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DATES TO REMEMBER

AUGUST 6, 2008	CCAO ANNUAL GOLF OUTING, OAKHAVEN COUNTRY CLUB, DELAWARE COUNTY (DELAWARE)
AUGUST 13, 2008	CORSA REGIONAL SEMINAR, PINNACLE GOLF COURSE, FRANKLIN COUNTY (GROVE CITY)
AUGUST 19, 2008	CCAO BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEETING, ROSS COUNTY (CHILLICOTHE)
AUGUST 19-20, 2008	COUNTY COMMISSIONERS DAYS, ROSS COUNTY (CHILLICOTHE)
AUGUST 29, 2008	CORSA ANNUAL MEETING, THE RAMADA PLAZA HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER, COLUMBUS
SEPTEMBER 5, 2008	CCAO HUMAN SERVICE & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS
SEPTEMBER 15, 2008	CCAO FISCAL, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS
SEPTEMBER 18, 2008	CCAO GENERAL GOVERNMENT & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS
SEPTEMBER 22, 2008	CCAO PUBLIC SAFETY & CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS

ASSOCIATION NEWS

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 would like to invite 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.

STATE ACTIVITIES

BRUNNER ORDERS COUNTIES TO PROVIDE BACKUP PAPER BALLOTS FOR TOUCH-SCREEN MACHINES

Counties using electronic touch-screen voting machines in the November 4 election must stock enough backup paper ballots to equal 25% of precinct turnouts in 2004 under a directive issued on July 25 by Secretary of State Jennifer Brunner. Secretary Brunner cited the success of the March elections, for which a similar directive was issued. Counties will be reimbursed for the costs from federal monies, her office said. Local boards received about \$175,000 in reimbursements for primary ballot purchases.

Backup paper ballots came in handy during the primary, when election boards experienced a range of snags including weather-related problems from flooding and ice storms, her office said. Along with serving as emergency contingencies, Ms. Brunner's office said the paper ballots could help alleviate some poll worker pressures during an election that is expected to generate a huge turnout as high as 80%.

Under the directive, poll workers have the option of asking voters if they want a paper ballot, but aren't required to. Ms. Brunner's office said the state would provide four informational posters "which must be prominently displayed in each polling location, alerting voters to the paper ballot option."

SEPTIC SYSTEM RULE UPDATE: DRAFT RULES AVAILABLE FOR COMMENT

As you may know, the recent Budget Bill, House Bill 119 suspended the new septic rules. The legislation provided for the invalidation of the controversial Ohio Department of Health's current home sewage disposal rules which were effective on January 1, 2007. In their place, the legislation

required the Department of Health and the Public Health Council to re-instate the rules which were in effect immediately prior to January 1, 2007, and which were also found in Chapter 3701-29 of the Ohio Administrative Code. However, the authority invalidating the current rules expires on July 1, 2009 as well.

The bill also called for the formation of the Household Sewage and Small flow On-Site Sewage Treatment Study Commission, consisting of 32-members, who will study the problems posed by home sewage disposal systems, and recommend appropriate legislation and standards to correct the problems presented. CCAO representatives on the Commission include Paulding County Commissioner Tony Burkley and Gallia County Commissioner Justin Fallon.

The commission has had a number of meetings and draft rules are available for comment. To request a copy of the draft rules, please email Janet Erwin, CCAO Administrative Assistant, at jerwin@ccao.org.

Any comments you may have on the draft rules should be forwarded AS SOON AS POSSIBLE to Cheryl Subler, Managing Director, Policy, at csubler@ccao.org or fax (614) 221-6986.

WEBINAR ON 21ST CENTURY SKILLS

The Governor's Conversation on Education Reform will be expanded at the national level. Throughout the rest of the year a series of webinars and teleconferences featuring national experts will be held. These conversations do not represent the Governor's endorsement of any specific proposal, but will permit an opportunity to dig deeper into each of the broad areas of interest.

