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### DATES TO REMEMBER

MARCH 1-5, 2008	NACo LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE, HILTON WASHINGTON & TOWERS, WASHINGTON, D.C.
MARCH 5, 2008	OHIO CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION BREAKFAST, RAYBURN HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING - ROOM B-369, WASHINGTON, D.C.
MARCH 5, 2008	OHIO STATEHOOD DAY
APRIL 6-12, 2008	NATIONAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT WEEK
MAY 5, 2008	SE OHIO DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS & ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION, MUSKINGUM COUNTY, (ZANESVILLE)
JUNE 8-10, 2008	CCAO/CEAO ANNUAL SUMMER CONFERENCE, LAKE COUNTY (PAINESVILLE)
AUGUST 6, 2008	CCAO ANNUAL GOLF OUTING, OAKHAVEN GOLF CLUB, DELAWARE COUNTY (DELAWARE)

### ASSOCIATION NEWS

#### NACo LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE

The 110th Congress, Second Session has hit town and a great number of programs that assist counties are under intense scrutiny. As a county official you need to know what this means for counties, what you can do about the issues, and how you can strengthen the voice of local government on Capitol Hill. With a philosophy of "those who show up decide," you have a host of reasons to attend the NACo Legislative Conference – March 1-5 held in Washington, D.C.

MSNBC Political Analyst Pat Buchanan and CNN Political Analyst Paul Begala will speak at the Opening Session on Monday, March 3 to discuss

their views and opinions on the 2008 Presidential Election. Also appearing at conference are Tom Siebel of the Montana Meth Project and the Capital Steps.

The NACo Legislative Conference will be held March 1-5, 2008 at the Hilton Washington. Online registration is open until February 20. For more information about the conference go to [www.naco.org](http://www.naco.org).

#### OHIO CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION BREAKFAST

Mark your calendars and plan to attend the Ohio Congressional Delegation Breakfast to be held at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 5 in the Rayburn House Office Building – Room B369. Letters of

invitation have been sent to the Ohio Congressional Delegation. Call now to make your appointments to meet with them during the conference!

Attendance at the breakfast is open to all Ohio conference attendees and their traveling companions. Please pre-register! For more information about the conference or to register for the Ohio Congressional Delegation Breakfast, please contact Mary Jane Neiman, CCAO Public Relations Associate, at (614) 220-7979, (888) 775-1904 or [mjneiman@ccao.org](mailto:mjneiman@ccao.org).

### NATIONAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT WEEK – APRIL 6-12

In 2008, the National County Government Week's theme is "Protecting Our Children." Counties can show their residents the many ways they work to protect and enhance the health, welfare and safety of children in sensible and cost-effective ways.

National County Government Week (NCGW), to be held April 6-12, is an annual celebration of county government. First held in 1991, the goal of county government week is to raise public awareness and understanding about the roles and responsibilities of the nation's counties.

There are activities at the national, state and local levels during county government week. More than 1,000 counties annually participate in NCGW by holding a variety of programs and events. These include tours of county facilities, presentations in schools, meetings with business and community leaders, recognition programs for volunteers, briefings on environmental projects, and adoption of proclamations.

For more information go to [www.naco.org](http://www.naco.org) and click on the story on the front page.

## **COUNTY ACTIVITIES**

### FURMON RECEIVES LEADERSHIP AWARD

Butler County Commissioner Charles Furmon received the 2007 Leadership Award from the Butler County Chiefs of Police Association on January 12. The organization includes the chief of

police from Fairfield, Fairfield Township, Hamilton, Middletown, Oxford, Ross Township, and Miami University. The organization honored Furmon's efforts in establishing the county's new 800 megahertz public safety radio system. "Previously, we did our best with outdated equipment, but in today's world of terrorism and other crises, that is simply unacceptable," Furmon said.

