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| FEBRUARY 9, 2007 | CCA O REGIONAL LEGISLATIVE BRIEFINGS, OLD CANAL SMOKE HOUSE, ROSS COUNTY (CHILLICOTHE) |
| FEBRUARY 12, 2007 | CCA O REGIONAL LEGISLATIVE BRIEFINGS, BUCYRUS COUNTRY CLUB, CRAWFORD COUNTY (BUCYRUS) |
| FEBRUARY 15, 2007 | CCA O LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE, CCA O OFFICES, COLUMBUS |
| FEBRUARY 16, 2007 | CCA O BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING, CCA O OFFICES, COLUMBUS |
| FEBRUARY 23, 2007 | CCA O REGIONAL LEGISLATIVE BRIEFINGS, MARY YODER'S AMISH KITCHEN, GEAUGA COUNTY (MIDDLEFIELD) |
| FEBRUARY 26-28, 2007 | COMMISSIONERS TRAINING SEMINAR, DEER CREEK RESORT AND CONFERENCE CENTER, PICKAWAY COUNTY (MT. STERLING) |
| MARCH 1, 2007 | STATEHOOD DAY |
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| MARCH 3-7, 2007 | NACo LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE, WASHINGTON HILTON, WASHINGTON, D.C. |
| MARCH 5, 2007 | CCA O REGIONAL LEGISLATIVE BRIEFINGS, RED PIG INN, PUTNAM COUNTY (OTTAWA) |
| MARCH 7, 2006 | OHIO CONGRESSIONAL BREAKFAST, RAYBURN HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING - ROOM B-369, WASHINGTON, D.C. |
| MARCH 9, 2007 | CCA O REGIONAL LEGISLATIVE BRIEFINGS, HOLIDAY INN, MUSKINGUM COUNTY (ZANESVILLE) |
| MARCH 9, 2007 | CCA O REGIONAL LEGISLATIVE BRIEFINGS, THE CLUB AT KEY CENTER, CUYAHOGA COUNTY (CLEVELAND) |

- MARCH 12, 2007 CCAO REGIONAL LEGISLATIVE BRIEFINGS, OLD WAYSIDE INN, ADAMS COUNTY (WEST UNION)
- MARCH 19, 2007 CCAO REGIONAL LEGISLATIVE BRIEFINGS, HOLIDAY INN FRENCH QUARTER, WOOD COUNTY (PERRYSBURG)
- MARCH 19, 2007 CCAO REGIONAL LEGISLATIVE BRIEFINGS, HILTON INN WEST, SUMMIT COUNTY (AKRON)
- MARCH 23, 2007 CCAO REGIONAL LEGISLATIVE BRIEFINGS, HOLIDAY INN -DAYTON AIRPORT, MONTGOMERY COUNTY (ENGLEWOOD)
- APRIL 13, 2007 CCAO REGIONAL LEGISLATIVE BRIEFINGS, BLUEBIRD FARM, CARROLL COUNTY (CARROLLTON)
- APRIL 22-28, 2007 NATIONAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT WEEK
- APRIL 23, 2007 NW DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS & ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION, TREE LINKS GOLF COURSE, LOGAN COUNTY (BELLEFONTAINE)
- JUNE 10-12, 2007 CCAO/CEAO ANNUAL CONFERENCE, PARK INN TOLEDO (FORMERLY RADISSON HOTEL), LUCAS COUNTY (TOLEDO)

ASSOCIATION NEWS

2007 CCC/ESAO REGIONAL MEETINGS SCHEDULED

For the past four 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 is for CCC/ESAO members to share their knowledge with other clerks and secretaries that are unable to attend conferences and workshops.

Due to the overwhelming success, CCC/ESAO has scheduled five regional meetings in 2007. 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.

