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DECEMBER 10-13, 2006	CCAO/CEAO ANNUAL WINTER CONFERENCE, HYATT REGENCY, COLUMBUS
MARCH 3-7, 2007	NACo LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE, WASHINGTON HILTON, WASHINGTON, D.C.
MARCH 7, 2006	OHIO CONGRESSIONAL BREAKFAST, RAYBURN HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING - ROOM B-369, WASHINGTON, D.C.
JUNE 10-12, 2007	CCAO/CEAO ANNUAL CONFERENCE, PARK INN TOLEDO (FORMERLY RADISSON HOTEL), LUCAS COUNTY (TOLEDO)
AUGUST 1, 2007	CCAO ANNUAL GOLF OUTING, OAKHAVEN GOLF COURSE, DELAWARE COUNTY (DELAWARE)

ASSOCIATION NEWS

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM FOR THE 127TH OHIO GENERAL ASSEMBLY NOW AVAILABLE TO REVIEW ON LINE

All board of commissioners' offices should have received a fax on Wednesday, November 29 letting you know that the LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM for the 127TH OHIO GENERAL ASSEMBLY and will be available to review "on line" on the CCAO web site at ccao.org.

The LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM for the 127TH OHIO GENERAL ASSEMBLY was adopted by the CCAO Board of Trustees on November 17, 2006, and is being recommended to the general membership for

adoption at the CCAO ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING to be held during the CCAO Winter Conference. The CCAO Board of Trustees asks that you review the proposed policy document prior to attending the annual business meeting on the Tuesday afternoon of the conference.

The Legislative Program to be placed before the general membership for adoption is the result of a year-long process which has included standing committees' review and revision of their specific topic areas; presentations to the Legislative Committee from various associations representing our other elected county office holders, local governments, agriculture, business, industry, environmental, and labor interests; and CCAO Board of Trustees review of the Legislative Committee's final recommendations.

If you would wish to receive a printed copy of the document please contact Janet Erwin, 614-221-5627 or jerwin@ccao.org. Questions regarding the document may be addressed to John Leutz, 614-221-5627 or jleutz@ccao.org.

We wish to thank all of our CCAO standing committee chairs and especially Kerry Metzger, Legislative Committee Chair, for guiding us through this valuable process to review, revise and renew our commitment to legislative proposals we believe support and further county government and facilitate our ability to serve our constituents better.

2007 PAY TABLES FOR COUNTY OFFICIALS

On December 8, 2000, Governor Taft signed House Bill 712 as an emergency measure and it became effective immediately. This legislation provided salary increases to county elected officials along with statewide officeholders, lawmakers, judges, boards of elections officials, and township officials. Following the enactment of this legislation, the County Commissioners Association of Ohio (CCAO) published County Advisory Bulletin (CAB) 2000-07, explaining the provisions of House Bill 712.

Since House Bill 712 provided that certain officials would receive cost of living increases in subsequent years based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI) through September of the preceding calendar year, salary tables must be produced annually in the fall, just a couple months prior to the officials receiving the increases. In October 2006, the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics published the CPI at 1.7 percent. This number is used to calculate the cost of living increases provided to most officials in 2007.

County Advisory Bulletin (CAB) 2006-02, *2007 Pay Tables for County Officials*, explains the cost of living increase provision contained in House Bill 712; highlight the various county elected officials' salary provisions; and provide salary tables for calendar year 2007. CAB 2006-02 has been published on the CCAO website at www.ccao.org, click on Publications, then on County Advisory Bulletins and on CAB number 2006-02

COUNTY WALKWAY DEDICATION RECEPTION - DECEMBER 10

Thanks to all 88 counties for participating in the County Walkway Project at the Governor's Residence! The project began last July to provide an ADA-accessible walk from the front to the back yards of the Heritage Garden at the Residence. Counties were asked to provide a brick or stone from their county that would be placed on each side of the walkway. The individualized county stones that edge the walk will be able to tell the history associated with your county and make visitors feel welcome. A few bricks and stones have not been delivered but space has been left in the design to accommodate them when they arrive.

