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### DATES TO REMEMBER

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 18, 2007	CCAO COURTS & CORRECTIONS COMMITTEE, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS
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)
SEPTEMBER 2007	NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH ( <a href="http://www.ready.gov">www.ready.gov</a> )

### ELECTION RESULTS

#### LOCAL SALES TAX OPTIONS PASS

***2 counties pass continuing levies and Medina voters approve county sales tax to help fund school capital improvements***

Mahoning County and Tuscarawas County voters approved the continuation of existing sales & use

taxes this week. Tuscarawas sought to continue a 1% rate for the purpose of providing additional general revenues for a period of 10 years. Mahoning sought to continue a 1/2% for the county's general fund.

Medina County voters approved a 1/2% sales & use tax to provide additional revenue for permanent improvements for school districts within the county, to be distributed by the Community Improvements Board

for 30 years. This is the first countywide sales tax dedicated for education.

It has been reported that the tax is expected to generate \$9.5 million in the first year. The money will be split among the seven school districts in the county based on enrollment. By law, the revenue can be used only for permanent improvements, not school operations.

In Medina, the ballot proposal was marketed as a way to shift the burden of financing schools away from homeowners. The measure was placed on the ballot by 2 of the 3 Medina County Commissioners, at the urging of the school districts.

The measure passed with 56 percent of the vote and will raise the sales tax to 6.5 percent.

Some individuals may remember that Summit County voters rejected a similar proposal approximately five years ago.

Newspaper stories this week have reported that a few education professionals consider the sales tax a good alternative to property taxes and a possible way to help address the over-reliance on property taxes, which was a prime concern of the Ohio Supreme Court many years ago when it began hearing the school funding case. Yet, one school official was quoted as recognizing that a countywide sales tax won't resolve the state's school-funding woes, since it can only be used for capital improvements.

It should be noted that approximately 38 counties are maxed out on the sales tax rate that they can levy by law. Many of these counties are in areas which do not have a large base of sales transactions. CCAO has been asking the state for some time to increase the rate that counties can levy to pay for county government expenses, but has not received adequate support for the concept. Yet the question that still begs to be asked is even if the county rate was increased, would voters in that area support it or perhaps seek a referendum on it?

More information about Tuesday's election results will appear in Cids next week.

## **ASSOCIATION NEWS**

### CCAO COURTS & CORRECTIONS COMMITTEE TO MEET JUNE 18

CCAO Courts & Corrections Committee Chair Bob Proud (Clermont) has scheduled a meeting on Monday, June 18, 2007 at the CCAO Offices in Columbus. The two guest speakers include Terry Collins, Director of the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation & Corrections, and Tom Stickrath, Director of the Ohio Department of Youth Services. Other agenda items include:

- Status of Law Library Reform
- Indigent Defense Reimbursement
- H.B. 173 - Judicial Qualifications & Compensation Issues and Judicial Allotment Commission
- H.B. 108 - Court Cost for Drug Enforcement Task Force Funding
- H.B. 154 - Create Community Courts & Abolish Mayor's Courts
- DRC's Re-Entry Proposal
- CCAO Appointments to the DRC Jail Advisory Board & Community Corrections Advisory Board

Please RSVP your attendance to John Leutz, CCAO Senior Policy Analyst, (614) 220-7994, (888) 757-1904 or [jleutz@ccao.org](mailto:jleutz@ccao.org).

### RECENT REFORMS IN CIVIL SERVICE LAW & PUBLIC RECORDS SEMINAR - JUNE 29

CCAO, the Ohio Public Employer Labor Relations Association (OHPELRA), and Downes, Hurst & Fishel will co-sponsor "The Winds of Change - Recent Reforms in Civil Service Law & Public Records" to be held Friday, June 29, 2007 at the Columbus Police Academy, 1000 North Hague Avenue, in Columbus. Registration and a continental breakfast begin at 8:00 a.m. with sessions starting at 9:00 a.m. and ending at 3:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided. Seminar topics include sessions on H.B. 9 - Public Records Update and H.B. 187 - Civil Service Reform. A wide range of topics will be discussed for all affected by civil service issues.