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| <p>APRIL 27, 2007 - ASHLAND - REGION 2</p> <p>LOCATION: To-be-announced COUNTIES: Ashland, Crawford, Delaware, Erie, Huron, Knox, Licking, Lorain, Marion, Morrow, Ottawa, Richland, Sandusky, Seneca, Union, and Wyandot</p> |
| <p>MARCH 23, 2007- MAHONING - REGION 3</p> <p>LOCATION: To-be-announced COUNTIES: Ashtabula, Carroll, Columbiana, Cuyahoga, Geauga, Holmes, Lake, Mahoning, Medina, Portage, Stark, Summit, Trumbull, Tuscarawas, and Wayne</p> |
| <p>MAY 4, 2007 - GUERNSEY - REGION 4</p> <p>LOCATION: To-be-announced COUNTIES: Athens, Belmont, Coshocton, Guernsey, Harrison, Jefferson, Meigs, Monroe, Morgan, Muskingum, Noble, and Washington</p> |

SEPTEMBER 28, 2007 - VAN WERT - REGION 1

LOCATION: To-be-announced
COUNTIES: Allen, Auglaize, Champaign, Defiance, Fulton, Hancock, Hardin, Henry, Logan, Lucas, Mercer, Paulding, Putnam, Shelby, Van Wert, Williams, and Wood

OCTOBER 26, 2007 - GREENE - REGION 5 & 6

LOCATION: To-be-announced
COUNTIES: Adams, Brown, Butler, Clark, Clermont, Clinton, Darke, Fairfield, Fayette, Franklin, Gallia, Greene, Hamilton, Highland, Hocking, Jackson, Lawrence, Madison, Miami, Montgomery, Perry, Pickaway, Pike, Preble, Ross, Scioto, Warren, and Vinton

For more information, please contact the 2007 CCC/ESAO President Cheryl Nolan, Administrator/Clerk, Huron County Commissioners, at (419) 668-3092 or cnolan@hccommissioners.

CCAO REGIONAL LEGISLATIVE BRIEFINGS

Mark your calendar and plan to attend one of the Regional Legislative Briefings to be held in February, March and April! The purpose of the meetings are to provide legislators and county commissioners with an opportunity to discuss legislative issues affecting county government on a regional basis. Registration information is included with this issue of CIDS for county commissioners. Please mark the date/time for the meeting in your area:

- Feb 9 - Old Canal Smoke House, Ross County (Chillicothe) - 11:30 a.m.
- Feb 12 - Bucyrus Country Club, Crawford County (Bucyrus) - 11:30 a.m.
- Feb 23 - Mary Yoder's Amish Kitchen, Geauga County (Middlefield) - 11:30 a.m.
- Mar 9 - The Club at Key Center, Cuyahoga County (Cleveland) - 11:30 a.m.
- Mar 2 - Marriott NE, Warren County (Mason) - 11:30 a.m.
- Mar 5 - Red Pig Inn, Putnam County (Ottawa) - 11:30 a.m.
- Mar 9 - Holiday Inn, Muskingum County (Zanesville) - 11:30 a.m.

- Mar 12 - Old Wayside Inn, Adams County (West Union) - 9:00 a.m.
- Mar 19 - Hilton Inn Akron West, Summit County (Akron) - 11:30 a.m.
- Mar 19- Holiday Inn French Quarter, Wood County (Perrysburg) - 11:30 a.m.
- Mar 23 - Holiday Inn - Dayton Airport, Montgomery County (Englewood) - 11:30 a.m.
- April 13 - Bluebird Farm, Carroll County (Carrollton) - 11:30 a.m.

The briefing to be held in Franklin County will be announced as soon as possible. Registration information was mailed last week. For more information please contact John Leutz, CCAO Senior Policy Analyst, at (614) 220-7994, (888) 757-1904 or jleutz@ccao.org.

COMMISSIONERS TRAINING SEMINAR

CCAO will be holding a *County Commissioners' Training Seminar* on February 26-28, 2007 at Deer Creek Resort and Conference Center, 22300 State Park Road #20, in Mt. Sterling. This seminar is an excellent opportunity for commissioners, administrators, and clerks to meet with other new and veteran officials. We look forward to seeing you at Deer Creek for the Commissioners Training Seminar!

