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DATES TO REMEMBER

AUGUST 19, 2008	CCAO BOARD OF TRUSTEES 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
SEPTEMBER 26, 2008	CCC/ESAO SOUTHEAST REGIONAL MEETING, THE INN AT HOCKING COLLEGE, ATHENS COUNTY (NELSONVILLE)
OCTOBER, 24, 2008	CCC/ESAO SOUTHWEST REGIONAL MEETING, SPRINVIEW GOVERNMENT CENTER, CLARK COUNTY (SPRINGFIELD)

ASSOCIATION NEWS

POLICY DEVELOPMENT SURVEY

As we begin development of the *CCAO Legislative Program for 2009-2010*, we are asking for help from commissioners, their administrative staffs, and our affiliates. A County Legislative Needs Survey is attached to this issue of *CIDS* and the *Statehouse Report*. Please respond to the survey by indicating any issues which you think should be addressed by CCAO during the next General Assembly. You can review the current Legislative Program on the

CCAO website at www.ccao.org under "State Legislation." Your suggestions will be routed to the appropriate CCAO Standing Committee for review.

The CCAO Board of Trustees will recommend the *CCAO Legislative Program for 2009-2010* for adoption by the full membership during the 128th CCAO/CEAO Annual Winter Conference. Please return your survey by **Friday, August 29, 2008**, so that we may give your suggestions full consideration in the development of the *CCAO Legislative Program for 2009-2010*. You may also fax your survey to (614) 221-6986 or e-mail your

suggestions to Amanda Jones, CCAO Administrative Assistant, at ajones@ccao.org

2009 WORKERS' COMP GROUP RATING PLAN
REMINDER – INFO DUE AUGUST 15

CORSA needs to receive Group Rating documents from **Auglaize, Hancock, and Morgan** 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, 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. Fax the information to (614) 220-0209.

COUNTY ACTIVITIES

HAPPY 200th BIRTHDAY, PORTAGE COUNTY!

A year-long bicentennial celebration for Portage County has included a Bicentennial Gala, Portage County Bicentennial Night at Cleveland Indians Progressive Field, Memorial Recognitions at community cemeteries, and the largest event of the year when nearly 6,000 gathered for a birthday party, parade and spectacular fireworks show.

In addition to the unique fireworks show choreographed to music and shot simultaneously from three sites including the roof of the court house, the birthday party included a parade with participants from all political subdivisions, community officials, bands, choirs, food vendors, and games.

A vintage style baseball game with the Portage Bicentennial Locals playing the Akron Black Stockings from Stan Hywet Hall will be played on August 16. Creative posters designed by each political subdivision are featured on a traveling "road show" which continues to appear at local fairs, parades and festivals. A legacy project of family histories submitted by community members, is also on-going, and a professionally acted historical play will be performed at elementary schools in the fall. Unique items from around the county, including the three universities, are being gathered for the time capsule ceremony in December.

Portage County was founded in 1808 by the Ohio General Assembly. Trumbull County was divided and the new division was called "Portage County." Many areas in Summit County were originally in Portage County. It was at this time in history that the Portage County Commissioners positions were created, elections were held as well as the county seat designated to be located in Ravenna.

STATE ACTIVITIES

SUPREME COURT BEGINS TO IMPLEMENT
\$10.5 MILLION STATEWIDE DATA NETWORK
SERVING JUSTICE SYSTEM

The Ohio Supreme Court began statewide implementation on Wednesday, August 13 of a \$10.5 million closed computer network that will give at least 3,000 justice system agencies access to an electronic warehouse of case-related data. Some employees of courts across the state already have undergone training in use of the Ohio Courts Network. The court selected the Unisys Corp. to build the system that allows users to tap into a central records repository via the Internet. Unisys partnered with Metatomix Inc., a company that produces web-based data sharing platforms.

The network will download, integrate and securely store information from courts, and create an interface with other state agencies. Among them are the Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation, the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, and the Department of Rehabilitation and Correction. Users will be able to search for criminal histories, warrants and protection orders, pre-sentence investigations, background checks, handgun pre-purchase reviews, and pre-custody reviews.

Operating costs, which reflect a percentage of equipment and licensing costs, are expected to amount to at least \$1.5 million. Users are not required to pay a fee. Rollout of the system began with connection of courts to the network data warehouse, and sessions to train users. Chief Justice Thomas Moyer said the network would improve the flow of information between courts and justice system agencies through the availability of current, accurate and centralized data. "Judges will know more about the person charged with a crime who's standing before them, and state agencies will

be able to access case disposition data as soon as the court has entered it into the local system," Justice Moyer said in a news release.

Robert Stuart, the court's director of information technology, said connecting all courts to the network will take months to complete. However, he said courts could use its capabilities to search the databases of various justice system agencies. "Our goal is to get the application into the hands of the people who need it most, while we simultaneously work to connect the courts of the state," Mr. Stuart said. "We have trained more than 300 people to date and expect another 200 to complete training by the end of the month."