Registration fee: FREE to CCAO and OHPELRA members or \$150 for non-members. You must pre-register for the conference. Non-members of OHPELRA who join OHPELRA for \$185 at the time of registration are eligible to attend this program for free and receive the benefits of both OHPELRA and NPELRA for the next year.

Registration information was mailed to CCAO and OHPELRA members this week. For more information please contact Janet Erwin, CCAO Administrative Assistant, at (614) 220-7986, (888) 757-1904 or [jerwin@ccao.org](mailto:jerwin@ccao.org).

### 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 127<sup>th</sup> 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 [twilxoc@ccao.org](mailto:twilxoc@ccao.org) for more information.

### **CCAO/CEAO/Affiliate Agenda**

- 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

A copy of the CCAO/CEAO/Affiliate Agenda are attached to this issue of CIDS.

**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.

### **SERVICE CORP PROGRAM NEWS**

#### U.S. COMMUNITIES GOVERNMENT PURCHASING ALLIANCE REQUEST FOR QUOTATIONS

U.S. Communities Government Purchasing Alliance is a nonprofit instrumentality of government that assists local and state government agencies, school districts (K-12), higher education, and nonprofits in reducing the cost of purchased goods through pooling the

purchasing power of public agencies nationwide. This is accomplished through competitively solicited contracts for quality products through lead public agencies. Today more than 18,000 public agencies utilize U.S. Communities contracts and suppliers to procure 1 billion dollars in products and services annually. The CCAO Service Corporation has endorsed the U.S. Communities program.

U.S. Communities has posted a Request for Quotations on the following products:

- Multifunctional Printers/Copiers, Lease and Purchase
- Synthetic Turf, Athletic Surfaces, and Related Products and Services

For more information go to the U.S. Communities website:  
[http://www.uscommunities.org/whats\\_new/new\\_products\\_services.htm](http://www.uscommunities.org/whats_new/new_products_services.htm).

## **COUNTY ACTIVITIES**

### HARDIN COUNTY DEDICATES SAFETY & SECURITY CENTER

A dedication ceremony was held Tuesday, April 17 in Hardin County (Kenton) at the new Hardin County Jacob Parrott Safety and Security Center. Approximately 170 were present to share in the pride of Hardin County.

After almost two years of meetings, conferences, public hearings, and paperwork the Hardin County Board of Commissioners officially acquired the U.S. Jacob Parrott Army Reserve Center. The Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) report was published August 2005 with the local Reserve Center being listed. After the appropriate timelines were met the Center was listed as Federal Surplus Property. The Hardin County Commissioners' immediately appointed a Local Redevelopment Authority (LRA) with Commissioner Russell Ludwig as Chair. The LRA, Commissioners staff, HUD, FEMA and the Secretary of State Department of Defense Office of Economic Adjustment all worked together to secure

the facility for the betterment of the Hardin County community.

The transfer - at no cost to the county - was done through the Public Benefit conveyance process to house the Emergency Operations Center. It has an estimated value of one million dollars. The furnishings and equipment were left in the building with an estimated value of \$100,000. The facility will also house the Sheriff's Office, 911 Dispatch Center, EMA, LEPC and the Red Cross. The facility has been renamed the Hardin County Jacob Parrott Safety & Security Center. The great-grandson and great-great granddaughter of Jacob Parrott were present at the dedication ceremony. Jacob Parrott was the first Congressional Medal of Honor Recipient.

During the Civil War Parrott served as a member of the Company K, 33d Ohio Volunteer Infantry. Parrott, along with 22 other men, known as the Andrew's Raiders, under the direction of General Mitchell captured "The General", a railroad train, while attempting to destroy the bridges between Chattanooga and Atlanta. This was referred to in a Disney movie as "The Great Locomotive Chase."

The Hardin County Commissioners thank the teamwork effort of all the government agencies involved in seeing this project through the BRAC process.

## **STATE ACTIVITIES**

### NOMINATIONS FOR AREA 7 WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD

The Area 7 Consortium of Chief Elected Officials and the Area 7 Workforce Investment Board are in search of individuals who are interested in becoming members of the Area 7 Workforce Investment Board. The Board is seeking to fill seven vacancies: three positions must be filled by individuals who represent business, two positions must be filled by individuals who represent public or private economic development agencies, one position must be filled by a representative of a local educational entity who provides adult education and literacy, and one must be filled by an ODJFS employee who specializes in Wagner-Peyser employment services, unemployment compensation, and NAFTA and the Trade Adjustment Act.

