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DATES TO REMEMBER

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

2009 WORKERS' COMP GROUP RATING PLAN REMINDER

CORSA needs to receive Group Rating documents from Auglaize, Clinton, Guernsey, Hancock, Huron, Morgan and Washington counties by August 15, 2008 in order to meet the deadline for the 2009 Group. For the PDP Group CORSA needs documents from Athens, Fayette, Vinton and Williams counties. If you have any questions please contact Beth Miller, CORSA Claim and Litigation Manager, at (614) 220-7989 or emiller@ccao.org

COUNTY ACTIVITIES

MIKE & MELODIE ADELMAN SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

Huron County Commissioner Mike Adelman and his wife, Melodie, recently announced the recipients of the eighth annual "Mike & Melodie Adelman Scholarships." "After reviewing the scholarship applications that were submitted...it's very clear that there are many outstanding students in our county," Commissioner Adelman said. "My hope is that the presentation of these scholarships, if even in a small way, can be of some help."

The \$500 scholarships were presented to 12 students that are Huron County residents and members of the graduating class of 2008 at the following high schools: Bellevue, Edison, Monroeville, New London, Norwalk, Plymouth, Seneca East, South Central, St. Paul, Western Reserve, and Willard. For more information please call Mike Adelman, Huron County Commissioner, at (419) 668-3092.

STATE ACTIVITIES

JUSTICES WON'T INTERVENE IN DISPUTE OVER DEMOLITION OF HISTORIC OHIO COURTHOUSE

Voting 6-1, the Ohio Supreme Court on Wednesday, August 6 declined to become involved in a dispute over demolition of the 1884 Seneca County Courthouse. Justices rejected a request from a group that had asked for help in saving the historic building. Opponents of the demolition argued that Seneca County Commissioners lacked authority to tear down the courthouse.

They asked justices to accept their appeal of lower court rulings, which went against them, to determine if the General Assembly has given commissioners statewide the power to demolish such historic structures. " (The) people of Seneca County have no remedy to stop two county commissioners who are preparing to demolish and destroy one of Ohio's invaluable and irreplaceable historic treasures, the 1884 Seneca County Courthouse," John Barga of Tiffin told the court in April.

Mark Landes of Columbus, representing the county commissioners, said in response that counties have a history of exercising authority over their buildings that dates to 1788. "This Court should not allow an absurd reading of a clearly-written statute to create an issue of great public or general interest," Mr. Landes said. "Issues important to a vocal minority do not require this court's attention merely if couched as a legal claim."

Justices, without comment, declined to hear the appeal. The vote was 6-1, with Chief Justice Thomas Moyer dissenting.

FEDERAL ACTIVITIES

PRESIDENT BUSH SIGNS HOUSING LEGISLATION INTO LAW

On July 30, 2008 President Bush signed into law H.R. 3221, the American Housing Rescue and Foreclosure Prevention Act of 2008, significant housing stimulus legislation in response to the U.S. housing foreclosure crisis and negative impact on the U.S. financial market. President Bush signed the bill without public ceremony. The legislation includes a major regulatory overhaul for government sponsored enterprises (GSEs) like Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, reforms to the Federal Housing Administration (FHA), and a \$300 billion expansion of the FHA's insurance programs to help struggling borrowers refinance their mortgages that are near foreclosure.

In a victory for NACo and other state, local and public interest groups, the bill includes \$3.9 billion in additional funds for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. President Bush had opposed this provision to help states and localities buy and rehabilitate foreclosed properties. The bill would provide an immediate pass-through of funds to state and local governments based in part on state and local home foreclosure percentages, number of homes financed by sub prime mortgage related loans, and the number and percentage of homes in default or delinquency in a state or unit local government. This allocation process supports an effort to target the funds to the areas with the highest need of assistance.

