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### DATES TO REMEMBER

JULY 13, 2007	CORSA REGIONAL SEMINAR, THE OLD BARN OUT BACK, ALLEN COUNTY (LIMA)
JULY 16, 2007	OHIO CAUCUS LUNCHEON, RICHMOND CONVENTION CENTER – ROOM B17, RICHMOND, VIRGINIA
JULY 17, 2007	CORSA REGIONAL SEMINAR, THE ROBERTS CENTRE, CLINTON COUNTY (WILMINGTON)
JULY 13-17, 2007	NACo ANNUAL CONFERENCE, RICHMOND, VA
JULY 18, 2007	CORSA REGIONAL SEMINAR, THE GALAXY RESTAURANT, MEDINA COUNTY (MEDINA)
AUGUST 1, 2007	CCAO ANNUAL GOLF OUTING, OAKHAVEN GOLF CLUB, DELAWARE COUNTY (DELAWARE)
AUGUST 3, 2007	CORSA REGIONAL SEMINAR, MUSKINGUM COUNTY WELCOME CENTER, MUSKINGUM COUNTY (ZANESVILLE)
AUGUST 14-15, 2007	COUNTY COMMISSIONERS DAYS, VAN WERT COUNTY (VAN WERT)
AUGUST 24, 2007	CORSA's 20th ANNUAL MEETING, ALLADIN SHRINE CENTER, FRANKLIN COUNTY (COLUMBUS)
SEPTEMBER 2007	NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH ( <a href="http://www.ready.gov">www.ready.gov</a> )

### ASSOCIATION NEWS

#### VAN WERT COUNTY TO HOST COUNTY COMMISSIONER DAYS - AUGUST 14-15

Welcome Home to Van Wert County! County Commissioners Gary Adams, Clair Dudgeon and

Harold Merkle together with OSU Extension's West Regional Office invites all county commissioners to County Commissioner Days on August 14-15, 2007. OSU Extension distributed registration materials to each county last week. Van Wert County suggests casual, comfortable attire and comfortable shoes.

Highlights of activities:

## TUESDAY - AUGUST 14

- **CCAO Board of Trustees Meeting** - The meeting is open to all county commissioners and staff members. If you would like to address the Board, please contact Kathy Dillon, CCAO Office Manager and Liaison to the Boards, by July 25, 2007.
- **Optional On-Your-Own Activities:** Historic Walking Tour of Downtown Van Wert, Master Gardeners Children's Garden & Garden of the Senses, specialty shopping, Woods Golf Club (419/238-0441), Brumbeck Library - 1<sup>st</sup> county library in the U.S.
- **Opening Luncheon**
- **County Tours:** agriculture, business, government facilities, and education & culture. No open toed shoes will be permitted on the tours.
- **Dinner & Entertainment at the Marsh Foundation**

## WEDNESDAY - AUGUST 15

- **Education Sessions 1** - Small Business & Workforce Success - Cornerstones of Your Community, Ohio Saves - Helping Ohio Families Save Money, Improving Communities Through Home Ownership, Homework Central: Where Children Excel, OSU Extension in the Criminal Justice System, Preparing for the New Economy
- **Educational Sessions 2** - Understanding Local Economic Health, Regional Equity-Challenge for Extension Urban Programming, Helping Ohio Families Plan for the Continuation of their Family Business, Ohio 4-H Workforce Preparation Initiative, The Fred Factor, and New Year New You - Health & Wellness Initiative
- **Closing Luncheon**

Registration deadline: July 27. Registration fees: before July 27 - \$89 both days or \$75 - Tuesday or \$25 - Wednesday or after July 27 - \$99 both days or \$80 - Tuesday or \$30 - Wednesday.

For more information please contact your county extension agent or Carol Bunn, Information Office Associate - Business Office Operations, OSU Extension West Region, 1219 West Main Cross Street - Suite 202, Findlay, OH 45840, (419) 422-6106, [bunn.1@cfaes.osu.edu](mailto:bunn.1@cfaes.osu.edu). If you have any special needs, please contact Carol Trice, Extension Agent, OSU Extension - Van Wert, at (419) 238-1214 or [trice.6@cfaes.osu.edu](mailto:trice.6@cfaes.osu.edu) in advance of your arrival.

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

The 18<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:ajones@ccao.org).