SEMINAR AGENDA

- Introduction to CCAO
- Ohio's Ethics Law
- Commissioners Meetings, Hearings & Open Government Laws
- County Budgeting & Other Financial Issues
- Regulation of Campaign Contributions
- County Procurement Practices
- Election Reform
- Employee Relations
- Human Services and Workforce Development Issues
- Law Enforcement, Courts & Corrections

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Registration fee: \$175 (by Feb. 9) or \$185 (after Feb. 9). Registrations postmarked on or before February 9, 2007 qualify for the reduced seminar rate (see attached registration form). Registrations will be

taken at the door if space is available, but no registrations will be taken over the phone.

ROOM RESERVATIONS

Registering for the conference does not automatically register you with the hotel! All hotel room reservations must be made directly with the Deer Creek Resort and Conference Center, 22300 State Park Road #20, Mt. Sterling, OH 43143, (740) 869-2020. Room rate: \$79 single/double per night. Cut off date: **February 9, 2007.**

OHIO CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION BREAKFAST - MARCH 7

CCAO will sponsor an **Ohio Congressional Delegation Breakfast on Wednesday, March 7 at 8:00 a.m.** in the **Rayburn House Office Building, Room B-369.** It is important to attend and personally invite your Member(s) of Congress to the breakfast. In addition, since NACo has set this morning aside for county officials to be "on the hill" you may want to schedule an appointment with one of our Senators and/or your Representative(s). Ohio has elected some new Members of Congress and it is important that we meet with them to discuss issues of importance to counties.

During the breakfast our Members of Congress will be given an opportunity to discuss issues that they are working on that impact county government. A list of topics of importance to Ohio counties and a copy of the 2007 NACo Legislative Priorities were sent to each member of the Ohio Congressional Delegation.

Transportation **WILL NOT** be provided to the breakfast. Please do not attempt to drive and park on Capitol Hill! The Capitol can be reached by taking the Metro (red line) to Metro Center and transfer to the blue or orange lines and exit at Federal South or you can travel by taxi.

A full breakfast will be served and **attendance must be guaranteed in advance.** There is no charge to attend the breakfast. Your traveling companions are welcome to attend the breakfast. Please RSVP by **February 28.**

Please contact Mary Jane Neiman, CCAO Public Relations Associate, if you have any questions. We look forward to seeing you in Washington March 3-7!

NATIONAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT WEEK - APRIL 22-28

April 22-28 is National County Government Week (NCGW). Sponsored by the National Association of Counties (NACo), NCGW was first celebrated in 1991 to raise public awareness and understanding about the roles and responsibilities of the nation's counties. The theme for this year's celebration is "Protecting the Environment".

America's counties take seriously their responsibility to protect and enhance the health, welfare and safety of its citizens in sensible and cost-effective ways. Environmental protection plays a critical role in this great responsibility. NCGW offers an ideal opportunity for counties to showcase their innovative and successful environmental initiatives.

A booklet offering ideas and suggestions for planning local activities during the week will be mailed to every county in early February. Information is now available on the NACo website at www.naco.org.

ADDRESS CHANGE

CCAO DEFERRED COMP PLAN TO MOVE OFFICES

The CCAO Deferred Compensation Plan, a program of the CCAO Service Corporation, will relocate February 15-19, 2007. The office will reopen on February 20. Please note their new address:

**CCAO Deferred Compensation Program
100 East Campus View Blvd., - Suite 225
Columbus, OH 43235**

The phone and fax numbers will remain the same:

- Phone: (614) 847-0500
- Toll free: (800) 284-0444
- Fax: (614) 847-0687

STAFF UPDATE

REDMOND JOINS STAFF AS AN ACCOUNTANT

The CCAO will welcome Alison Redmond to the staff as an accountant on Monday, February 5! She will assist Thisbe Ingold, CCAO Finance Manager, with association financial operations.

Alison comes to us from the Hocking County Commissioners office where she served as clerk. Before joining Hocking County, Alison was a substitute teacher for Logan Hocking School District, a liaison/assistant for Franklin University, a customer service representative for Bank One and an accounting assistant for The Fishel Company. Hocking County Commissioner Gary Starner said that they are happy for Alison, but sad to be losing such a good employee.