Each board of commissioners should contact local business organizations, labor organizations, and educational institutions to solicit nominations for appointments. Nominees should be made aware of the role of the Area 7 Board, which is to provide broad policy direction and to coordinate the efforts of the 47 counties of Area 7 in workforce development. Nominees should understand that a major principle of Area 7 is to provide as much flexibility as possible to local workforce policy boards, while maintaining the program and fiscal integrity of Area 7 as a whole. Emphasize that, while not every county will be represented on the Area 7 Board, appointees will be asked to be sensitive to the needs of their geographic area as well as Area 7 as a whole, and will need to communicate and work with local Workforce Policy Boards and elected officials.

A large part of the job of the Area 7 Board is to give local business leaders and their communities the broader vision, guidance, shared knowledge, and policy framework within which to succeed. It is wise to discuss these concepts with potential Board appointees and ensure that they share the concept and the vision behind the establishment of Area 7.

Counties are invited to submit no more than one nomination for each vacancy described above no later than **May 21, 2007**. The Board will meet with nominees at the Board's meeting on June 6, 2007. Please fax resumes and any additional pertinent information for your nominees to Beth Dominic, CCAO Policy Analyst, at (614) 221-6986 as soon as possible.

#### NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH 2007

September marks National Preparedness Month 2007, a nationwide coordinated effort encouraging families to take simple steps for emergencies in their homes, businesses and schools. During National Preparedness Month, the Ohio Department of Public Safety (ODPS) will partner with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, national, state and local organizations to highlight the importance of emergency preparedness and promote community involvement through a wide variety of events and activities.

Both the Ohio Department of Public Safety and U.S.

Department of Homeland Security are asking families, schools and businesses to prepare for all types of emergencies from natural disasters to possible terrorist attacks. During National Preparedness Month 2007, there will be four focus areas:

- **Week One** - September 1-8: Back to School and Ready Kids
- **Week Two** - September 9-15: Business Preparedness and Ready Business
- **Week Three** - September 16-22: Multicultural Preparedness (coinciding with the beginning of Hispanic Heritage month)
- **Week Four** - September 23-30: Home and Family Preparedness (including older and disabled Ohioans, as well as pet owners)

**Who should plan the events?** The Ohio Department of Public Safety would like county commissioners and the county emergency management agency to convene a planning committee that involves government leaders, schools, libraries, businesses, financial institutions, culturally diverse and special needs communities - just to name a few.

**Where do you get the information about National Preparedness Month 2007?** Go to [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov) or [www.listo.gov](http://www.listo.gov) (Spanish website). Publications may be down loaded to be printed in your county or ordered from this site. For more information about ordering or downloading publications, please go to [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov) and click on Ready America>Downloading and Ordering Publications. Each organization is limited to ordering 1,000 of each publication. Supplies are limited. Order now - don't wait until August.

The Ohio Department of Public Safety thanks counties for taking the lead and helping to create a culture of preparedness in Ohio. For more information, please contact Mary Jane Neiman, CCAO Public Relations Associate, at (614) 220-7979, (888) 757-1904 or [mjneiman@ccao.org](mailto:mjneiman@ccao.org).

## FEDERAL ACTIVITIES

### INTRODUCTION OF "WATERS OF THE U.S." BILLS EXPECTED SOON

Draft legislation to amend the Clean Water Act (CWA) is being circulated in the Senate and House. These bills would change the jurisdictional reach of the CWA by taking out the term "navigable waters" and replacing it with the term "waters of the United States." This change to the CWA will negatively affect both states and localities, causing unfunded mandates and preemptions of local land use authorities.

