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SEPTEMBER 2007	NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH (www.ready.gov)
SEPTEMBER 24, 2007	NW DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS AND ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION QUARTERLY MEETING, MARION COUNTY

ASSOCIATION NEWS

CCAO SOCIAL SERVICES & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE - JULY 27

David Dhume, Madison County Commissioner and CCAO Social Services & Workforce Development Committee Chair, has scheduled a meeting of the committee on Friday, July 27, 2007 at 10:30 a.m. in the CCAO Offices in Columbus. Please note that

your Director of Job & Family Services or other staff are welcome to attend the meetings with you. Topics to be discussed include the biennial budget final update, presentation by the National Center for Adoption Law & Policy, Mental Health Medication Access Legislative Change, and discussion and position of the Committee concerning S.B. 165 - MR/DD Bill. Lunch will be served. Please RSVP your attendance to Janet Erwin, CCAO Administrative Assistant, at (614) 220-7986 or jerwin@ccao.org by

July 20. If you have any questions about the committee meeting please contact Beth Dominic, CCAO Policy Analyst, at (614) 220-7996, (888) 757-1904 or bdominic@ccao.org.

2007 CCAO GOLF OUTING - REGISTRATION DEADLINE JULY 16

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. You can register to attend the dinner-only for \$25.

Deadline for registration: July 16, 2007. If you have any questions about golfing please contact Tanya Wilcox, CCAO Administrative Assistant, at (614) 221-5627, (888) 757-1904 or twilcox@ccao.org or fax your registration form to (614) 221-6986.

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 or fax your sponsorship form to (614) 221-6986.

CCAO TAXATION & FINANCE COMMITTEE - AUGUST 3

CCAO Taxation & Finance Committee Chair Gerald Potter (Hardin) has scheduled a committee meeting at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, August 3, 2007 in the CCAO

Offices. The meeting will conclude no later than 2:00 p.m. Agenda items include:

- Discussion of the ability for county commissioners to enact a permissive sales and use tax for school purposes and what, if any, should be the CCAO response to this development.
- Update of tax issues in the state budget and other tax legislation.
- Review of CCAO Tax and Finance Legislative Platform Issues to determine issues to focus on for the remainder of the 127th Ohio General Assembly.
- Update on state of the Streamlines Sales Tax Project and the issue of destination based sourcing of sales.

Lunch will be served. Please confirm your attendance by July 27 to Janet Erwin, CCAO Administrative Assistant, at (614) 220-7986, (888) 757-1904 or jerwin@ccao.org. If you have any questions about the committee or agenda, please contact Brad Cole, Senior Policy Analyst, at (220)7981, (888) 757-1904 or bcole@ccao.org.

CCAO BOARD OF TRUSTEES INVITE ALL COMMISSIONERS TO ATTEND AUGUST MEETING

Enclosed with this issue of CIDS for county commissioners is an invitation to attend the CCAO Board of Trustees meeting on August 14, 2007 which will be held during County Commissioners Days hosted by Van Wert County and OSU Extension West Regional Office. The CCAO Board will meet from 9:30-11:00 a.m. at the JEHMMS Banquet Center, 1109 South Shannon Street (Rt. 118), in Van Wert.

CCAO invites and encourages the entire membership to take this opportunity to attend the CCAO Board meeting. A luncheon, which is included with the registration fee for County Commissioners Days, will be served after the meeting. In the event that you would like to address the Board on a specific issue, please contact Kathy Dillon, CCAO Office Manager and Board Liaison, at (614) 220-7998, (888) 757-1904 or kathydillon@ccao.org on or before July 15

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. 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 - 1st 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. 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 in advance of your arrival.

STATE ACTIVITIES

SMOKING BAN YIELDS 58 OFFICIAL WARNINGS, NO FINES

Nearly 10 weeks after the statewide smoking ban went into effect, 58 businesses have been found in violation of the law and were sent warning letters, the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) said.

No one has yet received a fine for violating the Smoke Free Workplace Act, spokesman Kristopher Weiss said. Rules implementing the new law, which voters approved during last November's election, went into effect May 3.

Of the 8,557 reports of potential violations the state has received, more than 270 have been investigated and found to have merit, he said. Since businesses have 30 days to provide information in their defense, and another 30 days to appeal an initial finding of violation, there have been relatively few warning letters issued so far.

While individuals who smoke in violation of the new law are subject to enforcement action, the vast majority of complaints finger businesses allegedly not complying with ban.

After the initial warning letter, penalties for non-compliance increase with additional violations from a \$100 fine up to \$2,500 for the fifth and subsequent infringements.

Ensuring that businesses are adhering to the ban is the responsibility of local health departments, however counties may opt out, leaving ODH in charge of enforcement, Mr. Weiss said. So far Brown, Portage, Guernsey, Ashtabula, and Highland counties have opted out, Mr. Weiss said.

EMERALD ASH BORER UPDATE

In an effort to stop the spread of the Emerald Ash Borer, the Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA) has expanded its quarantine of certain wood to Butler and Montgomery counties. After receiving comments from Ohioans, department officials found infested ash trees within the counties.