## **IN MEMORIAM**

### **ROBERT E. SWEENEY**

Former Cuyahoga County Commissioner, Congressman and candidate for Ohio Attorney General Robert E. Sweeney, 82, died after battling numerous illnesses on June 30 at his home in Gates Mills. Elected to an at-large seat in the U.S. House of Representatives from 1965 to 1967, Sweeney also served local government as Cuyahoga County Commissioner, appointed in spring of 1976, elected in the general election of 1976 and served until 1980. Sweeney was a Democratic nominee for Ohio Attorney General in 1962 and 1966. CCAO extends sympathy to the Sweeney family.

## **COUNTY ACTIVITIES**

### **MERCER COUNTY RECEIVES STORM READY CERTIFICATION**

Mercer County recently received its certification in becoming a StormReady community, making it better prepared to save lives from the onslaught of severe weather through better planning, education and awareness.

StormReady is a program that was developed in 1999 in Tulsa, Oklahoma. StormReady helps arm America's communities with the communication and safety skills needed to save lives and property, before and during an event. It also helps community leaders and emergency managers strengthen local safety programs.

Ohio now has 11 StormReady communities located in Allen, Auglaize, Clermont, Huron, Jackson, Mercer, Sandusky, Scioto, Shelby, Union and Van Wert counties.

Ohio also has a StormReady committee that processes all applications for StormReady designations within the state. Certification lasts for three years, then must be reviewed for recognition of an additional term. Committee members represent the National Weather Service, Emergency Management Association of Ohio, and Ohio EMA.

To become StormReady certified, a county or community must:

- Establish a 24-hour warning point and emergency operations center;
- Have multiple ways to receive severe weather forecasts and warnings, and have multiple ways to alert the public;
- Create a system that monitors local weather conditions;
- Promote the importance of public readiness through community seminars; and
- Develop a formal hazardous weather plan that includes training for severe weather spotters and holding emergency exercises.

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

## **STATE ACTIVITIES**

### **STATE POSTS UPDATED WEB SITE, SAYS CHANGES MORE USER-FRIENDLY**

The estimated 25,000 people who visit the state's Internet home page every day will find new features designed to ease access to key information. The new site, at [www.ohio.gov](http://www.ohio.gov), is more user-friendly, state officials said.

"Visitors to the site use ohio.gov for many different reasons, and the changes to the site reflect that," Gov. Ted Strickland said. "Whether using the site on a regular basis to access state services or just stopping by to gain a first impression of our state, Ohio's web presence is much improved thanks to this redesign."

Among other things, the new web page displays state government's most frequently viewed sites under an

"Information and Services" column and provides information about frequently asked questions under the "How Do I" section.

The site also includes a feedback form to offer comments or suggestions for additional changes. The Internet page features various images from Panoramic Ohio, a collection of photography from Thomas R. Schiff.

## **FEDERAL ACTIVITIES**

### HOUSE SUBCOMMITTEE CONSIDERS WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT LEGISLATION IMPROVEMENTS

On June 28, 2007, Representative Ruben Hinojosa, Chairman of the House Education and Labor Subcommittee on Higher Education, Lifelong Learning, and Competitiveness held the first hearing on Workforce Investment Act Reauthorization: Recommendations to Improve the Effectiveness of Job Training.

Major themes of testimony included the need for more quality and highly-skilled training, funding for workforce programs, better performance measurement data, engaging business and the success of industry sector initiatives, WIA reauthorization legislation should include incentives for such sector initiatives, the need to maintain local control, private sector majority or supermajority on the local boards and eliminating funding silos, and incentives for business engagement. Neither the House nor Senate has introduced WIA Reauthorization legislation this session. (Contact: Daria Daniel, NACo Associate Legislative Director, (202) 942-4212 or [ddaniel@naco.org](mailto:ddaniel@naco.org))

### SENATE SUBCOMMITTEE AND FULL COMMITTEE INCREASE JUSTICE APPROPRIATIONS

On June 28, the Senate Appropriations Committee approved the report on Commerce, Justice, Science and related agencies, funding state and local law enforcement at \$2.66 billion in FY08 or \$177 million above FY2007 and \$1.55 billion above the President's budget request. Among the highlights:

- The Justice Assistance Grant program was marked at \$660 million or a \$140 million increase over FY07; Byrne Discretionary received \$190 million;
- The COPS program received \$550 million (of which \$110 million is for technology grants and \$80 million is for COPS/Meth Hot Spots earmarked account);
- DNA backlog received \$169 million;
- Violence Against Women Stop grants received \$186 million;
- SCAAP received \$375 million, the same as the House mark;
- Juvenile Justice Programs received \$340 million including \$65 million for Title V prevention and \$80 million for the Juvenile Accountability Block Grant, a \$30 million increase over FY07;
- Drug Courts was marked at \$25 million; and
- The Mentally Ill Offender Treatment and Crime Reduction Act received \$10 million or double the FY07 mark.

(Contact: Donald Murray, NACo Associate Legislative Director, (202) 942-4239 or [dmurray@naco.org](mailto:dmurray@naco.org))

### COMPREHENSIVE ENERGY BILL PASSES SENATE

On June 21 the Senate passed a comprehensive energy bill, the CLEAN Energy Act of 2007, by a vote of 65-27. It contains a number of provisions designed to address spiraling energy needs in the United States. Most notably, it contains language to raise corporate automobile fuel economy (CAFÉ) standards for cars and light trucks to 35 miles per gallon by 2020. It also instructs the U.S. Department of Transportation to establish a maximum feasible standard. The proposed standards would apply to all vehicles weighing under ten thousand pounds, except heavy-duty trucks.

It also contains strong language to boost renewable fuel production, a boon for counties who invest in biofuel production. The bill enlarges the current ethanol mandate, pushing the target to 36 billion gallons by 2022. The current renewable fuels standards is set at 7.5 billion gallons in 2012. It instructs that 21 of the 36 billion gallons must be advanced biofuels, such as cellulosic ethanol.

(Contact: Julie Ufner, NACo Associate Legislative Director, (202) 942-4269 or [jufner@naco.org](mailto:jufner@naco.org) and Ryan Yates, NACo Associate Legislative Director, (202) 942-4207 or [ryates@naco.org](mailto:ryates@naco.org))

## APPROPRIATIONS MOVES TOWARD SENATE FLOOR

On June 21, the Senate Appropriations Committee passed the fiscal year 2008 Interior Appropriations bill. It appropriates \$27.2 billion overall for a number of federal agencies.

- The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) - \$7.7 billion (\$547 million above the Administration request and \$48 million above last year's appropriated amount.)
- Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund (CWSRF) - \$887 million (this program helps pay for wastewater infrastructure projects via low-interest loans.)
- State and Local Air Quality Grant - \$200 million (\$35 million above the President's request. This program assists state, regional and local air pollution control agencies.)
- Non-point Source Pollution Control Program - this program helps improve water quality and reduce contamination. For FY 2008, the Senate funded it at \$2.04 million.
- Superfund clean-up activities, the Appropriations Committee allotted \$1.28 billion. This is \$20 million above FY07 levels and \$30 million more than the Administration request.

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## **OSU EXTENSION NEWS**

### OSU EXTENSION DATA CENTER WEBSITE UPDATE

The Ohio State University Extension Data Center website contains a wealth of information (i.e., demographic, economic and agricultural data) for Ohio counties through their website, reports, maps,

presentations, and specific client-centered projects. Recently, the latest median household income data for Ohio counties and the nation has been posted. Median household income is the amount which divides the income distribution into two equal groups; it is the midpoint. Half the households have income above that number, while the other half have income below that number. The median household income is based upon those 15 year olds and over.

Ohio's median household income in 2004 was \$43,371, while the nation was at \$44,334. The surrounding states are as follows:

- Indiana - \$43,217
- Kentucky - \$37,046
- Michigan - \$44,409
- Pennsylvania - \$43,714
- West Virginia - \$33,993

A Powerpoint map along with two Excel spreadsheets - one for counties and one for the states is at the following link: [www.ag.ohio-state.edu/~repository](http://www.ag.ohio-state.edu/~repository). To access this data, please go to the OSU Extension Data Center's homepage at [www.osuedc.org](http://www.osuedc.org). For more information please contact Rosemary R. Gliem, Director of the OSU Extension Data Center, The Ohio State University, Department of Human and Community Resource Development, 2120 Fyffe Road - Room 248, Columbus, OH 43210, (614) 688-8760, fax (614) 688-8762 or [gliem.1@osu.edu](mailto:gliem.1@osu.edu).

