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### DATES TO REMEMBER

JULY 28, 2008	NW DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS AND ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION QUARTERLY MEETING, OTTAWA COUNTY (PUT-IN-BAY)
JULY 29, 2008	CORSA REGIONAL SEMINAR, GALAXY RESTAURANT, MEDINA COUNTY (WADSWORTH)
JULY 30, 2008	CORSA REGIONAL SEMINAR, SANITARY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, ALLEN COUNTY (LIMA)
AUGUST 13, 2008	CORSA REGIONAL SEMINAR, BLUE MOON EVENT CENTER, FRANKLIN COUNTY (GROVE CITY)
AUGUST 6, 2008	CCAO ANNUAL GOLF OUTING, OAKHAVEN COUNTRY CLUB, DELAWARE COUNTY (DELAWARE)
AUGUST 19-20, 2008	COUNTY COMMISSIONERS DAYS, ROSS COUNTY (CHILLICOTHE)
AUGUST 29, 2008	CORSA ANNUAL MEETING, THE RAMADA PLAZA HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER, COLUMBUS

### ASSOCIATION NEWS

#### COUNTY COMMISSIONERS DAYS – AUG 19-20

Ross County Commissioners Jim Caldwell, Frank Hirsch, and Doug Corcoran and OSU Extension invite you to attend County Commissioners Days on August 19-20, 2008 in historic Ross County (Chillicothe) - Ohio's First Capital.

Early registration fee – before August 4: Both days - \$98/one day - \$70/Tuesday or \$40/Wednesday. Late registration fee – after August 4: Both days - \$108, one day - \$80/Tuesday or \$50/Wednesday. Presenter: \$25. Child ticket to Tecumseh (16 years or younger) - \$10. Individuals are responsible for making their own lodging reservations.

For more information, please contact OSU Extension South East Region, 16714 Wolf Run Road, Caldwell, OH 43724, (740) 732-2381 or fax (740) 732-5992 or [www.ccao.org](http://www.ccao.org). Click on the article on the front page.

#### 2008 CCAO GOLF OUTING...A LITTLE GOLF AND A LOT OF FUN!

The 19<sup>th</sup> Annual CCAO Golf Outing will be held on Wednesday, August 6, 2008 at Oakhaven Golf Course, 2871 U.S. Route 23 North in Delaware County (Delaware). Oakhaven is a par 72, 18-hole golf course located in beautiful Delaware County.

The purpose of this fun event is to provide funds for the CCAO Research and Educational Foundation in

the preparation and printing of educational materials. All current and former county commissioners, other county elected officials, staff and friends are invited to attend this fun event!

In addition the 2008 outing is in memory of the late Mike Smith, former Richland County Commissioner, active member of the Alumni Association, and avid golfer.

Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. The driving range with unlimited range balls is available prior to tee-off. The 18-hole scramble with a shot gun start will start promptly at 10:30 a.m. You may pair your own foursome or permit CCAO to match your skills with other golfers. The \$70 fee includes the driving range with unlimited range balls, 18 holes of golf, cart, box lunch, beverages, and dinner.

Deadline for **registration**: July 18, 2008. If you have any questions about golfing please contact Tanya Wilcox, CCAO Administrative Assistant, at (614) 221-5627, (888) 757-1904 or [twilcox@ccao.org](mailto:twilcox@ccao.org).

**Sponsorships** are available! Deadline for sponsorships: July 18, 2008. If you have any questions about sponsorships, please contact Amanda Jones, CCAO Administrative Assistant, at (614) 220-7985, (888) 757-1904 or [ajones@ccao.org](mailto:ajones@ccao.org).

### CORSA REGIONAL SEMINARS TO INCLUDE NEW TOPICS

CORSA is again offering regional seminars to our members. This year, the following new topics will be included:

- **Avoiding Child Protection Litigation**, which will address how to avoid litigation arising out of providing services such as abuse investigation and the placement of children for adoption/foster care, and
- **Discipline/Termination Best Practices**, which will be presented by the two law firms CORSA has retained to provide HR assistance to members who use our HR Helpline.
- **Program Update**, which will include some of the risk management services available

to our members such as the HR Helpline, on line training, discriminatory harassment training, defensive driving courses and a discussion of the coverage provided by CORSA, along with an overview of how to reduce liability when entering into contracts with third parties (contractual risk transfer).

All CORSA members are encouraged to attend. A special invitation is being extended this year to the staff of our Children Services Boards, Job and Family Services and the Boards of MRDD due to their interest in the new topics being presented.