The U.S. Housing and Urban Development Secretary will develop the funding formula. (Contact: Daria Daniel, NACo Associate Legislative Director, at (202) 942-4212 or ddaniel@naco.org)

SRS AND PILT FUNDING LEFT UNRESOLVED AS CONGRESS ADJOURNS FOR AUGUST RECESS

Last week, the Senate voted twice to end debate on Tax Extender legislation (H.R. 6049 and S.3335), but were unable to achieve the 60 votes needed for cloture. Included in the Jobs, Energy, Families, and Disaster Relief Act (S.3335) is a four year reauthorization of the Secure Rural Schools

program and four years of full funding of Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILT).

Progress in the Senate has come to a standstill over a debate on energy. Senate Republicans want to continue debate on an energy speculation bill with planned amendments on domestic oil and gas production, oil shale, and other energy related measures. (Contact: Ryan Yates, NACo Associate Legislative Director, at (202) 942-4207 or ryates@naco.org)

HOUSE COMMITTEE SHOWS MUNI BONDS SOME RESPECT

On July 30, 2008, the House Financial Services Committee approved the "Municipal Bond Fairness Act" (H.R. 6308). The legislation, introduced by Committee Chairman Barney Frank (D-Mass.), would require that rating agencies apply the same rating scale to both municipal and corporate bonds. Even though municipal bonds have a very low default rate, they are often rated lower than corporate bonds. This practice results in higher interest rates, which leads to increased taxpayer costs.

Tax-exempt municipal bond proceeds are used to build and finance roads, schools, public buildings, and affordable housing. It is expected that uniform and accurate ratings for these bonds will result in lower borrowing costs and make it easier for new investors to participate in the municipal securities market. (Contact: Stephen Traylor, NACo Associate Legislative Director, at (202) 942-4254 or straylor@naco.org.)

SENATE JUDICIARY PASSES REAUTHORIZATION OF THE JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION ACT

With strong bi-partisan support, the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Reauthorization Act of 2008 (S.3155), as amended, was approved on July 31 by the Senate Judiciary Committee by voice vote.

NACo has been a strong supporter of the Act since its inception and played a major role in the adoption of the 1980 jail removal amendment for children in

adult jails and the 1992 amendment creating the prevention title, Title V.

The amendment was adopted 11 to 7. (Contact: Donald Murray, NACo Senior Legislative Director, at (202) 942-4230 or dmurray@naco.org)

IRS INCREASES MILEAGE RATES THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2008

In June, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) announced an increase in the optional standard mileage rates for the final six months of 2008. Taxpayers may use the optional standard rates to calculate the deductible costs of operating an automobile for business, charitable, medical or moving purposes.

The rate will increase to 58.5 cents a mile for all business miles driven from July 1, 2008, through Dec. 31, 2008. This is an increase of eight cents from the 50.5 cent rate in effect for the first six months of 2008, as set forth in Rev. Proc. 2007-70. In recognition of recent gasoline price increases, the IRS made this special adjustment for the final months of 2008. The IRS normally updates the mileage rates once a year in the fall for the next calendar year.

While gasoline is a significant factor in the mileage figure, other items enter into the calculation of mileage rates, such as depreciation and insurance and other fixed and variable costs.

The optional business standard mileage rate is used to compute the deductible costs of operating an automobile for business use in lieu of tracking actual costs. This rate is also used as a benchmark by the federal government and many businesses to reimburse their employees for mileage. The new rates are contained in Announcement 2008-63 on the optional standard mileage rates. Taxpayers always have the option of calculating the actual costs of using their vehicle rather than using the standard mileage rates.

The new six-month rate for computing deductible medical or moving expenses will also increase by eight (8) cents to 27 cents a mile, up from 19 cents for the first six months of 2008. The rate for providing services for charitable organizations is set

by statute, not the IRS, and remains at 14 cents a mile.

Mileage Rate Changes			
	Business	Medical/Moving	Charitable
Rates 1/1-6/30/08	50.5	19	14
Rates 7/1-12/31/08	58.5	27	14

NACo ACTIVITIES

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.

CONFERENCES/SEMINARS

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.

There is no charge to attend. Space is limited. A seminar brochure is attached to this issue of CIDS. For more information, please contact Connie Snyder at ODNR at (614) 265-7062, fax (614) 265-6820 or connie.snyder@dnr.state.oh.us.

