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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

CCAO/CEAO ANNUAL WINTER CONFERENCE - DECEMBER 10-13

Mark your calendars and plan to attend the 125th CCAO/CEAO Annual Winter Conference and Trade Show to be held December 10-13, 2006 at the Hyatt Regency, 350 North High Street, in Columbus. Register for the conference by November 17 to get the pre-registration discount. Registration materials were mailed to county commissioners, county engineers and CCAO affiliates this week. Copies to CCAO alumni and vendors will be sent next week. An agenda will be published in CIDS in a few weeks.

REGISTRATION

Some registration options have changed this year. Registrants have the following options to choose from:

Packages

Full Conference Registration

by 11/17 - \$275 after 11/17 - \$285
(Conference registration and the following meals are included: Sun. buffet dinner, Tues. continental breakfast, Tues. lunch, Tues. Banquet and Weds. buffet breakfast.)

Meetings Only (Government Employees)

by 11/17 - \$25 after 11/17 - \$35
(Conference registration priced per day - Mon, Tues & Weds. No meals.)

Meetings Only (Corporate Employees)

by 11/17 - \$155 after 11/17 - \$165
(Conference registration for the entire conference. No meals.)

Tuesday Banquet Only

by 11/17 - \$60 after 11/17 - \$70
(Reception, dinner & entertainment)

Spouse/Guest

by 11/17 - \$110 after 11/17 - \$120
(Full packet + spouse/guest luncheon & program)

Spouse/Guest Luncheon Only

by 11/17 - \$45 after 11/17 - \$55

Please note: Anyone attending a meeting during the conference is required to register. County officials or employees registering for meetings only packets must register for each day they are attending. The nominal registration fee defrays the conference expenses incurred by CCAO/CEAO to hold the conference.

ANNUAL MEETING & ELECTION OF 2007 OFFICERS

The CCAO Annual Meeting and election of 2007 officers will be held on Tuesday afternoon, December 12 at 2:15 p.m. The Banquet and installation of officers will be held on Tuesday evening.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

Please make your reservations (\$135 single/double) directly with the Hyatt Regency, 350 North High Street, Columbus, OH 43215, (888) 421-1442 or <http://columbus.hyatt.com/groupbooking/cmhrccnty2006>. Cut off date: November 17, 2006. **If CCAO/CEAO don't pick up the room block our expenses increase and it will be reflected in higher registration fees next year.**

LAST 2006 CCC/ESAO REGIONAL MEETINGS TO BE HELD ON OCTOBER 27

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 the last meeting. The final meeting will be held on October 27.

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.

IN MEMORIAM

ROGER LORENSON

Former Ottawa County Commissioner Roger Lorensen passed away on Tuesday, October 3. He served one term from 1985 to 1989. Lorensen was a grain farmer and served on the Ottawa County Fair Board. Former colleagues remember him as a straight-talker who used his plain-spoken sensibility to work with state agencies while working hard to improve the county. CCAO extends heartfelt sympathy to the Lorensen family.

CCAO SERVICE CORPORATION PROGRAM NEWS

CCAO/MAXIMUS COST RECOVERY SERVICES

OMB Circular A-87 cost plans identify indirect costs in strict accordance with federal accounting standards, and are used as the basis for securing reimbursements for federal and grant contract sources. Full cost plans are also used to claim reimbursement from enterprise funds and fee-supported fund activities. Cost recoveries reduce or eliminate the need for general tax subsidies of these activities.

The CCAO-endorsed Maximus cost allocation plan services provide a double advantage for county taxpayers. Customized computer software is designed to maximize the revenues recovered by the county. Maximus cost plans identify the largest dollar amount of return permitted by federal cost sharing regulations. Additionally, because Maximus software and methods are federally accepted, service fees are reimbursable.

Maximus guarantees that federal and state cognizant agencies will accept plans for reimbursement purposes. Maximus files, negotiates, and secures plan approval from state and federal agencies. Maximus defends cost plans against federal and state audits. The Columbus office location and ongoing relationships with state officials provide added value for clients.

Maximus has provided consulting services in over 80 Ohio counties for over 22 years. Their seasoned project consultants work in a competent, professional manner. Maximus emphasizes client service. Clients receive personal and prompt responses on cost plan matters from service offices in Central Ohio and Northern Ohio.

For additional information, contact Robert J. Fink, Maximus Senior Manager, at (800) 543-0288 or via e-mail at robertfink@maximus.com. For general information, please contact Brent Fisher, CCAO Enterprise Services Manager, at 614-220-7996 or at bfisher@ccao.org.