Please join Governor and Mrs. Taft and CCAO for a dedication reception of the county walkway and tour of the gardens on Sunday, December 10 from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. with the gates opening promptly at 3:30 p.m. The address is 358 North Parkview Avenue, Bexley, OH 43209. Please RSVP by Thursday, December 7 to Julie Stone at jstone@gov.state.oh.us.

BOARD OF ELECTIONS SUIT

The Boards of Elections in 58 counties who use the Direct Recording Electronic (DRE) computerized voting systems manufactured by Diebold and Election Systems and Software, Inc have been named in a lawsuit filed by five plaintiffs, who allege that the voting systems do not satisfy state law requirements for reliability, security, accuracy, verifiability, and accessibility to all Ohio voters. Secretary of State J. Kenneth Blackwell is also named in the suit. The plaintiffs seek a declaration that it is unlawful for county election officials to purchase or use the two voting systems, and also are requesting an injunction prohibiting the use of the systems in Ohio elections.

Issac Brant Ledman Teeter (IBLT), a law firm who is a member of CORSA's defense panel, has advised CORSA that plaintiffs likely lack standing to sue counties other than those in which they are individually registered to vote. CORSA is the self insurance pool sponsored by the CCAO that provides property and liability coverage and risk management services for

62 counties. CORSA is providing a defense for the suit for members, as a risk management service. IBLT was retained to research the issue and prepare a motion to dismiss the complaint, due to the plaintiffs lack of standing to file the suit. CORSA member Prosecutors have the choice to either file the motion direct with the Court to avoid any deductible costs, or retain IBLT to file the motion on their behalf. A defense is being provided for the three member counties where the plaintiffs are registered voters. CORSA also forwarded the motion to Prosecutors of the other named non-member counties to use as they see fit in an attempt to assist all CCAO member counties.

Please contact Greg Gilliam, CORSA Claim Supervisor, in the CCAO office (866) 455-8039 for additional information.

RECOGNITION OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS & SUMMIT COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBERS NOT RETURNING TO OFFICE

CCAO appreciates the dedication of commissioners and Summit County Council members serving as public officials! County commissioners and council members, who are currently serving and will not be returning to office next term, will be recognized during the CCAO/CEAO Annual Winter Conference to be held on December 10-13, 2006 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, 350 North High Street, in Columbus.

As a token of CCAO's appreciation for their dedication of time and talents as a leader in county government, a plaque will be presented to you during the CCAO Annual Business Meeting on Tuesday, December 12 at the Hyatt Regency in the Fairfield Room - 2nd Floor. The business meeting starts at 2:00 p.m. and the plaques will be presented around 3:00 p.m. If you are not registered for the conference, you are welcome to attend the Annual Business meeting for the presentation of your plaque - at no charge. A photo will be taken of you when your plaque is presented.

Please RSVP your attendance to receive your plaque by December 1, 2006 to Amanda Jones, CCAO Administrative Assistant, (614) 220-7985, (888) 757-1904, fax (614) 221-6986 or ajones@ccao.org.

Please contact Mary Jane Neiman, Public Relations Associate, at (614) 220-7979, (888) 757-1904 or mjneiman@ccao.org if you have any questions. We look forward to seeing you at the conference!

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.

CIDS TO RETRUN DECEMBER 15

To permit the CCAO staff time to prepare for the CCAO/CEAO Winter Conference, County Information and Data Services will not be published on December 8.

2007 COUNTY HOLIDAY SCHEDULE		
HOLIDAY	ACTUAL HOLIDAY	LEGAL HOLIDAY
New Year's Day	37621	38717
Martin Luther King Day	38731	38731
President's Day	38769	38766
Memorial Day	38501	38864
Independence Day	37805	38171
Labor Day	38962	38962
Columbus Day	39001	38997
Veteran's Day	37935	39032
Thanksgiving Day	39042	39042
Christmas Day	37979	38710

STAFF UPDATE

DULANEY ACCEPTS NEW POSITION AT THE OHIO ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AUTHORITIES

This week, CCAO Senior Policy Analyst Suzanne Dulaney submitted a letter of resignation in order to accept a position as Associate CEO with the Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities beginning in 2007. Her last day in the office will be December 14.

