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### DATES TO REMEMBER

May 1-31, 2008	OHIO HISTORIC PRESEVATION MONTH ( <a href="http://WWW.OHIOHISTORY.ORG/HPMONTH">WWW.OHIOHISTORY.ORG/HPMONTH</a> )
MAY 7-8, 2008	OSU EXTENSION EXCEL PROGRAM, HILTON GARDEN INN, COLUMBUS
MAY 9, 2008	CCC/ESAO NORTHEAST REGIONAL MEETING, UPSTAIRS RESTAURANT, MAHONING COUNTY (YOUNGSTOWN)
MAY 9, 2008	CCAO/CEBCO RX TREND SEMINAR, HAYES ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, DELAWARE COUNTY (DELAWARE)
JUNE 8-10, 2008	CCAO/CEAO ANNUAL SUMMER CONFERENCE, RENAISSANCE QUAIL HOLLOW, LAKE COUNTY (PAINESVILLE)
JUNE 20, 2008	CCAO WORKERS' COMPENSATION ANNUAL MEETING, THE RAMADA PLAZA HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER, COLUMBUS
JULY 11-15, 2008	NACo ANNUAL CONFERENCE, JACKSON COUNTY (KANSAS CITY), MISSOURI ( <a href="http://WWW.NACO.ORG">WWW.NACO.ORG</a> )
JULY 14, 2008	CCAO LUNCHEON AND CAUCUS, KANSAS CITY MARRIOTT, JACKSON COUNTY (KANSAS CITY), MISSOURI
AUGUST 19-20, 2008	COUNTY COMMISSIONER DAYS, ROSS COUNTY (CHILLICOTHE)
AUGUST 29, 2008	CORSA ANNUAL MEETING, THE RAMADA PLAZA HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER, COLUMBUS

### ASSOCIATION NEWS

#### A GREAT "LAKE" EXPERIENCE – ATTEND THE CCAO/CEAO ANNUAL SUMMER CONFERENCE!

Join Lake County Commissioners Robert Aufuldish, Raymond Sines, and Daniel Troy and County Engineer James Gills for the 128<sup>th</sup> CCAO/CEAO Annual Summer Conference to be held June 8-10, 2008 at the Renaissance Quail Hollow Resort in Concord. Geographically, Lake County is the

smallest of Ohio's 88 counties with magnificent coastal and country vistas. Some of the most unique features are the 31 miles of shoreline and two major rivers flowing through the county that provide harbors and marinas for shipping and superb recreational opportunities. Large national and regional companies call Lake County home. International business prospers with access to air and water transportation and the wine industry thrives in fertile soil and the ideal climate for grape production.

## SUNDAY, JUNE 8

- 6:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. – Charter Boat Fishing (optional)
- 11:06 a.m. – Golf at Quail Hollow Country Club (optional)
- 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. – The Vineyard Experience at Chalet Debonné (included with full and spouse/guest registration packages)

## MONDAY, JUNE 9

### CCAO Sessions

- RX Trends
- When Bad Things Happen to Good Counties – Lessons Learned from Lawsuits and Natural Disasters
- Best Practices for Termination/Disciplinary Proceedings
- 9-1-1 and Emergency Response Communications
- Legislative Update from the Ohio General Assembly
- Legislative Update from the CCAO Policy Staff

### Spouse/Guest Activities and Luncheon

9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. – Discover Your Place in Nature

- Holden Arboretum
- Rider's Inn
- Headlands Dunes & Mentor Marsh State Nature Preserves

### CCAO/CEAO General Session

**Building Ohio Jobs** - Join **Lt. Governor Lee Fisher**, who also serves as Director – Ohio Department of Development, as he presents the bipartisan \$1.57 billion jobs stimulus package that the Administration developed in partnership with Senate President Bill Harris and House Speaker Jon Husted.

In addition, **Auditor of State Mary Taylor** has been invited to speak during the general session.

### Other Activity

7:05 p.m. – Lake County Captains v. Delmarva Shorebirds

## TUESDAY, JUNE 10

### CCAO Sessions

- Caring for Your County's Most Vulnerable Residents
- Simple Green Ideas for Counties
- What's Going on with Commissioners' Dog Pounds?
- Election Administration Update from **Secretary of State Jennifer Brunner**
- Ohio's Energy Bill: Keeping the Lights On and Wind Turbines
- The Value of Lake Erie: Discover Your Great Lake
- Lakeview Bluffs Brownfields Redevelopment Project and Tour

### Other Activities

2:13 p.m. - Golf at Quail Hollow Country Club (Optional)

3:00-8:00 p.m. - Charter Boat Fishing (Optional) – Registration deadline is May 8!

7:05 p.m. – Lake County Captains v. Delmarva Shorebirds (Optional)

**CEAO Session Information:** Please contact Glenn Sprowls or Dee Bickers at CEAO (614/ 221-0707) for more details about their conference sessions.

**General Conference Information:** Registration, breakfast and lunch (included with full and spouse registration packages only), and all conference educational sessions will be held at the Renaissance Quail Hollow Resort. The Tuesday afternoon off-site tour will leave at 1:45 p.m. for the Lakeview Bluffs Redevelopment. Space is limited.

