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DATES TO REMEMBER

MARCH 28, 2008	CCAO AGRICULTURE & RURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS
APRIL 4, 2008	CCAO HUMAN SERVICES & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE, ODJFSDA BOARD ROOM, 37 W BROAD STREET – FLOOR 11, COLUMBUS
APRIL 6-12, 2008	NATIONAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT WEEK
APRIL 21, 2008	NW OHIO COMMISSIONERS AND ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION QUARTERLY MEETING, ROMER'S CATERING & ENTERTAINMENT FACILITY, MERCER COUNTY (CELINA)
APRIL 25, 2008	CCAO PUBLIC SAFETY & CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS
MAY 5, 2008	SE OHIO COMMISSIONERS & ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION, MUSKINGUM COUNTY, (ZANESVILLE)
MAY 21-23, 2008	NACo WESTERN INTERSTATE REGION CONFERENCE, WASHINGTON COUNTY (ST. GEORGE), UTAH
JUNE 8-10, 2008	CCAO/CEAO ANNUAL SUMMER CONFERENCE, LAKE COUNTY (PAINESVILLE)
JULY 11-15, 2008	NACo ANNUAL CONFERENCE, JACKSON COUNTY (KANSAS CITY), MISSOURI

ASSOCIATION NEWS

FLAGS TO BE FLOWN AT HALF-STAFF IN HONOR OF METZENBAUM

Former U.S. Senator Howard Metzenbaum, who represented Ohio for 19 years, died on Wednesday, March 11 at his home in Florida. Metzenbaum was 90. In observance of the life of Senator Metzenbaum, Governor Ted Strickland has ordered the U.S. and Ohio flags to be flown at half-staff upon all public buildings and grounds

throughout the state of Ohio from sunrise March 14th to sunset March 17th.

“In a life of tremendous personal and political success, Senator Howard Metzenbaum never forgot those who good fortune had left behind. I mourn his passing but cherish his legacy as one of the best friends consumers and working people have ever had in this state and in this nation,” stated Strickland.

“As a master of the rules of the Senate, Howard Metzenbaum fought countless legislative battles and won more than he lost. Both for his victories and the things he believed, he will be remembered at kitchen tables and on assembly lines as the people’s champion.” CCAO joins Governor Strickland and all Ohioans in mourning Senator Metzenbaum’s passing.

MERCER COUNTY TO HOST NW COMMISSIONERS & ENGINEERS ASSN

Mercer County Commissioners John Bruns, Jerry Laffin and Bob Nuding and County Engineer James Wiechart will host the next meeting of the Northwest Ohio Commissioners and Engineers Association on April 21, 2008. Registration and dinner will be held at Romer’s Catering & Entertainment Facility, 1101 – A West Bank Road (U.S. Route 127) in Celina. Registration begins at 12:15 p.m. The following tours leave at 1:00 p.m.:

- Tour 1 – Agriculture
Mercer Landmark Soybean Extrusion Plans and Burtch Seed Company
- Tour 2 – Small Business
Coldwater Machine and Signature

The business meeting begins at 4:00 p.m. followed by the social hour and dinner. Registration fee: \$10 per person. Deadline: April 7, 2008. Cancellation deadline: April 11, 2008. For more information please contact the Mercer County Commissioners Office, 220 West Livingston Street, Celina, OH 45822 or (419) 586-3178.

OHIO STATEHOUSE MUSEUM PHOTO PROJECT; PHOTOS DUE APRIL 1

The Capitol Square Review and Advisory Board (CSRAB) has developed a design plan to create updated, high-tech, interactive exhibits and educational programs at the Ohio Statehouse. CSRAB and CCAO have partnered on this project are seeking the assistance of all counties. Information about the project is posted on CCAO’s front page at www.ccao.org.

The new Ohio Statehouse Museum will be housed on the ground level and highlight individuals who have come to serve their fellow citizens and make a

difference either as governors, legislators, business people, farmers, concerned citizens and even school children.

The Ohio Statehouse Web site highlights plans of the interactive museum, including a fly-through video. The Ohio Statehouse Museum Web site portal is featured on the front page and under the education tab of the Statehouse Web site – www.ohiostatehouse.org. The new Ohio Statehouse Museum is scheduled to be completed in early March 2009.

How can counties participate? Photos are requested that represent Ohioans from all races, genders, socio-economic backgrounds, professions, educational backgrounds and regions of the state. The images will include some of Ohio’s first citizens as well as some of its most recent. Specifically, your county is invited to submit the images of up to 25 individuals. Please review the memo and criteria sheet for detailed information.

