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DATES TO REMEMBER

MARCH 23, 2007	CCAO REGIONAL LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING, HOLIDAY INN-DAYTON AIRPORT, MONTGOMERY COUNTY (ENGLEWOOD)
MARCH 23, 2007	CORSA RENEWAL MEETING, ALADDIN SHRINE CENTER, FRANKLIN COUNTY (COLUMBUS)
MARCH 30, 2007	CCC/ESAO REGIONAL MEETING, THE UPSTAIRS RESTAURANT, MAHONING COUNTY (YOUNGSTOWN)
MARCH 30, 2007	CCAO AGRICULTURE & RURAL AFFAIRS AND INFRASTRUCTURE & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEES, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS
APRIL 2, 2007	CCAO TAXATION & FINANCE COMMITTEE, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS
APRIL 13, 2007	CCAO REGIONAL LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING, 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)
APRIL 27, 2007	CCC/ESAO REGIONAL MEETING, SALLIES, ASHLAND COUNTY (ASHLAND)
JUNE 10-12, 2007	CCAO/CEAO ANNUAL CONFERENCE, PARK INN TOLEDO (FORMERLY RADISSON HOTEL), LUCAS COUNTY (TOLEDO)

ASSOCIATION NEWS

CCAO REGIONAL LEGISLATIVE BRIEFINGS

Mark your calendar and plan to attend one of the Regional Legislative Briefings to be held in 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.

For more information please contact John Leutz, CCAO Senior Policy Analyst, at (614) 220-7994, (888) 757-1904 or jleutz@ccao.org.

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.

CCAO AGRICULTURE & RURAL AFFAIRS AND
INFRASTRUCTURE & ENVIRONMENT
COMMITTEES JOINT MEETING - MARCH 30

The CCAO Agriculture & Rural Affairs and the Infrastructure & Environment Committees will have a joint meeting at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, March 30. Joyce Morehart, Wyandot County Commissioner, chairs the Agriculture & Rural Affairs Committee and Mark Thomas, Belmont County Commissioner, chairs the Infrastructure & Rural Affairs Committee. A joint meeting is being held because the agenda items fall under the domain of both committees. Committee members will discuss the treatment of forest/woodlands under CAUV, status of the county ditch law and current Ohio EPA regulations, and road impacts from concentrated animal feeding operations (CAFOS). Speakers will be from the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation, Ohio Department of Natural Resources, and several counties.

Lunch will be served during the meeting. To assure an accurate meal count, please contact Janet Erwin, Administrative Assistant, at (614) 220-7986, (888) 757-1904 or jerwin@ccao.org. Since the meeting is

scheduled on a Friday during Lent, please let Janet know if you have any dietary restrictions.

Any questions regarding the subject matter for the meeting should be directed to Brad Cole, Senior Policy Analyst, at (614) 220-7981 or bcole@ccao.org or Josh Hahn, Policy Analyst, at (614) 220-7982 or jhahn@ccao.org.

CCAO TAXATION & FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETS
APRIL 2

Hardin County Commissioner Gerald Potter, chair of the CCAO Taxation & Finance Committee, has scheduled the first meeting of the committee on Monday, April 2, 2007 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the CCAO Office in Columbus. The primary purpose of the meeting is to discuss the streamlined sales tax initiative and destination-based sourcing rules. Other issues to be discussed include CCAO's policy on the use of permissive county sales and use taxes for schools, options for distribution of local government funds, and the state's phase out of the tangible personal property tax.

Lunch will be served during the meeting. In order to assure an accurate count for lunch, please contact Janet Erwin, Administrative Assistant, at (614) 220-7986, (888) 757-1904 or jerwin@ccao.org if you **cannot** attend the meeting. Any questions regarding the subject matter for the meeting may be addressed to Brad Cole, Senior Policy Analyst, (614) 220-7981, (888) 757-1904 or bcole@ccao.org.

