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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

VOTE FOR LENNY: NACo 2nd VICE PRESIDENT CANDIDATE IN 2009!

Athens County Commissioner Lenny Eliason has announced his candidacy for the office of NACo 2nd Vice President in 2009 at the end of the NACo Annual Conference that was held in Jackson County (Kansas City), Missouri. In a recent announcement, Eliason stated, "I believe my service and experience as an Athens County Commissioner will prove immensely valuable in leading NACo through future challenges and opportunities."

"Because I serve in a rural county, but grew up in an urban area, I am uniquely aware of the needs

and challenges of our urban, rural, and suburban counties. Athens County is a small, dynamic county of just over 60,000 in the heart of Ohio's Appalachian region, and home to Ohio University. However, I was born and raised in Cuyahoga County – Ohio's largest county."

"My involvement with NACo includes service on the Board of Directors and participation in its Finance and Membership committees. Additionally, I am the Vice Chair of the Labor and Employment Steering Committee. I have also held various offices for CCAO, including President."

"With the full support of my wife, Lisa; children, Megan and Sam; colleagues; and constituents I announce my candidacy for NACo 2nd Vice President. I humbly ask for your support."

WILL YOU BE ATTENDING THE 2008 DEMOCRATIC OR REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION?

Officials from the National Association of Counties (NACo) will be attending both the Democratic and Republican National Conventions. The Democratic National Convention will be held August 25-28 in Denver, Colorado and the Republican National Convention will be held September 1-4 in St. Paul, Minnesota.

If you are attending either of the conventions, NACo invites you to a NACo-sponsored reception honoring county officials. For further information please contact:

- Democratic Convention: Bob Fogel, NACo Senior Legislative Director, at (202) 942-4217 or
- Republican Convention: Ryan Yates, NACo Associate Legislative Director, at (202) 942-4207.

To RSVP your attendance, please send your name, title, county, address, phone, fax, and e-mail to: NACo Convention Staff at (202) 942-4281 or leave a message on the NACo Convention Hotline at (202) 942-4290.

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. Click on the article on the front page.

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

The 19th 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.

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.

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.

COUNTY ACTIVITIES

FRANKLIN COUNTY RECEIVES NATIONAL PUBLIC LEADERSHIP IN THE ARTS AWARD

The Franklin County Board of Commissioners received the National Award for County Arts Leadership, part of a series of Public Leadership in the Arts Awards given by Americans for the Arts, at the 73rd National Association of Counties (NACo) Annual Conference held July 11-15, 2008 in Jackson County (Kansas City), Missouri. Each year, the Americans for the Arts recognizes county elected officials for their vision and leadership in the advancement of the arts and arts education. Americans for the Arts is the nation's leading nonprofit organization for advancing the arts in America.

The Greater Columbus Arts Council (GCAC) nominated the Franklin County Board of Commissioners for their 15 years of ongoing support for GCAC's Community Arts Education programs. Recently, the Commissioners increased their financial commitment by 270% from \$150,000 per year to \$400,000 to support the Art in the House/Transit Arts programs, after school and teen art education programs, in partnership with the Columbus Federation of Settlements. Additionally, since 2005 the Franklin County Board of Commissioners has provided the GCAC Neighborhood Arts Grants Program with over \$200,000 to fund \$200 to 2,000 programs for amateur artists.

Commissioner Paula Brooks attended the National Association of Counties Conference and received

the award. Brooks serves as 2nd Vice President of the County Commissioners Association of Ohio and on the National Association of Counties Environment, Energy and Land Use Standing Committee.

STATE ACTIVITIES

OHIO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH DRAFT STRATEGIC PLAN – COMMENTS ACCEPTED UNTIL JULY 25

In May, the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) asked stakeholders to engage in its strategic planning process by filling out a comprehensive survey. ODH has held facilitated planning sessions and have used the information gleaned from your input to identify how best to focus efforts in addressing critical issues facing ODH and the public health system in Ohio.

ODH has developed a draft strategic plan. Over the next three to five years, it will strive to achieve targeted improvements in the health status of Ohioans. This is ODH's central challenge.

The next phase of the strategic planning process is to get input on the draft strategic plan from our various stakeholders. Please follow the link <http://accordent.powerstream.net/008/00153/Strategic Plan/ODH Strategic Plan2008.wmv> to review an 8-minute video presentation by state health director, Dr. Alvin Jackson. We ask that you review the presentation and provide comments and suggestions to help us further define ODH's efforts. Please send your comments and input by **July 25, 2008** to Robert Jennings, Director of Public Affairs, Ohio Department of Health at strategicplanning@odh.ohio.gov.

AGRICULTURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANTS AVAILABLE

Ohio communities that want to try innovative ways to enhance the viability of local agriculture and the health of area farms can apply for funding from the Center for Farmland Policy Innovation at The Ohio State University. The center, which works with local communities on their farmland protection priorities, has issued a request for proposals

focusing on community-based agricultural economic development.

Proposals are due **October 31, 2008**. The center expects to allot mini grants in the range of \$1000 to \$10,000 per project. The center expects to disburse \$25,000 for projects. Community-based agricultural economic development involves community planning, organizing and acting to enhance the viability of local agriculture and the health of area farms. By considering agriculture to be part of local economic development strategies, communities can benefit by keeping more dollars circulating in the local economy and protecting more of local farmland resources.

The three goals for this program are to see successful local projects in Ohio, innovative programs implemented so localities have examples in Ohio they can follow, and build the capacity of communities to work on protecting farmland. The end goal is to help make sure Ohio's No. 1 industry -- farming -- remains viable and locally relevant.