In order to maintain the aggressive design schedule, we ask that all submissions must be received by CSRAB by **April 1, 2008**. If you have any questions, please contact the Capitol Square Review and Advisory Board at (614) 752-9777.

AGRICULTURE & RURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING - MARCH 28

The Agriculture & Rural Affairs Committee will meet Friday, March 28 at 10:00 a.m. The tentative agenda is as follows:

- Clean Ohio Fund Proposal Discussion
- Wind Working Group Panel Discussion
- CAUV Recoupment Changes
- Other business

Please notify Janet Erwin, CCAO Administrative Assistant, at (614) 220-7986, (888) 757-1904 or jerwin@ccao.org if you are unable to attend.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE MEETING – APRIL 25

The CCAO Public Safety and Criminal Justice Committee is planning to hold its first meeting on

Friday, April 25. The members of this committee will receive an agenda for this meeting once it has been finalized. Please contact John Leutz, CCAO Senior Policy Analyst, at (614) 220-7994, (888) 757-1904 or jleutz@ccao.org if you are unable to attend.

HUMAN SERVICES AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING – APRIL 4

The Human Services and Workforce Development Committee will meet Friday, April 4 at 10:00 a.m. The tentative agenda is as follows:

- Discussion of Ohio's Long Term Care Budget on Counties
- Reconsideration of the committee's position on SB 232 and HB 342
- Subgrant agreement update and discussion
- Other issues

Please notify Janet Erwin, CCAO Administrative Assistant, at (614) 220-7986, (888) 757-1904 or jerwin@ccao.org if you are unable to attend.

STATE ACTIVITIES

PUCO ORDERS VERIZON FORFEITURE TO BE USED FOR BROADBAND INITIATIVES

Verizon North Inc was ordered on March 5 to contribute a \$250,000 forfeiture toward broadband initiatives in collaboration with Connection Ohio Initiatives, Inc. and in cooperation with the Ohio Broadband Council. The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio issued the fine after determining that that Verizon failed to satisfy specific service levels relative to the company's out-of-service performance.

An agreement reached in May, 2007 required the telcom company to maintain a monthly 24-hour out-of-service restoration rate of 85% in each of its four districts within the state. The PUCO said the company failed to reach that level last August in the Norwalk District and fell below that level again in the Portsmouth district in December.

The Office of the Ohio Consumers' Counsel welcomed the fine, noting that the company was being held accountable for missing service benchmarks. Forfeiture to Connect Ohio in cooperation with the Ohio Broadband Council, the PUCO said, will benefit telecommunications customers as the money will be used for broadband projects in one or more underserved areas. The money is to be allocated within 12 months.

Additionally, the PUCO directed staff to monitor the company's out-of service performance through the remainder of the agreement period - May, 2008 - to determine if further action is needed. PUCO staff must document recommendations within 60 days of the conclusion of the agreement period.

CAPITOL SCENE: STATE LANDS SITE SELECTION'S GOVERNOR'S CUP; SCORES 'B-' ON MANAGEMENT

For the second straight year, Ohio has claimed Site Selection's Governor's Cup award for having the most new or expanded capital projects. In claiming the 2007 trophy, announced in the magazine's March edition, the state beat out Illinois, Tennessee, North Carolina and Texas for the top spot. Jessica Johnson, Director of Business Attraction for the Greater Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce and president of the Ohio Economic Development Association, welcomed the news. "This is indeed a great opportunity to highlight the collaborative spirit and many partnerships throughout Ohio that have resulted in this award," she said. "Ohio winning this award sends a very powerful message: it takes a team to win and Ohio can deliver." Ohio also won the award every year from 1993 to 1995, and again in 2003. To read a copy of the article go to www.siteselection.com/.

OHIO SCORES B- FOR MANAGEMENT EFFORTS

Separately, the state scored a B- grade for its management efforts in a new report issued by Governing Magazine and the Pew Center on the States. The report identified long-term outlook, intergovernmental coordination and online services and information as Ohio's strengths. Cited as weaknesses: financial controls/reporting, strategic workforce planning and hiring. The report said B-

was the national average. Eighteen total states received that mark, while 13 states exceeded the average. To read a copy of the article go to www.governing.com/gpp/2008/oh.htm.