### MEDINA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HOLD CHARITY BALL

Medina County Commissioners Patricia Geissman, Stephen Hambley and Sharon Ray hosted the "9<sup>th</sup> Annual Commissioners Charity Ball" on January 19. Commissioner Geissman started the event in 2000 and to date the Commissioners have donated over \$182,000 to local charities with the proceeds. The black tie optional dinner dance averages about 250 guests. Different levels of sponsorships are offered that range from \$250 to \$1,500. This year the following six local charities each received \$4,000: Hospice of Medina County, Kidney Foundation, Medina County Community Fund, Oaks Family Care Center's Endowment Fund, United Way, and YWCA's Free Mammogram Program. For more information please contact Patricia Geissman, Medina County Commissioner, 144 North Broadway, Medina, OH 44256-1974, (330) 722-9214 or [pgeissman@medinaco.org](mailto:pgeissman@medinaco.org).

### DECKER PARTICIPATES IN WASHINGTON PRESS CONFERENCE FOR NRF

Last week, Russ Decker, Allen County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management and president-elect of the International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM) participated in the press conference rolling out the National Response Framework (NRF) in Washington, D.C. Decker is also a member of the FEMA National Advisory Council.

The NRF is a guide that details how the nation conducts all-hazards response – from the smallest incident to the largest catastrophe. The document established a comprehensive national, all-hazards approach to domestic incident response. It also describes special circumstances where the federal government exercises a larger role, including incidents where federal interests are involved and

catastrophic incidents where a state would require significant support. It lays the groundwork for first responders, decision-makers and supporting entities to provide a unified national response.

According to Decker, "This framework is much improved over the draft document released last summer. I am particularly pleased at the willingness on the part of those in Washington to listen and address the concerns of local emergency management." For more information go to the NRF Resource Center at [www.fema.gov/NRF](http://www.fema.gov/NRF).

## STATE ACTIVITIES

### RESOLUTION FOR DISPOSAL OF UNNEEDED, OBSOLETE OR UNFIT PERSONAL PROPERTY

**As required by ORC 307.12, the Board of County Commissioners must adopt during each calendar year a resolution expressing its intent to sell personal property by internet auction.**

Commissioners are permitted to sell personal property which is not needed for public use, is obsolete, or is unfit for the use for which it was acquired. The resolution shall include a description of how the auctions will be conducted and shall specify the number of days for bidding on the property, which shall be no less than 15 days, including Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays. The resolution shall indicate whether the county will conduct the auction or the board will contract with a representative to conduct the auction and shall establish the general terms and conditions of sale. If a representative is known when the resolution is adopted, the resolution shall provide contact information such as the representative's name, address, and telephone number.

### OHIO HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN SURVEY

Ohio's statewide historic preservation plan, *A Future for Ohio's Past: The Ohio historic Preservation Plan*, was completed in 2004, following input from agencies, organizations and individuals throughout the state who participated in a series of regional public meetings. Now is the time to revisit and update the plan so it will continue to guide historic preservation priorities in Ohio.

The Plan, intended as a guide and reference for local preservation organizations; government staff, commissions and review boards; as well as for the Ohio Historic Preservation Office, includes six general goals related to preservation of Ohio's historic resources. Updating the Plan provides an opportunity to revise the current goals and possibly add new ones, assess the current status of historic resources in Ohio, and describe the challenges and opportunities affecting historic preservation.

The Ohio Historic Preservation Office would like the input from all stakeholders. To participate in this online survey go to [www.ohpo.org](http://www.ohpo.org). The survey will be available online for a few months. For more information please contact: Mary Beth Hirsch, Education & Support Services, Ohio Historic Preservation Office, Ohio Historical Society, 567 East Hudson Street, Columbus, OH 43211-1030, (614) 298-2000, fax (614) 298-2037 or [mbhirsch@ohiohistory.org](mailto:mbhirsch@ohiohistory.org).

## FEDERAL ACTIVITIES

### FARM BILL CONFEREES TO DECIDE RURAL DEVELOPMENT FUNDING LEVELS

NACo is urging Congress to support the \$400 million, in mandatory spending for investments in rural development that are contained in the Senate version of the Farm Bill. \$135 million of this mandatory funding will go towards the Rural Collaborative Investment Program (RCIP), a critical program for rural communities because it allows them to create investment strategies based on their local priorities.

