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DATES TO REMEMBER

APRIL 6-12, 2008	NATIONAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT WEEK (WWW.NACO.ORG)
APRIL 14, 2008	CCAO FISCAL, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS
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
APRIL 25, 2008	CCC/ESAO NORTHWEST REGIONAL MEETING, HENRY'S RESTAURANT, HARDIN COUNTY (KENTON)
MAY 5, 2008	SE OHIO COMMISSIONERS & ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION, MUSKINGUM COUNTY, (ZANESVILLE)
MAY 9, 2008	CCC/ESAO NORTHEAST REGIONAL MEETING, UPSTAIRS RESTAURANT, MAHONING COUNTY (YOUNGSTOWN)
JUNE 8-10, 2008	CCAO/CEAO ANNUAL SUMMER CONFERENCE, RENAISSANCE QUAIL HOLLOW, LAKE COUNTY (PAINESVILLE)
JULY 11-15, 2008	NACo ANNUAL CONFERENCE, JACKSON COUNTY (KANSAS CITY), MISSOURI (WWW.NACO.ORG)

ASSOCIATION NEWS

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 Plant and Burtch Seed Company
- Tour 2 – Small Business
Coldwater Machine and Signature4

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.

2008 CCC/ESAO REGIONAL MEETINGS SCHEDULED

Over the past five years, the County Commissioners Clerks and Engineers Secretaries Association of Ohio (CCC/ESAO), CCAO's first and oldest affiliate organization, have held a series of very successful regional meetings around the state. The purpose of these meetings is for CCC/ESAO members to share their knowledge with other clerks and secretaries that are unable to attend conferences and workshops.

Due to the overwhelming success, CCC/ESAO has scheduled four regional meetings in 2008. These informal meetings are open to all commissioners' clerks, deputies, engineers' secretaries, or administrative assistants to discuss various topics of concern in your county. The meeting topics are tailored to meet the needs of each district. All meetings will start at 10:00 a.m. and end at 2:30 p.m. There is no charge to attend. Lunch will be sponsored by CCAO/CEAO. **The CCAO Board of Trustees encourages all county commissioners to permit their clerks and other office support staff to attend one of the following meetings.**

<p>APRIL 25, 2008 – NORTHWEST REGION - HARDIN COUNTY</p> <p>LOCATION: Henry's Restaurant, 995 North Detroit Street, Hardin County (Kenton)</p> <p>For more information, please contact CCC/ESAO NW District Representative Rhonda Slauterbeck, Clerk/Assistant Administrator, (419) 734-6720 or rslauterbeck@co.ottawa.oh.us.</p>
<p>MAY 9, 2008 – NORTHEAST REGION – MAHONING COUNTY</p> <p>LOCATION: Upstairs Restaurant, 4500 Mahoning Avenue, Mahoning County (Youngstown)</p>

<p>For more information, please contact CCC/ESAO NE District Representative Nancy Walega, Administrative Assistant, Mahoning County Engineer's Office, at (330) 799-1581 or nwalega@mahoningcountyoh.gov.</p>

<p>SEPTEMBER 26, 2008 – SOUTHEAST REGION – ATHENS COUNTY</p> <p>LOCATION: The Inn at Hocking College, 15770 State Route 691, Athens County (Nelsonville)</p> <p>For more information, please contact CCC/ESAO SE District Representative Crystal Digenova, Administrative Assistant, Tuscarawas County Commissioners, at (330) 365-3240 or commissioners@co.tuscarawas.oh.us.</p>

<p>OCTOBER 24, 2008 – SOUTHWEST REGION – CLARK COUNTY</p> <p>LOCATION: To-be-announced</p> <p>For more information, please contact CCC/ESAO SW District Representative Dianna Harris, Administrative Assistant, Montgomery County Engineer's Office, at (937) 225-4904 or harrisd@mcoho.org.</p>
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For more information, please contact the 2008 CCC/ESAO President Susan Schmunk, Administrative Assistant, Williams County Engineer's Office, (419) 636-2454 or sschmunk@wmsco.org.

PHOTOS NEEDED: OHIO STATEHOUSE MUSEUM PHOTO PROJECT

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 and are seeking the assistance of all counties. Information about the project is posted on CCAO's front page at www.ccao.org.