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.** Please note the date and location of the first three meetings:

<p>MARCH 30, 2007 - MAHONING COUNTY - REGION 3</p> <p>LOCATION: The Upstairs Restaurant, 4500 Mahoning Avenue, Mahoning County (Youngstown)</p> <p>COUNTIES: Ashtabula, Carroll, Columbiana, Cuyahoga, Geauga, Holmes, Lake, Mahoning, Medina, Portage, Stark, Summit, Trumbull, Tuscarawas, and Wayne</p> <p>For more information please contact Nancy Walega, Administrative Assistant, Mahoning County Engineer's Office, at (330) 799-1581 or nwalega@mahoningcounty.org.</p>
<p>APRIL 27, 2007 - ASHLAND COUNTY - REGION 2</p> <p>LOCATION: Sallies, 1256 East Main Street, Ashland County (Ashland)</p> <p>COUNTIES: Ashland, Crawford, Delaware, Erie, Huron, Knox, Licking, Lorain, Marion, Morrow, Ottawa, Richland, Sandusky, Seneca, Union, and Wyandot</p> <p>For more information please contact Gail Crossen, Clerk, Ashland County Commissioners, (419) 289-0000 or gcrossen@ashlandcounty.org.</p>
<p>MAY 4, 2007 - GUERNSEY COUNTY - REGION 4</p> <p>LOCATION: To-be-announced</p> <p>COUNTIES: Athens, Belmont, Coshocton, Guernsey, Harrison, Jefferson, Meigs, Monroe, Morgan, Muskingum, Noble, and Washington</p> <p>For more information please contact Crystal Digenova, Clerk, Tuscarawas County Commissioners, at (330) 365-3240 or commissioners@co.tuscarawas.oh.us.</p>

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 STAFF UPDATE

BETH DOMINIC JOINS THE CCAO FAMILY

CCAO and the policy team will welcome Elizabeth Dominic to the staff on March 19. Beth fills the position of policy analyst. Prior to joining the CCAO family, Beth worked as a staff attorney with the Legislative Service Commission. She also interned at the National Association of Conservation Districts in Washington, D.C. and the Ohio Attorney General's office.

Beth is a graduate of Capital University with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and the Capital University Law School with a concentration in environmental law. You can reach Beth at (614) 220-7996 or bdominic@ccao.org.

In the coming weeks, we will share with you more information on the types of issues Beth will be addressing. Please join the staff with a warm CCAO welcome for Beth!

STATE ACTIVITIES

FOR CLEAN OHIO AG EASEMENT PURCHASE PROGRAM

Ohio farmers who want to preserve their farmland through the Clean Ohio Agricultural Easement Purchase Program (AEPP) can now apply online, through their local sponsors (i.e., board of county commissioners, board of township trustees, municipal officials, land trust, or local Soil and Water Conservation District). Applications for the 2007 sixth funding round must be submitted electronically from the Ohio Department of Agriculture's Web site www.ohioagriculture.gov/farmland/aepp2007 no later than June 1, 2007 at 5 p.m.

Now in its sixth year, the program supports the permanent preservation of Ohio's most valuable

farmland. An agricultural easement is an agreement between the landowner, the state, and the local community to keep a piece of property in agricultural production in perpetuity. To date, \$18.75 million in state and \$7.05 million in federal funds have been used to purchase agricultural easements on 74 farms with options to purchase easements on 24 additional farms totaling 20,385.79 acres. For more information about the program, contact the Office of Farmland Preservation at (614) 728-6210.

ADVOCACY GROUP OFFERS CHILDREN'S SERVICES DATA

Detailed information about Ohio's children's health and welfare and juvenile justice is now available on the Voices for Ohio's Children Web site, the group recently announced.

The children's advocacy organization offers online fact sheets that provide comprehensive, county-level data on Ohio's children benefitting from existing health and human service programs. <http://www.vfc-oh.org/cms/news/d6a63cfa5c523904/index.html>

Voices for Ohio's Children is a non-partisan group of public, not-for-profit and private sector organizations and individuals who share a mutual concern about improving the well-being of our community's children and their families. Through a collaborative effort and a collective voice, Voices promotes improvements in the well being of our community's children and their families.

NACo ACTIVITIES

ANNUAL SMOKE-FREE COUNTY CHALLENGE

It's time for the Annual NACo Smoke-Free County Challenge. To protect children from secondhand smoke, NACo is challenging counties to collect the most signed Smoke-Free pledge cards. The cards ask the signer not to smoke, or allow others to smoke, around children. NACo conducts the annual Challenge in collaboration with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and their Smoke-Free Homes Pledge Campaign which focuses on

children and secondhand smoke (also known as environmental tobacco smoke).

Participating counties will collect pledges from March 1 through May 31, 2007. This year, participating counties may also collect pledges online at NACo's website - www.naco.org. You'll be able to collect even more pledges by sending out electronic announcements and driving your residents to the site, and be able to know the results of your efforts whenever you want them! For further details on this new feature and to register your county for the 2007 Smoke-Free County Challenge contact Kelly Zonderwyk, Senior Associate - Community Services, (202) 942.4224, fax (202) 737-0480 or kzonderwyk@naco.org. You must register your county by March 31, 2007 in order to participate in the 2007 Challenge.