Farm Bill conferees and their staff will reconcile these differing versions of the Farm bill within the next few weeks. The House version of the Farm Bill lacks mandatory funding for these investments that are critical to counties. Congress must hear from rural leaders about the importance of these investments to rural counties so that they stand up for the funding in the crucial weeks ahead. The \$400 million in mandatory funding found in the Senate version of the Farm Bill provides resources to rural hospitals, a microenterprise assistance program, the Rural Collaborative Investment Program (RCIP), child day care facility grants and

one time funding for pending water and wastewater infrastructure applications.

Please contact your Members of Congress and urge them to support the \$400 million in mandatory spending for investments in rural development that are contained in the Senate version of the Farm Bill, especially RCIP. Visit NACo's Legislative Action Center to use a ready made template at <http://capwiz.com/naco/issues/alert/?alertid=10862826>. (Contact: Erik Johnston, NACo Associate Legislative Director, at (202) 942-4230 or [ejohnston@naco.org](mailto:ejohnston@naco.org))

### NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION ISSUES REPORT

The National Surface Transportation and Revenue Study Commission released its long awaited report on Tuesday, January 15. This Commission was created by SAFTEA-LU to make recommendations to Congress on the future of the federal highway and transit programs. The report highlights the Commission's concerns in many areas, including increasing congestion, the safety crisis that results in 42,000 Americans dying on our highways annually, energy security, and the lack of a clearly articulated transportation vision for the federal program. The report calls for the federal government to remain a full partner with local and state governments and for a substantial increase in the federal fuel tax over a number of years. It recommends the current 108 federal surface transportation programs to be replaced by 10 new federal programs. Also suggested is the creation of an independent National Surface Transportation Commission that would approve a national transportation strategic plan and recommend an increase in the federal fuel tax to fund the federal share. The Commission recommended reforms to the project development and approval process, which presently makes it expensive and cumbersome for counties and other governments to undertake federally funded projects.

The Commission's report is posted at: <http://www.transportationfortomorrow.org>. (Contact: Bob Fogel, NACo Senior Legislative Director, at (202) 942-4217, [bfogel@naco.org](mailto:bfogel@naco.org))

### MEDICAID RELIEF

NACo, along with the National Governors Association and other organizations, has argued for a temporary increase in the federal share of Medicaid, known as FMAP, to states and counties as part of the stimulus package. In addition, NACo has also made the case that in order for such a measure to be effective, Congress must ensure that current Medicaid eligibility within a state will be sustained; that the increase will be an increase in each state's FMAP; and that any increase must be passed through to counties commensurate with their financial contributions to the program. NACo has also argued that an increase in FMAP will be ineffective if Congress does not block the Administration from implementing a number of Medicaid policies and rules which will have the net effect of cutting services or shifting costs to states and counties.

While a number of senators have indicated their support for NACo's position, there is a reluctance to add anything to the bill that would attract opposition and slow down the bill's progress. (Contact: Paul Beddoe, NACo Associate Legislative Director, at (202) 942-4234 or [pbeddoe@naco.org](mailto:pbeddoe@naco.org))

### 2009 FEDERAL BUDGET RELEASED ON FEB. 4

On Monday, February 4, President Bush will release his budget for the 2009 fiscal year. As you may have heard, paper copies of the budget will not be distributed this year. The budget will be made available online at [www.budget.gov](http://www.budget.gov).

County government is used to being frugal and is thankful this has caught on at the federal level! Not distributing paper copies of the 2009 Federal Budget will save nearly 20 tons of paper, or roughly 480 trees! In terms of fiscal savings, the Office of Management and Budget estimates the e-budget will save nearly a million dollars over the next five years. Individuals and groups may purchase paper copies from the Government Printing Office at [www.gpo.gov](http://www.gpo.gov).

## NACo ACTIVITIES

### ACHIEVEMENT AWARD PROGRAM

The NACo Achievement Award Program is a non-competitive awards program that recognizes innovative county government programs. Begun in 1970, the Achievement Award Program promotes and recognizes innovative and successful programs that modernize and streamline county government and increase services to citizens. Last year eight Ohio counties won 20 NACo Achievement Awards.