The insect has been identified in 31 Ohio counties since it was first discovered in the state in 2003. EAB kills ash trees within three to five years of infestation. Adults are dark metallic green, 1/2 inch in length and 1/8 inch wide, and fly only from mid-May to September. Larvae spend the rest of the year developing beneath the bark. For more information about the Emerald Ash Borer please see ODA's website at <http://www.ohioagriculture.gov/eab>.

FEDERAL ACTIVITIES

FY 2007 PILT FUNDING TO OHIO COUNTIES ANNOUNCED

County governments with Federal land in their jurisdictions will receive more than \$232 million nationwide in compensation if certain federal lands are within their boundaries. Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) are payments to local governments for tax-exempt Federal lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), the National Park Service, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (all agencies of the Interior Department), the U.S. Forest Service (part of the U.S. Department of Agriculture), and for Federal water projects and some military installations. The program, which began in 1977, is administered by the U.S. Department of the Interior by the Office of the Secretary. Funds are used by counties to provide community services such as fire and police protection, hospital and public school facilities, road construction, and search/rescue operations.

Congress appropriates PILT payments each year. Payments are made on or about June 15, 2007 to approximately 1,850 government entities across the U.S. Forty-five Ohio counties will share \$438,474 - a slight decrease from FY 2006 payments. Payments range from \$87,038 in Lawrence County to \$101 in Carroll County. For more information on PILT including payments by state and county go to: <http://www.doi.gov/pilt/index.html>.

NACo ACTIVITIES

JONES ATTENDS COUNTY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

Cuyahoga County Commissioner Peter Lawson Jones was one of a select group of 23 county leaders from across the United States who came to New York City during the first week of June to participate in the fourth annual County Leadership Institute (CLI), a rigorous four-day program developed by New York University's Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service in partnership with the National Association of Counties (NACo). The Institute focused on how elected county officials could exercise leadership to address the complex challenges facing counties.

CLI participants heard a number of unique perspectives on how they might exercise creative leadership on difficult challenges on how to build and sustain collaborations and how to address the looming demographic shifts that are facing public, nonprofit, and private organizations in the coming years and decades. Marty Linksy, adjunct lecturer in public policy at Harvard's John F. Kennedy School of Government, co-author (with Ronald Heifetz) of *Leadership on the Line: Staying Alive through the Dangers of Leading*, and faculty director for the Institute, led participants throughout the week in discussions examining the difficulties elected officials face when they attempt to move public discourse toward new and unexplored approaches.

NACIO AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE - 4 COUNTIES WIN 12 AWARDS

Congratulations to Clark (1), Clermont (6), Delaware (1), and Summit (4) counties for winning a total of 12 Annual Awards of Excellence sponsored by the

National Association of County Information Officers (NACIO). CCAO is honored that public information projects from Ohio counties are getting national recognition!

Awards will be presented during the 72nd Annual NACo Conference held July 13-18 in the Richmond, VA. An affiliate of NACo, NACIO was established in 1966 to promote a better public understanding of the functions of county government between the public and its elected officials.

The NACIO Awards of Excellence presented this year cover projects produced and distributed during calendar year 2006. Submissions must be primarily the work of the entrant with outside assistance strictly limited to support functions, such as typesetting and printing. For a complete list of NACIO Awards of Excellence Award recipients has been published on NACIO's website at www.nacio.org. For more information about NACIO or submitting your project for a 2007 NACIO Award of Excellence, please contact Mary Jane Neiman, CCAO Public Relations Associate and NACIO District Director, at (614) 221-5627 or mjneiman@ccao.org.

CLARK

- Superior - Elder Abuse (Robert Suver, Director, Dept. of Job & Family Services)

CLERMONT

- Superior - *On the Move* - newsletter for citizens (Kathy Lehr, Director of Communications)
- Superior - Search for Uncle Joe (Kathy Lehr, Director of Communications)
- Superior - 2006 News Releases (Kathy Lehr, Director of Communications)
- Excellent - Series - Natural Beauty (Kathy Lehr, Director of Communications)
- Meritorious - Series - Four Seasons in Clermont County (Kathy Lehr, Director of Communications)
- Excellent - Clermont County DJFS Intranet (The Source) (Tim McCartney, Director, Dept. of Job & Family Services)

DELAWARE

- Meritorious - 2005 Annual Report (Scott Sanders, Executive Director, Delaware Co. Regional Planning Commission)

SUMMIT

- Meritorious - 2006 State of the County Address (Office of Executive, Dept. of Communications)
- Superior - Black History Month Website Banner (Office of Executive, Dept. of Communications)
- Excellence - Red, White & Blue 9-11 Remembrance Project Poster ((Office of Executive, Dept. of Communications)
- Meritorious - Munroe Falls River Restoration Ribbon Cutting (Office of Executive, Dept. of Communications)

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.

CONFERENCES/SEMINARS

NACo COUNTY CLIMATE PROTECTION FORUM

The National Association of Counties (NACo) County Climate Protection Program supports counties as they work to have a positive impact in their communities - reducing emissions, benefiting the environment and public health, and saving taxpayer dollars. This new program provides counties with best practices, tools and resources to assist them in developing and implementing successful climate change programs at home.

