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DATES TO REMEMBER

JUNE 28, 2007	CEBCO REGIONAL SEMINAR, HOLIDAY INN ZANESVILLE, MUSKINGUM COUNTY (ZANESVILLE)
JUNE 29, 2007	CEBCO REGIONAL SEMINAR, DEFIANCE COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY & EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY, DEFIANCE COUNTY (DEFIANCE)
JUNE 29, 2007	RECENT REFORMS IN CIVIL SERVICE LAW & PUBLIC RECORDS, COLUMBUS POLICE ACADEMY, COLUMBUS
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SEPTEMBER 2007	NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH (www.ready.gov)

ASSOCIATION NEWS

2007 CCAO GOLF OUTING...A LITTLE GOLF AND A LOT OF FUN!

The 18th Annual CCAO Golf Outing will be held on Wednesday, August 1, 2007 at Oakhaven Golf Course, 2871 U.S. Route 23 North in Delaware County (Delaware). Oakhaven is a par 72, 18-hole golf course located in beautiful Delaware County.

The purpose of this fun event is to provide funds for the CCAO Research and Educational Foundation in the preparation and printing of educational materials. All current and former county commissioners, other county elected officials, staff and friends are invited to attend this fun event!

Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. The driving range with unlimited range balls is available prior to tee-off. The 18-hole scramble with a shot gun start will start promptly at 10:30 a.m. You may pair your own foursome or permit CCAO to match your skills with other golfers. The \$70 fee includes the driving range with unlimited range balls, 18 holes of golf, cart, box lunch, beverages, and a steak dinner.

Deadline for **registration**: July 16, 2007. If you have any questions about golfing please contact Tanya Wilcox, CCAO Administrative Assistant, at (614) 221-5617, (888) 757-1904 or twilcox@ccao.org.

Sponsorships are available! Deadline for sponsorships: July 13, 2007. If you have any questions about sponsorships, please contact Amanda Jones, CCAO Administrative Assistant, at (614) 220-7985, (888) 757-1904 or ajones@ccao.org.

CCAO BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES

Enclosed with this issue of CIDS for county commissioners are the minutes from the April 20, 2007 meeting of the CCAO Board of Trustees.

CEBCO REGIONAL SEMINARS - JUNE 28 & 29

It's NOT too early to begin to think about healthcare benefits for 2008! CEBCO, the County Employee Benefit Consortium of Ohio, will be conducting regional seminars throughout the state. CEBCO

offers medical, prescription, dental, life and employee assistance programs. Each of the programs can be purchased separately.

Counties participating in the CEBCO plans currently are: Allen, Ashtabula, Athens, Butler, Champaign, Darke, Delaware, Hardin, Hocking, Logan, Madison, Putnam, Union, and Williams. The CCAO office employees also are covered by the CEBCO program.

Regional meetings were held this week on June 20 and 22. If you missed those meetings, plan to attend on of the following meetings. Vendor partners will be available to present the program, as well as, members from participating counties. Lunch will be provided. All meetings begin at 10:00 a.m.

June 28 - Southeast - Muskingum County

Holiday Inn - Zanesville (I-70, Exit 160), 4645 East Pike, Zanesville

June 29 - Northwest - Defiance County

Defiance County Public Safety & Emergency Management Agency, 22491 Mill Street, Defiance

For more information about the CEBCO program please call Maggie Neely, Managing Director, Health & Wellness Programs, at (614) 220-7984, (888) 757-1904 or mneely@ccao.org.

To RSVP for any of the CEBCO Regional Seminars please contact Melissa Bodey, CEBCO Benefits Specialist, at (614) 220-7997, (888) 757-1904 or mbodey@ccao.org by June 19.

IN MEMORIAM

RALPH KASNER

Former Holmes County Commissioner Ralph Kasner, 103, died on Friday, June 15. A lifelong resident of Holmes County, Kasner farmed the family farm and resided there until 2005 when he moved into the Holmes County Home. Kasner served two terms as Holmes County Commissioner from 1971 to 1978, and is remembered fondly by the Holmes County Commissioners staff and county residents. CCAO extends heartfelt sympathy to the Kasner family.

STERLING G. SECHRIST, JR.