Alison graduated cum laude from Franklin University majoring in accounting. The CCAO staff welcomes Alison to the family!

SERVICE CORP PROGRAM UPDATE

SAVING ENERGY AND TELECOM DOLLARS

Many local governments are facing escalating telecom and energy costs at a time when revenue sources are stagnant. A new program intended to uncover hidden refunds and cost savings is now available. This program is endorsed by the CCAO and the National Association of Counties (NACo).

Under this program Cost Control Associates, Inc. (CCA), a nationwide provider of contingency fee based telecom and energy programs with 14 years of experience, makes it possible for counties to receive the help they need to receive refunds and cost savings from their telecom and energy providers.

This program allows a county to review telecom and energy expenses with **no risk**. Counties pay **nothing** if their review is unsuccessful. Even if you have had such services performed in the past, periodic updates

are recommended due to tariff changes, rate plan changes, facilities changes, administration changes, etc. And, the best part of all, there is very little staff time involved. CCA needs only copies of your energy and telecom bills to do the work.

Counties can choose from the following program offerings:

- Cellular phone cost review
- Other telecom cost review including local, long distance, internet, and data lines
- Electricity, natural gas, and other utilities

A nationally bid contract completed and awarded by Dallas County, TX to CCA meets the competitive bid requirements for local governments. Governments in Ohio have the ability to use a publicly solicited contract issued by a lead public agency under a joint purchasing program authorized by ORC 9.48.

To learn more about the telecom and energy and analysis program, contact Norm Poli, Midwest Account Executive, at (888) 358-1590 or norm.poli@costcontrolassociates.com. You can also contact Tom Strup, CCAO Deputy Director of Operations, at (614) 220-7978, (888) 757-1904 or tstrup@ccao.org.

COUNTY ACTIVITIES

VOTING MACHINE SUIT – MOTION TO DISMISS GRANTED

In November 2006 the Boards of Elections in 58 counties who use direct recording electronic (DRE) computerized voting systems manufactured by Diebold or Election Systems and Software, Inc. were named in a lawsuit alleging that the voting systems did not satisfy state law requirements for reliability, security, accuracy, verifiability, and accessibility to all Ohio voters. The plaintiffs sought a declaration that it was unlawful for county election officials to purchase or use the two voting systems, and also requested an injunction prohibiting the use of the systems in Ohio elections.

CORSA provided a defense to the suit as a risk management service to CORSA members. CORSA is the self-insurance pool sponsored by the CCAO that provides property and liability coverage and risk management services for 62 counties.

Isaac Brant Ledman Teetor (IBLT), a law firm who is a member of CORSA's defense panel, advised CORSA that the plaintiffs likely lack standing to sue counties other than those in which they are individually registered to vote. IBLT was retained to prepare a motion to dismiss the complaint on behalf of CORSA members. CORSA also forwarded the motion to Prosecutors of the non-member defendant counties to use as they see fit in order to assist all CCAO member counties.

This week the Court granted our motion to dismiss all defendant counties except the four in which the plaintiffs reside. The remaining county defendants are Cuyahoga, Carroll, Geauga, and Mahoning. The efforts of the lawyers at IBLT and the CORSA claims staff in providing this coordinated defense are greatly appreciated.

Please contact Greg Gilliam, CORSA Claim Supervisor, at (866) 455-8039 or ggilliam@ccao.org for additional information.

STATE ACTIVITIES

ELECTION OFFICIALS SEEK PERMANENT CLARIFICATION ON VOTER ID REQUIREMENTS

Ohio's election officials are determined to avoid further confusion over new voter identification requirements that sparked a chain reaction of litigation over whether boards of election were applying the law evenly throughout the state. The Ohio Association of Election Officials (OAEO) hope Secretary of State Jennifer Brunner will make permanent U.S. District Judge Algenon Marbley's consent order, which allowed poll workers to accept utility bills that are less than one year old for voter identification. The court order applied only to last November's General Election.