In her letter, Suzanne noted that it has been a privilege to represent county commissioners through her service to CCAO. CCAO and the staff value the contributions that Suzanne has given to the Association and wish her continued success and she continues her career. Best wishes Suzanne!

CCAO SERVICE CORPORATION PROGRAM NEWS

NATURAL GAS PROGRAM WINTER CONFERENCE SESSIONS INFORMATION

As mentioned in previous news updates, we are now working with our program partners on a new natural gas aggregate purchase prepayment program which will allow us to continue to save money for our current participants and will allow other counties to potentially enter the program as well.

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

Details on how to move forward will be discussed at one CCAO Session during the Winter Conference for those interested in joining the new program once it launches.

The meeting information is as follows:

Monday, December 11, 2006 – 10:30 – 11:35

CCAO SESSION – STARTING A NEW CCAO SERVICE CORPORATION NATURAL GAS PROGRAM

Location: Hyatt Regency Columbus.

STATE ACTIVITIES

OHIO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH PROVIDES GUIDANCE ON OHIO'S SMOKING BAN

Ohio voters passed Issue 5 on Nov. 7, 2006, creating Ohio's indoor smoking ban under a new chapter of the Ohio Revised Code effective Dec. 7, 2006. This new law requires "public places" and "places of employment" be smoke free as of that date. Businesses and organizations must also post "No Smoking" signs that contain a telephone number for reporting violations -- (866) 559-OHIO (6446); and remove ashtrays and other smoking receptacles by December 7, 2006.

Businesses and organizations will be required to comply with the statute starting Dec. 7. In order to help affected entities towards complying with the new law, the Ohio Department of Health, provides the following interim guidance:

- ▶ Prohibit smoking in any "public place" or "place of employment" as of Dec. 7, 2006.
- ▶ All "public places" and "places of employment" must, by Dec. 7, 2006, post conspicuous signs at each entrance. The signs must be clearly legible and shall contain a toll-free number for reporting violations (1-866-559-OHIO). ODH has designed two sample signs which, when properly placed, meet the requirements of the new law. Please note: To download sample signs from the Ohio Department of Health, please go to www.odh.ohio.gov.
- ▶ All "public places" and "places of employment" must, by Dec. 7, 2006, remove all ashtrays and other smoking receptacles.

Also, to assist the public, ODH has established two toll-free telephone lines which will be staffed during normal business hours:

Toll-free enforcement line: (866) 559-OHIO or (866) 559-6446.

This line should be used for all enforcement-related questions, or, after Dec. 7, 2006, for reporting violations. This telephone number must appear on No Smoking signs required by ORC 3794.06 (A).

Toll-free information line: (866) ODH-7654 or (866) 643-7654.

This line should be used for general information concerning the law or for non-enforcement related questions.

For more information, please go to the Ohio Department of Health Web site at www.odh.ohio.gov.

NACo ACTIVITIES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOMINATIONS - OPEN SEAT TO FILL

CCAO is entitled to two representatives on the NACo Board of Directors. State associations are asked to nominate representatives to serve on the Board of Directors in June of each calendar year. Last June, County Commissioners Lenny Eliason (Athens) and Mary Walker (Clermont) were nominated by CCAO as Ohio's representatives on the NACo Board of Directors. The term of a NACo Board Member runs for one year beginning the last day of the current conference and ending the last day of the next annual conference. The NACo Board meets during the NACo Legislative, Western Interstate Region, and Annual Conferences and in November or December each year.

After a great deal of thought, Mary Walker has resigned her seat on the NACo Board of Directors. Walker stated, "I have always considered it an honor and privilege to represent CCAO on the NACo Board, but at this time my schedule does not permit me to fulfill this appointment to the end of my 2006-2007 term."

Commissioners interested in serving the unexpired term of Ohio's seat on the NACo Board of Directors until mid July 2007 should send or fax (614-221-6986) a letter of interest to CCAO Executive Director Larry Long by Friday, December 8, 2006.

2007 ACTS OF CARING AWARD - DEADLINE JANUARY 17

In 2007, the National Association of Counties (NACo) will recognize and promote volunteer programs through the Acts of Caring Awards, a national ceremony honoring community-based, county government initiatives that provide a legacy for the future of our country. The Acts of Caring is part of County Serve America, a long-term project of NACo that is designed to raise public understanding and awareness about county government.