If approved, this change would require that every county in the nation get a CWA permit (404 and 402) for any project that would impact a "waters of the United States (WOUS)," which is defined broadly. Some examples of county areas that could be affected by any proposed legislation (*based on previous Army Corps of Engineers and the courts interpretations*) include, but not limited to:

- Man-made ditches, culverts and pipes;
- Roads, curbs, and sidewalks (may include stormwater runoff from forest roads);
- Water and water transfer rights;
- Routine maintenance (clean-up of debris) in flood control channels;
- Waste treatment systems, including settling ponds; and
- Pesticides application, including mosquito abatement and fire retardant sprays.

Counties, as the regulated, are responsible for a number of public infrastructure projects that would require wetland permits. Under the proposed change, the county must apply for a CWA permit anytime a land use project is initiated - whether new or maintenance related - if it affects intrastate water, including potentially groundwater.

It is on the regulated front that counties may face the biggest hurdle. There is a backlog of over 15,000 - 20,000 permits currently in the Army Corps of Engineers system with an average time lapse of up to several years from submission to approval/denial of any individual permit.

NACo's policy states that municipal streets and gutters and man-made ditches are excluded from the definition of "waters of the United States," and that such waters should be regulated at the local level and not be subject to federal regulation. Additionally, in March, NACo passed a resolution opposing any federal efforts to change the definition of the Clean Water Act from navigable waters to "waters of the United States."

Urge your House and Senate members to oppose any efforts to remove the word "navigable" from the definition of the Clean Water Act. (Contact: Julie Ufner, NACo Associate Legislative Director, (202) 942-4269 or [jufner@naco.org](mailto:jufner@naco.org))

### HOUSE COMMITTEE PASSES FHA MODERNIZATION BILL

Last week, the U.S. House of Representatives Financial Services Committee marked up H.R. 1852, the Expanding Homeownership Act of 2007. The bill was passed by the committee on a 45 – 19 vote. The purpose of the bill is to modernize the Federal Housing Administration (FHA) so that it may more effectively reach underserved borrowers.

The bill aims to restructure the product offerings of the FHA to make its programs more flexible and responsive to changes in the current mortgage market. In addition, the legislation adjusts the loan limits for the single family mortgage insurance program to reflect rising house construction prices. Proponents of the bill argue that a more nimble FHA will help borrowers who experience adverse impacts resulting from the collapse of the subprime mortgage industry.

There was extensive debate on provisions in the legislation that would establish an affordable housing grant fund out of surpluses generated by the agency. The fund is intended to provide grants to provide affordable rental housing and homeownership opportunities for low-income families. Republicans on the Financial Services Committee expressed concerns regarding the fund, but amendments offered to strip or alter language establishing the fund were voted down. Representative Barney Frank (D-Mass.), Chair of the Financial Services Committee, has asked for the Government Accountability Office to

investigate the reasons behind the current surge in mortgage foreclosures. H.R. 1852 is intended to assist the federal government in responding to issues arising in the current housing mortgage market. (Contact: Cassandra Matthews, NACo Associate Legislative Director, (202) 942-4204 or [cmatthew@naco.org](mailto:cmatthew@naco.org))

## **NACo ACTIVITIES**

### 2007-2008 NACo STEERING COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS

The nomination process for membership on NACo policy steering committees in 2007-2008 is underway. As a NACo steering committee member, you are responsible for debating and creating national policies and priorities affecting counties and serve on NACo's front line in their grassroots efforts. Committees meet at the NACo legislative and annual conferences and one other time during the year. You will be responsible for your own travel. Attendance and participation in the committee is important.

NACo has eleven steering committees: Agriculture & Rural Affairs; Community & Economic Development; Environment, Energy & Land Use; Finance & Intergovernmental Relations; Health; Human Services & Education; Justice & Public Safety; Labor & Employment; Public Lands; Telecommunications & Technology; and Transportation. If you choose to serve as a member of a steering committee again, you may serve on the same committee or join another committee.

CCAO processes all nominations for Ohio public officials before being sent to NACo. If you would like to serve on a NACo committee for 2007-2008, please respond by **Friday, June 15, 2007**. Nominations will be approved by the incoming NACo President after the NACo Annual Conference which will be held July 13-17, 2007 in Richmond, VA. NACo will announce your appointment in September 2007.