**Headquarters Hotel: Renaissance Quail Hollow Resort**, 11080 Concord-Hambden Road, Concord, OH 44077, (440) 497-1100. Room rate: \$119 single/double. Rooms are also available at the **Baymont Inn & Suites**, 7581 Auburn Road, Concord, OH 44077, (440) 579-0300. Room rate: \$109 single/double. Reservation cut off date: **May 18, 2008**.

More information about the conference is linked on CCAO's website at [www.ccao.org](http://www.ccao.org).

## CCAO/CEBCO RX TREND SEMINAR – MAY 9

Mark your calendars and plan to attend the “RX Trend Seminar,” sponsored by CCAO and the County Employee Benefits Consortium of Ohio (CEBCO), on Friday, May 9 at 10:00 a.m. at the Hayes Administration Building, 140 North Sandusky Street – Room G-35, in Delaware County (Delaware).

Prescription drug benefit designs in the group insurance market change frequently. It is hard to tell what, if anything, is working to control prescription drug costs. Caremark will discuss trends in the industry. Other topics presented include benefit design trends, drug utilization review, and new trends in the delivery of prescription drug benefits.

Lunch will be served. There is no charge to attend the seminar, which is open to all counties. The registration deadline has been extended until May 6, 2008. To register, please complete the registration form that is attached to this issue of CIDS or contact Melissa Bodey, CEBCO Benefits Specialist, CCAO, 37 West Broad Street – Suite 650, Columbus, OH 43215, (614) 220-7997, fax (514) 229-4588, or [mbodey@ccao.org](mailto:mbodey@ccao.org).

## COUNTY COMMISSIONER DAYS – AUG. 19-20

Ross County Commissioners Jim Caldwell, Frank Hirsch, and Doug Corcoran and OSU Extension invite you to attend County Commissioner Days on August 19-20, 2008 in historic Ross County (Chillicothe). Plan to bring your family to enjoy Ohio’s First Capital. Opportunities include educational sessions, local tours, a trip to Tecumseh – an outdoor historical drama production, an optional golf outing and the many other tourist attractions that you can experience on your own. Registration information will be distributed in June. Save the dates and plan to attend!

## **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!

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RBC Capital Markets is available to answer your questions and can e-mail additional information including the Steps to Take to Participate, Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ), and a Preliminary Term Sheet. For more information, contact Amber Burke, Associate, RBC Capital Markets Corporation, at (513) 826-0583 or [amber.burke@rbccm.com](mailto:amber.burke@rbccm.com).

## COUNTY ACTIVITIES

### FORECLOSURE RATES SOAR SINCE 1995 – PROBLEMS FOR SMALL AND LARGE COUNTIES

Information on foreclosures in the Defiance six-county area (i.e., Defiance, Henry, Paulding, Williams, Putnam and Fulton counties) show there was more than a 406 percent increase in foreclosure filings from 1995-2007, according statistics from the Ohio Supreme Court. The statistics were recently released in a report from Policy Matters Ohio, a nonprofit, nonpartisan research institute. "Foreclosure filings grew by double-digit rates in 39 of Ohio's 88 counties, and statewide have more than quintupled since 1995," the report states.

A foreclosed property ends up in a sheriff's sale after the financial institution obtains a judgment through common pleas court. Not all foreclosures, however, become sheriff's sales. If the owner files for bankruptcy, then that house or property will not be sold by the sheriff's office.

The Defiance County Sheriff's Office scheduled 137 sheriff sales in 2007; in 2006 there were 120. There were 172 foreclosure filings in 2007, compared to just 22 in 1995. That's a 681.8 percent increase. In 2006, there were 170 new foreclosures.

Henry County experienced the greatest percentage change from 1995-2007 in new foreclosures. In 2007, it had 120 new filings, compared to only

seven in 1995. That's a 1,614.3 percent change.

Putnam County had the lowest percentage change from 1995-2007 with 406.3 percent. It had 81 property foreclosures in 2007, compared to 16 in 1995.

Paulding County had 126 new foreclosures filed in 2007, compared to 24 in 1995, a 425 percent increase. Williams County experienced 191 foreclosures in 2007 (), a 1,023.5 percent increase from 17 filings in 1995. Fulton County had 192 foreclosures in 2007, compared to 17 in 1995, for a 1,029.4 percent increase.

Looking at the percentage of change from 2006-2007 in the region, counties ranged from a 10.1 percent increase for Henry County to a 5.8 percent decrease in Putnam County. *Source: Defiance Crescent News, April 20, 2008*

## STATE ACTIVITIES

### ODNR SEEKS COMMISSIONER TO SERVE ON CLEAN OHIO TRAIL FUND ADVISORY BOARD

The Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) seeks a county commissioner to serve on the Clean Ohio Rail Fund Advisory Board. ORC Section 1519.06 mandates that one member of the advisory board be a county commissioner.

As you are aware, in the coming months the Governor will be initiating a new Clean Ohio bond issue. If passed in November, more than \$6 million annually is anticipated to be awarded to improve or create trails in Ohio. The Clean Ohio Trail Fund Advisory Board will play a key role in shaping the goals of the program. The advisory board will be assembled to address current programming ideas and funding that will be included in the pending Capital Bill.