Applications must be postmarked by **February 15, 2008**. Send applications to: 2008 Achievement Awards, National Association of Counties, P.O. Box 79007, Baltimore, MD 21279-0007. For more information please contact Deseree Gardner, NACo Research Associate, at (202) 942-4228 or e-mail [dgardner@naco.org](mailto:dgardner@naco.org) or fax your application to the NACo Research Division at (202) 737-0480. Copies of the application may be obtained from the NACo website at [www.naco.org](http://www.naco.org).

### NACIO AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE COMPETITION

Counties across the nation are invited to submit their best communication efforts for recognition by the National Association of County Information Officers (NACIO), an affiliate of NACo. Entry categories for the Awards of Excellence Competition include: annual reports, brochure & multiple-page booklets, internal & external publications, writing, graphic design, photography, audiovisual productions, special projects, and computer media. Submissions must have been completed from January 1 to December 31, 2007. Entries must be primarily the work of the entrant with outside assistance strictly limited to support functions, such as typesetting and printing.

Deadlines and entry fees:

- NACIO members - \$35 (by 5:00 p.m. on March 7) or \$50 (after March 7); or
- Non-members - \$50 (by 5:00 p.m. on March 7) or \$65 (after March 7).

No entries will be accepted after March 28, 2008. Entry forms can be downloaded from [www.nacio.org](http://www.nacio.org). 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).

## GRANTS

### GRANT FUNDS AVAILABLE TO SUPPORT REGIONAL APPROACHES TO MEET WORKFORCE CHALLENGES IN ENERGY SECTOR AND ADDRESS SHORTAGE OF CONSTRUCTION AND TRADE WORKERS

Under President Bush's High Growth Job Training Initiative (HGJTI), the Employment and Training Administration (ETA) has announced the availability of approximately \$10 million in grant funds for high-impact regional approaches to meet the workforce challenges of the energy industry and/or address the shortage of construction and skilled trade workers needed to maintain and expand the energy industry infrastructure.

The President's HGJTI is a strategic effort to prepare workers for new and increasing job opportunities in high-growth, high-demand, and economically vital industries and sectors of the American economy. Through the initiative, ETA identifies high-growth, high-demand industries, evaluates the skill needs of those industries, and funds local and national partnership-based demonstration projects that: (a) address industry-specific workforce challenges within the context of regional talent and economic development strategies; and (b) prepare workers for good jobs with career pathways in these rapidly expanding or transforming industries. ETA will broadly disseminate the products, models, and effective approaches that result from HGJTI investments to employers, education and training providers, and the workforce system, building their capacity to respond to employers' workforce needs in high-growth, high-demand industries that are a part of regional economies.

Eligibility: Applicants may be public, private for-profit, or private non-profit organizations.

Grant Award Amount: It is anticipated that average individual awards will fall within the range of \$500,000 to \$1 million.

Deadline: The closing date for receipt of applications is March 25, 2008.

For more information go [www.doleta.gov/sga](http://www.doleta.gov/sga) and [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov).

## **CLASSIFIEDS**

### **ENGINEER**

The Union County Engineer is currently accepting applications for an Engineer position. This position requires a minimum of a Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering (preferably civil) from an ABET accredited program with an Engineering Intern designation and the ability to obtain an Ohio Professional Engineer's license.

This engineering position may include tasks such as hydraulic modeling/drainage calculations, bridge design, roadway design, building plan review, wastewater design, AutoCAD drafting, subdivision plan review, construction inspection, project management and other civil engineering related duties.

This is an unclassified salaried position. Compensation will be commensurate with the successful candidate's qualifications. An application for employment is available at the Engineer's Office or by visiting our website (<http://www.co.union.oh.us>). Deadline for the submission of an application and resume is **February 8, 2008**. Submissions may be mailed or emailed (in a .pdf format) to the Union County Engineer, County Office Building, 233 West Sixth Street, Marysville, OH 43040, (937) 645-3018 or email [engineer@co.union.oh.us](mailto:engineer@co.union.oh.us). EOE.

