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DATES TO REMEMBER

MAY 7, 2007	CCAO INFRASTRUCTURE & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS
MAY 21, 2007	H.B. 694 TRAINING SEMINAR, UNION COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING, UNION COUNTY (MARYSVILLE)
JUNE 10-12, 2007	CCAO/CEAO ANNUAL CONFERENCE, PARK INN TOLEDO (FORMERLY RADISSON HOTEL), LUCAS COUNTY (TOLEDO)
JUNE 11, 2007	CCAO BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING, SEAGATE CENTRE, LUCAS COUNTY (TOLEDO)
JUNE 29, 2007	RECENT REFORMS IN CIVIL SERVICE LAW & PUBLIC RECORDS, COLUMBUS POLICE ACADEMY, COLUMBUS
JULY 13-17, 2007	NACo ANNUAL CONFERENCE, RICHMOND, VA
AUGUST 1, 2007	CCAO ANNUAL GOLF OUTING, OAKHAVEN GOLF CLUB, DELAWARE COUNTY (DELAWARE)
AUGUST 14-15, 2007	COUNTY COMMISSIONERS DAYS, VAN WERT COUNTY (VAN WERT)

ASSOCIATION NEWS

H.B. 694 TRAINING SEMINAR - MAY 21

Having trouble understanding and implementing the new pay-to-play law (H.B. 694)? CCAO, the Ohio Township Association, the County Auditors' Association, and the Ohio Prosecuting Attorneys' Association are hosting a training seminar for county commissioners, township officials, county purchasing

directors, county prosecutors, county auditors, and other county and township personnel who are involved with purchasing to help answer questions about and suggest solutions for implementing the new requirements of H.B. 694. These new purchasing and campaign contribution requirements are complex and the Associations hope to make understanding and implementing this new law easier.

The seminar will be held on May 21, 2007 at the

Union County Office Building, 233 West Sixth Street, in Marysville. Registration and a continental breakfast will begin at 8:30 a.m. with sessions beginning at 9:00 a.m. and ending at 3:30 p.m. Registration fees (includes seminar materials, continental breakfast, and lunch): \$40 per person if postmarked by May 11 or \$55 per person postmarked after May 11. Registration deadline: May 15, 2007. An application has been submitted to the Ohio Supreme Court for continuing legal education (CLE) credits for the seminar.

For more information please contact Amanda Jones, CCAO Administrative Assistant, (614) 220-7985, (888) 757-1904, or ajones@ccao.org.

RECENT REFORMS IN CIVIL SERVICE LAW & PUBLIC RECORDS SEMINAR

Mark your calendar and plan to attend a seminar on "The Winds of Change - Recent Reforms in Civil Service Law & Public Records" to be held Friday, June 19, 2007 at the Columbus Police Academy, 1000 North Hague Avenue, in Columbus. Speakers are being confirmed and registration materials will be sent in a few weeks.

HIT A HOME RUN IN LUCAS COUNTY! SUMMER CONFERENCE UPDATE

Lucas County Commissioners Tina Skeldon Wozniak, Pete Gerken and Ben Konop and County Engineer Keith Earley will host the 127th CCAO/CEAO Annual Summer Conference on June 10-12, 2007 at the Park Inn Toledo (former Radisson Hotel) and SeaGate Convention Centre in downtown Toledo. Conference materials have been mailed to county commissioners, county engineers, affiliates, and vendors.

Change in Conference Event Schedule - CCAO/CEAO have changed the 2007 Summer Conference event schedule. The conference day pattern is still the same, but sessions will be ending mid afternoon on Tuesday, June 12. There will be no banquet on Tuesday evening.

Sunday evening event - Join Lucas County on Sunday evening, June 10 at the Toledo Mud Hens v. Norfolk Tides baseball game at Fifth Third Stadium, which is located in downtown Toledo across from the

Park Inn. A reception, dinner and game will be held at the stadium. Tickets to the game are included with the full and spouse registration packages. Dinner/baseball tickets must be picked up at the CCAO/CEAO Registration Desk at the Park Inn by 5:30 p.m. You must have a ticket to attend this event. Tickets that have not been picked up by 5:30 p.m. can be picked up at the will call window located at the first base gate ticket office at Fifth Third Field.