Clark County Commissioner John Detrick served on the advisory board until his term expired in 2007. Commissioners that would like to be considered to serve on the Clean Ohio Trail Fund Advisory Board should contact Joshua Hahn, CCAO Policy Analyst, at (614) 220-7982, (888) 757-1904, or [jhahn@ccao.org](mailto:jhahn@ccao.org) by May 30, 2008.

## FEDERAL ACTIVITIES

### HOUSE COMMITTEE TACKLES HOUSING LEGISLATION

The House Financial Services Committee marked up several bills addressing aspects of the nation's mortgage crisis. The committee approved H.R. 5818, the Neighborhood Stabilization Act of 2008. The bill was approved on a 38-26 vote. The Act will provide \$15 billion in the form of loans and grants to states for the purchase of foreclosed properties. The bill would provide an immediate pass-through of funds to local governments as well, by providing dollars to the 100 largest cities, 50 largest urban counties, and qualified small cities over 50,000 in population with foreclosure rates that are 125 percent over the state average. This allocation is in an effort to target the funds to the areas with the highest need of assistance.

The Financial Services Committee also approved a bill, H.R. 5579, the Emergency Mortgage Loan Modification Act, by voice vote. The Act is a bipartisan effort to extend protections to mortgage servicers in the event of mortgage loan modifications. As strapped homeowners seek to modify or adjust the terms of their loans under the Administration's current FHA-Secure program, many servicers have been reluctant to do so because of the potential negative legal repercussions from investors who hold the loans as mortgage-backed securities. This bill seeks to establish a standard for loan modifications or workout plans for pools of certain residential mortgage loans.

The Committee also began debate on H.R. 5830, the FHA Housing Stabilization and Homeownership Retention Act of 2008, the mortgage rescue proposal. The Administration renewed its criticism of the proposal last week, stating that it is overly prescriptive and rejecting the need to expand the FHA in such a manner. The White House again called for the modernization of FHA as a priority before implementing the legislation's objective of creating a \$300 billion dollar program to insure restructured mortgages. The Committee will resume its markup this week. These bills are expected to form a housing legislation package that may hit the House floor in early May. (Contact:

Cassandra Duhaney, NACo Associate Legislative Director, at (202) 942-4204 or [cduhaney@naco.org](mailto:cduhaney@naco.org))

### HOUSE VOTES 349-62 TO BLOCK MEDICAID CUTS

With a veto-proof vote, the House accepted the bill to block the Administration's proposed cuts to the Medicaid program. H.R. 5613, the Protecting the Medicaid Safety Net Act of 2008, delays implementation of seven regulations promulgated by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for one year. The bi-partisan vote came despite last minute procedural objections by House Republican leadership and a veto threat from the White House.

The action moves to the Senate, where the Majority Leader, Senator Harry Reid (D-Nev.) has put the bill on a procedural fast-track, bypassing the Finance Committee, which has jurisdiction over Medicaid. Meanwhile, prominent Republicans have expressed their objection to the House approach, including Senator Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa), ranking minority member on the Finance Committee. They argue that states and counties have taken advantage of loopholes in Medicaid and that CMS is taking largely appropriate action. A letter is circulating among Senators rejecting the moratorium and calling for negotiations with the Administration. If the letter collects enough signatures to indicate that the House bill would not get a veto-proof majority in the Senate, some observers believe there will be an effort to extend a short moratorium on the rules affecting public hospitals and allow the other five rules to go into effect.

Thanks to the following U.S. Representatives from Ohio that voted for H.R. 5613 to protect the local health care safety net: David Hobson (Dist. 7-Springfield), Stephanie Tubbs Jones (Dist. 11-Shaker Heights), Marcy Kaptur (Dist. 9-Toledo), Dennis Kucinich (Dist.10-Lakewood), Steven LaTourette (Dist. 14-Painesville), Deborah Pryce (Dist. 15-Columbus), Ralph Regula (Dist. 16-Canton), Timothy Ryan (Dist. 17-Warren), Jean Schmidt (Dist. 2-Cincinnati), Zach Space (Dist.18-Dover), Betty Sutton (Dist. 13-Akron), Patrick Tiberi

(Dist. 12-Columbus), Michael Turner (Dist. 3-Dayton), and Charles Wilson (Dist. 5-Bridgeport).

Contact Ohio U.S. Senators George Voinovich and Sherrod Brown and urge them to block the Medicaid cuts by placing a moratorium on ALL these harmful CMS regulations. (Contact: Paul Beddoe, NACo Associate Legislative Director, at (202) 942-4234 or [pbeddoe@naco.org](mailto:pbeddoe@naco.org))

### FARM BILL EXTENDED FOR ONE WEEK; NEGOTIATORS SAY COMPROMISE IS CLOSE

By unanimous consent, both the Senate and the House passed another one week extension of the farm bill on April 24, keeping current law in place until May 2. This is the fourth extension since the 2002 law expired in September 2007. Senate negotiators sought a two week extension, but used a procedural motion to force the shorter extension. The President continues to push for a one year extension, citing the urgency of bringing certainty to farmers, many of whom have already begun their planting season. Senate and House Conferees held several public sessions throughout the week and came to consensus on three more titles of the massive bill, including crop insurance, Commodity Exchange Reauthorization, and, for the first time, support for fruit and vegetable growers. Both the nutrition and rural development titles are still under discussion, with rural development remaining at \$0 in new resources.