CCAO was saddened to hear that Sterling G. Sechrist, Jr., 88, former Medina County Commissioner died on Thursday, May 3. A life long resident of Medina County, Sechrist was an accomplished drummer playing in various venues from Wooster College, aboard the Queen Mary, the U.S. Army Band during World War II, NBC Studio Band in Chicago, and several jazz bands. He was also a banker for 29 years. Sechrist's public service included serving on Wadsworth City Council and two terms as a Medina County Commissioner from 1981-1988.

COUNTY ACTIVITIES

MIKE & MELODIE ADELMAN SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

Huron County Commissioners Mike Adelman and his wife, Melodie, recently announced the recipients of the seventh annual "Mike & Melodie Adelman Scholarships." "After reviewing the scholarship applications that were submitted...it's very clear that there are many outstanding students in our county," Adelman said. "My hope is that the presentation of these scholarships, if even in a small way, can be of some help."

The \$500 scholarships were presented to 11 students that are Huron County residents and members of the graduating class of 2007 at the following high schools: Bellevue, Edison, Monroeville, New London, Norwalk, Plymouth, Seneca East, South Central, St. Paul, Western Reserve, and Willard. For more information please call Mike Adelman, Huron County Commissioner, at (419) 668-3092.

COUNTIES IN THE NEWS

Do you have news about your county that you would like to share in *CIDS* and *County News*? Has your county or a county official received special recognition? Have you dedicated a new or restored a building? Do you have news of successful programs that you would like to share? Please share your news and contact Mary Jane Neiman, CCAO Public Relations Associate, at (614) 220-7979, (888) 757-1904 or mjneiman@ccao.org.

STATE ACTIVITIES

THEFT OF COMPUTER DATA BACKUP DEVICE PUTS PERSONAL INFORMATION AT RISK FOR STATE EMPLOYEES, LOCAL GOVERNMENT BANK ACCOUNT NUMBERS & TAXPAYERS

Last week, a computer backup device with names and Social Security numbers of about 64,000 state employees, 75,000 of their dependents, and 54,000 state employees who participate in the pharmacy benefits management system was stolen from the car of an intern who was entrusted with its off-site safekeeping. This week, the investigation revealed that not only was the personal information of state employees at risk, but also social security numbers for 225,000 taxpayers, Medicaid providers electronic funds transfer (EFT), school district and local government EFT, and STRS payments.

Governor Strickland issued an Executive Order directing state information technology managers to immediately review procedures for handling such data backup information to ensure its security. The order also requires development and implementation of an encryption protocol for such information.

State employees were directed to a State Employee Identity Protection Website (www.ohio.gov/idprotect) that was created to provide updated information. Employees who do not wish to use the internet can call (800) 267-4474 and speak with an operator or (888) 644-6812 for automated informational updates. Employees will have access to free identity theft protection and prevention services for one year.

CCAO has been in touch with the County Auditors Association of Ohio (CAAO) and the County Treasurers Association of Ohio (CTAO) who have been working with their members on needed protections. For more information, county commissioners should contact their auditors or treasurers.

ALL COUNTY JFS DEPARTMENTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO MAKE CASE CORRECTIONS

On June 18, the Ohio Department of Job & Family Services (ODJFS) published a memo concerning a discovery by Centers for Medicare & Medicaid

Services (CMS) that Ohio has over 8,000 cases in which the Recipient Master File (RMF) does not match federal Medicare records. Because of these discrepancies, ODJFS is requiring each county to make corrections to their cases so that correct information is reflected in both CRIS-E and MMIS.

ODJFS will be sending each county's buy-in coordinator a spreadsheet that will include relevant information about individuals identified as having non-matching records, as well as columns for county staff to complete. ODJFS foresees that county JFS departments likely will be correcting health insurance claim number information, misspelled names, birth date errors, and social security number errors.

This spreadsheet must be completed and sent back to ODJFS no later than August 31, 2007. For more information concerning this new requirement, please contact Patrick A. Tighe, Chief of Benefit Coordination and Recovery for ODJFS, at tighep@odjfs.state.oh.us.