OHIO UNIVERSITY EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

The Ohio University Executive Leadership Institute (OUELI) offers professional development courses for public managers in strategic leadership that focus on public value, strategy, change and performance. For the past 10 years, OUELI is offering highly-rated professional development programs that help build strategic leaders. CEU credits are available for all courses.

Leading with Vision, Value and Strategy - September 9-12

Strategic leadership is a hot topic in public management. This course provides a framework for leading a strategy-focused, highly effective organization. OUELI's three and one half-day flagship program provides a foundation in the managerial concepts of public value and strategy, and empowers public leaders to develop highly effective organizations.

Aligning Performance Measures, Strategy and Politics - October 16-17

Leaders have at their fingertips a seemingly endless stream of data, but how do you know if your organization is successful? And how do you know what data you should pay attention to? You are invited to a two-day course focused on using performance data strategically: knowing what to

measure, using the data, and communicating this data to stakeholders.

Leading Change - December 10-11

Change is constant in organizations today. This program's concepts will help you understand change and utilize it as a powerful tool to enhance the public value your organization creates. With an interactive computer simulation and class discussions, this two-day session will cover what it takes to lead a change initiative, how to deal with resistance, and how to sustain change efforts.

Additional program information and registration available online at www.ohio.edu/executiveleadership. For program or registration questions contact Eleni Zulia, (740) 593-4549 or zulia@ohio.edu.

2009 NPELRA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The National Public Employer Labor Relations Association (NPELRA) will hold next year's Annual Conference on April 5-9, 2009 in San Antonio, Texas. For more information please contact NPELRA, 1012 South Coast Highway – Suite M, Oceanside, CA 92054, (760) 433-1686, (877) 673-5721 or www.npelra.org.

ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINIONS

SYLLABUS

2008-026

1. The board of health of a general health district has the authority to dispose of the district's personal property that is obsolete, unfit for use, or no longer needed by the district.
2. Neither R.C. 307.12 nor other statutory provision prescribes a method for disposing of a general health district's obsolete, unfit, or unneeded personal property. Therefore, the board of health of a general health district must, in the reasonable and objective exercise of its discretion, promulgate a policy for determining when personal property is obsolete, unfit for use, or no longer needed by the district, and establish an appropriate process for disposing of such property.

3. The proceeds from the sale of a general health district's personal property must be deposited in the district health fund established pursuant to R.C. 3709.28.

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.

CHILDREN SERVICES ADMINISTRATOR

The Crawford County Department of Job & Family Services are accepting applications and resumes for the position of administrator for children services. This position will oversee all agency functions, including child care, foster care and adoption, Title IV-E/ProtectOhio, SACWIS, and other appropriate services and has responsibility for

maintaining all agency programs and activities including the direct delivery of service; ensuring customer service, access and delivery of service for various agency programs; determining staffing requirements and organization structures; conducting and attending meetings, training sessions; performing public relations duties representing the agency and the County Commissioners throughout the community and at the state level.

Qualifications: Masters Degree in social work and/or administration preferred; two years experience as assistant program administrator or completion of undergraduate major core coursework in behavioral science or social science or in a related field (also requires five year experience in program administration with two years supervisory experience), or four courses or two years experience in business administration, two courses or twelve months experience in finance, two courses or twelve months experience in accounting, two courses in social work or twelve months experience in social work or client services, one course or six months experience in human resources management, and one course or six months experience in written communication for business. Also requires five years additional experience in program administration of which two years of experience was in a supervisory position or education, training/and or experience in an amount equal to the minimum qualifications stated above. Salary is negotiable and will be based on education and experience.

Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. Applicants may apply by submitting a cover letter detailing salary history, current resume, references, and the qualifications as they relate to the specified minimum qualifications to Jennifer Gremling, 224 Norton Way, Bucyrus, OH 44820. EOE.

<p style="text-align: center;">CLASSIFIED ADS</p> <p>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.</p>