The farm bill is tied up over talks about how to find offsets for up to \$10 billion in additional spending over 10 years, as well as tax cuts for renewable energy, timber and other industries. Because those issues are outside the jurisdiction of the Agriculture Committees, the Senate Finance Committee and the House Ways and Means Committee are leading the final negotiations. It appears that conferees have reached agreement to provide an additional \$10 billion in farm bill funding from customs and users fees. The tax cut proposals favored by Senate negotiators have been negotiated down from \$2.5 billion to about \$1.9 billion. The nutrition title is likely to jump from \$9.5 billion to \$10.3 billion to accommodate House negotiators. (Contact: Erik Johnston, NACo Associate Legislative

Director, at (202) 942-4230 or [ejohnston@naco.org](mailto:ejohnston@naco.org))

### **NACo ACTIVITIES**

#### NACo 73<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL CONFERENCE & EXPOSITION

The National Association of Counties (NACo) and Jackson County (Kansas City), Missouri invite you to join over 2,000 appointed and elected officials from across the nation this summer for NACo's 73<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference & Exposition to be held July 11-15, 2008. This is the only national conference and exposition dedicated solely to county government. Conference registration is now open! Register for the conference and housing online at [www.naco.org](http://www.naco.org) to save \$25 per registrant. Click on the article about the conference on the front page. The early bird discount expires on May 30. 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).

#### 2008-2009 BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOMINATIONS

NACo's Annual Conference is rapidly approaching and one of the most important events is the election of officers and Board of Directors members. State associations are asked to nominate representatives to serve on the NACo Board of Directors. The NACo Nominating Committee will review the nominations and prepare a report to be presented at the Annual Business Meeting to be held on Tuesday afternoon, July 15 in Jackson County (Kansas City), Missouri. The one-year term on the NACo Board of Directors begins the last day of the current annual conference and ends the last day of the next annual conference.

CCAO is entitled to two representatives on the NACo Board of Directors. Currently, the positions are filled by Commissioners Lenny Eliason (Athens) and Roger Tackett (Clark).

Commissioners interested in serving on the NACo Board of Directors should submit a letter of interest to Larry Long, CCAO Executive Director, at fax

(614) 221-6986 or [llong@ccao.org](mailto:llong@ccao.org) by May 30, 2008.

## CONFERENCES

### EXCEL PROGRAM OFFERS UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The County Commissioners EXCEL Program, sponsored by CCAO and OSU Extension, will be held May 7-8 at the Hilton Garden Inn, 3232 Olentangy River Road, in Columbus. EXCEL is a two-day immersion into simulated activities that mirror experiences commissioners are likely to have on the job, but offer them in a supportive environment. Past attendees found the training is a great way to learn about yourself, learn from peers and get feedback from trained observers that allow you to be more effective in day to day decision making and other tasks.

If you have questions about EXCEL, call Gwen Wolford, (614) 292-0877 or [wolford.1@osu.edu](mailto:wolford.1@osu.edu). To register, contact Shannon Thomas (614) 292-6165. The EXCEL program is limited to 12 participants. Register today – there are still some openings.

### CIVIL SERVICE LAW SEMINARS

The law offices of Downes, Hurst & Fishel LLP will present a “Civil Service Law Seminar” May 21, 2008 at the Columbus Police Training Academy, 1000 North Hague Avenue, in Columbus. Topics to be discussed at each seminar include classified/unclassified positions, testing for merit and fitness, layoff and job abolishment, discipline and termination. Registration fee: \$150 (includes lunch and conference materials). For registration information please contact Bonni Auteri, Downes, Hurst & Fishel LLP, 400 South Fifth Street – Suite 200, Columbus, OH 43215, (614) 221-1216 or [bauteri@dhflaw.com](mailto:bauteri@dhflaw.com).

### BIODIESEL FLEET ROUNDTABLES PLANNED IN MAY AND JUNE

Biodiesel is a cleaner burning, renewable, Ohio-made fuel, but many fleet operators have questions about whether it's affordable and how to make it work in their fleet. Clean Fuels Ohio will be hosting

a series of “Biodiesel Roundtables”. These events are a continuation of the roundtable series, providing diesel fleet personnel opportunities to learn about biodiesel directly from operators who have first-hand, and in many cases, years of experience using biodiesel in their fleets.