Optional Golf Outing - Tee times have been reserved beginning at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, June 10 at Heather Downs Country Club. Greens fees: \$45 (includes 18 holes and a shared cart). Please contact Tanya Wilcox, CCAO Administrative Assistant, at (614) 221-5627, (888) 757-1904 or twilcox@ccao.org for more information.

CCAO workshop topics

- Health Savings Accounts
- Employment Practices 101/Minimum Wage
- The Future of 9-1-1 and County Law Libraries
- Agriculture & Rural Development: CAFO Impacts
- Human Services & Workforce Development
- Public Record Law Changes
- Alternative Energy Strategies
- IRS Taxation of Fringe Benefits
- Urban & Rural Drainage Issues
- Campaign Finance/Purchasing Legislation
- Healthy Lifestyle Choices
- New CCAO Website

Hotel Reservations - The headquarters hotel is the Park Inn Toledo. Room rate: \$89 single/double. Reservation cut off date: May 18, 2007. For reservations please call (419) 241-3000.

Spouse/Guest Tour and Luncheon - On Monday morning, June 11, spouse/guest registrants will visit the Carruth Studios located in Waterville. Since 1983 George Carruth has been creating original cast images in stone from completely original designs carved from limestone and clay. From a home business run out of a basement and garage, the Carruth Studios have grown to a staff of over 40 with over 3,500 shops nationwide. Following a visit and shopping at the studios, registrants will stop at a local restaurant for lunch before returning to the hotel.

STATE ACTIVITIES

MARCH COUNTY & METRO AREA LABOR STATISTICS

Last week, the Ohio Department of Job & Family Services released the county and metro area employment statistics for March 2007. For more information go to <http://lmi.state.oh.us/laus/LAUS-CurrentLaborForceEstimates.htm>.

2007 CITIZEN CORPS PROGRAM GRANT

The Ohio Community Service Council in partnership with the Ohio Emergency Management Agency is contacting county emergency management agencies, requesting them to apply for the 2007 Citizen Corps Program Grant Award. County EMAs and their Citizen Corps Council groups are eligible to apply.

A 'Notice of Intent' application was e-mailed to County EMAs last week. The applications will help determine how many intent to apply for fiscal year 2007 Citizen Corps Program Grant that is available through Homeland Security grant funding. A maximum of \$12,000 per group is available. Citizen Corps, a vital component of the president's USA Freedom Corps, was created to help coordinate volunteer activities that will make communities safer, stronger and better prepared to response to emergency situations. Citizen Corps provides opportunities for people to participate in a range of measures to make their families, homes and communities safer from the threats of crime, terrorism and disasters.

Citizen Corps programs include Neighborhood Watch Program, Community Emergency Response Teams, Volunteers in Police Service, and the Medical Reserve Corps. County EMAs intending to apply for the 2007 grant should notify their local health departments, law enforcement, fire departments and other partner agencies and organizations that are involved in disaster preparedness, response and recovery.

Applications should be faxed or mailed by May 23, 2007 to: Ohio Emergency Management Agency, Attn: Citizen Corps, 2855 West Dublin-Granville Road, Columbus, Ohio 43235, FAX: (614) 799-3652. If additional information is needed, e-mail Rudi Blaser

at rblaser@dps.state.oh.us or ohiocitizencorps@dps.state.oh.us.

COURT ISSUES TEMPORARY RESTRATINING ORDER FOR EXEMPTION FOR PRIVATE CLUBS FROM SMOKING BAN

On Monday, April 30, Judge David Cain of the Franklin County Common Pleas Court issued a temporary restraining order ("TRO") delaying for two weeks the implementation of a rule adopted by the Ohio Department of Health exempting private clubs from the smoking ban. The Department's rules implementing the smoking ban still took effect Thursday, May 3, as scheduled, except for the rule exempting private clubs. For a more detailed description of these rules, please reference the April 20th CIDS edition.