Seventeen courts in urban and rural counties were chosen last year to participate in a pilot project for the network. (Source: Gongwer News Service)

FEDERAL ACTIVITIES

NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY – SEPT. 27

National Public Lands Day began in 1994 with three federal agencies and 700 volunteers. Last year, nearly 110,000 volunteers worked in 1,300 locations in every state. Now eight federal agencies and many state and local lands participate in this annual day of caring for shared lands.

National Public Lands Day keeps the promise of the Civilian Conservation Corps, the "tree army" that worked from 1933-42 to preserve and protect America's natural heritage. This annual event:

- Educates Americans about critical environmental and natural resources issues and the need for shared stewardship of these valued, irreplaceable lands;
- Builds partnerships between the public sector and the local community based upon mutual interests in the enhancement and restoration of America's public lands; and
- Improves public lands for outdoor recreation with volunteers assisting land managers in hands-on work.

As of press time, six sites in Ohio have been registered: Academy Park/Wolfe Park and Alum

Creek Greenway, Berlin Lake, C.J. Brown Dan and Reservoir, Paint Creek Lake, Perrysburg Rotary Community Park, and William Howard Taft National Historic Site. For more information or to register your site go to www.publiclandsday.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.

NATIONAL SURVEY OF COUNTY ELECTED OFFICIALS

In July, the National Association of Counties (NACo) released the results of a survey entitled "Local Perspectives: A Report from the National Survey of County Elected Officials, 2008." The survey was conducted by NACo and the National Center for the Study of Counties (NCSC) at the University of Georgia's Carl Vinson Institute of

Government. This poll, first conducted in 2004 and now in its fifth year, paints a portrait of county elected officials and measures their collective viewpoints on the health of America's counties and on current issues that affect the lives of the people they serve.

In May 2008, surveys were sent to 112 counties with populations of 500,000 or more and results were received from 25 of those counties. Results were received from 25 counties in 17 different states, representing the various geographic section of the country.

Several major findings from the 2008 survey include:

- A majority of county elected officials view either the economy or fuel prices as the most important problem for the United States. A majority cited fuel and utility costs, along with decreases in federal and state funding and infrastructure, as the biggest impediments to counties' economic growth.
- The percentage of county elected officials who said that the United States is heading in the right direction is at its lowest point in the poll's history.
- For the first time since the poll began, there is not a majority of county officials who believe their county's economic conditions are getting better.
- Optimism about economic conditions at the national and county level has drastically decreased among Republican county elected officials.
- The general public is more likely than county officials to be concerned about the possibility of technical issues affecting electronic voting machines, whether those issues originate accidentally or intentionally.

To download a copy of the report to go www.naco.org. Click on County Resource Center>Library>Publications. For more information about the study contact Jackie Byers, NACo Director of Research, at (202) 942-4285 or jbyers@naco.org.

AWARD PROGRAMS

2009 DOZEN DISTINCTIVE DESTINATIONS® AWARDS

The National Trust for Historic Preservation is accepting nominations for its 2009 Dozen Distinctive Destinations® awards. Each year since 2000, the National Trust for Historic Preservation has selected 12 vacation destinations across the United States that offer an authentic visitor experience by combining dynamic downtowns, cultural diversity, attractive architecture, cultural landscapes and a strong commitment to historic preservation and revitalization.

Nominations are now being accepted for the list of 2009 Dozen Distinctive Destinations®. The application fee is \$150. Nominations must be submitted by Convention and Visitors Bureaus, Chambers of Commerce, Main Street organizations, or preservation organizations. Individual nominations will not be accepted. All nominations must be received by **Friday, August 29, 2008**. The 2009 Dozen Distinctive Destinations® will be announced in mid-January 2009.

Apply online at www.preservationnation.org/ddd. You must e-mail dozen@nthp.org at least five high-resolution photographs (Minimum 2 MB in size; 300 dpi JPEGs) with captions and photo credits, and two letters of support. One of your photographs should include the "This Place Matters" signage found online at <http://my.preservationnation.org/site/PageServer?pagename=thisplacematters>.

CONFERENCES/SEMINARS

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.

CLASSIFIEDS

CHILDREN SERVICES ADMINISTRATOR

The Crawford County Department of Job & Family Services is 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.

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.

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

Franklin County seeks an Assistant Director supports the Director of the Sanitary Engineering Department, who reports to the Board of Commissioners, with engineering, operational, and management duties. Responsibilities include planning, organizing and directing the operations of water and sewer divisions, field office maintenance, and construction. Will oversee the completion of

design plans for water, sewer, and construction projects; review construction and material submittals; pay estimates; all construction related items; and conduct inspections of construction projects. Report preparation will include annual Consumer Confidence Reports and departmental operational budget reports.

Preferred Qualifications: BS in Civil Engineering or related engineering field and registration as an EI required. 2-5 yrs experience in water, wastewater or construction industries and 2-5 yrs experience supervising water and wastewater personnel required. Registration as a PE in OH with civil engineering exp. and possession of OH EPA Water and/or Wastewater Operator Level 1 minimum certification desired.

Current Salary range: \$64,379 to \$83,682 plus very generous benefits package.

To apply please go to www.franklincountyohio.gov/Commissioners/hr and apply on-line. 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>
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