For more information about NACo Steering Committees please contact Mary Jane Neiman, CCAO Public Relations Associate, at (614) 220-7979, (888) 757-1904 or [mjneiman@ccao.org](mailto:mjneiman@ccao.org).

## **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/cspects/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](http://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](http://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](mailto:mjneiman@ccao.org).



# 127<sup>th</sup> CCAO/CEAO ANNUAL SUMMER CONFERENCE

JUNE 10-12, 2007

PARK INN TOLEDO AND SEAGATE CONVENTION CENTRE - LUCAS COUNTY (TOLEDO)

## CCAO/CEAO/AFFILIATE AGENDAS (revised 5/1107)

### SUNDAY, JUNE 10

- 11:00 **GOLF OUTING (OPTIONAL) AT HEATHER DOWNS COUNTRY CLUB**  
Heather Downs Country Club, established in 1925, is located at 3910 Heatherdowns Blvd in Toledo. Transportation will not be provided to the golf outing. Please contact Tanya Wilcox, CCAO Administrative Assistant, at (614) 221-5627 for golf registration information.
- 5:00 **BUFFET DINNER AND TOLEDO MUDHENS v. NORFOLK TIDES BASEBALL GAME**  
Join CCAO/CEAO and Lucas County at Fifth Third Field, located next to the Park Inn/ SeaGate Convention Centre, for a buffet dinner and Toledo Mud Hens v. Norfolk Tides Baseball Game.

The Toledo Mud Hens are a minor league baseball team located in Toledo. The Mud Hens play in the International League and are a farm team of the Detroit Tigers. The current team is one of several that have called Toledo home for more than a century. The name "Mud Hens" was first used in 1896, because the park where the team played that year was adjacent to marshland which was inhabited by coots, also known as marsh hens or mud hens, from which the team adopted their name.

The Mud Hens are the current back-to-back Governor's Cup champion, a trophy awarded each year to the champion of the International League. The Mud Hens currently play at Fifth Third Field, which was built in 2002 and was named the best minor league ballpark in America by *Newsweek* magazine. Fifth Third Field is in virtually the same location, between Washington and Monroe Streets in downtown Toledo, as the first professional baseball stadium in the city, built in 1883.

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.

- 3:00-5:00 **REGISTRATION AND INFORMATION**

### MONDAY, JUNE 11

- 7:00-9:00 **TRADE SHOW SET UP**
- 7:00-6:00 **TRADE SHOW REGISTRATION**
- 7:30-9:00 **BUFFET BREAKFAST**
- 8:00-9:00 **NORTHWEST DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS & ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION**
- 8:00-3:00 **REGISTRATION AND INFORMATION**
- 8:00-11:30 **CEAO SESSIONS**

#### **THE ADMINISTRATION OF FEDERAL-AID PROJECTS BY LOCAL PUBLIC AGENCIES**

Items of discussion will include what Ohio is doing well, what areas require improvement, and what future changes can be expected. In the second portion of the presentation, FHWA as well as staff from the Geauga County and Butler County Engineer's Offices will discuss the Asset Inventory programs they are using and the benefits they are receiving from the programs.

- **FHWA NATIONAL LPA UPDATE**
- **COUNTY ASSET INVENTORY PROGRAM**
- **CSTP/LBR UPDATE**

**CEAO LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

**CEAO BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

9:00-10:15

**CCAO SESSIONS**

**HEALTH SAVINGS ACCOUNTS: AN ANSWER FOR YOUR COUNTY?**

Attend this session to find out more about health savings accounts are an answer for your county!

**EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES UPDATE & IMPLEMENTING OHIO'S NEW MINIMUM WAGE LAW**

**Discriminatory Harassment:** A logical approach to avoiding some of our biggest mistakes. The training is intended to inform elected officials, department heads, managers, and supervisors on the developing law in this area and to give practical advice for handling the most common situations.

**Minimum Wage:** A discussion of the changes in Ohio's newly enacted Minimum Wage Law and a guide for keeping the records an employer is required to keep under the law.