STATE AUDITS FIND PAYROLL PROBLEMS IN PERRY COUNTY

A state audit of Perry County released on March 6 cited problems with payroll processing that resulted in \$10,700 in overpayments. Auditor Mary Taylor's office said the four county employees who received them have repaid most of the overpayments. The review found certain county officials did not follow other payroll management procedures, resulting in mistakes over vacation, compensatory and overtime pay. Adjustments to employee leave balances were made to correct almost 6,000 hours of miscalculated vacation time that was awarded to county employees, Ms. Taylor's office reported. The county audit also found officials: failed to pass an annual tax budget indicating available funds; maintained negative balances in several funds ranging from \$400 to nearly \$400,000; made errors in posting transactions to the accounting system.

NACo ACTIVITIES

ARTS AND CULTURE AWARD

The NACo Arts and Culture Award program is designed to encourage counties to submit successful programs that have used arts and cultural activities to address not only the quality of life, but also social problems in their communities. Cuyahoga County won the award in 2005 for their "Arts and Culture as Economic Development Grant Program" project.

Eligibility is extended not only to outstanding arts and historical preservation programs, but also to innovative funding processes that have been used to fund arts and cultural programs. Both ongoing and onetime projects are eligible for the award, but must meet the following requirements:

- The program or project must have been initiated since January 2002.
- County officials and/or staff, as part of their official duties, must have played a

significant role in developing and implementing the program or project.

Each program will be evaluated based on: demonstrated community impact, innovation, community/county partnership, leadership, and transferability. Application deadline: **April 11, 2008**. The winning county will be presented with an award during a special awards ceremony held during NACo's Annual Conference.

For more information please contact Deseree Gardner, Research Associate, NACo, 25 Massachusetts Avenue, NW – Suite 500, Washington, D.C. 20001, (202) 942-4228, fax (202) 393-2630, or dgardner@naco.org. Download the 2008 Arts and Culture Award Program Application at www.naco.org. Click on Awards>Arts and Culture Awards.

WORKSHOP

MINORITY HEALTH AWARDS AND HEALTH EXPO

April is Minority Health Month! Join the Ohio Commission on Minority Health for the following events on March 27 at the Vern Riffe Center for The Government & The Arts, 77 South High Street, in Columbus:

- Minority Health Awards Presentation – 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. in Studio One
- Health Expo – 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the 3rd Floor Lobby.

The event is free and open to the public. Health information screenings and ethnic entertainment will be available. For a calendar of events visit www.mih.ohio.gov or call (614) 466-4000 for more information.

CLASSIFIEDS

HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR

The Board of Greene County Commissioners seeks a human resources director. This is an unclassified, fiduciary position that directs and supervises a staff of five for an appointing authority that has various departments under its jurisdiction with a workforce

of 1,310. Position requires experience in advising top management personnel, supervisors, and elected officials regarding employee/employer relations; interpreting federal, state and local laws and regulations, department policies and labor agreements on employment issues; managing the labor relations program of the County; conducting investigations of employee misconduct and complaints; administering the County's disciplinary program; testifying on behalf of the employer in administrative and judicial matters; budgeting and fiscal management; staff development.

Minimum qualifications: Bachelor's degree in human resources, public administration, business administration or a related field with seven years of progressively responsible managerial experience, including two years of management, or an equivalent combination of education and experience, and a valid Ohio driver's license. Certification as a Senior Professional in Human Resources (SPHR) and Certified Labor Relations Professional (CLRP) desirable. A law degree is also desirable.

Salary commensurate with experience and qualifications. Applications must be submitted by **March 20, 2008**, at 4:00 p.m. in the Greene County Personnel Department, 105 East Market Street, Xenia, Ohio 45385. (937) 562-5004. Applications are available at the Personnel Department, or can be printed from www.co.greene.oh.us. EOE.

GRANTS COORDINATOR

The Clermont County Commissioners seek a grants coordinator to act as a liaison with local/state building agency representatives, local communities, public agencies and the BCC designated Advisory Team(s) to provide comprehensive technical planning and development of budgets for grant applications. Research grant funding opportunities and prepares grant applications. Coordinates grant projects and other general planning assistance as necessary. Reviews project proposals for local communities and makes recommendations for funding and resource coordination. Maintains and updates inventory, reports, and sustaining operations of all grant funded equipment and resources as required by grant agreement(s).

Participates in training to remain current in specified area of expertise.