PORTION OF SMOKING BAN OPPONENTS CALL IT QUILTS

On Thursday, the *Columbus Dispatch* reported that the group of bar owners and private club advocates, who wanted to place another initiative on the ballot to weaken the smoking ban, is shrinking. The Buckeye Liquor Permit Holders Association, who was part of the opponent group, decided that the Association will not collect signatures for another initiative.

On June 12, the entire opponent group failed to get enough signatures certified to place a constitutional amendment on the fall ballot. However, at that time, the group had hopes of placing another initiative proposing statutory changes on the ballot. With the loss of a member of the group, it seems less likely that the group will succeed in collecting and certifying enough signatures for another initiative.

For more information on the statewide smoking ban, please contact Beth Dominic, CCAO Policy Analyst at (614) 220-7996,(888) 757-1904, or bdominic@ccao.org.

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 or 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 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.

FEDERAL ACTIVITIES

HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS OFFERS \$300 MILLION FOR HELP AMERICA VOTE ACT

The House Appropriations Committee on June 12 approved a package that would provide \$300 million of the remaining \$800 million that the federal government promised, but failed to deliver, for implementation of the Help America Vote Act.

In several letters this year, NACo has joined with other state and local government associations and advocacy organizations representing diverse interests to urge full funding of that law, which effectively required counties to purchase the same voting equipment that would be banned under legislation currently under consideration (H.R. 811, S. 1487). The funding is sorely needed, not only to pay the tab for that equipment but also to meet other expensive requirements of the law, such as statewide voter registration systems, that are still in development or require counties to bear significant ongoing costs.

The schedule for consideration on the House floor is unclear, as this bill is in the pipeline behind several others that have stalled over debate on the use of earmarks to fund specific projects in members' districts. When it does come to the floor, this provision may be subject to amendment. (Contact: Alysoun McLaughlin, NACo Associate Legislative Director, (202) 942-4254 or amclaughlin@naco.org)

NACo ACTIVITIES

NACo ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS: 8 OHIO COUNTIES WIN 20 AWARDS!

Begun in 1970, the National Association of Counties

(NACo) Achievement Award Program is a non-competitive program that recognizes counties and state associations for improving the organization, management, services and function of county government. For over 30 years the Achievement Award Program has not only honored counties and their employees, but has also provided all counties nationwide with an extensive collection of information on successful and innovative county programs. Since 1987, the records have been fully automated so that program can be accessed by geographic region, state, individual county program category, and key index boards.

The Achievement Awards Program gives national recognition to county accomplishments, and has enabled NACo to build a storehouse of county success stories that can be passed on to other counties. Achievement Awards will be presented during the 72nd Annual Conference held July 13-18, 2007 in Richmond, Virginia. Congratulations to Ashtabula, Athens, Butler, Cuyahoga, Delaware, Hamilton, Montgomery, and Summit counties for earning a total of 20 awards!

To take advantage of the largest data bank of information on new and significant county programs in the country, call the NACo Research Department at (202) 393-6226 or at www.naco.org and click on "Awards" located on the left side menu.

Ashtabula - Accessing Unclaimed Food State Benefits Through Exemplary Customer Service

Athens - Fast & Free Tax Assistance Center

Butler - Downsized CSEA Wanted Poster, Increased Public Convenience & Participation in Household Hazardous Waste

Cuyahoga - Brownfield Redevelopment Program Public Education Video

Delaware - Sex Offender Locator, DALIS Web Interactive Map Server

Hamilton - Next Chapter Book Clubs, Listening to Bio Technology Leaders, Land - HC Green Building WEB Page, Individuals Served Information System (ISIS), Community Action Network Directory

Montgomery - Community Report, Home 4 the Holidays Campaign, Senior Services Network, Strategic Workforce Planning Initiative, Transition Center Marketing, Small Business Electronics Recycling Program

Summit - Summit County Youth Employment for Success (YES), Mural Project Fuel Quality Testing Program

2007 COUNTY ENERGY STAR CHANGE A LIGHT CAMPAIGN

NACo, in cooperation with Office Depot, is pleased to announce the second annual County ENERGY STAR Change a Light Campaign, part of the Environmental Protection Agency's national ENERGY STAR Change a Light Campaign. Join with county governments from across the nation to help lower our country's energy consumption and curb greenhouse gas emissions.