9:00-3:30

**COUNTY PURCHASING ASSOCIATION (See attachment for program)**

9:00-3:30

**COUNTY LOSS CONTROL COORDINATORS ASSOCIATION (CLCCA) (See attachment for program)**

9:00-4:00

**SANITARY ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION (See attachment for program)**

9:00-6:00

**TRADE SHOW**

9:30-1:00

**COUNTY FACILITY MANAGERS ASSOCIATION (See attachment for program)**

9:30-3:00

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS CLERKS AND ENGINEERS SECRETARIES ASSOCIATION OF OHIO (CCC/ESAO) (See attachment for program)**

10:00-11:45

**CCAO SESSIONS**

**THE FUTURE OF 9-1-1 AND COUNTY LAW LIBRARIES**

With the 32 cent per month fee on cell phone numbers set to expire at the end of 2008 discussion will consider what will be the options for the fee's renewal or future funding and what challenges counties will face in the management and financing their 9-1-1 wire line and wireless response systems as the next-generation of web based technology enters service.

The last state budget bill phased out over a five year period the county's obligation to fund the private, non profit, county law library associations and also created a task force to recommend changes to the current county law library system. The report of that task force recommends systemic reform of an antiquated entity. Among other things the report recommends the creation of a five member public board to provide for the legal research and reference needs of the county. The commissioners will have two appointments to this board, one of who must be a member of the bar within the county. Members of the task force will be present to outline and address the task force recommendations which are currently slated to be included into the state budget by the Senate.

**AGRICULTURE & RURAL DEVELOPMENT: CAFO IMPACTS**

Representatives of the Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA) will provide information regarding Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations and the impacts on local government. Highlights will include information regarding ODA's Livestock Environmental Permitting Program and various approaches for infrastructure support.

10:00-1:00

**COUNTY PLANNING ASSOCIATION (See attachment for program)**

10:00-4:00

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION (See attachment for program)**

10:30-2:30

**SPOUSE/GUEST LUNCHEON AND TOUR**

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.

12:00-1:30 **TRADE SHOW BUFFET LUNCH**

12:00-1:30 **CCAO BOARD LUNCHEON AND MEETING**

12:00-1:30 **CEAO PAST PRESIDENTS AND BOARD LUNCHEON**

1:45-3:45 **CCAO/CEAO OPENING CEREMONIES AND GENERAL SESSION**

- THE HONORABLE TED STRICKLAND (invited)
- PANEL OF AREA LEGISLATORS (invited)
- David Dysard, Deputy Director - District 2, Ohio Department of Transportation

3:45-4:15 **CEAO SESSIONS**

**AGGREGATES, COUNTY ENGINEERS, AND NEWLY ENACTED H.B. 443**

Recently enacted legislation, H.B 443 – 126<sup>th</sup> General Assembly, revises conditional county and township zoning certificates relating to certain minerals and finished aggregates including establishment of certain routes for those hauling the materials. The new legislation and other matters of common concern between mineral and aggregate mining operations and county engineers will be discussed.

3:45-4:45 **CCAO SESSIONS**

**ARE YOU LOOKING FOR YOUR CELL PHONE? WHAT TAXIBLE FRINGE BENEFITS IS THE IRS LOOKING FOR IN YOUR COUNTY?**

The Internal Revenue Service has been auditing public jurisdictions on taxable fringe benefits. This session will address items counties need to understand and address.

**HUMAN SERVICES AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT: THE STATE BUDGET & MORE**

A panel of experts will provide updated analyses and answer questions about Ohio's biennial budget (H.B. 119) that concerns Medicaid, Ohio Works First, children's services, mental retardation and developmental disabilities, county departments of job and family services, and various other human services topics. The panel will consist of individuals from the Ohio Job and Family Services Directors' Association, Ohio Association of County Boards of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities, and Lucas County Public Children Services Agency.

4:00-5:30 **AREA 7 CONSORTIUM**

4:00-5:30 **CEBCO BOARD MEETING**

**TUESDAY, JUNE 12**

7:15-8:30 **BUFFET BREAKFAST**

7:45 **CCAO/CEAO LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

8:00-2:00 **REGISTRATION AND INFORMATION**

8:45-10:15 **CCAO SESSION**

**ALTERNATIVE ENERGY STRATEGIES ON OHIO'S HORIZON**

The panel will look at the immerging cutting-edge energy technologies, including wind power, bio-fuels and fuel cells. Included in the discussion will be the state's plan to promote and encourage the development, manufacturing,

and operation of alternative energy technology; private sector activities in this new industry; and the regulatory issues, including citing and zoning, that these new energy sources present for the state and local governments.