Legislation enacted H.B. 234 in 2005 that requires voters on Election Day to provide a photo ID, military identification, or copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document. However, the statute is unspecific on many details, such as what exactly counts as a "current" utility bill. A spokesperson said that Secretary Brunner was expected to issue a voter identification directive this week.

If a directive is not issued, the OAEO will seek clarification from the legislature. OAEO also plans to ask the General Assembly to eliminate a requirement that poll workers record the last four digits of a voter's drivers' license number when the address shown on their ID doesn't match the address listed in the poll book. In addition, election officials want the legislature to change a provision allowing poll workers to accept military IDs only when they include an address. Since most military IDs don't include an address, the OAEO wants to allow poll workers to accept all military IDs.

STRICKLAND DRIVE TO REVAMP BWC MIRRORS VOINOVICH BATTLE

Almost 12 years after then-Gov. George Voinovich won power to appoint the head of Ohio's workers' compensation system, Gov. Ted Strickland is driving to put such authority back in the hands of an independent panel. Mr. Strickland is standing by a campaign proposal to replace the current Bureau of Workers' Compensation Oversight Commission with a 13-member board. It would have the power to hire and fire the agency's top administrator. The Governor believes it's imperative to restore the trust of the people in their Bureau of Workers' Compensation system, but no deadline has been set. The Governor would appoint the proposed new Board of Directors, who then would hire or fire the administrator.

In May 1990, a politically split General Assembly restructured the injured workers' system to make a 12-member board of directors responsible for hiring the administrator, rather than a governor. Democratic Gov. Richard Celeste was nearing the end of his two-

terms in office. His successor, Republican Gov. Voinovich, in 1993 branded the BWC as "the silent killer of jobs in Ohio," bringing howls of protest from Democratic legislators and organized labor. Then-House Speaker Vernal G. Riffe Jr. (D-New Boston) expressed disappointment over a threat from Gov. Voinovich to shut down the BWC July 1 by refusing to sign its new budget if some reforms were not in place by that date. In June 1995, after Republicans who held the Senate also won control of the House, Gov. Voinovich found himself signing legislation he requested giving him control of the BWC.

Under Gov. Strickland's proposal, part of his Turnaround Ohio plan, the new independent, external board of directors would have direct responsibility and authority to oversee management of the system. Current Oversight Commission members would not be eligible to serve on the new panel. Mr. Strickland cannot implement such a change, of course, without approval of the Republican-controlled General Assembly. Mr. Sopko appeared uncertain about the degree of legislative interest.

STATE BEGINS LEASING SPACE ON ITS 'MARCS' RADIO TOWERS TO COMMERCIAL CELLULAR, WI-FI PROVIDERS

Managers of Ohio's new \$292 million digital voice and data communications network are developing a revenue stream from private business that could defray at least some costs of maintaining the complex electronic gear. The Multi-Agency Radio Communication System (MARCS) has leased space on three of its strategically placed towers statewide to cellular telephone and wireless fidelity service providers. MARCS operates on 204 towers across Ohio, 130 of which the state built and owns.

To date, numerous county law enforcement and other local agencies share space on MARCS towers to improve signal strength, especially in southeast Ohio where hilly terrain causes reception problems. Public agencies pay a nominal fee of \$150 per month. Verizon has placed cellular equipment on a MARCS tower in Monroe County, while Cingular is on

one of the state towers in Geauga County. A wi-fi provider is using a tower in Carroll County to provide data transfer services. MARCS has not been flooded with requests from cellular companies thus far for tower space. The state charges market rates for commercial enterprises that differ based on the geographic area.

MARCS is a computer and communications network designed to provide instant voice and data communication statewide. The system supports 14 state agencies, 144 local police, fire, and EMS services, 137 local health departments, 170 hospitals, all 88 county emergency management services and county sheriff communication centers. Cost of building the system infrastructure amounted to \$221 million. The addition of computers, central equipment, radios, laptops and other equipment has boosted the total to \$292 million. Maintenance costs are budgeted at \$11 million this year.