Specifically, attendees will learn:

- How Ohio fleets have successfully implemented biodiesel use
- Corrections to common myths and misconceptions about biodiesel
- Keys to identifying and sourcing high quality blended biodiesel and managing the fuel properly
- Cost management strategies
- Performance benefits such as higher lubricity to reduce engine wear, higher cetane, and higher solvency for cleaner engine components and fuel systems
- Easy cold flow management

Biodiesel Roundtables will be held from 9:30-11:30 a.m. and are scheduled as follows:

May 23, 2008 - Lima, University of Northwestern Ohio

May 29, 2008 - Logan, Bio Fuels Hybrid Building, Hocking College

June 3, 2008 - Miamisburg, Dayton Daily News community media room

June 5, 2008 - North Canton, Stark State College of Technology/Advanced Technology Center

Each roundtable also will conclude with a hands-on session on grants available to schools and county MRDD agencies through the Ohio Department of Development (ODOD) to cover the additional cost of biodiesel above regular diesel. To register and for more information about the roundtables, please contact Brad Couch, Director of Projects and Policies, Clean Fuels Ohio, 3400 North High Street – Suite 430, Columbus, OH 43202, (614) 884-7336, or [brad@cleanfuelsohio.org](mailto:brad@cleanfuelsohio.org).

## PUBLICATIONS

### 2007 SERB HEALTH INSURANCE REPORT

The State Employment Relations Board (SERB) recently published the “16<sup>th</sup> Annual Report on the

Cost of Health Insurance in the Public Sector.” The purpose of this project is to provide data on various aspects of health care costs for government entities. In 2007, 83% of the counties responded. Please keep in mind that the survey was sent out earlier in 2007 so that the report could be finished in early 2008. The 2007 data covers approximately 10 months instead of a full 12 months.

Reports can be ordered from SERB for \$10.00. Make checks payable to “SERB Fiscal Office.” To order, send your name, phone number, and address to: Research & Training Section, State Employment Relations Board, 65 East State Street – Floor 12, Columbus, OH 43215. For more information, please contact Tammy Johnson, (614) 466-2963 or [tjohnson@serb.state.oh.us](mailto:tjohnson@serb.state.oh.us).

## **CLASSIFIEDS**

### PLANT MAINTENANCE COORDINATOR I

Lucas County is seeking a Plant Maintenance Coordinator I. Under the general direction of the Plant Manager, oversees and performs maintenance functions to plant equipment, buildings and structures prepares, distributes, and provides direction of work assignments to the Maintenance Specialists and Laborers; performs maintenance, preventative maintenance and repairs on a variety of plant equipment; provides training to the Maintenance Specialists and Laborers (as needed); compiles, records, and files all gas, diesel fuel and sewer meter readings; orders spare parts, building maintenance supplies, and fuel.

Minimum Requirements: High school graduate or equivalent; valid Class II Wastewater Operator License and two years experience in maintenance to include; corrective maintenance, alignment of pumps, blowers and equipment, all types of piping repairs and plumbing (steel threaded and welded, PVC), cutting of metals and vehicle repair; valid drivers license or valid driving privileges in the State of Ohio; valid Commercial Drivers License (CDL) - Class B or ability to obtain within 6 months; Salary: 20.77/hr (\$43, 201.60 annually). A Class II Operator license also yields an additional 2% in pay and a Class III an additional 3% in pay. Excellent benefits

Deadline: **Wednesday, May 14, 2008 at 4:30pm.** Please submit a cover letter, application/resume outlining qualifications and a copy Class II Wastewater Operator License to: Lucas County Human Resources Department, One Government Center, Suite 450 Toledo, Ohio 43604-2259, Attn: PMC1. EOE.

### WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT OPERATOR

Clermont County has an opening for an entry level water and sewer district operator. Depending upon the applicants qualifications/certifications, they will apply as a operator 1, 2, or 3. Application deadline: **May 12, 2008.** For more information, please contact Human Resources, 101 East Main Street – Room 322, Batavia, OH 45103, (513) 732-7110 or go to [www.co.clermont.oh.us](http://www.co.clermont.oh.us). EOE.

### DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Under the general supervision of the county administrator. Manages and directs the computer operation and information technology services for all county computer systems under the Board of Erie County Commissioners. Assists other elected officials as assigned. Provides and/or facilitates technical analysis, design, development, implementation, maintenance, and support of new and/or upgrade information technology system(s) for all county offices.

Bachelor's Degree in computer science or related field and a minimum of five years experience in an information technology environment or an equivalent combination of education, training and experience. Includes administration of integrated on-line, network and application software systems Certified NT or Novell Network Administration preferred. Valid Ohio driver's license with an acceptable record is required. Pre-employment testing required. Erie County residents are preferred.

Apply at the Department of Human Resources, 2900 Columbus Avenue – Suite 210, Sandusky, OH 44870 or [www.erie-county-ohio.net](http://www.erie-county-ohio.net). Application deadline: **May 16, 2008 by 4:30 p.m.** EOE.





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#### Program Summary

Program parameters include:

Eligible Borrowers: Ohio counties whose credit is approved.

Eligible Projects: From inception the Program has financed capital projects eligible to be financed under Chapter 133 of the Ohio Revised Code. Its scope was recently expanded to cover juvenile detention facilities and qualifying judgment bonds.

Security for Loans: GO, LTGO and sales-tax pledges; or other revenue pledges approved by the LOC Bank.

Interest Rate Modes: weekly or annually adjustable (i.e. rolling notes) or fixed rate.

Length of Loans: up to 30 years (May 1, 2035 is the final maturity date for all loans).

Prepayment: without penalty in variable mode; a penalty may apply in other modes.

Bond Counsel: borrowers make own selection and negotiate their fee, which may be included in the amount borrowed or paid directly.