Congratulations to Licking County - the first Ohio county to sign up for the 2007 NACo Smoke-Free Challenge!

AWARD PROGRAMS

AMERICAN CITY AND COUNTY MAGAZINE AWARDS; 2007 CALL FOR ENTRIES

American City & County magazine has issued a call for entries for the following awards available to county officials in 2007:

- **County Leader of the Year** - Open to all elected officials, department heads or employees working for any county government in the United States. There are no restrictions on who can submit a nomination. Application deadline: April 6, 2007
- **America's Crown Communities** - Any county government project in the U.S. substantially completed between April 2006 and March 2007 is eligible. Projects can encompass virtually any aspect of county government, including water supply, streets and highways, parks and recreation, wastewater collection and treatment, public finance, public transportation, storm water and flood control,

technology, solid waste collection and treatment, public safety, county management, building maintenance and construction, and grounds maintenance. There are no restrictions on who can submit an application. Projects will be judged on uniqueness, short-and long-term value to the community and effective/innovative financing. Application: April 6, 2007

- **Public Works Director of the Year** - Public works directors in any local government in the U.S. are eligible to apply. If no public works director title exists, then the top ranking public works official is eligible. There are no restrictions on who can submit an application.

For an application form and more information about the awards please check out the following link: <http://americancityandcounty.com/news/award-s-entry-forms> or contact Bill Wolpin, Editorial Director, American City & County, 6151 Powers Ferry Road NW - suite 200, Atlanta, GA 30339, (770) 618-0112, fax (770) 618-0349 or bwolpin@americancityandcounty.com.

American City & County has been the voice of state and local government since 1909. The magazine serves an audience of city, county and state officials who are charged with developing and implementing government policy, programs and projects.

CONFERENCES/SEMINARS

OHIO UNIVERSITY EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

The Ohio University Executive Leadership Institute (OUELI) offers programs that address unique challenges faced by executives of public and nonprofit organizations. OUELI is home to the Voinovich Center Senior Policy Fellow and Undergraduate Research Scholars programs. The following courses are scheduled in 2007:

- September 10-11, 2007 - Strategic Triangle in Depth: Aligning Performance Measures, Strategy and Politics
- October 16-17, 2007 - Leading with Vision, Value, and Strategy
- November 15-16, 2007 - Strategic Triangle in Depth: Leading Change

Ohio University Continuing Education Units (CEUs) are available for program participants. For more information and registration materials please contact the Ohio University Executive Leadership Institute (OUELI) at (740) 593-9381 or (877) 625-1714 or www.ohio.edu/executiveleadership.

CLASSIFIEDS

CLERK

Job Responsibilities: Under direction, maintains the full record for the Board of Commissioners which will include but not be limited to 1) schedule meetings and arrange agenda for Board; 2) attend regular and special sessions of the Board; 3) record minutes of meetings; 4) prepare proclamations, resolutions and correspondences; 5) keep a variety of indices and journals of official Board action; and 6) perform a variety of administrative and clerical duties for the Board. The Board Clerk will also assist the County Administrator with the day-to-day operations of Fulton County and the statutory obligations of the Board as assigned. A full position description is available upon request.

Qualifications: The successful candidate is expected to be a self directed, organized, quick learner, take charge person willing to work cooperatively with elected officials, department heads, and the general public. Skills will also include general use of Microsoft computer products, creation of original documentation, and the ability to acquire a working knowledge of applicable Federal, State, and Local laws. The successful candidate must maintain a valid Ohio driver's license, be willing to continue education through job-related courses, and have the ability to occasionally work extended hours and/or irregular

hours. A college degree in a job related field is expected but a high school degree with five (5) years of demonstrated and qualified job related experience may substitute for higher education. Government experience is preferred but not required. Must possess or be able to obtain Notary Public commission.

Method Of Application And Deadline: All interested applicants must submit a resume or application to the Fulton County Board of Commissioners, 152 S. Fulton Street, Wauseon, Ohio 43567 between the hours of 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday-Friday. An application is available at www.fultoncountyoh.com. Applications and/or resumes must be postmarked by March 26, 2007 or delivered to the Board office by 4:30 p.m. on **March 27, 2007**. 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.