An "act of caring" is a community service provided by a county-sponsored volunteer program that enhances or preserves the quality of life. Any county government that is a member of NACo with an active program that meets the application criteria is eligible to participate in the Acts of Caring awards.

Up to 18 programs will be recognized and deemed examples of outstanding Acts of Caring. Based on county size, as many as three programs will be recognized in each of six categories, including: community improvement, criminal justice/emergency management, elderly services, health/social services, libraries and programs for children and youth. In addition, one Youth Service Award and one Legacy Award for Excellence and Innovation will be given. This year's competition will feature cash awards for the Youth Service Award (\$1,000) and the Legacy Award for Excellence and Innovation (\$1,500).

Ohio has a successful history of winning an Acts of Caring award. Past winners from Ohio include: Hamilton, Portage (3), Summit (2), Erie, and Lucas. Three years ago, Portage County won the highly coveted Legacy Award.

To download an application, go to www.naco.org and

click "awards" on the left menu then follow the prompts. Applications must be received at the following address on or before Friday, January 19, 2007: NACo Acts of Caring Awards, c/o NACo, 440 First Street NW, Washington, DC 20001. For more information please contact Tom Goodman, NACo Public Affairs Director, at (202) 942-4222 or tgoodman@naco.org.

2007 NACo LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE

The National Association of Counties (NACo) Legislative Conference will be held on March 3-7, 2007 at the Hilton Washington & Towers in Washington, D.C. The conference will begin on Saturday and conclude on Wednesday. On-line registration opened on November 27, 2006 at www.naco.org. Click on Conferences & Events.

The Hilton Washington & Towers is the headquarters hotel. Other hotel options include The Churchill Hotel (across the street), the Jury's Normandy Hotel (a few blocks away), Hilton Embassy Row, and the Omni Shoreham Hotel (brisk walks).

Mark your calendars for the Ohio Congressional Delegation Breakfast to be held on Wednesday March 7, 2007. More information will be published when the location is confirmed.

If you have any questions about the conference please contact Mary Jane Neiman, CCAO Public Relations Associate, at (614) 220-7979, (888) 757-1904 or mjneiman@ccao.org.

BUTLER COUNTY TO RECEIVE 300 FREE RADON TEST KITS

Beginning January 1, counties across the nation will lead activities and host special events to increase awareness of the health effects of radon exposure and to promote radon testing, mitigation, and radon-resistant new construction. To assist in this effort, NACo has awarded ten counties, including Butler County, 300 free radon test kits through the second year of its County Radon Outreach Program. The

test kits, supplied by NACo, were awarded to these counties for their innovative radon outreach and education efforts concentrated in diverse and low income population areas.

Butler County will distribute its 300 test kits to its Kinship Care program and other county residents. In addition to distributing radon fact sheets, including in over 36,000 utility bills, the county will host a coloring contest for Kinship Care children. The county has developed "Radon Sam," a salamander, for the coloring contest. Families of winning children will be rewarded with a free pizza dinner. Butler County has also developed a number of partnerships with organizations in the community to help host a homes safety event.

Radon is a naturally occurring, invisible, and odorless radioactive gas. It originates from natural deposits of radium in the soil. As the radium decays it turns into radon gas which can enter a home. Radon enters a home due to indoor air vacuums that cause the radon laden soil gas to enter through the foundation.

Radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer in the country surpassed only by direct smoking, and the leading cause of lung cancer among nonsmokers. It is ranked by the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as a Group A Carcinogen, which places it in the highest ranking for cancer potential, and in the same category as tobacco. The EPA has found that radon is responsible for about 21,000 lung cancer deaths every year.

To learn how your county can plan radon outreach efforts in coordination with National Radon Action Month, contact Kelly Zonderwyk at kzonderwyk@naco.org or (202) 942-4224.

PUBLICATIONS

WIND ENERGY GUIDE FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The new *Wind Energy Guide for County Commissioners*, designed to provide county

commissioners, planners, and other local county government officials with a practical overview of information required to successfully implement commercial wind energy projects in their county, is now available. The publication is a joint project of the U.S. Department of Energy, the National Renewable Energy Lab, Wind Powering in America, and the National Association of Counties (NACo).