The Campaign asks individuals to pledge to change a light in their home to an energy efficient one. In 2006, over 6,000 pledges were collected from county employees. This will help to prevent over 2.7 million pounds of greenhouse gas emissions thanks to an energy savings of more than 1.7 million kWh.

By popular demand, the 2007 County ENERGY STAR Change a Light Campaign has expanded to include county residents. The Campaign will be conducted over two phases. Counties have the option to register for either or both phases of this year's Campaign.

**Phase 1: County Employees
Pledge Collection: July 1– September 13, 2007**

**Phase 2: County Residents
Pledge Collection: October 3 – November 30, 2007**

Each individual who pledges will receive a coupon for \$3 off the purchase of an ENERGY STAR light bulb from Office Depot. Go online today to register your county as a participant and for more information: www.naco.org/regCAL. Winning counties from each phase will receive special national recognition.

For more information contact Kelly Zonderwyk, NACo

Senior Associate, Community Services at (202) 942.4224 or kzonderwyk@naco.org.

VOTING CREDENTIALS - 2007 NACo ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The NACo Annual Conference will be held July 13-17, 2007 in Richmond, Virginia. To ensure that member counties can participate in the NACo annual election of officers and policy adoption for the "American County Platform," the NACo staff needs your help!

In order to vote, a county must have paid its membership dues for 2007 and have one paid registrant for the conference, according to NACo bylaws. Credentials information and a "NACo 2007 Credentials (Voting) Identification Form" was distributed about a month ago to member counties. Please indicate on the form the name of the voting delegate and alternate(s) authorized to pick up your county's voting materials. Additionally, the president of the board of county commissioners must sign the form.

In addition, the CCAO president or executive director are entitled to pick up unclaimed credentials during the conference on Monday, July 16. If you do not want CCAO to receiving your voting materials, please check the box on the form.

If you have any questions about the credentials process, please contact Emily Landsman, Credentials Committee, National Association of Counties, 25 Massachusetts Ave NW, Washington, D.C. 20001, (202) 942-4242, or (202) 393-2630.

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

PUBLICATIONS

OUTCOMES & CHALLENGES TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & SOCIAL SERVICES IN OHIO COUNTIES

A "Report on Outcomes & Challenges to Economic Development & Social Services in Ohio Counties: A

Summary of Survey Findings" published by The Ohio State University, Department of Human Community Resource Development in January, 2007 has recently been posted on the CCAO website. To locate the document go to www.ccao.org. Click on Library/Archives on the menu located on the left side of the homepage, then on Surveys.

Ohio county governments play an expanded role in providing services and assume more roles or functions which were once provided by federal dollars. The study examines the administrative services Ohio counties provide and the economic development initiatives and issues which have arisen in recent years.

Sixty-one Ohio counties responded to the survey that was conducted and developed by The Ohio State University, National Association of Counties (NACo), Rural Policy Research Institute, and University of Colorado. One county commissioner, one economic development staff person and one social services staff person were contacted in each of the 88 counties. A separate survey was administered to each group. For more information please check out the survey on the CCAO website.

CLASSIFIEDS

CHILD SUPPORT STAFF ATTORNEY

The Fairfield County Job and Family Services, Child Support Enforcement Agency (CSEA) seeks a self-starter to fill an entry-level position as a full-time Staff Attorney/Special Assistant Prosecutor. Responsibilities will include representing the CSEA in civil and criminal prosecutions, administrative and civil establishment of paternity, establishment of support orders and modifications, and preparation of motions, briefs and other legal documents. Readiness for a substantial caseload and excellent people skills are a must. The position involves a degree of professional autonomy in handling cases. Experience in child support issues and/or litigation is a plus. Applicants must be admitted to the Ohio Bar and be in good standing. The annual salary is \$38,792. Applicants should submit a resume, cover letter, writing sample, and civil service application to Human Resource Director, 239 West Main Street, Lancaster, OH 43130 by **July 2, 2007**. Applications can be found on-line at

<http://www.state.oh.us/das/dhr/jobapp.html>. NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE.