STATE ACTIVITIES

SUPREME COURT RULES ON RECORDS OF PRIVATE FIRMS WORKING FOR GOVERNMENT

The Ohio Supreme Court ruled last week that private entities are not subject to the state's public records law unless there is clear and convincing evidence that they are the "functional equivalent of a public office." The opinion came in a case involving Summit County's Oriana House Inc. and Auditor Betty Montgomery. "A private business does not open its records to public scrutiny merely by performing services on behalf of the state or a municipal government," Justice Paul Pfeifer said in the lead opinion. Dissenting in the 4-3 vote on the opinion were Chief Justice Thomas Moyer and Justices Alice Resnick and Maureen O'Connor.

In the syllabus of the case the court ruled that:

1.. Private entities are not subject to the Public Records Act absent a showing by clear and convincing evidence that the private entity is the functional equivalent of a public office, and

2. In determining whether a private entity is a public institution under R.C. 149.011(A) and thus a public office for purposes of the Public Records Act, R.C. 149.43, a court shall apply the functional-equivalency test. Under this test, the court must analyze all pertinent factors, including (1) whether the entity performs a governmental function, (2) the level of government funding, (3) the extent of government involvement or regulation, and (4) whether the entity was created by the government or to avoid the requirements of the Public Records Act.

The basic contention in the case was whether the Oriana House, a non profit corporation, managing the day to day operation of the Summit County Community Based Correctional Facility (CBCF) was a "public institution." If it was determined to be a public institution, the records would be public records under the statute.

First, the court held "that in determining whether a private entity is a public institution under R.C.

149.011(A) and thus a public office for purposes of the Public Records Act, R.C. 149.43, a court shall apply the functional-equivalency test. Under this test, the court must analyze all pertinent factors, including (1) whether the entity performs a governmental function, (2) the level of government funding, (3) the extent of government involvement or regulation, and (4) whether the entity was created by the government or to avoid the requirements of the Public Records Act."

The court then went on to apply the functional equivalency test to the Oriana House and found that "even construing R.C. 149.43 liberally in favor of broad access, as we must, we conclude that there is not clear and convincing evidence that Oriana House is a public institution and thus a public office subject to the Public Records Act. Two factors of the functional equivalency test favor the auditor's position, and two factors favor Oriana House's position. The two factors that favor the auditor's position are not fully in her favor, while the two factors that favor Oriana House are wholly in its favor. After considering the pertinent factors, we conclude that Oriana House is not a public institution."

The dissent written by Chief Justice Thomas Moyer does not disagree with the establishment of the functional equivalency test by the majority, but on how the test was applied to the case at bar. "I strongly disagree with the conclusion of the majority that application of the functional-equivalency test requires us to reverse the judgment of the court of appeals, said Moyer. Associate Justice O'Connor and Resnick joined in the dissent.

STATE TAX REVENUE SHRINKS ACCORDING TO PLAN - AND THEN SOME

With the first quarter of state fiscal year 2007 in the books, tax revenue is down even more than expected based on changes to the tax code enacted last year by the General Assembly, Office of Budget and Management figures show.

State spending - particularly in Medicaid - is also down considerably compared to OBM projections, but the shrinking revenue base and signs of an economic

slowdown have government program advocates thinking that a new statutory limit on state appropriations could be among the least of their worries looking ahead to the next biennium budget cycle.

Throw in the effects of accelerating a phased-in personal income tax cut, which the legislature is considering on top of Governor Bob Taft's order to downwardly adjust the income tax withholding tables, and the 3.5% in annual appropriations growth allowed under state law(SB 321) starts to look like a lofty goal rather than a restricting factor for advocacy groups and state agency fiscal planners.

"Our concern all along has been about sufficient revenues keeping pace with ongoing service demands," said David Ellis, director of Policy, Planning and Programs for the Cleveland-based Center for Community Solutions. "You throw on top of that the cooling economy and it's of even greater concern."

State tax collections had been holding relatively steady with OBM estimates until last month, when a continued slump in sales taxes and a drop in personal income tax collections took a bite out of the government's bottom line. September's total tax receipts were off by \$66 million, or 4.1%, compared to OBM projections. That performance knocked the year-to-date tax total below the agency's estimates by \$37 million, or 0.8%.

The year-to-date revenue comparison to last year, which reflects the impact of the first phase of a 21% across-the-board income tax cut and other policy changes, shows tax intake is \$80 million, or 1.8%, below the pace of collections in the first three months of FY 2006.