### **CSEA ASSISTANT DIRECTOR**

The Franklin County Child Support Enforcement Agency (CSEA) seeks a qualified professional is sought to assist the agency Director in managing the agency on a daily basis and in areas as needed. The successful candidate will have a strong administrative background coupled with sensitivity for employee relations in keeping with the existing collective bargaining agreement. The candidate for this position will be asked to assist in

the formulation of policies, procedures and the development of new and innovative programs related to activities in the Child Support Enforcement Agency. Responsibilities also include review and evaluation of pending legislation as it relates to the provision of service to our clients and insures agency operations are in accordance with existing rules and regulations. This position may be asked to speak to various groups or to the general public to promote the agency mission. Participate in budget preparation and make recommendations regarding staffing or needed services. In the director's absence, is responsible for making decisions in the best interest of the agency and assumes the duties of the Director.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Bachelors Degree in a Human Services discipline, Public Administration or Business Administration. Masters degree preferred. Prior supervision or management experience of at least five years with a history of progressive, responsible and successful performance of duties in the public or private sector. Proven ability to manage and supervise both line and supervisory personnel. Excellent verbal and written skills. Excellent work record and history.

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. The position is open until filled.

### **ZONING ADMINISTRATOR**

The Miami County Commissioners seek a full-time zoning administrator. Under general direction, performs complex and confidential administrative duties related to the implementation of the Miami County Zoning Resolution, Subdivision Regulations, and Flood Plain Management Regulations; prepares various written material requiring analytical thinking and maps for staff reports; receives and responds to zoning

complaints; advises contractors and homeowners in violation of zoning resolutions; makes recommendation to correct violations; maintains official zoning maps and zoning permit tracking software; attends meetings including evening meeting for various Commissions and Councils, along with various other duties.

Completion of Associates Degree in Public Administration, Urban Affairs, Planning, or related field. Two years experience in similar work may be substituted for an Associates Degree. Must demonstrate an understanding of the familiarity with urban planning, zoning principles and methods, and contract management. Must possess a valid Ohio Driver's License.

All interested applicants may acquire an application at the Miami County Job Center, 2040 N. County Road 25A, Troy, Ohio 45373 or at [www.co.miami.oh.us](http://www.co.miami.oh.us). Application deadline: **5:00 p.m. on February 8, 2008.** EOE

#### DIRECTOR

The Jefferson County Commissioners will be accepting applications for a full time unclassified salaried position for the Director of the Jefferson County Department of Job and Family Services. Applicant should have completion of undergraduate major core coursework in one of the following or a related field: Business administration, public administration, human services, human resources, psychology, sociology, social work, education or finance, work experience may be considered in lieu of a degree. Also, requires an additional five years of administrative/managerial experience to include responsibility of managing the fiscal aspects of an organization, agency, program or operational area and assisting in developing and implementing policies, programs, rules and/or regulations in a State or County Department of Job and Family Services preferred. At least two years of the five years must have been as a supervisor over subordinate staff and/or contractors.

Application forms and a complete job description are available at the Office of the Board of Commissioners, 301 Market Street, Steubenville, OH 43952, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. - Monday through Friday. Application

deadline is Friday, February 22, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. EOE.

#### DIRECTOR OF JOBS AND FAMILY SERVICES

Under the control and direction of the Board of County Commissioners, the county Director of Job and Family Services shall have full charge of the county Department of Job and Family Services. The Director will administer the Human Services, Children Services, and Child Support Enforcement functions with a staff of over 500 employees. Programs include Ohio Works First, Medicaid, Food Stamps, Emergency Assistance, Title XX, Day Care, Work Programs, and Child Protective Services.

Minimum Qualifications: Completion of undergraduate major core coursework in one of the following or a related field: business administration, public administration, human services, human resources, psychology, sociology, social work, education or finance. Also requires an additional five years of administrative/managerial experience to include responsibility for managing the fiscal aspects of an organization, agency, program or operational area and assisting in developing and implementing policies, programs, laws, rules and/or regulations. At least two of the five years must have been as a supervisor over subordinate staff and/or contractors.

Resumes must be received by **3:30 p.m. on February 29, 2008** and sent to the attention of: Personnel Manager, Board of Stark County Commissioners, 110 Central Plaza S., Suite 240, Canton, OH 44702. NO PHONE CALLS, PLEASE. EOE.