“All-in” Funding Cost: loan rate plus annual letter of credit, remarketing and administrative fees (all capped).

#### Program Advantages

- Convenient to use: standardized documents and procedures
- Reservations: County can “reserve funds” without cost or liability.
- Neither an underlying rating, credit enhancement nor bond insurance is required to qualify for a loan.
- Borrowing from the Pool does not trigger continuing disclosure obligations except for those borrowing 10% or more of the Program.
- Borrowers do not need to prepare (or pay to have prepared for them) an Official Statement as they would in a traditional bond issue.

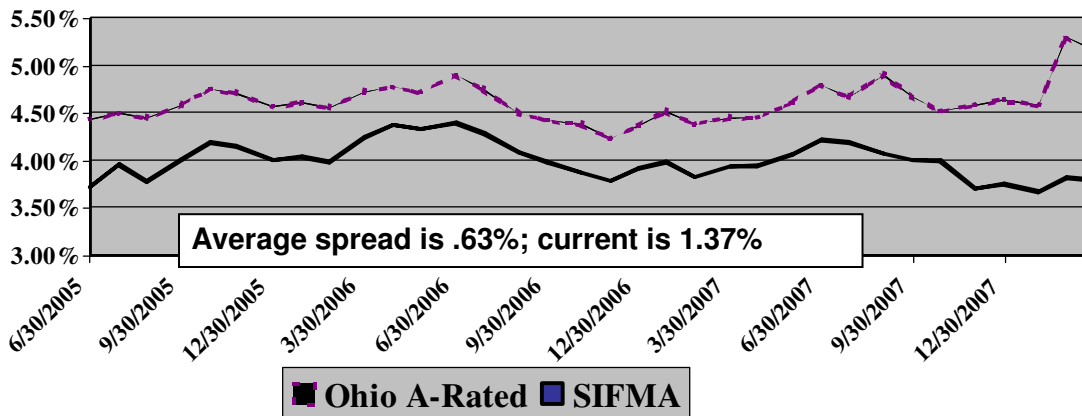
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## Interest Rate History

The program uses interest rate swaps to lock in fixed rates for its loans. The program, not the county borrowers, takes the risk on these swaps. While markets fluctuate, recently the swap market has offered significant interest rate advantage to the program in pricing its loans:

**Interest Rate Comparison**  
**Ohio A-Rated Borrowing Rate vs. SIFMA Swap Rate**  
**June 2005 to April 2008**



## Additional Information

RBC Capital Markets is available to answer your questions and can e-mail additional information including the Steps to Take to Participate, Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ), and a Preliminary Term Sheet. For more information, contact Amber Burke, Associate, RBC Capital Markets, Inc., at (513) 826-0583 or [amber.burke@rbccm.com](mailto:amber.burke@rbccm.com).

# 128<sup>th</sup> CCAO/CEAO ANNUAL SUMMER CONFERENCE

JUNE 8-10, 2008 - RENAISSANCE QUAIL HOLLOW RESORT - LAKE COUNTY (CONCORD)

## A GREAT "LAKE" EXPERIENCE

*Conference Events & Draft Agenda*

SUNDAY, JUNE 8, 2008

6:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.      **CHARTER BOAT FISHING** (Optional)

Charter fishing fees: \$600 - full day on Sunday (6:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.) Executive charters include six participants. Beverages, sandwiches, and fishing gear are provided. Participants must have a 2008 Ohio fishing license (no license sales are available on boats). Suggested attire: tennis or boat shoes, proper clothing, sunscreen, and anti-motion medicine! Fish cleaning is included in the charter fee. Bring coolers and ice to be left in your vehicles. Fish can be stored in the hotel refrigerator at the Renaissance Quail Hollow Resort. Check with the front desk for details.

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11:06 a.m.                      **GOLF AT QUAIL HOLLOW COUNTRY CLUB** (Optional)

Tee times are available on Sunday, June 8 starting at 11:06 a.m. and ending at 12:40 p.m. or Tuesday, June 10 starting at 2:13 p.m. and ending at 2:48 p.m. at the Quail Hollow Country Club, located adjacent to the Renaissance Quail Hollow Resort. The Par 71/6900 yard layout course, designed by Tom Weiskopf, has been voted the "9<sup>th</sup> Best New Upscale Course" by *Golf Digest* and "Top 100 Places You Can Play" by *Golf Magazine*. Greens fees: \$69 (includes 18 holes and shared cart). Tee time reservations are required in advance. For more information, contact Tanya Wilcox, CCAO Administrative Assistant, at (614) 221-5627 or [twilcox@ccao.org](mailto:twilcox@ccao.org).

6:00-9:00 p.m.                **THE VINEYARD EXPERIENCE AT CHALET DEBONNÉ**

In 1971, the Debevc Family created Chalet Debonné Vineyards ([www.debonne.com](http://www.debonne.com)), establishing world class standards in the Lake Erie & Grand River Valley district and developing one of the most successful wineries in the Midwest. Lake County's vineyard region has been compared to California's Sonoma Valley featuring national award-winning wineries like Chalet Debonné, South River Winery, a boutique winery in a restored church and Ferranti's. The 100-acre vineyard Chalet Debonné is Ohio's largest estate winery - growing its own grapes for fermentation. A \$40,000 signature cellar meeting/tasting area attracts visitors from across the country. A 2001 *Wall Street Journal* article noted two of Chalet Debonné wines won national awards.