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### COUNTIES & LOCAL FOOD SYSTEMS

A new publication published by the National Association of Counties (NACo) Center for Sustainable Communities' focuses on youth health and community agriculture. *Counties and Local Food Systems: Ensuring Healthy Foods, Nurturing Healthy Children*, will be released at the 72<sup>nd</sup> NACo Annual Conference, which will be held July 13-17, 2007 in Richmond Virginia.

The publication recognizes the important role farmers and other stakeholders involved in community agriculture play in ensuring access to healthy food and preventing youth obesity. It profiles four methods that can be used to support local agricultural production: food councils, farm to school,

infrastructure for local farmers, and agriculture conservation easements. Each method is paired with a county case study that includes peer-peer advice.

For more information please contact Casey Dillon, Program Assistant, NACo Center for Sustainable Communities, at (202) 942-4243 or [cdillon@naco.org](mailto:cdillon@naco.org).

## CONFERENCES/SEMINARS

### OU EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

The Ohio University Executive Leadership Institute (OUELI) at the Voinovich Center for Leadership and Public Affairs will present the following programs in the fall:

- September 10-11, 2007  
**Strategic Triangle in Depth: Aligning Performance Measures, Strategy & Politics**  
Measuring performance strategically is important for every organization working to create public value. This program will present ways to make your organization's performance measurement system more powerful by orienting it toward measuring value and strategic success.
- October 16-19, 2007  
**Leading with Vision, Value, and Strategy**  
The entire nature of leadership in public and non-profit organizations has evolved in the last decade. This course involved three key elements, known as the strategic triangle: the core value the organization has to offer, the political environment around it, and the operational elements and people within. These leaders will know how to measure the value their agencies create.
- November 15-16, 2007  
**Strategic Triangle in Depth: Leading Change**  
Change is constant in today's public and non-profit organizations framework presented in this program will help you accept and successfully manage change as a powerful tool to enhance the public value your organization creates.

All programs will take place at the Voinovich Center for Leadership and Public Affairs, Ohio University, Building 21, The Ridges, Athens, OH 45701. For more information and registration for each of the courses please call (740) 593-9381 or (877) 625-1714 or [www.ohio.edu/executiveleadership](http://www.ohio.edu/executiveleadership). A postcard about the programs is enclosed with this issue of CIDS for county commissioners.

## ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OPINIONS

### SYLLABUS

2007-13

1. In accordance with R.C. 303.02(A), a board of county commissioners may adopt zoning regulations for the purposes, and concerning the matters, set forth in R.C. 303.02(A), and, to the extent such regulations affect the drainage of surface or subsurface waters, such regulations may not conflict with rules adopted by the Chief of the Division of Soil and Water Conservation under R.C. 1511.02(E), rules adopted by the county under R.C. 307.79, any constitutional limitations, or any other state or federal laws.
2. If a board of county commissioners properly adopts zoning regulations under R.C. 303.02(A) that affect surface or subsurface drainage, such zoning regulations may serve as a basis for a regional planning commission's approval of a plat only if the regional planning commission of which the county is part adopts a rule under R.C. 711.10(C) that requires that plats submitted to it under R.C. 711.10 prove compliance with applicable county zoning regulations.
3. If a board of county commissioners adopts rules under R.C. 711.101 that call for their administration by a regional planning commission and that establish the conditions described in that statute as requirements for plat approval, in those instances in which a regional planning commission is the plat approving authority under R.C. 711.10, the regional planning commission may require compliance, not only with the rules it adopts under R.C. 711.10(C), but also with the conditions established by the board of county commissioners under R.C. 711.101, as bases for approval of plats within that county.

## **CLASSIFIEDS**

### DIRECTOR OF CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT AGENCY

Washington County is accepting applications for the full-time position of Child Support Enforcement Agency Director, who directs the daily operations of the 21 person CSEA staff. Qualifications should include previous experience in the child support field, plus a Bachelor's degree.

Salary is based upon experience, but will be a minimum of \$42,000 annually. Job responsibilities and applications can be obtained at the Washington County Commissioners Office, 223 Putnam Street, Marietta, OH 45750, or phone (740) 373-6623. Applications will be accepted through **July 20, 2007**.