8:45-10:15 **CCAO/CEAO JOINT SESSION**

**STOPPING PAY-TO-PLAY AT THE STATE LEVEL? THE COUNTY FALLOUT AND PURCHASING DILEMMA RESULTING FROM H.B. 694**

Speakers will explain and answer questions concerning the practical local impacts of the recently enacted pay-to-play legislation, H.B. 694. This act prohibits certain vendors from making political contributions above certain amounts to state and local contracting authorities.

9:00-3:45 **SANITARY ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION (See attachment for program)**

9:00-3:00 **COUNTY HOMES ASSOCIATION (See attachment for program)**

9:30-3:45 **COUNTY COMMISSIONERS CLERKS AND ENGINEERS SECRETARIES ASSOCIATION (CCC/ESAO) (See attachment for program)**

10:30-11:45 **CCAO/CEAO JOINT SESSION**

**H.B. 9 - PUBLIC RECORDS LAW CHANGES**

Substitute H.B. 9 passed by 126<sup>th</sup> General Assembly provides for numerous changes in the Ohio Public Records Law. This session will provide an overview as to numerous responsibilities of the bill including: education requirements, compliance, request protocol, records retention and penalties.

10:30-11:45 **CCAO SESSION**

**URBAN & RURAL DRAINAGE AND STORMWATER MANAGEMENT ISSUES**

This session will address common drainage and storm water management issues facing rural and urban counties.

12:00-1:30 **LUNCHEON**

1:45-3:00 **CCAO SESSIONS**

**HEALTHY LIFESTYLE CHOICES**

This session will help you understand healthy lifestyle choices for you and your employees, which will lead to long term life benefits and lower health insurance costs.

**THE NEW CCAO WEBSITE: WHAT'S IN IT FOR YOU?**

CCAO launched a new website ([www.ccao.org](http://www.ccao.org)) in March. At your request, new features have been added to provide more information to our users. The website content is constantly changing and being updated. Stop in at this session for a demonstration of the site and to give us your feedback.

1:45-3:00 **COUNTY ADMINISTRATORS ASSOCIATION (See attachment for program)**

1:45-3:00 **VETERANS' GLASS CITY SKYWAY TOUR**

The Veterans' Glass City Skyway (formerly known as the Maumee River Crossing) represents the largest, most expensive single project undertaken in the history of the Ohio Department of Transportation. The construction cost of the new cable-stayed bridge portion of the project, reaching 130 feet high near the center of the river, is \$220 million. It will carry three lanes of traffic in each direction on I-280 over the Maumee River - extending from I-75 on the north end to Navarre Avenue (S.R. 2) on the south end. Transportation will depart from after the CCAO/CEAO luncheon and will return after the tour.

**CCAO AFFILIATE PROGRAMS**

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATORS ASSOCIATION**

**TUESDAY, JUNE 12**

1:45-3:00 **COUNTY ADMINISTRATORS ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION**

- H.B. 694 - PAY-TO-PLAY
- EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION & COLA

- ALTERNATIVE 125 PLAN

**COMMISSIONERS CLERKS AND ENGINEERS SECRETARIES ASSOCIATION**

**MONDAY, JUNE 11**

- 9:00-10:30      **STORMWATER OVERVIEW - FEDERAL MANDATE**
- 10:45-11:45    **ROUND TABLE DISCUSSIONS**
- Policies
  - Inclement Weather
  - IRS Taxation of Fringe Benefits
  - Smoking Ban
  - Yahoo Site
- 1:30 -3:00      **IRS TAXATION OF FRINGE BENEFITS**
- 4:00              **LIBBY GLASS TOUR & DINNER AT THE DOCKS**  
Meet in the Park Inn lobby at 4:00 p.m. to leave for the tour & dinner.