The first Ohio Advisory Group webinar will be on **Tuesday, August 5 from 2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.** A presentation from Ken Kay, president of the Partnership for 21st Century Skills, on 21st century skills and their application to primary and secondary education will be featured.

For the audio, please dial into the following number:

- Dial-up: 1-800-761-7572
- Participant PIN: 6943631

Use this URL link for the visuals:

- <http://app.mixmeeting.com/brands/mix/mixmeeting/default.htm>
- Enter the PIN 6943631 and your name to log in.

The day of the webinar, please log in and run the compatibility check to make sure your technology will speak to the meeting technology.

For more information please contact Jennifer Brodie, Policy Assistant, Office of Governor Ted Strickland, 77 South High St, Fl. 30, Columbus, OH 43215, (614) 728-7228 or jennifer.brodie@governor.ohio.gov.

FEDERAL ACTIVITIES

HOUSE PANEL MULLS FEDERAL INCREASE FOR MEDICAID

With rumors of a second economic stimulus package making the rounds on Capitol Hill, members of the Health Subcommittee of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce gathered on July 22 to consider how additional federal support for Medicaid might fit in. Medicaid is the entitlement health insurance program for low-income parents, children, seniors, and people with disabilities. Medicaid is jointly funded by the states and federal government, and is managed by the states.

Much of the discussion centered around a whether an increase to the federal medical assistance percentage (FMAP), would be an effective way to provide economic stimulus, fiscal relief for strapped state and local governments and health care coverage to poor Americans. Delegates to NACo's recent annual conference in Jackson County, Missouri unanimously adopted a resolution calling for an FMAP increase with a county pass-through.

Contact your House Members and urge them to support the state-local Medicaid relief (H.R. 5268 by Pallone-Dingell-King-Reynolds). (Contact: Paul Beddoe, NACo Associate Legislative Director, at (202) 942-4234 or pbeddoe@naco.org)

STATE TEMPORARY ECONOMIC PRIORITY ACT TO BE CONSIDERED

On June 26, 2008, the House referred the State Temporary Economic Priority (STEP) Act, H.R. 6400, to the House Education and Labor, House Transportation and Infrastructure, House Ways and Means committees for consideration. H.R. 6400 will authorize a state to transfer or consolidate funds made available to the state under the Workforce Investment Act and the Trade Act of 1974 for certain transportation, education, and job training programs after the United States experiences economic growth at an annual rate of less than 1 percent for 2 calendar quarters. The STEP Act will allow states, in such amounts as the state determines, to transfer or consolidate funds between and among the programs. (Contact: Deseree Gardner, NACo Associate Legislative Director, (202) 942-4204 or dgardner@naco.org)

OHIO TO RECEIVE \$151 MILLION IN GRANT FUNDS, OTHER BENEFITS FROM FEDERAL HOUSING BAILOUT BILL

Ohio is in line for \$151 million in state and local grant money for neighborhood stabilization efforts and will gain new and more flexible tax-exempt bonding authority courtesy of the federal housing legislation signed into law on Wednesday. President George W. Bush had initially threatened to veto the sweeping bill, which will provide mortgage assistance to as many as 400,000 homeowners while bolstering the finances of mega-mortgage backers Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac.

Along with the money for neighborhood stabilization, the Ohio Housing Finance Agency said the state's benefits would include:

- \$376 million in volume cap increases which could help OHFA to increase the sale of tax-exempt bonds for both our single-family and multifamily programs.
- Authority for OHFA to use proceeds from the sale of tax-exempt bonds under the volume cap to help with refinancing loans.
- About \$2 million annually over 2 years for addition tax credits to help with vacant properties.

Additionally, \$180 million in the measure was earmarked for the states to use for NeighborWorks America counseling and legal assistance for homeowners facing foreclosures. OHFA said it has contacted NeighborWorks "to discuss options and possibilities for the best way to help Ohioans."