To provide counties with more information, NACo has scheduled a "County Climate Protection Forum" to be held September 20-21, 2007 in Washington, D.C. Representatives from counties advanced in their efforts, those just beginning, and those looking for more ideas and resources will be in attendance. Goals of the forum include:

- Assist counties in understanding the role they may play in reducing greenhouse gas emissions;
- Provide an extensive opportunity to discuss current strategies, future goals and new methods to address climate change, especially regional collaboration;
- Demonstrate counties are engaged on this issue; and
- Establish a future date for counties to individually host regional dialogues with key stakeholders on climate change.

Registration fee: \$100. Registration deadline: August 27, 2007. For more information about the NACo County Climate Protection Forum please contact Kelly Zonderwyk, Senior Associate - Community Services, National Association of Counties, (202) 942-4224, fax (202) 737-0480 or

kzonderwyk@naco.org or
www.naco.org/climateprotection.

CLEVELAND OHIO PERVIOUS CONCRETE DEMO & COURSE

The Ohio Ready Mixed Concrete Association will present the "Cleveland Ohio Pervious Concrete Demo & Course" on July 26, 2007 at Cleveland State University, 2121 Euclid Avenue, in Cleveland. There is no charge to attend the pervious concrete demo & lunch, but there is a \$200 fee to attend the ORMCA/NRMCA Pervious Concrete Contractor Course. Registration deadline: July 20, 2007. For more information please contact the Ohio Ready Mixed Concrete Association, P.O. Box 29190, Columbus, OH 43229 or (614) 891-0210.

PUBLICATIONS

PERI PUBLISHES COMPREHENSIVE DIRECTORY OF RISK MANAGEMENT RESOURCES

The *2007 Risk Management Resource Guide* is now available. This 194 page directory will help you find information and education resources on a wide range of risk management topics. The publication, available as a soft cover book or on CD-ROM, presents a detailed listing of risk management sources in the following subject areas:

- Benchmarking and Performance Measurement
- Credentialing Agencies
- Degrees in Emergency Management
- Degrees in Homeland Security
- Degrees in Risk Management
- Disaster Management and Hazard Mitigation
- Environmental Liability
- Human Resources and Employment Practices
- Publications and Publishers
- Risk Financing and Insurance
- Risk Management
- Safety and Health
- Workers' Compensation and Occupational Therapy

The *2007 Risk Management Resource Guide* can be purchased for \$20 from the Public Entity Risk Institute (PERI) Bookstore at www.riskinstitute.org.

CLASSIFIEDS

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>

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, 4th floor, 226 Middle Ave., Elyria, OH 44035 or email to 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, 4th floor, 226 Middle Avenue, Elyria, OH 44035 or email to dleidenheimer@lorcnty.com.

ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER

The City of Cincinnati is seeking an Assistant City Manager, to plan, direct, manage, and oversee the activities and operations of various City Departments within the City under the direction of the City Manager. This employee may also be involved in

special projects or other Council or City Manager directed initiatives, coordinating assigned activities with other departments and outside agencies and providing highly responsible and complex administrative support to the City Manager. Performs other related duties as required.

Qualifications: Each applicant must have eight years responsible experience in public administration, governmental financial management, or a closely related field, with four years of supervisory responsibility. Additionally, each applicant must have a Masters degree, or equivalent, from an accredited institution with major course work in public administration, finance, management, or a closely related field. Must possess integrity, outstanding interpersonal skills, be an excellent communicator and team builder. Applicants must possess a valid driver's license. Must be a Hamilton County resident at the time of appointment. Unclassified position. Salary: \$106,657-\$155,170 (Dependent on Qualifications).

Application Deadline: **July 20, 2007** For more information, please contact: Darrell Ludlow (513-352-6240). To apply, please submit a cover letter and a detailed resume (as a Word Document) to: darrell.ludlow@cincinnati-oh.gov. Complete information concerning this job posting can be found on the City's website at <http://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/cityhr/pages/-4285/> Additional information related to the City of Cincinnati can be found at: www.cincinnati-oh.gov.

EMA/911 DEPUTY DIRECTOR

The Stark County Emergency Management Agency is seeking a full-time EMA/911 Deputy Director.

Basic Qualifications: Knowledge of the county's Emergency Management Agency, Homeland Security Program, 9-1-1 System, Local Emergency Planning

Committee (LEPC), Hazardous Materials (Hazmat), Emergency Response Team 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, at least two years experience working with public safety dispatching personnel and completion of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Professional Development Course (PDS). Must be competent in the operation of office machines and computer software programs such as word processing, database and program specific software, good communications/public relations skills.

Job Responsibilities: Assists the Director in coordinating the county's Emergency Management Agency, Homeland Security Program, 9-1-1 Call Center, Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Team (Hazmat) and all other duties as required. Required to be on-call and available by pager at all times.

Application deadline: Resumes must be received by 3:00 p.m. by EMA on **August 3, 2007**. Mail to: Stark County EMA, Attn: Deputy Director, 4500 Atlantic Blvd N.E., Canton, OH 44705.

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.