Thanks to **Allen, Champaign, Fayette, Putnam, and Wyandot** counties for submitting CDs containing photos for the new Ohio Statehouse Museum project! These photos 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.

The deadline has been extended to **April 15, 2008**. If you have any questions, please contact the Capitol Square Review and Advisory Board at (614) 752-9777.

AFFILIATE NEWS

CLCCA LAUNCHES WEBSITE

The County Loss Control Coordinators Association (CLCCA) have launched a website located at www.clcca.com. For more information about CLCCA please contact Linda Zickefoose, Risk Manager/Employee Benefits Coordinator and CLCCA President, Richland County Commissioners, 597 Park Avenue East, Mansfield, OH 44902, 419/774-5518, fax 419/774-6307 or lzickefoose@richlandcountyoh.us.

CCAO SERVICE CORPORATION PROGRAM NEWS

CCAO DEFERRED COMPENSATION PROGRAM "GREEN" STATEMENT INITIATIVE

GREEN IS TWICE-AS NICE! Participants in CCAO's Deferred Compensation Program are already saving the green by investing in their retirement plan, but did you know that you can also receive your quarterly statements and stuffers electronically? Visit <https://www.gwrs.com/login.do> to sign up for Online File Cabinet. It's fast and

easy, plus Great-West Retirement Services will donate \$1.00 to the National Arbor Day Foundation for every person who signs up during 2008. Working together to preserve your financial future and our national forests...now, that's savvy investing!

COUNTY ACTIVITIES

UNION COUNTY EMA RECEIVES 2007 PARTNER OF THE YEAR AWARD

The Union County Emergency Management Agency recently received the 2007 Union County Health District Partner of the Year Award.

The Union County Health Department awards the Public Health Partner of the Year award annually to a local business, organization or person that has demonstrated an outstanding commitment to improve the health, safety and well-being of Union County Residents.

STATE ACTIVITIES

COUNTIES SENT SUBGRANT AGREEMENTS TO SIGN

In the last biennial budget bill (H.B. 119), counties became sub-recipients of federal human service funds. The bill requires counties to enter into subgrant agreements under this sub-recipient relationship no later than June 30, 2008.

The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) has sent all counties subgrant agreements for the commissioners, along with all other pertinent human service agencies and boards, to sign and return.

CCAO, along with the Ohio Job and Family Service Directors Association (OJFSDA), Public Children Service Agencies of Ohio (PCSAO), and Ohio Child Support Directors Association (OCDA), have worked with ODJFS to include provisions in the agreements to help protect counties, such as specifying that the state department is responsible for providing counties with training and technical assistance. In order for counties to continue to receive funding for human service programs, all

parties, including county commissioners, must sign the agreement.

CCAO has drafted a model resolution that commissioners may use to approve signing these agreements. A copy is attached to this issue of CIDS and posted on the front page of the CCAO website. If you have any questions, please contact Beth Tsvetkoff, CCAO Policy Analyst, at (614) 220-7996, (888) 757-1904, or btsvetkoff@ccao.org.

OHIO STATEWIDE INTEROPERABILITY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SEEKS REPRESENTATIVE FROM CCAO

The Ohio Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee (SIEC), established in the fall of 2002, provides guidance and strategic direction for public safety first responders in their communications initiatives for the purpose of continuous improvement in reliable, mission critical wireless communications interoperability.

The SIEC has been very successful in improving interoperability in Ohio, and has been recognized by the Strickland Administration as the body of knowledge for Ohio. In recognizing the SIEC, the Administration pointed out the need to expand membership to include a representative of CCAO on the SIEC. Commissioners interested in serving on the SIEC should have some working knowledge and interest in public safety communications.

SIEC meetings are held every other month, or more often as needed, at the State Emergency Operations Center, 2855 West Dublin-Granville Road, in Columbus. Meeting length is held to two hours, if at all possible. The Committee's most recent significant achievement was to finalize the Ohio Statewide Communications Interoperability Plan, which is a requirement set by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, and review and submission of Ohio's 10 PSIC grant applications to the U.S. Department of Commerce.

CCAO will have one representative on the Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee. Commissioners interested in serving should contact John Leutz, CCAO Senior Policy Analyst, at (614) 220-7994, (888) 757-1904 or jleutz@ccao.org by

April 18, 2008. The next SIEC meeting will be held in May.