In terms of nationwide programs, OHFA said the so-called American Housing Rescue and Foreclosure Prevention Act (H.R. 3221) includes: an \$11 billion 2008 Housing Bond cap increase; a 10% Housing Credit cap hike for 2008 and 2009; permanent Alternative Minimum Tax relief for Housing Bonds and Credits; temporary Mortgage Revenue Bond refinancing authority; Housing Bond program changes; Government Sponsored Enterprise reform; establishment of a state-administered affordable housing fund; Federal Housing Administration (FHA) modernization; a new FHA foreclosure prevention refinancing program; \$180 million in foreclosure mitigation activities; and \$3.92 billion in grant funds to help states and localities turn around foreclosed properties.

NACo ACTIVITIES

CUYAHOGA AND MONTGOMERY COUNTIES RECEIVE 2008 BEST OF CATEGORY ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

For more than three decades, the National Association of Counties (NACo) has administered the Achievement Awards, a non-competitive awards program that recognizes innovative county government programs. Congratulations to Cuyahoga and Montgomery counties for winning the Best of Category in the Achievement Awards in the following award categories:

Economic and Community Development

Cuyahoga County - Training & Technical Assistance Initiative

Northeast Ohio has been economically depressed for many years. In 2005, the Cuyahoga County Department of Development formed the Training and Technical Assistance Initiative and incorporated it into a five-year planning strategy. This strategy will bring national training to Cuyahoga County, provide strategic advantages to

the region, identify the target market partners who have similar interest to help offset costs, and identify Continuing Education Credits that may be available to further support the program. For more information contact: Jonathan Holody, Senior Development Finance Analyst, Cuyahoga County Department of Development, 112 Hamilton Court, Cleveland, OH 44112, (216) 698-2576 or fax (216) 348-4479

Civics Education and Public Information Montgomery County - Mingle with Our Mutts

The Montgomery County Animal Resource Center (ARC), a partnership between the county animal shelter and animal rescue organizations, has a new facility which includes a large community room to showcase their foster animals. This central location helps both organizations. A once-a-month, two-hour event gives the ARC an opportunity to engage in community education and outreach to publicize messages which include adoption, spay, neuter, and human education. For more information contact: Michael Sagester, Shelter Manager, Animal Resource Center, 6790 Webster Street, Dayton, OH 45414, (937) 264-5467 or fax (937) 454-8139.

CONFERENCES

WIND DEVELOPMENT IN OHIO

The Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) will present a free seminar entitled, "Legal & Regulatory Solutions for Wind Development in Ohio" on September 18 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at ODNR, 2045 Morse Road - Bldg. E-1, in Columbus. The seminar is a joint effort of the Ohio Department of Development (ODOD) Energy Office, the Governor's Energy Advisor, ODNR, the Ohio Power Siting Board, and the Ohio Wind Working Group. The seminar will feature top-flight legal and regulatory specialists from both government and the private sector. It is geared toward county commissioners, township trustees, mayors, and development directors from Ohio's wind development regions. Representatives of wind developers, utilities, construction contractors, and financing specialists will also be invited to attend.

Space is limited. Additional information and a finalized agenda will be available soon. For more information, please contact Connie Snyder at ODNR at (614) 265-7062 or connie.snyder@dnr.state.oh.us.

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.

EMERGENCY SERVICES DIRECTOR

The Fulton County Board of Commissioners is accepting applications for the position of full time Emergency Services Director. This position will focus primarily upon Emergency Management and may include other emergency service responsibilities. Starting salary is expected between \$40,000 and \$55,000 depending on qualifications and responsibilities. All interested applicants should visit www.fultoncountyoh.com for more information. Method of application and deadline: All interested applicants must submit an application and resume to the Fulton County Board of Commissioners, 152 S. Fulton Street, Wauseon, OH 43567 between the hours of 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday-Friday. Application materials must be **postmarked by Tuesday, August 12, 2008 or delivered to the Board office by Wednesday, August 13, 2008.** EOE.

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.