OBM Director Tim Keen said the administration, due mostly to Mr. Taft's executive order to adjust the withholding tables, projects FY 2007 revenues will fall short of last year's intake by some \$290 million, or 1.5%.

As such, Mr. Taft has sounded a warning over the House's plan to condense the five-year income tax cut even further and forego additional revenue in FYs 2007-2009 (HB 626). The bill emerged from committee last month and Speaker Jon Husted (R-Kettering) plans a full House vote later this year.

The governor said additional tax policy changes proposed for the lame duck session year should not put the currently balanced budget in jeopardy or impact the \$1 billion-plus Budget Stabilization Fund.

Nevertheless, Speaker Husted isn't concerned at this point about declining revenues derailing the House plan, spokeswoman Karen Tabor said.

"We feel pretty confident the acceleration will not be impacted. We feel we can move forward with tax cuts to people and not be in jeopardy," she said. "We're only three months into the fiscal year. That's not necessarily a trend."

Within the state's financial ledger, however, is a troubling trend for budget watchers that underscores Ohio's continuing struggles to match a national economic recovery that now shows signs of a slowdown.

Sales tax collections through the first three months of FY 2007 are running \$103.5 million, or 5.3%, behind last year's pace. And FY 2006 wasn't exactly a boom time for sales tax growth, as that year's total came in more than \$112 million, or 1.5%, below OBM projections.

Anticipating the slump would continue, the budget agency backed off its sales tax estimates for FY 2007, but the \$1.84 billion in collections through September still lag the revised projections by \$61 million, or 3.2%.

Sales taxes, the state's second-largest revenue source behind personal income taxes, were thought to be down largely due to the spike in energy costs. OBM Director Keen said the agency expected somewhat of a rebound last month given the sudden and sharp decline in gasoline prices, but collections

did not pan out that way.

"With the sales tax it's a continued unevenness with a tendency toward weakness that we have seen for over a year now," Mr. Keen said, adding the trend has "puzzled" analysts even with the acknowledgment that Ohio's economic recovery is lagging. "We can't say specifically what is happening here, but obviously it bears watching."

Balancing out the drop in state revenues somewhat is a concurrent reduction in state agency spending led by the Medicaid entitlement, which thus far in FY 2007 is more than \$200 million, or 7.6%, behind last year's slowing growth pace. Total state spending through September, \$6.73 billion, is under the FY 2006 year-to-date totals by \$143 million, or 2.1%.

Mr. Keen said it's too early in the year to know for sure if all of the current Medicaid underspending will translate to fiscal year-end savings, but he expects some of it will. Nearly every category of the entitlement is running under budget, including the state's prescription drug costs.

Mr. Ellis, whose group studies government policies with an eye toward preserving the safety net for the poor, said Medicaid underspending only "gives us a little breathing room" in the face of tax system changes that, by their nature, will put the squeeze on most state programs moving forward.

"It's a bit troubling that we put this (tax) plan in place to begin with and we're accelerating even further when the cooling economy won't provide any revenue growth," he said, adding that the promise of a jobs and economy boost from the "tax reform" package (HB 66) hasn't materialized. "The argument that tax policy changes will stimulate the economy is not empirically true."

Despite the apparent slowdown in Medicaid spending, it along with costs for K-12 education programs that have built-in inflationary adjustments are projected to grow ad infinitum and threaten to consume more and more of the total state spending

pie into the future, Mr. Ellis said.

Coupled with plans to reduce tax revenues further moving forward, the dynamic translates to a continuation of flat or minimum increases in the budgets of state agencies currently in the process of developing their FY 2008-2009 biennium spending proposals. The next governor will present the executive budget plan to the General Assembly no later than March 15.

"It's going to be a difficult budget next time around," Mr. Ellis said.

OBM Revenue Figures: September revenues, compared to agency estimates, are as follows: non-auto sales tax - \$483.6 million, or \$37 million (7.1%) below estimates; auto sales tax - \$76.2 million, or \$4 million (5.1%) below; personal income tax - \$837 million, or \$40.3 million (4.6%) below; corporate franchise - \$17 million, or \$13.5 million above; kilowatt-hour tax - \$34.6 million, or \$2 million (5.9%) above; tobacco tax - \$87.5 million, or \$314,000 (0.4%) below; total tax receipts - \$1.55 billion, or \$66.2 million (4.1%) below.