FEDERAL ACTIVITIES

POPULATION GROWS IN CENTRAL, SOUTHWESTERN OHIO, DECLINES IN NORTHEAST, CENSUS BUREAU SAYS

Population estimates the U.S. Census Bureau recently released show little change in the continuing flight of residents from metropolitan areas in northeast Ohio. Central and southwestern parts of the state, meanwhile, continued to expand.

Between 2000 and 2007, the Youngstown-Warren-Boardman region was the fastest shrinking area in the U.S. for places with populations of more than half a million, according to the 2007 population estimates of greater metropolitan areas comprised of one or more counties. Since the start of the decade, Youngstown lost nearly 5.4% of its population, leaving it with less than 571,000 residents in the latest estimates. It went from being the 78th largest city in the U.S. to the 88th during that period of time. Between 2006 and 2007, Youngstown lost about 1% of its population, or nearly 6,000 residents.

The Cleveland-Elyria-Mentor area also continued to shrink rapidly losing 0.4% of its population during the year between 2006 and 2007 to leave it with a total of about 2,096,000 residents. The area lost about 51,500 residents, or 2.4% of its population since the beginning of the decade, slipping from 23rd largest to the 25th in the country.

Akron residents have also left the area over the past year, but at a slower rate with a 0.1% decline in population to about 699,000, the Census data show. Although, the region grew 0.6% since 2000, it went from being the 67th largest metro area to the 71st in 2007.

Canton-Massillon showed essentially no change over the year and grew slightly by about 0.1%

since 2000 to about 407,000 residents in 2007.

Adding nearly 20,000 residents, or 1.1% between 2006 and 2007, Columbus remained the fastest growing city in Ohio. With the latest estimate showing about 1.75 million people, the population expanded by 8.8% since the start of the decade, although it slipped from the 31st to the 32nd largest in the U.S.

As the country's 24th largest metropolitan area, Cincinnati-Middletown supplanted the Cleveland region in national rankings since the beginning of the decade, adding about 124,000 residents, an increase of 6.2%. The area grew by 0.6% between 2006 and 2007, for a total population of about 2,134,000.

Dayton continued its downward slide, losing about 0.3% of its population during the past year and 1.5% since 2000. With a total of about 835,000, it is now the 59th largest metropolitan area in the country, having slipped from 54th at the start of the decade.

Toledo residents also fled at a rate of 0.3% between 2006 and 2007 and 1.2% since 2000. With a current total of about 651,000, it is now the 79th largest metropolitan area in the U.S.

Metropolitan areas in the southern states grew the fastest, claiming eight of the 10 fastest-growing metro cities between 2006 and 2007, the Census Bureau said. Dallas-Fort Worth saw the highest numerical growth of about 162,000 new residents, while Palm Coast, Florida grew by 7.2% in one year.

The estimates are used in federal funding allocations, as denominators for vital rates, and in survey controls, the Census Bureau said.

NACo ACTIVITIES

BROWNFIELDS: THE BASICS & BEYOND

Join the National Association of Counties (NACo) for Webinars on “Brownfields: The Basics and Beyond – Strategies for Counties in Mitigating Risk

and Creating Value.” As development has moved into rural and unincorporated areas, counties across the nation are increasingly left to provide solutions for these vacant properties. Brownfields are no longer an urban/metropolitan problem. Participate in one of the following sessions!

- Session II – April 11, 2008, 1:00-3:00 p.m.
Repositioning Sites: Unlocking the Potential of Tough Properties
Key Topics: Key Impediments to Redevelopment, Approaches to Unlocking Potential, Entitlement Issues, Repositioning, Parceling/Assembling Sites, Creating Portfolios, Green Development, Attracting Developers to Tough Sites
- Session III – April 25, 2008, 1:00-3:00 p.m.
Making the Most of Valuable Properties
Key Topics: What Makes a Valuable Property?, Quantifying the Value of Sites, Insuring Appropriate Uses, Addressing Environmental Liabilities, Meeting Public Needs, Developing an Appropriate Disposition Process, and Negotiating with Developers

Registration fee: FREE - NACo invites all counties to participate. For more information on these Webinars and to register, contact James Davenport, NACo Project Manager – Community Services, at (202) 661-8807 or jdavenport@naco.org.

NACo Membership Information - If your county is not a NACo member and you would like to find out about the benefits of belonging to the only association that represents counties on the national level, please contact Andrew Goldschmidt, NACo Director of Membership/Marketing, at (202) 942-4221 or agoldschmidt@naco.org.