Suggested attire: casual and comfortable. Buses will depart from the hotels at 5:30 p.m. and return at the conclusion of the event. A ticket to this event is included with the full conference and spouse registration.

MONDAY, JUNE 9, 2008

7:00-8:30 a.m.                **CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST**

8:15 a.m.-4:00 p.m.        **DOG WARDENS ASSOCIATION**

8:30-9:30 a.m.                **CCAO SESSION – RX TRENDS**

Because prescription drug benefit designs in the group insurance market change so frequently, it is hard to tell what, if anything, is working to control prescription drug costs. Caremark will

present a seminar covering benefit design trends, drug utilization review, and new trends in the delivery of prescription drug benefits.

**CCAO SESSION – WHEN BAD THINGS HAPPEN TO GOOD COUNTIES – LESSONS LEARNED FROM LAWSUITS AND NATURAL DISASTERS**

Hear about actual lawsuits involving employment decisions, discriminatory harassment, and civil rights violations, and steps that could have been taken to reduce the county's liability. There also will be a discussion on how to respond to floods and other natural disasters, minimizing risks, and having the appropriate insurance coverage.

- 8:30 a.m.-12:00 noon **CEAO SESSIONS** (Contact CEAO at 614/221-0707 for program information.)
- 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. **COUNTY PURCHASING ASSOCIATION**
- 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. **SANITARY ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION**
- 9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. **COUNTY LOSS CONTROL COORDINATORS ASSOCIATION**
- 9:00 a.m.-3:45 p.m. **COUNTY FACILITY MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION**
- 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. **COUNTY COMMISSIONERS CLERKS AND ENGINEERS SECRETARIES ASSOCIATION**
- 9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. **SPOUSE/GUEST ACTIVITY: DISCOVER YOUR PLACE IN NATURE**

- **Holden Arboretum** - Established in 1931, the Holden Arboretum is one of the country's largest arboreta. The original 100-acres donated by Roberta Holden Bole has grown to 3,500-acres, which includes 25 ponds and a lake; 20-miles of hiking trails; and thousands of plants, collections, gardens, and natural areas.
- **Rider's Inn** – Rich in the tradition of the Western Reserve, Rider's Inn has provided food and shelter on the "rough-and-tumble" stagecoach route from Buffalo to Cleveland since 1812. Years later, it became a stop on the Underground Railroad and a retreat for returned Civil War soldiers. Spouse/guests will experience Lake County's hospitality during lunch at this historic site.
- **Headlands Dunes & Mentor Marsh State Nature Preserves** – Enjoy a scenic, largest natural beach on Lake Erie at Headlands Dunes State Nature Preserve with many rare and unusual Atlantic coastal plain plants and a good site for migrating birds. Mentor Marsh State Nature Preserve was designated a National Natural Landmark in 1966 and occupies an ancient abandoned channel of the Grand River. Programs at Headlands Dunes & Mentor Marsh will be provided by OSU Extension.

Suggested attire: casual clothing and comfortable shoes...and bring flip-flops if you want to stroll on the beach. The bus will depart from the Renaissance Quail Hollow Resort at 9:30 a.m. and return at the conclusion of the event.

- 9:45-10:45 a.m. **CCAO SESSION – BEST PRACTICES FOR TERMINATION/DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS**  
The speaker will discuss the proper procedures to follow for terminating and disciplining employees, and how to reduce liability risks arising from termination and disciplinary proceedings.

**CCAO SESSION – 9-1-1 AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMUNICATIONS**

This session will include two presentations. The Montgomery County Commissioners will discuss their process to address the location of wireless public safety answering points (PSAPs) throughout the county. In addition, the development of the Multi-Agency Radio Communication System (MARCS) across Ohio and how the system may benefit the county's public safety and emergency communication.

- 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. **COUNTY PLANNING ASSOCIATION**
- 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. **CCAO SESSION – UPDATE FROM THE OHIO GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

Several members of the Ohio General Assembly will be invited.

12:00-1:30 p.m. **CEAO PAST PRESIDENTS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS LUNCHEON**

12:15-1:45 p.m. **CCAO BOARD OF TRUSTEES LUNCHEON AND MEETING**

1:00-3:00 p.m. **COUNTY ADMINISTRATORS ASSOCIATION**  
2:00-3:30 p.m. **CCAO/CEAO OPENING CEREMONIES AND GENERAL SESSION**

**BUILDING OHIO JOBS**

Join Lt. Governor Lee Fisher as he presents the bi-partisan \$1.57 billion jobs stimulus package that the Administration developed in partnership with Senate President Bill Harris and House Speaker Jon Husted. The package includes \$400 million for local infrastructure needs; a \$400 million November bond issue for the Clean Ohio Fund, which finances green space, farmland preservation and industrial redevelopment projects; \$250 million toward internships and co-ops under a High Education Workforce Program; \$120 million for the Historic Preservation Tax Credit; and money for logistics and distribution projects (\$100 million), bio initiatives (\$150 million), and advanced energy (\$150 million).