Primary applicants for this funding, available through the center's Farmland Protection Partnership Program, must be a governing body of an Ohio county, township or municipality, or a nonprofit organization. Proposals must include a minimum 50 percent local match to the amount requested from the center.

A press release can be viewed at <http://cffpi.osu.edu/program08.htm>. For additional information or for a copy of the request for proposals, contact Jill Clark, Director, Center for Farmland Policy, at (614) 247-6479 or clark.1099@osu.edu, or see the center's Web site at <http://cffpi.osu.edu>.

NACo ACTIVITIES

2008-2009 NACo OFFICERS ELECTED

The following officers were elected to serve in 2008-2009 at the National Association of Counties Annual Meeting held on Tuesday, July 15, 2008 in Jackson County (Kansas City), Missouri:

President – Don Stapley, Maricopa County (AZ) Commissioner

President Elect – Valerie Brown, Sonoma County (AZ) Commissioner

1st Vice President – Teresa Altemus, Gloucester County (VA) Supervisor

2nd Vice President – Glen Whitley, Tarrant County (TX) Judge

Newly elected NACo President Don Stapley has appointed Athens County Commissioner Lenny Eliason as Vice Chair of Labor and Employment. Sub-committee leadership has not been announced. CCAO representatives appointed to serve on the 2008-2009 NACo Board of Directors are Lenny Eliason (Athens) and Roger Tackett (Clark).

NACIO AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE

OHIO COUNTIES APLAUDED FOR COMMUNICATION EFFORTS; 4 COUNTIES WIN 16 AWARDS

Congratulations to Clermont (6), Delaware (1), Greene (4), and Summit (5) counties for winning a total of 16 Annual Awards of Excellence sponsored by the National Association of County Information Officers (NACIO). Nationally, over 500 projects were submitted and only 149 received awards. CCAO is honored that public information projects from Ohio counties are getting national recognition!

Awards were presented during the 73rd Annual NACo Conference held July 11-15, 2008 in Jackson County (Kansas City), Missouri. An affiliate of NACo, NACIO was established in 1966 to promote a better public understanding of the functions of county government between the public and its elected officials.

The NACIO Awards of Excellence presented this year cover projects produced and distributed during calendar year 2007. Submissions must be primarily the work of the entrant with outside assistance strictly limited to support functions, such as typesetting and printing. For a complete list of NACIO Awards of Excellence Award recipients has been published on NACIO's website at www.nacio.org. For more information about NACIO, please contact Mary Jane Neiman, CCAO

Public Relations Associate and NACIO District Director, at (614) 220-7979 or mjneiman@ccao.org.

COUNTY	PROJECT/ENTRANT	AWARD
Clermont	On the Move Newsletter for Citizens/Kathy Lehr	Meritorious & Excellence
	News Releases/Kathy Lehr	Superior
	What You Can See at County Parks/Kathy Lehr	Excellence
	Choices/Kathy Lehr	Superior
	Clermont County Today/Kathy Lehr	Excellence
Delaware	Delaware County RPC 2006 Annual Report/Scott Sanders	Meritorious
Greene	Little Miami River Valley Bike Trails Guide/Alan Raney	Excellence
	Welcome Sign/Name Badges for 80th Division Veterans/Alan Raney	Meritorious
	Be One with Nature: Think Greene/Alan Raney	Superior
	Think Greene DVD/Alan Raney	Meritorious
Summit	Clerk of Courts Magnet Mailer/David Kish	Meritorious
	First 100 Days in Office Press Conference Packet/David Kish	Meritorious
	Change for Change Logo/David Kish	Excellence
	Black History Month Website Banner/David Kish	Superior
	National County Government Day Notice/David Kish	Superior

CLASSIFIEDS

INFORMATION SYSTEMS NETWORK/SYSTEM ADMINISTRATOR

Clark County seeks an Information Systems Network/System Administrator to provide systems support and infrastructure hardware and software support for all county information systems. Responsibilities include documentation of systems; internal support for departmental users; liaison between departments, vendors, and IS Director; infrastructure support including Exchange 2003 email services, security infrastructure, and VOIP

system; installation and troubleshooting of hardware and software; and special projects.

Requirements: Bachelor's Degree or combination of nine years of education and experience; five years experience in technology networking and analysis; working knowledge of Windows 2000/XP based operating systems/applications, Windows 2000/2003 server based operating systems/applications, switch, gateway, router and firewall configurations; ability to lift 60 pounds; ability to quickly learn new systems/applications; experience in installing infrastructure and LAN software, including email, common desktop systems and technology; excellent interpersonal, communications, technical writing and customer service skills; local, state or federal governmental work experience; a valid Ohio driver's license and automobile insurance.

More details are available at http://www.clarkcountyohio.gov/personnel/job_openings.htm. Applications will be accepted until position filled. EOE.

RECORDS CENTER AND ARCHIVES COORDINATOR

Licking County Government is accepting applications for a Records Center and Archives Coordinator. The position will be responsible for all phases of planning and implementing a records management program. Duties will also include serving as secretary to the Records Commission and acting as a liaison with State agencies. Qualified applicants must possess a Master's Degree in a field related to records management, and two to four years' related experience and/or training or equivalent combination of education and experience.

For a detailed description and salary information, please visit our website www.lcounty.com or visit the Human Resources Department. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. Successful candidates will be subject to Licking County's pre-employment drug screen. Applications can be printed from the web site at www.lcounty.com or can be picked up at: Licking County Human Resources Department, 20 South

Second Street – Floor 3, Newark, OH 43055. EOE.

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.

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. 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.