Qualifications: High school education or GED equivalent. Completion of undergraduate major core course work in planning, public administration, or similar field plus 600 hrs. training in budgeting/finance or 6 mos. exp.; 3 courses in operational, mathematical, analytical and/or statistical methods used in decision making or problem solving or 3 mos. Exp.; 1 course in public relations or 1 mo. exp); 1 course in technical writing or written business communication or 1 mo. exp. in writing research reports, grant applications, contracts or articles for publication; or equivalent. Ability to define problems, collect data, establish facts and draw valid conclusions. Must possess above average communication skills.

Deadline: 4:30 p.m. on **March 21, 2008**. For more information please contact Human Resources, 101 East Main Street, Room 322, Batavia, OH 45103, (513) 732-7110 or www.co.clermont.oh.us. A completed employment application is required for each position and must be received in the Human Resources Department by 4:30 P.M. on the posted deadline date. A resume can also be attached for consideration. Neither faxed nor e-mailed documents are acceptable. EOE.

OEQ PROJECT MANAGER

The Board of Clermont County Commissioner's - Clermont County Sewer District - Office Of Environmental Quality (OEQ) is accepting employment applications for a full-time OEQ Project Manager. Provides technical assistance and administrative oversight in the management and application of projects and processes. Acts in the capacity of the supervisor in his or her absence. Prepares technical reports and associated paperwork. Attends meetings, conferences, seminars, and training sessions. Handles public relations functions for the department. Works alone or with other persons in short- or long-term team projects to resolve problems or conflicts in any area of county operations or to complete assigned projects at the direction of any county supervisor or department head when assigned. Participates in cross-training and maintains proficiency in area of

cross-training as necessary. New and other related duties as assigned. Reports safety/risk management issues to immediate supervisor. Emergency response required.

Qualifications: High school diploma or GED equivalent. Completion of undergraduate major core course work in environmental sciences, earth sciences, public administration, or a related field; or five years' experience in a similar position or education, training and/or experience in an amount equal to the minimum qualifications stated above. Applicants must meet the minimum requirements. Conditions and procedures for selection will be consistent with Clermont County Personnel Policy and/or Collective Bargaining Agreement if applicable. Also, certain classifications, because of the nature of the work, require pre-placement and/or periodic physical examinations which may include drug/alcohol screening tests.

Position requires a strong working knowledge of environmental issues, especially water quality and solid waste. Knowledge of/experience in laboratory analysis, field sampling methodology, report writing, public communication, contract management and data analysis is preferred. This position would primarily be responsible for maintaining annual surface water monitoring program consistent with OEPA Level III Credible Data Rules, maintaining stream gauges and data sondes, interfacing with contractors and laboratories, maintaining a web page, responding to citizen enquiries and preparing written communication to citizens and local officials.

Deadline: 4:30 p.m. on **March 25, 2008**. Contact Information: Human Resources, 101 East Main Street - Room 322, Batavia, OH 45103, (513) 732-7110 or www.co.clermont.oh.us. A completed employment application is required and must be received in the Human Resources Department by 4:30 P.M. on the posted deadline date. A resume can also be attached for consideration. Neither faxed nor e-mailed documents are acceptable.

PLANNER

The Clermont County Commissioners seek a planner to act as liaison for the County Planning Commission (CPC) with local communities and

public agencies to provide comprehensive technical planning/review services of re-zoning, subdivision plans, and multi-modal transportation projects; assists in the coordination of the County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and other government programs through the Ohio Department of Development; and provides other general planning assistance as necessary. Collects and analyzes demographic and socio-economic data as required in the completion of planning projects. Participates in training to remain current in specified area of expertise. Maintains and updates Department of Community Planning and Development's web page Information (i.e., Subdivision Regulations, Long Range Plans, etc.) New and other related duties as assigned. Reports safety/risk management issues to immediate supervisor.

Qualifications: High school education or GED equivalent. Completion of undergraduate major core course work in planning, public administration engineering, landscape architecture, architecture or similar field plus 600 hrs. training in budgeting/finance or six months experience; three courses in operational, mathematical, analytical and/or statistical methods used in decision making or problem solving or three months experience; one course in community relations or one months experience; three courses in composition technical writing or written business communication or three months experience in writing research reports, grant applications, contracts or articles for publication; or equivalent. Must also have nine months experience in planning project or program services for targeted population or geographic areas.

Deadline: 4:30 p.m. on **March 21, 2008**. For more information please contact Human Resources, 101 East Main Street, Room 322, Batavia, OH 45103, (513) 732-7110 www.co.clermont.oh.us. A completed employment application is required for each position and must be received in the Human Resources Department by 4:30 P.M. on the posted deadline date. A resume can also be attached for consideration. Neither faxed nor e-mailed documents are acceptable. EOE.