Fiscal year-to-date revenue totals compared to OBM estimates are: non-auto sales tax - \$1.589 billion, or \$60.2 million (3.7%) below estimates; auto sales tax - \$253 million, or \$840,000 (0.3%) below; personal income tax - \$2.057 billion, or \$2.46 million (0.1%) above; corporate franchise tax - \$56.4 million, or \$23 million (69%) above; public utility tax - \$45 million, or \$361,000 (0.8%) above; kilowatt-hour tax - \$93.8 million, or \$196,000 (0.2%) above; tobacco tax - \$195.6 million, or \$953,000 (0.5%) below; total tax receipts - \$4.327 billion, or \$37 million (0.8%) below.

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FEDERAL ACTIVITIES

SUPPORT GROWS FOR PAPER BALLOT MANDATE

Seven members of the House of Representatives — including Minority Whip and coauthor of the Help America Vote Act Steny Hoyer (D-Md.) — joined 216 of their colleagues in the final week of the session in cosponsoring H.R. 550, the “Voter Confidence and Increased Accessibility Act”. With these new cosponsors, the legislation sponsored by Rep. Rush Holt (D-N.J.) now claims more than half of the U.S. House of Representatives.

H.R. 550 would add a new provision to the Help America Vote Act specifying that any voting system used in an election for federal office must generate a voter-verified paper ballot. This mandate would be in addition to — not instead of — the existing requirement that all voters regardless of disability be able to cast an independent and private ballot.

At a hearing on September 28, Chairman Vernon Ehlers of the House Administration Committee — quoting H.L. Mencken’s famous caution that “for every complex problem there is an answer that is clear, simple, and wrong” - decried the rush to equate paper with integrity and security, pointing to the risks of low-tech fraud through ballot box stuffing and the challenges of accurately counting large numbers of paper ballots.

Keith Cunningham, Election Director in Allen County, Ohio, testified that in a recent recount in Cuyahoga County, Ohio, as many as 10 percent of the paper ballot printouts were compromised in some fashion even though votes could be retrieved from the electronic record. Gary Smith, Director of Elections for Forsyth County, Georgia, responded to a demonstration of one method of hacking into a touch screen voting machine by explaining the chain of custody documentation and other management practices designed to prevent the introduction of malicious code into voting software.

Regardless of whether they support H.R. 550, every participant in the hearing expressed support for ongoing improvements to technology and management practices that ensure the integrity of voting systems. NACo continues to express concern that H.R. 550 and other bills under consideration — including one that recently passed the House of Representatives and would require voters to demonstrate proof of identity and citizenship (H.R. 4844) — would have the effect of imposing one-size-fits-all unfunded mandates in an area of traditional county responsibility without commensurate federal funding or accountability.

METH CLEANUP BILL LOOKS TO BE DEAD IN WATER

The NACo-supported Meth Remediation Research Act (S. 2019) appears dead because of hold placed on the bill by Sen. Tom Coburn @-Okla.). The modest legislation would authorize the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to develop voluntary cleanup standards for the remediation of former meth labs. The House passed their version (H.R. 798) in December 2005 by voice vote. The Senate bill, sponsored by Senators Gordon Smith (R-Ore.) and Max Baucus (D-Mont.) looked to be on a similar fast track in the Senate until Senator Coburn placed a hold on the bill, effectively killing it until the hold is lifted. Coburn’s staff has cited two main concerns about the bill: that the \$18 million authorized for four years is excessive and that this is not a federal responsibility. NACo and county officials in Oklahoma have tried to reassure Senator Coburn’s staff that the bill merely provides authorization and appropriations would need to follow. Additionally, while many states have begun to look at meth contamination issues, none have the scope of the EPA. Unless Senator Coburn lifts the hold on the bill and it is considered during the lame duck session in November (which is unlikely), the entire legislative process would have to start over in the 110th Congress.

CLASSIFIEDS

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. 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. No phone calls.

PLANNER/OPERATIONS OFFICER 2

The Franklin County Emergency Management and Homeland Security agency desires self-motivated candidates with direct experience preparing and maintaining emergency operations plans and attendant support and incident annexes. The successful candidate must exhibit knowledge of NIMS, NRP, local, state and federal laws, emergency operations planning, and is adept with various types of computer software.

The position requires frequent consultation with local governments, schools, businesses, health care facilities and the general public. A key initiative is to prepare supplemental plans that target special needs populations such as senior citizens, low income, non-English speaking, homeless and disabled residents. Desirable characteristics include the ability to handle sensitive communication with government officials and the public. Other attributes involve a demonstrated experience in problem solving, report writing and a willingness to assume 24-hour on-call duties.