OHIO COMMITTEE FOR SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS: TEACHING OHIOANS SEVERE WEATHER SAFETY AND PREPAREDNESS

The address for the Ohio Committee for Severe Weather Awareness's (OCSWA) website for safety and preparedness information has been changed to something easier to remember. The new address is www.weathersafety.ohio.gov.

Information on the site is updated at least three times a year. The site includes dates of Ohio's Spring Severe Weather Week, Lightning Safety Awareness Week and Winter Severe Weather Awareness Week. Also included: making disaster plans for the home; making preparedness kits for the home; for vehicles, for animals/pets, and for people with special needs; and safety tips for tornadoes, floods, thunder and lightning storms, extreme heat, winter storms and home fires.

Spring Severe Weather Awareness Week this year is March 25-31, with the statewide tornado drill scheduled for Wednesday, March 28, at 9:50 a.m.

The Emergency Management Association of Ohio is a member of OCSWA.

NACo ACTIVITIES

NACo ACHIEVEMENT AWARD PROGRAMS

The application process for the 2007 NACo Achievement Awards program has begun. The Achievement Award annual program recognizes innovative county government programs in a variety of issue and interest areas. Applications must be postmarked by **February 16, 2007**. For more information please contact Jacqueline Byers, NACo Research Director, at (202) 942-4285 or jbyers@naco.org.

For more information about NACo award programs check out their website at www.naco.org. Click on "awards" in the left column on the front page.

CONFERENCES

NPELRA ANNUAL TRAINING CONFERENCE

The National Public Employer Labor Relations Association (NPELRA), an organization for public-sector labor relations and human resources professionals, will hold their 36th Annual Training Conference on April 22-29, 2007. "Keeping You Out of the Heat" will be held at the Doubletree Paradise Valley Resort in Scottsdale. For more information about the conference, please contact: NPELRA, 1012 South Coastal Highway - Suite M, Oceanside, CA 92054, (877) NPELRA, fax (760) 433-1687 or www.npelra.org.

CLASSIFIEDS

CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU SENIOR MANAGER

The Board of Greene County Commissioners seeks a Senior Manager of its Convention and Visitors Bureau to serve Greene County, population 147,886. This position directs and supervises a staff of 4 plus volunteers, and requires strategic planning, staff development, fiscal management and budgeting, development of marketing plans and advertising campaigns to help identify business for the local economy of Greene County. The successful candidate must possess excellent public relations and sales skills and actively participate in industry events/activities, as well as local civic, community and economic development organizations and experience in progressive marketing and the tourism and hospitality industry.

The minimum qualifications required include a bachelor's degree in the field of tourism, economic/community development, business or related field and six (6) years of progressively responsible experience, or an equivalent combination of education and experience, and a valid Ohio driver's license.

Salary commensurate with experience and qualifications within a range of \$52,686 - \$79,643. Applications will be accepted through **Friday, February 9, 2007, at 4:00 p.m.** at the Personnel Department, 105 East Market Street, Xenia, Ohio, 45385. (937) 562-5004. Applications may be obtained at www.co.greene.oh.us. EOE.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

The Board of Trumbull County Commissioners is seeking a qualified individual for the position of County Administrator. This fiduciary position reports directly to the Commissioners and is responsible for assisting with the administration, enforcement and implementation of the policies and directives of the Commissioners. The successful candidate will possess a proven record of leadership and ability in the public sector. A B.S. or B.A. degree in Business Administration, Public Administration or a related field, plus a minimum of five (5) years supervisory experience is preferred. A competitive salary

(commensurate with experience) and a full range of benefits are offered.

Interested parties are requested to forward an up-to-date resume, no later than **March 1, 2007**, to: Trumbull County Human Resources Department, 160 High Street, N.W., Fifth Floor, Warren, Ohio 44481. EOE.