The regional seminars are being offered this year at three locations:

**July 29, 2008** - Galaxy Restaurant, 201 Park Centre Drive, Medina County (Wadsworth)

**July 30, 2008** - Sanitary Engineer's Office, 3230 N. Cole Street, Allen County (Lima)

**August 13, 2008** - Blue Moon Event Center, 1604 Gateway Circle, Franklin County (Grove City)

Registration and a continental breakfast will begin at 8:45. The seminars start at 9:30 a.m. and end at 12:30 p.m. Lunch will be provided. Following lunch a demonstration of the CORSA University on-line training will be available.

Space is limited at each location - register early. CORSA requests that each department/board to limit the number of registrants to four. If the department/board wants to send additional staff please contact us shortly before the seminar to determine if any space is available.

For more information or to register for a specific location, please email Tricia Callihan, CORSA Program Assistant, at (614) 220-7993 at [tcallihan@ccao.org](mailto:tcallihan@ccao.org).

### OHIO STATEHOUSE MUSEUM PHOTO PROJECT; CHECK THE STATUS OF THE PHOTOS FROM YOUR COUNTY!

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. 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](http://www.ohiostatehouse.org). The new Ohio Statehouse Museum is scheduled to be completed in early March 2009.

Thanks to **Allen, Champaign, Clinton, Fayette, Hancock, Henry, Knox, Putnam, Ross, Stark, Summit, Washington, Wayne, Wood, and Wyandot** counties for submitting CDs containing photos for the new Ohio Statehouse Museum project! **If your county is not listed, the Statehouse does not have your photos!**

**What type of photos should you send?**

- Diverse current and historic photos of individuals who have served their fellow citizens and made a difference in your county.
- Examples: governors, legislators, business people, farmers, concerned citizens, athletes in action, and even school children.
- Random photos of people who are young, old, male, female, etc.
- Photos do NOT need to be the top historical figures of the county.
- Submit photos of 25 individuals on a CD.

**Many counties have reported to CCAO that they have delegated the project to someone for completion. Please check with those individuals about the progress of your county photos!** Due to the importance and significance of the project, the deadline has been extended to **July 15, 2008**. If you have any questions, please contact the Capitol Square Review and Advisory Board at (614) 752-9777.

**FEDERAL ACTIVITIES**

CONGRESS IN MOTION ON PREDISASTER MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM REAUTHORIZATION

Both the House and Senate have moved to enact legislation to reauthorize FEMA's Predisaster Mitigation Grant program (PDM) for multiple years.

This is significant given that Congress has provided only a short term reauthorization for the program in past years.

The PDM grant program provides funds to states, territories, Federally-recognized Indian tribal governments, and communities for hazard mitigation planning and the implementation of mitigation projects prior to a disaster event. Funding these state and local plans and projects reduces overall risks to residents, while also reducing state and local government reliance on federal funding when communities are devastated by disasters.

On June 23, the House of Representatives approved H.R.6109, the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Act of 2008 by voice vote. On June 25, the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee approved by voice vote S. 3175, the Predisaster Mitigation Act. The legislation will now move to the Senate floor for final passage; however, significant differences between H.R. 6109 and S. 3175 may delay final approval by the President. (Contact: Dalen Harris, NACo Associate Legislative Director, at (202) 942-4236 or [dharris@naco.org](mailto:dharris@naco.org))

HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE APPROVES FY09 DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY SPENDING BILL

The House Appropriations Committee approved the FY09 spending bill for the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) during the last week of June. The legislation does not differ much from an earlier version that was approved by the Subcommittee on Homeland Security on June 12th. Most importantly, the legislation reject the President's recommendation for cuts and provides substantially more funding for key state and local first responders' assistance programs.

The House Appropriations' approved bill proposes a total of \$39.9 billion in discretionary spending for operations and activities that DHS will manage in FY09, and is more than \$2.3 billion above the Administration's requested funding level for the agency. Significantly, the committee strongly rejected the President's proposed cuts to key state and local first responder assistance programs.

The legislation will now go before the House floor, where additional amendments to the legislation are expected. (Contact: Dalen Harris, NACo Associate Legislative Director, at (202) 942-4236 or dharris@naco.org)

**PRESIDENT SIGNS WAR SUPPLEMENTAL THAT INCLUDES SIX MEDICAID MORATORIA**

President Bush signed H.R. 2642 - The War Supplemental Appropriations Bill on June 30. The U.S. Senate approved the bill in a 92-6 vote after weeks of deliberations. The bill includes the House's previously passed domestic spending amendment, with moratoria on six administration-sponsored Medicaid regulations that would have drastically cut services to our nation's most vulnerable citizens. The moratoria delay their implementation until April, 2009. Two regulations, including Targeted Case Management and the Rehabilitative Services Option, would have been especially hurtful to children in the child welfare system, as well as child welfare providers.