The TRO came as a result of a lawsuit filed by the Ohio Licensed Beverage Association ("OLBA") in opposition to the Department's private clubs exemption. The OLBA contends that the rule violates the law that the voters adopted in the November general election. Judge Cain stated that there was a substantial likelihood that the OLBA would succeed on the merits of its claim, which likely would result in the Department's rule exempting private clubs being permanently enjoined.

The court has scheduled a hearing for May 14 to consider the OLBA's request for a preliminary injunction. We will provide updated information concerning this issue as it becomes available.

If you have any questions concerning the smoking ban or the rules adopted to implement the ban, contact Beth Dominic, CCAO Policy Analyst, at (614) 220-7996, (888) 757-1904 or bdominic@ccao.org.

MINIMUM WAGE LAW UPDATES

Late last week, the *Columbus Dispatch* released an article detailing how the Ohio Department of Commerce is refusing to enforce certain exemptions included in the minimum wage implementation bill that passed the General Assembly in December, 2006 (H.B. 690). H.B. 690 implemented Section 34a, Article II, of the Ohio Constitution, which was adopted

by the voters in the general election in November. Section 34a raised the minimum wage in Ohio from \$4.25 per hour to \$6.85 per hour.

H.B. 690 specified that, along with the exemptions provided for in the constitutional amendment, certain other workers also are exempt from having to be paid the minimum wage. These workers, who include home healthcare, seasonal, and certain agricultural workers, currently are exempt from the federal minimum wage law (Fair Labor Standards Act). However, the Department is not enforcing these exemptions that were added in H.B. 690 for purposes of Ohio's minimum wage law. The Department's justification for this enforcement decision is unclear. As a result of this decision, Ohioans for a Fair Minimum Wage have abandoned their plans to file a legal challenge over H.B. 690. Ohioans for a Fair Minimum Wage is the coalition of labor, community, and faith-based groups that supported the constitutional amendment.

On Tuesday of this week, President Bush vetoed the Iraq spending bill that included an increase in the federal minimum wage. Nonetheless, Democrats remain optimistic that a federal minimum wage increase will occur. However, even if Congress passes and the President signs another bill to increase the federal minimum wage, Ohio's wages likely will not be affected for at least several years.

The Democrat's proposal would not increase the federal minimum wage above Ohio's \$6.85 per hour wage for at least two and one half years. Federal law specifies that workers subject to both a state's and the federal minimum wage laws must be paid the higher of that state's or the federal minimum wage. The federal proposal would raise the federal minimum wage from \$5.15 per hour to \$5.85 per hour two months after the increase is enacted, to \$6.55 per hour one year after the first increase, and to \$7.25 per hour one year after the second increase.

However, Ohio's minimum wage law requires that the Director of Commerce adjust Ohio's minimum wage annually using the Consumer Price Index. According to Robert Kennedy, Superintendent of the Ohio Department of Commerce's Division of Labor and Worker Safety, this adjustment for inflation likely will boost Ohio's minimum wage 17 to 20 cents annually.

Thus, Ohio's minimum wage could rise to roughly \$7 per hour in 2008 and to about \$7.20 per hour in 2009, when the federal minimum wage may be \$7.25 per hour.

If you have any questions concerning either Ohio's or the federal minimum wage laws, contact Beth Dominic, CCAO Policy Analyst, at (614) 220-7996, (888) 757-1904 or bdominic@ccao.org.

FEDERAL ACTIVITIES

PRESIDENT VETOS SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS

Last week, Congress approved an emergency supplemental appropriations conference report (H. Rept. 110-107) that contained several provisions important to counties. The House passed the report April 25 by a vote of 218-212 and the Senate followed through April 26 with a vote of 51-46. The report was vetoed by the President. Congress did not have enough votes to override the veto, so there will be another attempt at a supplemental. The President and Congressional Leadership are discussing a compromise.

The conference report included a one-year moratorium on the Medicaid rules affecting public providers. This is a compromise from the two-year moratorium that was in the Senate bill.

The Conferees also stripped the Senate provisions for full funding of the Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) program and reauthorizing the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self Determination Act (SRS) for five years, opting instead for a one-year extension of SRS funding. NACo supports the Senate provisions and will work with the National Forest Counties and Schools Coalition to include them in the next supplemental.