### CLERK/MANAGER

The Fairfield County Board of Commissioners is looking for a full-time Clerk/Manager. This position reports to the Board of Commissioners and is responsible for assisting in the administration, enforcement, and execution of the policies and resolutions of the board; attending all meetings of the board; recommending measures for adoption to the board; analyzing, preparing and submitting reports; assisting the board with financial matters, assisting in preparing, submitting, and administering the budget; preparing the Commissioners' schedule, preparing resolutions, meeting agendas and recording meeting minutes; preparing correspondence and press releases; and communicating with the public.

The position requires a decisive, yet consensus-oriented leader with solid communication skills and a sound business management background who will build constructive working relationships at all levels within County government. Qualified candidates for this position should possess a bachelor's degree and demonstrated knowledge and experience in business administration, communication, public administration or a related area or an equivalent combination of training, education, and experience. Salary will be commensurate with experience within the range of \$50,000 to \$69,000 annually. For more information to [www.myworknet.com](http://www.myworknet.com). Please submit resume by **July 16, 2007** to Human Resources Director, 239 West

Main Street, Lancaster, Ohio 43130. No phone calls please.

### CHIEF OF STAFF

The Summit County Council, the eleven member legislative body of Summit County, Ohio, is seeking a Chief of Staff.

The Chief of Staff must be highly motivated, have strong inter-personal communication skills, possess positive demeanor, and be a strong administrator. Prior experience with home-rule municipality or county government is strongly preferred.

The Chief of Staff is responsible for supervising a small professional, legal, and administrative staff. The Chief of Staff is also responsible for coordinating all legislative activities including researching, writing, and evaluating legislation; working directly with members of council on legislative and constituent services; assisting council in developing and implementing a strategic plan; and handling all human resource matters for legislative employees.

This position requires a degree in public administration or equivalent, with five to ten years progressive experience. An MPA is preferred.

Past experience must demonstrate performance and proficiency in the areas of organizational development, budgeting, human resources and public relations.

Additional information regarding this position can be found at: <http://www.co.summit.oh.us/council/chiefstaffsearch.asp>

Interested individuals should forward a cover letter and resume by **August 1, 2007**, to: Summit County Council, C/o Sharley Greer, Clerk of Council, Attn: Chief of Staff Search, Ohio Building, Suite 700, 175 South Main Street, Akron, OH 44308-1314.

### COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

The Lorain County Board of Commissioners is accepting applications for the position of County

Community Development Director. This position will report to the Lorain County Administrator in accordance with the policies and direction set by the Board or Lorain County Commissioners. The successful candidate must have knowledge in Economic Development, planning and zoning, grant administration, public relations, marketing and government finance. Responsibilities will include paying all departmental invoices, developing budgets and communication with local, state and federal elected/appointed officials to better the County. Must be self motivated, have excellent written and oral communication and customer service skills, and the ability to appropriately research and interpret public documents. A job related Bachelors Degree is required with 5 years experience in the public sector. Applicant must possess a current valid Ohio vehicle operator's license and maintain continuing eligibility for insurance coverage. Lorain County is an Equal Opportunity Employer and will make reasonable accommodations for qualified applicants with disabilities. Applications/resumes will be accepted at the Lorain County Personnel Department, 4<sup>th</sup> floor, 226 Middle Ave., Elyria, OH 44035 or email to [dleidenheimer@lorcnty.com](mailto:dleidenheimer@lorcnty.com).

## GENERAL MANAGER LORAIN COUNTY TRANSIT

The Lorain County Board of Commissioners is accepting applications for the position of General Manager of LCT. The successful candidate will prepare a management plan outlining a proposed budget and plan for operations of LCT that includes specific financial, planning and operational objectives. A Bachelors Degree is preferred and managerial experience is necessary. Excellent communication and customer service skills and proficiency in the use of personal computers is required. Lorain County is an Equal Opportunity Employer and will make reasonable accommodations for qualified applicants with disabilities. Applications/Resumes will be accepted until the position is filled at the Lorain County Personnel Department, 4<sup>th</sup> floor, 226 Middle Avenue, Elyria, OH 44035 or email to [dleidenheimer@lorcnty.com](mailto:dleidenheimer@lorcnty.com).

### **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, by e-mail [mjneiman@ccao.org](mailto:mjneiman@ccao.org).