler, Arizona, in conjunction with the Arizona Association of Counties annual meeting. The Institute, which is part of the Access to Health Care for Vulnerable Populations Initiative and supported by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, is a two-day training workshop for elected county officials and their community partners. The Institute's goal is to educate participants on issues related to access to care; to strengthen their leadership skills in building community support for programs that will strengthen the quality of health care for underserved populations; and to cultivate partnerships between county officials and local organizations working to improve access to care.

NACo will offer partial travel scholarships on a competitive basis to 15-20 county teams. Priority will be given to counties in the southwest region, but limited space will be available for other counties outside the region. The application and more information will be available on NACo's Web site, [www.naco.org/techassistance](http://www.naco.org/techassistance) in the Health section.

## **CONFERENCES/WORKSHOPS**

### BEST LOCAL LAND USE PRACTICES

The "Best Local Land Use Practices" training sessions are a part of the Ohio Lake Erie Commission's Balanced Growth Program. Reflecting on the dual goals of enhancing the economy and ensuring water quality in the Lake Erie Watershed, recommendations are made for a number of

practices that can be implemented by local governments.

Recommendations for local comprehensive planning, such as storm water management, erosion/sediment control ordinances, riparian and wetlands setback ordinances, meadow protection, conservation and compact development and comprehensive planning have been gathered by the Balanced Growth Program. Attend one of the following sessions to discover the Best Local Land Use Practices for the Lake Erie Watershed:

#### **General Audience Sessions**

*for citizens, landowners, engineers, planners, and local zoning & planning officials*

#### **October 11, 2006 - 7:00 p.m.**

Lorain County Community College, Spitzer Conference Center - Room 118, 1005 Abbe Road North, Elyria

#### **October 18, 2006 - 7:00 p.m.**

Kent State University, Blue & Gold Room, 330 Lake Road West, Ashtabula

#### **Planning & Zoning Workshop**

#### **November 15, 2006 - 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.**

Workshop in Planning & Zoning in Northwest Ohio Homebuilders Association of Greater Toledo, 1911 Indian Wood Circle, Maumee  
Cost: \$30. For more information please contact [pcamacho@council.com](mailto:pcamacho@council.com) for details.

For additional information about the Ohio Lake Erie Growth Program visit:  
<http://www.epa.state.us.us/bg1/index.html>.

#### **UTILITY & FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT TRAINING FOR LOCAL OFFICIALS**

The Ohio Rural Community Assistance Program (RCAP) is offering two one-day seminars for local officials in water & wastewater capacity development at locations throughout Ohio. These one-day

courses cover technical, managerial, and financial aspects of utility operation and management, and several aspects of financial management including records, policies, accounts, billing and analysis, and implementation. Course materials and lunch are included. These courses are provided at no cost to participants by the OhioEPA Division of Drinking and Ground Waters.

#### **Utility Management**

#### **September 26, 2006 - 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.**

Zane State College, 1555 Newark Road, Zanesville

#### **October 4, 2006 - 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.**

U.S. Department of Agriculture, 7668 C.R. 140 - Suite D, Findlay

#### **October 10, 2006 - 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.**

R.G. Drage Career Center, 6805 Richville Drive, Massillon

#### **January 9, 2007 - 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.**

Ohio Department of Agriculture, 8995 East Main Street, Reynoldsburg

#### **March 27, 2007 - 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.**

Troy Moose Lodge, 2331 West State Route 55, Troy

#### **Financial Management**

#### **November 8, 2005 - 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.**

Zane State College, 1555 Newark Road, Zanesville

#### **December 5, 2006 - 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.**

R.G. Drage Career Center, 6805 Richville Drive, Massillon

#### **January 10, 2007 - 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.**

Ohio Department of Agriculture, 8995 East Main Street, Reynoldsburg

#### **February 7, 2007 - 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.**

U.S. Department of Agriculture, 7668 C.R. 140 - Suite D, Findlay



**March 28, 2007** - 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.  
Southern State Community College, 1270 U.S. Route  
62 South West, Washington Courthouse

To register online please visit: [www.glrp.org/ohio](http://www.glrp.org/ohio).  
For more information please contact Nadine  
Thompson, Ohio RCAP Office, (419) 332-2056 or  
(800) 775-9767. Directions and additional  
information are available on our website.