SR. PERFORMANCE ANALYST 2

The Franklin County Board of Commissioners is seeking a qualified professional to research and analyze existing county social service agency operations, systems and procedures. Collect, organize and compile information and data to be used in reviewing social service programs. Assist in preparation of budget requests, evaluate those requests and make recommendations. Forecast revenues and expenditures, including fund balances. Research, recommend, and prepare financial resolutions, performance reports and correspondence. Analyze county, state and federal regulations and budgets for possible impact. Investigate budget or financial problems. Advise and train on budget preparation procedures, budget policies, appropriate methods for monitoring actual revenues and expenditures to plan, and the identification of reprogramming alternatives. Qualifications: 12 mos. training or 12 mos. experience in conducting research studies using operational, mathematical, analytical &/or statistical research techniques & preparing reports, records, &/or technical evaluations related to research conducted. Prefer Master's degree in public adm, bus adm, fin, econ, acct or related field, and 2 yrs exp in budgeting/financial analysis (public sector preferred). Experience with performance budgeting, strategic planning, indirect cost allocations and debt service management is desired. Desire excellent analytical, quantitative, statistical, and research skills; strong computer skills, esp spreadsheet and word-processing; excellent oral/written comm skills, and the ability to lead projects and work effectively with a broad range of individuals.

Salary is \$66,102/ann., plus a comprehensive benefit package. Position is open until filled. Send application/resume to the Franklin County Human Resources Dept., 373 S. High St., 25th Fl., Columbus, Ohio 43215. -EOE-

DIRECTOR

The Knox County Board of Commissioners is seeking applications for a full-time Director of Homeland Security/Emergency Management Agency. The Director is responsible for the administrative operation of the Agency and its various functions including countywide 911 Dispatch and the Local Emergency Planning Committee. The successful candidate will formulate and lead the County's response to natural disasters, hazardous materials spills and catastrophic events.

Applicants must have strong leadership, management and communication skills, as well as a comprehensive knowledge of emergency management, emergency response, public administration and public relations. A Bachelor's Degree in Emergency Management or equivalent is preferred. Must be willing to become CEM certified. Valid Ohio Driver's License with acceptable driving record is also required. Salary begins in mid-thirties; commensurate with education and experience.

For job description and application, contact Emily Marth at epmarth@ecr.net or at 117 East High Street, Mount Vernon, OH 43050. The application deadline is **March 15, 2007**. EOE.

UTILITIES DIRECTOR

Fairfield County Utilities is looking for a full-time Utilities Director to direct the water and sewer operations and functions for Fairfield County. This position also manages the fiscal operations of the department and ensures compliance with state and federal regulations. This position requires an undergraduate degree in engineering, a professional engineer's license, ten plus years of progressive engineering experience in the areas of water and/or

water reclamation projects, and supervisory experience. Ideal candidates would also possess experience with local government, project budgeting and accounting, excellent oral and written communication skills, and design and implementation of water reclamation systems. Salary is \$ 69,000 to \$ 85,000 depending upon experience and also includes extensive benefits. Individuals who meet the above qualifications should submit a resume and application by **February 12, 2007** to Human Resource Director, 239 West Main St., Lancaster, Ohio, 43130. Applications can be found on-line at <http://www.das.ohio.gov/hrd/jobapp.html>. No phone calls please

Human Resources/Personnel Department, One Government Center, Suite 450, Toledo, OH 43604. 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.

ASSISTANT PLANT MANAGER

Summary of Responsibilities (Refer to position description for more detailed information) Manages assigned staff to ensure the effective operation & reliable performance of the plant in compliance with permit standards; assists with the management & implementation of the plant preventive maintenance program; develops, prepares and reviews operating records and reports, and trains plant personnel.

Minimum Qualifications

- Ohio EPA Class III Wastewater Works License (or an equivalent license from another state; Ohio Class III license would need to be obtained within one (1) year of appointment to the position), and
- Minimum of five (5) years experience as a Chief Plant Operator or equivalent in a wastewater treatment facility, and
- Valid driver's license, with driving privileges in the State of Ohio
- Bachelor's degree preferred (in environmental sciences or engineering)

Management salary schedule, grade 3 \$53,500 - \$66, 875. Applications accepted until filled; however, earliest qualified applicants will be interviewed first. Please submit an employment application and copy of Ohio EPA Class III license to the Lucas County