**NACo ACTIVITIES**

**STOLTE TO RECEIVE 2008 COUNTY COURTHOUSE AWARD**

Congratulations to Union County Engineer Steve Stolte who will receive the National Association of Counties (NACo) Courthouse Award in the rural category at the upcoming NACo Annual Conference to be held July 11-15, 2008 in Jackson County (Kansas City), Missouri.

Stolte was selected as the Rural County winner by an independent panel of judges. He is being recognized for his leadership in preserving the rural character and culture of Union County while providing a safe and efficient highway infrastructure simultaneously. After years of planning, grant writing and collaboration, five unique projects under his direction were dedicated on the same day last year: The construction of two new covered bridges, the relocation and restoration of an existing covered bridge, the construction of a multi-use trail, and the designation of a scenic byway. Steve deserves to be recognized on the national level for his 24 years of outstanding efforts and strong leadership.

The County Courthouse Awards are sponsored by Siemens and presented by NACo's Large Urban County Caucus (LUCC) and Rural Action Caucus (RAC).

**NACo ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS; 7 OHIO COUNTIES WIN 17 AWARDS**

Begun in 1970, the National Association of Counties (NACo) Achievement Award Program is a non-competitive program that recognizes counties and state associations for improving the organization, management, services and function of county government. For over 30 years the Achievement Award Program has not only honored counties and their employees, but has also provided all counties nationwide with an extensive collection of information on successful and innovative county programs. Since 1987, the records have been fully automated so that program can be accessed by geographic region, state, individual county program category, and key index boards.

The Achievement Awards Program gives national recognition to county accomplishments, and has enabled NACo to build a storehouse of county success stories that can be passed on to other counties. Achievement Awards will be presented during the 73rd Annual Conference held July 11-15, 2008 in Jackson County (Kansas City), Missouri. Congratulations to Butler, Cuyahoga, Geauga, Hamilton, Montgomery, and Summit counties for earning a total of 17 awards!

To take advantage of the largest data bank of information on new and significant county programs in the country, call the NACo Research Department at (202) 393-6226 or at [www.naco.org](http://www.naco.org) and click on "Awards" located on the left side menu.

COUNTY	PROGRAM
Butler	Contracted Center Staff Training
	Felony Non-Support Court
	Heart to Heart Connection
	Increased Collaboration & Public Involvement in Facility Planning
	Lifespan Takecare Program
	Residential Recycling Program
	Transformation Station
	Village of New Miami Sewer Project: A

	Federal, State, County & Community Collaboration
Clermont	Child Support Enforcement/Judicial Demonstration Project
Cuyahoga	Training and Technical Assistance Initiative
Geauga	Wetlands and Stream Mitigation Bank
Hamilton	"Show Me the Savings"- Collaborative Purchasing Program
	Employee Incentives for Innovation Program
	Project Impact
Montgomery	Mingle with Our Mutts
	T.R.A.S.H. (Taking Responsible Action at School and Home)
Summit	YES Graffiti Art Project

**CONFERENCES**

RESTORING PROSPERITY TO OHIO POLICY SUMMIT

Creating new prosperity and opportunity for Ohio is the subject of a summit hosted by the Brookings Institution and the Greater Ohio Policy Center on September 10, 2008 at the Greater Columbus Convention Center, 400 North High Street, in downtown Columbus.

The Summit is part of a multi-year research, policy development, and networking effort to revitalize Ohio's core communities, create new opportunities for the people of Ohio, and reinvigorate the state's economy. Plenary presentations and breakout sessions will engage participants in review, evaluation, and refinement of recommendations and goals for moving Ohio forward in areas such as economy development, transportation investments, workforce development, and neighborhood revitalization.

The Summit is free. Registration is required because space is limited. Please register after June 27 through the Greater Ohio website at [www.greaterohio.org](http://www.greaterohio.org).

For more information on the Restoring Prosperity Initiative or to download a copy of the Brookings report, "Restoring Prosperity: The State Role in Revitalizing America's Older Industrial Cities," please visit the Greater Ohio website. Please contact Lavea Brachman, Greater Ohio Co-

Director, at (614) 258-1713 or [lbrachman@greaterohio.org](mailto:lbrachman@greaterohio.org).

**ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OPINION**

SYLLABUS 2008-023

A board of county commissioners has no authority to transfer to the abutting private property owners, without following the competitive bidding procedures prescribed by R.C. 307.10, the county's fee interest in real property no longer needed by the county for highway purposes, regardless of the appraised value of such property.

**CLASSIFIEDS**

CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER

The Butler County Commissioners seek a proven leader in high-level IT management to head up IT program. Bachelor's degree in related field required; master's preferred, with ten years' experience, including five years at management level. Salary DOE, range \$103,077-135,855. Submit resume/application no later than **July 25, 2008** to Mr. Timothy R. Williams, Interim County Administrator, Butler County Board of Commissioners, 315 High Street, Hamilton, OH 45011. Butler County is an EEO/AA employer.

HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR

Portage County is seeking a human resources director. Minimum Qualifications: Master's degree in human resources, business or public administration or related field from an accredited college or university and five years of advanced level experience managing human resources operations. Must possess a valid Ohio driver's license and maintain continuing eligibility under the existing County driver eligibility standards.

Job Description: Manages all human resources functions for the departments under the Board of Commissioners. Directs the administration of employee benefits, safety and risk management, and workers' compensation for all departments of the County. Provides human resources services to other elected officials' departments upon request.

Manages and coordinates all phases of the recruiting process. Formulates personnel policies and develops methods and procedures for their effective implementation; provides interpretation of County policies, procedures, rules and federal laws. Provides technical advice on personnel matters and explains procedures to department directors, supervisors and employees; investigates and resolves personnel-related complaints. Participates in labor negotiations, assists in labor contract administration and interpretation, and participates in grievance-handling, mediation and arbitration activities. Administers classification and compensation system; coordinates market review and update of pay ranges; writes job descriptions and coordinates job evaluation activities; administers Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) compliance. Assesses training needs and plans training activities. Directs the development, implementation and coordination of safety programs for the County. Manages the periodic review and renewal of the County's insurance coverage. Develops, implements and monitors departmental budget. Supervises support and clerical staff.

Salary \$53,560 - \$75,670 DOQ. Applications may be picked up on the 6<sup>th</sup> floor of administration building or you may download a county application online at [www.co.portage.oh.us](http://www.co.portage.oh.us). You can submit your application with cover letter to Portage County Human Resources, 449 S. Meridian Street – 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Ravenna 44266. Applications must be received no later than **July 18, 2008**. EOE.

### FINANCE DIRECTOR - CITY OF HUBER HEIGHTS

The charter City of Huber Heights, with a population of 42,000, located in southwest Ohio, is a growing northern suburb of Dayton [Montgomery County]. The Finance Department is comprised of two divisions, accounting and taxation, and employs a staff of 16.

The city seeks a progressive, seasoned public sector financial manager who enjoys leading a cohesive team. Applicant must be outgoing and communicate well with staff, Council, and constituents; and must have proven diplomacy skills; must be reasonable, flexible, even-tempered,

willing to listen to others' counsel, and consistent in decision-making.

Baccalaureate degree in accounting, public administration, finance, or closely related field and minimum of ten years of increasingly responsible experience in governmental accounting, including five years of progressively responsible supervisory experience, or an equivalent combination of education and experience. MBA and CPA without extensive experience will also be considered. Private Certification as CPFO, CGFM, CTP, or similar professional certification, is desirable but not essential. A combination of education and significant public sector experience will also be considered. The Finance Director must be bondable. The compensation package includes a base salary and excellent fringe benefits. Pay range is from \$73,086.47 to \$109,630.42. The City intends to negotiate a base salary in the 3rd quartile.

For further information and a copy of the complete job description, please visit our website at [www.ci.huber-heights.oh.us](http://www.ci.huber-heights.oh.us). Application deadline is **5:00 pm, July 18, 2008**.

#### **CLASSIFIED ADS**

CCAO publishes the County Information and Data Service (CIDS) weekly. Classified ads will be published free of charge as a service to counties. Ads will run for two weeks if space is available. Ads will also be published on the CCAO website at [www.ccao.org](http://www.ccao.org). When submitting your ad to CCAO please provide a link to the job posting online and a deadline. Please provide a copy of the classified ad by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday of each week. Transmit the copy to Mary Jane Neiman, CCAO Public Relations Associate, by e-mail [mjneiman@ccao.org](mailto:mjneiman@ccao.org).