To view a copy of the publication to www.naco.org/techassistance and click on Energy Management.

CLASSIFIEDS

POLICY ANALYST

The County Commissioners Association of Ohio seeks a full-time Policy Analyst.

The policy analyst helps develop and advocates CCAO policy positions with legislators, executives, and other organizations with like interests and goals. Research assigned policy areas and conduct data analysis using spreadsheets and other programs to convey information. Provide training and education outreach to Ohio's counties, which includes some travel. Establish relationships with legislators, elected officials, and administrators at state level and other organizations. Bachelor Degree in Liberal Arts or Social Science or related field. 2-3 years experience in county or state government or legislature preferred; or equivalent combination of education and experience sufficient to demonstrate necessary knowledge, skills and abilities.

The Policy Analyst will serve with 4 other team members who advocate the Association's policy positions and provide support to member counties, including responding to inquiries, analyzing data, and giving presentations.

Competitive salary and benefit program. Positive, team-oriented downtown Columbus office. Send resume and salary requirements to Kathy Dillon, CCAO 37 W. Broad Street, Suite 650; Columbus, OH

43215 or e-mail to ccaopa@ccao.org. Resumes accepted until position is filled. No phone calls please.

DIRECTOR

The Board of Commissioners of Gallia County is seeking qualified applicants for the position of Gallia County Job and Family Services Director. The individual selected will report directly to and serve at the pleasure of the Board in an unclassified position. The Director will oversee all agency functions, which includes child support, workforce development, public assistance, and other appropriate services. The Director will work closely with the Board in planning, budgeting, implementing, and monitoring the agency's objectives and fiscal responsibilities. A detailed position description will be provided to each applicant selected for an interview.

Minimum qualifications include completion of undergraduate major core coursework in one of the following or a related field: business administration, public administration, human services, human resources, psychology, sociology, social work, education or finance. Also requires an additional five years of administrative/managerial experience to include responsibility for managing the fiscal aspects of an organization, agency, program or operation area, and assisting in developing and implementing policies, programs, laws, rules and/or regulations. At least two of the five years must have been as a supervisor over subordinate staff and/or contractors.

Or requires three courses or eighteen months of experience in business administration and/or public administration, one course or six months of experience in accounting or finance, two courses or twelve months of experience in social welfare, one course or six months of experience in human resources management, and one course or six months experience in written communication for business. Also requires five years of administrative/managerial experience to include responsibility for managing the fiscal aspects of an organization, agency, program, or operational area and assisting in developing and implementing policies,

programs, laws, rules and/or regulations. At least two of the five years must have been as a supervisor over subordinate staff and/or contractors. Or education, training and/or experience in an amount equal to the Minimum Qualifications stated above.

Applicants may apply by submitting a cover letter detailing salary history, a current résumé, a list of three professional references, and the applicant's qualifications as they relate to the specified minimum qualifications to Gallia County Board of Commissioners, 18 Locust Street, Room 1292, Gallipolis, OH 45631-1292, Attn: Karen Sprague, Administrator. Deadline for submitting the above information is at the close of business **December 6, 2006.**

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST

Job Responsibilities: Under direction of the Economic Development Director, responsible for participation in business expansion and retention, and business recruitment efforts. Duties include implementation and monitoring of programs and services. Provide technical assistance to incoming and existing businesses. Create/update print and electronic information resources including maintaining and updating the department's website. Update and maintain the database used for site selection purposes. Assist in the administration of tax incentive programs and assure compliance with state regulations and reporting requirements. Assist in conducting public relations to highlight the county's development, with emphasis on expanding the tax base.

Qualifications: Requires a bachelor's degree in public administration, business administration, planning, finance or closely related field also one to three years practical experience.

Pay Range: \$29,008.30.00 - \$50,101.00

Application Process: A Warren County Application for Employment must be completed. Please visit Warren County's website, www.co.warren.oh.us.com,

to download an application. Please send application and resume to: One Stop, 300 E. Silver Street, Lebanon, OH 45036 or fax to: 513-695-2547. Application deadline **December 7, 2006.**

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.