Auditor of State Mary Taylor also has been invited to speak at the general session.

**INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DEDICATION OF THE LADIES GALLERY PROJECT**

The Ladies' Gallery is a place of honor and learning in the Ohio Statehouse. The room pays homage to the first women Ohio legislators who paved the way for women in government and honors all women who have served the Ohio General Assembly. All counties are asked to participate in the dedication and commemorative photo re-enactment of the historic Womens' Suffrage rally on June 17, 2008. The event is free and open to the public.

3:40-4:30 p.m. **CCAO SESSION – LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**  
Tim Brown, Wood County Commissioner and Chair - CCAO General Government & Operations Committee, and the CCAO Policy Team will highlight legislative initiatives and respond to questions from the audience.

3:45-4:45 p.m. **CEAO SESSION** (Contact CEAO at 614/221-0707 for program information.)

4:15-5:30 p.m. **AREA 7 CONSORTIUM**

7:05 p.m. **LAKE COUNTY CAPTAINS v. DELMARVA SHOREBIRDS** (Optional)

The Lake County Captains ([www.captainsbaseball.com](http://www.captainsbaseball.com)) will play the Delmarva Shorebirds on Monday, June 9 and Tuesday, June 10 at 7:05 p.m. The Captains, a Class A affiliate of the Cleveland Indians, play at Classic Park, a \$27 million state-of-the-art, smaller version of the Cleveland Indians' Progressive Field. Classic Park was voted the Best Playing Surface in the South Atlantic League in 2003 and 2004. An affiliate of the Baltimore Orioles, the Delmarva Shorebirds are located in Salisbury, Maryland.

Conference registrants may pick up free ticket vouchers to the game at the Lake County Visitors Bureau table located at the Renaissance Quail Hollow. Redeem vouchers at Classic Park for one of the two games. Tickets are sponsored by the Lake County Visitors Bureau ([www.lakevisit.com](http://www.lakevisit.com)). Transportation will not be provided to the game.

*TUESDAY, JUNE 10, 2008*

7:30-8:30 a.m. **BUFFET BREAKFAST**

8:30-9:30 a.m. **CCAO SESSION – CARING FOR YOUR COUNTY'S MOST VULNERABLE RESIDENTS**

Preparing for your county's ever-increasing long-term care population presents many challenges. Experts in elder care, behavioral health, and MR/DD discuss the policy and funding issues you face, along with strategies concerning how to overcome these obstacles.

**CCAO SESSION – SIMPLE GREEN IDEAS FOR COUNTIES**

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- 9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. **COUNTY HOME ASSOCIATION**
- 9:45-10:45 a.m. **CCAO SESSION – WHAT'S GOING ON WITH COMMISSIONERS' DOG POUNDS?**  
County dog wardens from various counties will provide their perspective on what are the latest trends in the animal control profession, community interest and the role of elected officials along with legislative proposals.
- CCAO SESSION – ELECTION ADMINISTRATION UPDATE**  
Secretary of State Jennifer Brunner will join representatives from the Ohio Association of Elections Officials to discuss election administration for the 2008 Presidential Election as well as other election matters and reform proposals.
- 11:00 a.m.-12:00 noon **CCAO SESSION – OHIO'S ENERGY BILL: KEEPING THE LIGHTS ON AND WIND TURBINES**  
A short synopsis of the bi-partisan electric reregulation bill, as well as an update about the on-going discussion and implementation of wind turbines will be discussed.
- CCAO SESSION – THE VALUE OF LAKE ERIE: DISCOVER YOUR GREAT LAKE**  
Lake Erie is a world class resource with multiple uses, facing significant challenges and offering diverse opportunities. Discover Lake Erie's natural beauty, learn its history, explore its secrets. Find out how Lake Erie impacts us and how we impact the 12<sup>th</sup> largest lake in the world. Ohio Sea Grant Extension is a partnership with academia, government, and the private sector. Ohio Sea Grant Extension uses research, education and extension outreach to focus on the economy, the environment and education.
- 12:15-1:30 p.m. **CCAO/CEAO LUNCHEON**
- LAKEVIEW BLUFFS BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT**  
Lakeview Bluffs, one of the most creative brownfield redevelopment projects in the country, is located on the site of the 1,100-acre, former home of the Diamond Shamrock Painesville Works on Lake Erie. The Harvard University Graduate School of Design collaborated with Hull & Associates, Inc. and Hemisphere Development LLC on the design and development of the project. An optional tour will leave the Renaissance Quail Hollow at 1:45 p.m. and return at the conclusion of the event.
- 1:45 p.m. **LAKE COUNTY TOUR: LAKEVIEW BLUFFS BROWNFIELDS REDEVELOPMENT TOUR**  
Sign up at the CCAO/CEAO registration desk. Space is limited. The trolley will leave at 1:45 p.m. and return at the conclusion of the tour.
- 2:13 p.m. **GOLF AT QUAIL HOLLOW COUNTRY CLUB** (Optional)

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7:05 p.m.                       **LAKE COUNTY CAPTAINS v. DELVARVA SHOREBIRDS BASEBALL GAME** (Optional)  
See article on page 3 of this agenda for more information.