CLASSIFIEDS

WASTEWATER DIVISION MANAGER

The Greene County Sanitary Engineer seeks a wastewater division Manager to supervise management staff within division; set priorities and assigns tasks; monitor performance and work

quality; interview and recommendation hiring, disciplinary actions and termination; assess employee training. For detailed information go to www.co.greene.oh.us.

Training And Experience Required: Bachelor's degree in a closely related field with five years of progressively responsible experience; or, an equivalent combination of education and experience sufficient to successfully perform the essential duties of the position.

Licensing Requirements: A current Ohio Class IV Wastewater Certification and a valid Ohio driver's license is required.

Applications Deadline: **April 10, 2008, at 4:00 p.m.** EOE.

TRAFFIC ENGINEER

The Mahoning County Engineer seeks a traffic engineer. The County Engineer maintains approximately 488 miles of roadway which contain 50 traffic signals, pavement markings and signage. The position will be responsible for maintenance of all traffic related devices as well as traffic plan design and review. Candidate shall have working knowledge of all ODOT and FHWA standards and specifications for traffic control and the current Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices and implementation of such.

The Traffic Engineer position requires a four-year degree in Civil Engineering from an ABET accredited school; minimum of four years work experience as traffic engineer; and Professional Engineer's License or the ability to obtain license within one year. For more information go to www.ccao.org. Click on classified ads>traffic engineer.

Send resume and letter of interest by **April 25, 2008** to: Ms. Marilyn Kenner, P.E., Chief Deputy Engineer, Mahoning County Engineers Office, 940 Bears Den Road, Youngstown, Ohio 44511-1299. EOE.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Ohio Valley Regional Development Commission (OVRDC) is seeking an Executive Director. OVRDC is a dynamic 12-county regional development agency designated as an Appalachian Local Development District as well as Economic Development District (EDA) in southern Ohio. The ideal candidate will have a Bachelor's degree in business, economics, political science or a related field and five years extensive experience in planning and economic development in a public or non-profit agency including supervisory experience, with extensive experience in working with local agencies and officials.

The candidate must have experience in developing new programs and initiatives, including experience in preparing federal, state and other grant applications. Experience in working with state and federal legislative bodies and staff is needed. The candidate needs to have management experience in a similar development agency with specific knowledge of personnel management, program planning, strategic planning, experience in working with a board, experience in economic and community development, business assistance and development (including loan and financial assistance) and have experience in communicating with government officials, local organizations and the media. Excellent team building and interpersonal skills are critical. Extensive fringe benefits. Application filing deadline is **Friday, May 2, 2008, at 11:00 am**. The annual salary range is \$50,000 - \$60,000 depending on education and experience. A detailed job description is posted on the OVRDC web site: www.ovrdc.org.

To apply: Submit cover letter, resume and a minimum of three work-related references by mail or email to: Personnel Committee, Ohio Valley Regional Development Commission, 9329 SR 220 East, Suite A, Waverly, OH 45690 or sclark@ovrdc.org. EOE.



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April 2, 2008

MEMO

To: All Counties

From: Beth Tsvetkoff, CCAO Policy Analyst

Re: Model Resolution for ODJFS Subgrant Agreements

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Attached to this memo is a model resolution county commissioners may use to approve entering into these subgrant agreements. If you have any questions, please contact me at 614-220-7996 or btsvetkoff@ccao.org.



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**RESOLUTION OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF _____ COUNTY
TO SIGN THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES SUBGRANT
AGREEMENT**

WHEREAS, Amended Substitute House Bill 119 of the 127th General Assembly, the biennial budget bill, makes counties subgrantees of federal human services funding; and

WHEREAS, Am. Sub. H.B. 119 requires counties to enter into subgrant agreements with the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (“ODJFS”) by July 1, 2008; and

WHEREAS, In order for counties to continue to receive human services funding through the state, and continue to provide the vital services needed by Ohio’s most vulnerable population, the counties must sign these subgrant agreements; and

WHEREAS, The subgrant agreement includes language to help ensure counties remain in compliance with federal and state law, such as provisions that require ODJFS to provide technical assistance, training, and monitoring to counties; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of _____ County that the Board will sign the ODJFS subgrant agreement.