**TUESDAY, JUNE 12**

- 9:00-11:00      **PERSONNEL ISSUES**
- Public Records
  - Personnel Files
  - Unclassified/Classified Positions
- 1:30-2:30      **FACING DIFFICULT CONVERSATIONS**  
This program will help you move toward more positive outcomes in the office.
- 2:15-3:00      **BUSINESS MEETING**

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION**

**MONDAY, JUNE 11**

- 10:00-11:45    **BUSINESS MEETING**
- Call to Order
  - Secretary's Report
  - Liaisons Reports
  - Sector Reports
- 1:00-4:00      **BUSINESS MEETING (cont.)**
- Executive Directors Report
  - Committee Reports
  - Old & New Business

**COUNTY FACILITY MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION**

**MONDAY, JUNE 11**

- 9:30-1:00      **JARROD'S LAW ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION**
- STATE OF ELECTRICAL & NATURAL GAS COSTS**

**METHODS TO IMPROVE ENERGY UTILIZATION**

**BUILDING ENVELOPE ISSUES - WHAT YOU CAN NOT SEE CAN HURT YOU**

**HB251: CERTIFIED BUILDING OPERATORS - WHAT THIS MEANS TO YOU**

**GREEN BUILDINGS - WHAT THEY ARE & HOW TO IMPLEMENT**

**LEED CERTIFICATION OF EXISTING BUILDINGS**

**BUSINESS MEETING**

**COUNTY HOMES ASSOCIATION**

**TUESDAY, JUNE 12**

9:30-3:00 **BUSINESS MEETING**

**CURRENT ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES**

**PHARMACEUTICAL INTERVENTIONS**

**COUNTY LOSS CONTROL COORDINATORS ASSOCIATION**

**MONDAY, JUNE 11**

9:00-10:15 **CCAO SESSIONS**

**HEALTH SAVINGS ACCOUNTS**

**EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES UPDATE & IMPLEMENTING OHIO'S NEW MINIMUM WAGE LAW**

1:00-1:30 **CLCCA BOARD MEETING**

1:45-3:30 **WHAT I DIDN'T KNOW THAT I DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT BWC**

**PLANNING DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION**

**MONDAY, JUNE 11**

10:00-1:00 **BUSINESS MEETING & LUNCHEON**

- Treasurer's and Committee Reports
- CCAO Commissioners Handbook
- Guest Speaker TBA
- Legislative Update
- County Roundtable Discussion

**COUNTY PURCHASING ASSOCIATION**

**MONDAY, JUNE 11**

9:30-3:30 **PROGRAM TO BE ANNOUNCED**

## **COUNTY SANITARY ENGINEERS' ASSOCIATION**

### **MONDAY, JUNE 11**

- 9:00-10:00      **GREENE COUNTY'S FINANCIAL PLANNING SECURES FUNDING FOR TMDL IMPLEMENTATION & SOURCE WATER PROTECTION**
- 10:00-10:45    **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**
- 11:00-12:00    **HSTS RULES EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2007**
- 1:30-2:30      **LABOR RELATIONS IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR**
- 2:30-3:15      **CELLULAR ANTENNA INSTALLATION ON WATER STORAGE TANKS**
- 3:30-4:00      **BUSINESS MEETING**

### **TUESDAY, JUNE 12**

- 9:00-10:00    **STATUS REPORT ON OEPA'S TMDL PROGRAM: IMPLEMENTATION ISSUES FOR POTWS, LEGAL CHALLENGES, NUTRIENT LIMITS AND THE NEW TRADING RULES**
- 10:15-11:15   **SHAWNEE HILLS GRINDER PUMP COLLECTION SYSTEM**
- 11:15-12:00   **TYPICAL WATER/SEWER PUBLIC HEARING (ORC 6103-6117)**
- 1:30-2:30      **CORROSION PROTECTION/HOT SOIL CONDITIONS**
- 2:45-3:34      **ZERO DISCHARGE WASTEWATER SYSTEMS**

### **CHANGE IN CONFERENCE EVENT SCHEDULE:**

**CCAO & CEO WORKSHOP SESSIONS WILL END MID AFTERNOON ON TUESDAY, JUNE 12.  
THERE WILL BE NO BANQUET AT THE SUMMER CONFERENCE THIS YEAR.**