Other health and human services provisions include \$650 million to cover the shortfall in the State Children Health Insurance Program; \$663 million to for federal efforts to combat a possible avian flu pandemic; and \$400 million for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program.

Ask your House member to urge Leadership to

include Senate PILT, SRS and Medicaid provisions in the next supplemental. County officials should also support maintaining SCHIP and LIHEAP funding, which has been included in both the House and Senate bills. (Contacts: Paul Beddoe, NACo Associate Legislative Director, (202) 942-4234 or pbeddoe@naco.org; and Marilina Sanz, NACo Associate Legislative Director, (202) 942-4260 or msanz@naco.org).

COMMERCE COMMITTEE MOVES TO ASSIST VOIP 911

This week, the U.S. Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee reported S. 428, the "IP-Enabled Voice Communications and Public Safety Act of 2007" which would grant IP-enabled voice providers the right of access to essential 911 components comparable to the rights of access granted to commercial mobile service (cell phone) providers. The bill also would clarify the right of states and localities to impose 911 fees on IP-enabled voice services providers to use for expanded 911, E911, or other public safety purpose. S. 428 would also direct the E911 Implementation Coordination Office to develop and report to Congress on a national plan for migrating to an IP-enabled emergency network within 270 days of the bill's enactment.

This bill is intended to facilitate the seamless use of 911 and E911 for Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) phones. Currently, some VoIP services are not directly connected to 911 Centers even though the FCC requires it. Generally the reasons given are those addressed by S.428. When VoIP phone service does not connect directly to the 911 centers, response to the emergency can be significantly delayed. (Contact: Jeff Arnold, NACo Deputy Legislative Director, (202) 942-4286 or jarnold@naco.org).

NACo ACTIVITIES

NACo DISASTER/TERRORISM PREPAREDNESS TOOLKIT AVAILABLE

The toolkit includes software for good decision-making, a CD with useful preparedness documents and a DVD entitled, "The Seven Signs of Terrorism" that is customizable for local communities. Supplies

are limited and available to NACo member counties. NACo developed the kit with financial assistance from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security/Office of Grants and Training. (Contact: Rocky Lopes, NACo Project Manager, Community Services, at (202) 661-8841 or rlopes@naco.org)

BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOMINATIONS

NACo's Annual Conference is rapidly approaching and one of the most important events is the election of officers and Board of Directors members. State associations are asked to nominate representatives to serve on the NACo Board of Directors. The NACo Nominating Committee will review the nominations and prepare a report to be presented at the Annual Business Meeting to be held on Tuesday, July 17 in Richmond, Virginia. The term of a NACo Board Member runs for one year beginning the last day of the current annual conference and ending the last day of the next annual conference.

CCAO is entitled to two representatives on the NACo Board of Directors. Currently, the positions are filled by Commissioners Lenny Eliason (Athens) and Roger Tackett (Clark).

Commissioners interested in serving on the NACo Board of Directors should send or fax (614) 221-6986 a letter of interest to CCAO Executive Director Larry Long by May 31, 2007.

CONFERENCES/SEMINARS

OJC COURT TECHNOLOGY CONFERENCE

The Ohio Judicial Conference (OJC) will be hosting their 5th Annual Court Technology Conference on May 18, 2007 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. at the Kent State University/Stark Professional Education and Conference Center, 6000 Frank Avenue NW, in North Canton. Who should attend? Judges, clerks of courts, court administrators, IT managers, magistrates, secretaries, probation officers, bailiffs or anyone who works with or makes decisions about court technology. The Conference will bring together 30-35 vendors in all areas of court technology for a vendor show.

Registration is free, but you MUST pre-register.

Lunch and refreshments will be provided. For more information please go to www.ohiojudges.org and follow the link to the 2007 Court Technology Conference.

CLASSIFIEDS

CSEA DIRECTOR

The Franklin County Commissioners are seeking a director for the Child Support Enforcement Agency. Responsibilities: administer and establish agency policies and procedures in accordance with mandated state and federal laws; supervise the operation of the management staff; handle labor/employee relations matters; establish and maintain contact with state/county representatives/officials and the general public; participate in contract negotiations and collective bargaining agreement issues and sensitive disciplinary problems; make oral and written presentations regarding child support enforcement issues. Equally important is an open management style, the ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships at all levels, and a record of providing quality customer service.