IMPACT OHIO: 2006 POST ELECTION  
CONFERENCE

The Success Group, Ltd. will present "Impact Ohio:  
2005 Post Election Conference" on Thursday,  
November 9, 2006 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the  
Columbus Convention Center, 400 North High Street,  
in Columbus. Impact Ohio is designed for  
government officials, corporate executives, not-for-  
profit administrators, educators, lobbyists, labor  
leaders, and other interested in public policy and  
politics in Ohio. "Perspectives of the New  
Administration" - the keynote address - will be  
presented by the next administration. Breakout  
sessions include: medicaid reform, campaign 2006,  
budget forecast, and tax reform

Conference cost: \$135 per person (lunch included).  
Registration deadline: October 23, 2006. Register  
on-line at [www.impact.ohio](http://www.impact.ohio) or contact The Success  
Group, Ltd., 172 East State Street - Suite 400,  
Columbus, OH 43215, (614) 221-0971 or  
[info@impactohio.com](mailto:info@impactohio.com).

**ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINIONS**

SYLLABUS 2006-038

In the absence of a statute to the contrary, foreign  
individuals and entities domiciled in a foreign country  
are "persons" who are entitled to inspect and copy  
public records pursuant to ORC 149.43.

SYLLABUS 2006-039

1. When an injury of a person occurred in one county resulting in that person's death in a second county and the coroner of the county in which the death occurred paid to have the deceased individual transported to a third county and paid to have the third county's coroner perform the autopsy in accordance with ORC 313.16, the provisions of ORC 313.161 require the county in which the injury occurred to pay the costs of the autopsy, which shall be no greater than the actual value of the services of the technicians and materials used, but do not require the county in which the injury occurred to pay any transportation costs.
2. When, in order to determine the cause of death, a county coroner orders an autopsy on an individual who died in a trauma center in the coroner's county, after having been involved in an accident in another county, the provisions of ORC 313.161 requiring that the costs of the autopsy be paid by the county in which "the injury causing death occurred" apply to any harm or damage causing death, including a natural cause such as a heart attack.

SYLLABUS 2006-040

1. Absent express statutory authority, the board of health of a general health district may not, pursuant to contract or otherwise, delegate to a county its duty to perform plumbing inspections.
2. A county building department and its personnel that become certified by the Board of Building Standards under ORC 3781.10 (E) (1) or (2) do not become authorized by such certification to perform plumbing inspections.

3. The Superintendent of Industrial Compliance has no authority to certify county building department employees to perform plumbing inspections.

SYLLABUS

2006-041

1. The positions of county commissioner and member of a county board of elections are incompatible. In a given situation, however, a county prosecuting attorney may determine, on the basis of specific facts and circumstances, that a person may serve briefly in both positions when the person is not a candidate for an office to be filled at an election and will not be subject immediately to the budgetary conflicts of interest that exist between the two positions.
2. A county commissioner who serves as a member of a county board of elections may not participate in any deliberations, discussions, negotiations, or votes concerning the lease of office space to or by a board of elections, the provision of health or life insurance to the employees or members of the board of elections, or matters pertaining to the expenses of the board of elections.
3. A member of a county board of elections who serves as a county commissioner may not participate in any deliberations, discussions, negotiations or votes concerning the lease of office space from the board of county commissioners or a matter pertaining to the conduct or outcome of an election on a county issue or question.
4. Whether a person's simultaneous service as a county commissioner and member of a county board of elections violates the provisions of ORC Chapter 102 and ORC 2921.42 - .43 is question reserved to the Ohio Ethics Commission.

**CLASSIFIEDS**

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

Fairfield County is seeking a full-time economic development director. This position is responsible for coordinating and facilitating activities and efforts of area agencies, businesses, and industries working toward the economic growth of Fairfield County. Candidates for this position should possess an undergraduate degree in city planning, public administration, business administration, or marketing. This position also requires two years of experience in the field of economic development. The annual salary for this position is \$59,000 - \$79,000 depending upon experience. Please go to myworknet.com for position details and information on the application process. **NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE**, deadline for applications is **October 6, 2006**. 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](mailto:mjneiman@ccao.org).