Minimum qualifications: Bachelor of Art or Science, 1-year or more of emergency management with planning, analytical writing or public administration experience. Background check required. Non-negotiable salary: \$40,872. Send resume to FCEM&HS, 5300 Strawberry Farms Boulevard, Columbus, Ohio 43230. Deadline is **Friday, October 20, 2006 (postmarked)**. EOE.

HOMELAND SECURITY & EMERGENCY
MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR

The Portage County Commissioners are accepting applications for Homeland Security & Emergency Management Director. This position is responsible for overseeing and directing all activities of the office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, including developing and coordinating emergency services to ensure that the County is prepared to meet emergencies and disasters. Plans, directs and coordinates County emergency preparedness programs and activities; meets and confers with various local officials to develop disaster plans; advises County Commissioners on issues concerning emergency preparedness. Manages the administration of departmental financial resources, including federal and state grants; prepares department budget request and tax budget; prepares capital equipment requests; prepares federal grant requests and quarterly justification for federal grant reimbursement. Coordinates, develops, schedules, and implements records of databases, training, resource guides, hazard identification, mitigation programs, educational programs, County Emergency Response Plan, Hazmat Team, Oversight NPL sites, and volunteers. Supervises all personnel, paid or voluntary, of the LEPC; provides preplanning assistance to all responders and facilities; plans and coordinates exercises to be concurrent with LEPC rules and regulations including a major annual emergency management simulation (drill) for local government leaders and administrators

Minimum qualifications: Any combination equivalent to a bachelor's degree in emergency and disaster management, public administration, business administration or related field with experience in emergency management or community policing preferred. Must have experience in administrative planning and budgeting. Must acquire training as required by OAC 4501:3-5-01 for emergency management directors within three (3) years of the date of appointment. Must possess a valid Ohio driver's license and maintain continuing eligibility under the

existing County driver eligibility standards. Salary range: \$50,482 - \$71,323.

Submit completed County application form with cover letter by October 20, 2006 to: Portage County Human Resources, 449 S. Meridian St., 6th Fl., Ravenna, OH 44266. EOE

County job applications may be downloaded at www.co.portage.oh.us. Click on the County Job Openings link.

ATTORNEY

The Clermont County Department of Job and Family Services is seeking a full-time Attorney in the Division of Child Support Enforcement. Will prepare and present cases for Court which include the establishment and enforcement of child support. May also prepare and present cases to the Court of Appeals. The person will also help to cover administrative hearings when needed. Position requires providing legal advice to staff and conducting legal research on child support matters. Admission to the Ohio Bar required. Must have knowledge of and/or experience in administrative and quasi-judicial hearings; preparation of complex legal documents; research techniques; and social welfare issues. Download an application from www.co.clermont.oh.us. Send completed application to Human Resources, 101 East Main Street, Batavia, Ohio 45103. Contact (513) 732-7110 with any questions. Deadline to apply is **4:30 P.M. on October 30, 2006**. Clermont County is an EOE.

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

This highly responsible position serves at the pleasure of the Franklin County Board of Commissioners and assists the Director in administering a county job and family service agency that provides services, including TANF, Food Stamps, Medicaid, workforce services, etc. and contracted services. Specifically responsible for the administration and direction of the Development Support Services area, Workforce Development, Adult/Nursing Home Services, the

Quality Support Services Area and Program Policy Area. Assist the Director in development of all policies relative to the administration of the agency and planning of the programs; evaluating and monitoring current agency operations and programs and developing new and revised programs. Review all state and federal regulations to ensure that all areas of the agency are in compliance. Assume total responsibility for agency operations in Director's absence. Act as the agency and/or Commissioners representative on various community coalitions and work-groups; attend meetings and conferences on behalf of the Director.

Qualifications: Bachelor's degree required, Master's degree preferred. Completion of undergraduate major program core course work in social work, or sociology or child and family community services or rehabilitation (or 2yrs. exp. in human services org.); training or exp. in federal and state laws, rules and procedures governing welfare operations and services; course work in administrative aspect of practices in human services org. or business admin. of public admin. covering public budgeting and spending, finance or financial mgmt, decision making or policy formulation, H.R. Mgmt; or equivalent. Plus 1yr. exp. in program planning to meet human services needs to include making budgetary and staffing projections.

Salary Range: Competitive Salary plus comprehensive benefits.

Interested candidates should send a resume to the Franklin County Human Resources Department, 373 S. High Street, 25th Floor, Columbus, OH 43215.
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.