Requirements: Bachelor's Degree in business/public administration, social work or related field (Master's Degree preferred). Demonstrated knowledge of federal and state laws, rules and procedures. Eight years experience in government or business operations. Demonstrated ability to communicate effectively both orally and in written form. Five years supervisory experience. Prefer experience in the following areas: budget preparation, personnel or human resources and public or private management in the delivery of services or comparable experience. Title IV D experience is highly preferred. Knowledge of collective bargaining processes a plus.

Competitive salary plus a comprehensive county benefits package. Send resume to the Franklin County Human Resources Dept., 373 S. High St., 25th Fl., Columbus, OH 43215. This position is an unclassified position and serves at the pleasure of the Franklin County Board of Commissioners. A person in this position will be required to complete an annual Financial Disclosure Statement. EOE

JOB & FAMILY SERVICES ADMINISTRATOR

Washington County is seeking an administrator for county Job & Family Services. The primary purpose of the County Job and Family Services Administrator position is to oversee all agency functions. The position has responsibility for maintaining all agency programs and activities. In addition the position provides indirect supervision to all agency employees. Other responsibilities include performing fiscal duties for the entire agency as well as conducting and attending meetings and training sessions.

Summary of Essential Duties and Minimum Qualifications can be found at <http://das.ohio.gov/hrd/csspecs/classpdf/80112.pdf> for official KSA Data, Qualifications And Duties Ohio County Departments Of Job And Family Services Class Number 80112.

Qualified individuals send resume and related information to: The Washington County Career Center, Adult Technical Training Office, 21740 State Route 676, Marietta OH 45750, ATTN: Becker. Resume due at above address by 3:00 p.m. on May 31, 2007. Successful interview candidates notified by June 22, 2007 and employment start date is September 3, 2007. EOE.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR

Fairfield County is seeking a full-time Emergency Management Director. This position is responsible for planning, organizing and coordinating emergency management activities for Fairfield County. In addition, this position also prepares and maintains the agency's fiscal and operational records. Candidates should possess a bachelor's degree in business administration, public administration, or related discipline -or- equivalent experience and/or work in Emergency Management with 3-5 years experience in Emergency Management programs. The annual salary for this position is \$44,000-\$52,000 depending upon experience. Please go to www.myworknet.com for position details and information on the application process. NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE.

ASSISTANT ENGINEER

The Logan County Engineer is currently accepting applications and resumes for the position of Assistant Engineer. This is a full-time opening requiring a minimum Bachelors Degree in Civil Engineering from an ABET accredited civil engineering program with an Engineer Intern designation and desire/ability to obtain a Professional Engineer (P.E.) and Professional Surveyor (P.S.) license and Commercial Driver's License (CDL) Class B. Residency in Logan County is required within six months. A physical and drug screening is required.

The Assistant Engineer works under administrative direction, assists with management and technical operation of department; plans, designs, and directs civil engineering projects for bridge, ditch and highway maintenance and construction; directs work of employees and contractors to ensure compliance with plans, specifications and safety standards; analyzes reports, maps, drawings, blueprints, tests, and aerial photographs on soil composition, terrain, hydrological characteristics and other topographical and geologic data; conducts project cost analysis and feasibility studies; prepares and directs reports, designs, specifications, plans, construction schedules and environmental impact studies; inspects, directs, and monitors construction and maintenance activities at project sites; uses computer assisted engineering and design software/equipment; provides assistance to contractors, county officials and the public; supervises and may perform bridge and culvert inspections; updates bridge inventories for ODOT; and operates dump truck with snow plow attachment during ice/snow emergencies.

Compensation is commensurate with experience. A complete job description and application for employment is available by contacting the Logan County Engineer's Office, 1991 County Road 13, P.O. 427, Bellefontaine, OH 43311, (937) 592-2791 from 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Deadline for submission of application and resume is **June 1, 2007** at 4:00 p.m..

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. Ads will also be published on the CCAO website at www.ccao.org. When submitting your ad to CCAO please provide a link to the job posting online and a deadline. Please provide a 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.