ASSISTANT DEPUTY ENGINEER

The Sandusky County Engineer is seeking a full-time assistant deputy engineer. Minimum qualifications: Completion of undergraduate degree in civil engineering along with the ability to obtain a Registered Professional Engineers License, in the State of Ohio. Experience in the operation of computer hardware/software; troubleshooting operating systems and associated problems with computer networking. Must possess a valid Ohio driver's license.

Duties: Assists in the design and support activities of the County Engineer's Office. Assists in the development design and review of; road, bridge and drainage plan; contract plan and specifications and documents; assists in the review of consultant plans; assists in managing contractor projects and assures compliance to specifications. Assists with project inspections and bridge inspections as needed. Coordinates projects with utility companies. Administers county permit system (e.g. overload, right-of-way, driveways and drainage). Assists in the development and implementation of computer operations. Maintains inventory of computer hardware and software; sets up and maintains computer network systems; installs and maintains operating systems hardware and software; inspects and maintains virus protection on all computers; performs updates of all software and operating systems for all users; troubleshoots and resolves operation problems.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLANNER

Stark County Emergency Management Agency is seeking a full-time Emergency Planner to work with local officials and other planners/contractors to maintain, update and develop local hazard plans that are in compliance with state and federal planning regulations and guidelines. This position will work with local contacts on project prioritization and implementation and plan review, monitoring, evaluation, and updates.

Basic Qualifications: Knowledge of the Emergency

Management, Homeland Security, Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC), Hazardous Materials (Hazmat), and familiarity with the urban, suburban and rural areas of the county, ability to interact with city and local officials that are involved with public safety and emergency planning of their prospective districts.

Preferred completion of post secondary education in emergency management or other related area with at least two (2) years experience working with public safety personnel. Must be competent in the operation of office machines and computer software programs such as word processing, spreadsheet, database and program specific software, with good communications / public relations skills.

Job Responsibilities: Under administrative direction of the Emergency Management Director, the Emergency Management Planner will assist the Director in providing coordination of the county's Emergency Management Agency and Homeland Security Program planning documents and all other duties as required. This position will be required to be on-call as scheduled by the Emergency Management Agency Director and be available by pager at all times.

Resumes should be sent and received by **July 6, 2007** to the following address: Stark County EMA, ATTN: EMA PLANNER, 4500 Atlantic Blvd N.E., Canton Ohio 44705. Position open until filled. Apply to: Sandusky County Human Resources, 108 S. Park Avenue, Fremont, OH 43420, phone (419) 334-6108, fax (419) 334-8984 or www.sandusky-county.org. EOE.

TREATMENT PLANT SUPERINTENDENT

The Wayne County Commissioners are seeking qualified candidates for treatment plant superintendent. This position will report directly to the Commissioners and coordinate activities with the sanitary engineer and outside consultants.

The successful candidate will have previous experience managing waste water plants and possess at least a Class II Wastewater Operator certification, a Class I Water certification, and a valid Drivers License. The Treatment Plant Superintendent will be

responsible for overseeing our 10 package plants and supervising 3 employees.

Only Wayne County Employment applications will be accepted. Applications can be obtained in our office at 428 W. Liberty St. Wooster Ohio 44691, or www.wayneohio.org. For more information go to www.wayneohio.org/employment.html/. Applications will be accepted until **Monday, July 2, 2007**. Competitive salary and comprehensive benefits offered. EOE.

ADMINISTRATOR

Licking County Government is accepting applications for an Administrator in the Water/Wastewater Department. Bachelor's Degree in Environmental Science or other related field and 5 years experience in water/wastewater operations, or equivalent combination of training and/or experience to include the responsibility for administering and assisting in planning for all functions related to water and wastewater treatment systems. Class III OEPA Wastewater Treatment Operator's license, Class I OEPA Water Treatment Operator's license and valid driver's license are necessary. Supervisory experience preferred. Starting salary \$45,500 - \$52,500. Successful candidates will be subject to Licking County's pre-employment drug screen. A complete job posting can be obtained by visiting our website www.lcounty.com or visiting the Human Resources Department. Candidates should submit a completed application no later than **Monday, July 9, 2007**. Applications can be printed from the web site at www.lcounty.com or can be picked up at: Licking County Human Resources Department, 20 South Second Street - 3rd Floor, Newark, OH 43055. 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. 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, by e-mail mjneiman@ccao.org.