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ASSOCIATION NEWS

CCAO HOSTING OPEN FORUM WITH SOS OFFICE ON ADA COMPLIANCE AT POLLING PLACES THURSDAY, SEPT 18 FROM 11:00 TO 1:00

A number of questions about how the Secretary of State's office is administering ADA Compliance for

polling locations came up at the August CCAO Board of Trustees meeting. Subsequently, CCAO staff has organized an open forum with representatives from the Secretary of State's Office on **Thursday, September 18 from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM** at the CCAO Office (37 W. Broad St., Ste. 650, Columbus).

This is an open forum, and all county commissioners are welcome to attend. Simply RSVP to Janet Erwin, CCAO Administrative Assistant, at (614) 220-7986, (888) 757-1904, or jerwin@ccao.org since a light lunch will be provided.

The CCAO General Government Committee will convene at 1:00 p.m. following this open forum on ADA compliance.

CCAO GENERAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE TO CONVENE SEPTEMBER 18

The CCAO General Government & Operations Committee will meet Thursday, September 18 at 1:00 p.m. in the CCAO Offices (37 W. Broad Street, Suite 650, Columbus, OH 43215).

This meeting is very important as the Committee will consider whether to make a recommendation to the CCAO Board of Trustees on various statewide ballot issues. CCAO already is on record as supporting State Issue 1 (election petition filing date changes) and State Issue 2 (Clean Ohio Fund renewal), so additional action is not anticipated. Sponsors of State Issue 4 have requested the Ballot Board remove the proposal from the November ballot; hence, consideration by the CCAO General Government Committee on this issue also is not anticipated. Thus, the Committee will discuss State Issue 3 (Water Protection), State Issue 5 (Pay Day Lending), and State Issue 6 (My Ohio Now/Casino Proposal), and determine whether the committee would like to make any position recommendations to the CCAO Board of Trustees.

In addition, the Committee will review the Legislative Platform and Priority Items that come under the Committee's purview as well as review any changes that county commissioners and affiliates have suggested be made to the Platform for the next two-year legislative session, which kicks off in January.

Please RSVP your attendance for the General Government Committee meeting to Janet Erwin, CCAO Administrative Assistant, at (614) 220-7986, (888) 757-1904, or jerwin@ccao.org.

CCAO FISCAL, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE TO MEET SEPT. 15

Gerald Potter, Hardin County Commissioner and CCAO Fiscal, Economic Development and Infrastructure Committee Chair, has scheduled a meeting of the Committee on Monday, September 15, 2008 from 10:00 a.m. until the finish of business in the CCAO Offices, 37 West Broad Street - Suite 650, in downtown Columbus.

The purpose of the meeting is to review and make revisions to the current CCAO platform issues in the fiscal, economic development and infrastructure areas (formerly elements of economic development and planning, infrastructure and environment, and taxation and finance committee areas). It should be noted that certain environmental issues (solid waste and air quality) and certain infrastructure issues such as prevailing wages are now assigned to the General Government and Operations Committee (formerly CCAO Legislative Committee). An additional purpose of the meeting is to review new legislative issues generated in part from responses to legislative surveys distributed by CCAO to all members and affiliate members within the past month. A summary of the results of the survey for this subject area will be compiled and distributed to committee members prior to the meeting.

Lunch will be provided during the noon lunch hour. In order to get an accurate count for lunch, please contact Janet Erwin, CCAO Administrative Assistant, at (614) 220-7986 or jerwin@ccao.org by September 8 if you plan to attend the meeting.

COUNTY LOSS CONTROL COORDINATORS ASSOCIATION FALL MEETING

The County Loss Control Coordinators Association (CLCCA) annual fall meeting will be held on Friday, September 26, 2008 at Troyer's Dutch Heritage Restaurant in Richland County (Bellville), I-71 at Exit 165 between Mansfield and Columbus. Topics include: When Bad Things Happen to Good Counties (presented by the CORSA Claims Team), Human Resources Update (presented by Downes, Hurst, and Fishel), and Workers Comp Update: MIRA 2 and the New Wage Continuation Rules

(presented by CompManagement/Sedgewick CMS). Lunch is provided. CLCCA members may attend at no cost. There will be a \$15 fee for non-members. Please register by September 22, 2008. To register, contact Pat Harsh, CLCCA Secretary-Treasurer, 349 1/2 Main St, Coshocton OH 43812, (740) 295-7467, fax: (740) 622-4917, or e-mail patharsh@coshoctoncounty.net.

CCAO NOMINATING COMMITTEE APPOINTED

The CCAO Board of Trustees approved the appointment of a five-member nominating committee at the August 19, meeting of the CCAO Board of Trustees, which was held in Ross County (Chillicothe).

The Committee, appointed by CCAO President Daniel Troy, will be chaired by Olen Jackson, Morrow County Commissioner. Other members include:

- 1) Joe Moroski, Ashtabula County Commissioner
- 2) David Pepper, Hamilton County Commissioner
- 3) Chris Abbuhl, Tuscarawas County Commissioner
- 4) Tim Brown, Wood County Commissioner

It is the responsibility of the Committee to recommend a slate of officers and board members to be elected at the Annual Business Meeting on Tuesday, December 9, 2008, during the CCAO/CEAO Winter Conference. Nominations also will be accepted from the floor. The committee will be nominating candidates for the offices of president, first vice president, second vice president, secretary and treasurer. In addition, seven members will be nominated to serve on the Board of Trustees for two-year terms. The Nominating Committee also will fill any vacancies that may exist where members elected to a two-year term will not be returning to office or where a member forfeits office for non-attendance. The seven members whose terms to the Board expire this year include: David Dhume, (Madison), Ray Feikert (Holmes), Gerald Potter (Hardin), Peter Lawson Jones (Cuyahoga), Nancy McKeen (Erie), Mary Walker (Clermont), and Ron Widener (Miami).

The nine members appointed by President Troy whose one year term to the Board expires at the end of this year include: Mike Crabtree (Scioto), Brian Hill (Muskingum), Ben Konop (Lucas), Edward Kuenzli (Wyandot), Cheryl Noah (Wayne), Margery Paeltz (Brown), Gary Starner (Hocking), Roger Tackett (Clark), and Dan Polivka (Trumbull).

In accordance with the CCAO Bylaws, the six most recent past presidents who still hold the office of county commissioner are entitled to a seat on the Board of Trustees. In 2009 those individuals will include: Bob Corbett (Champaign), Lenny Eliason (Athens), Patricia Geissman (Medina), Olen Jackson (Morrow), and Daniel Troy (Lake).

The Committee must make its recommendations no later than November 3. The report will then be published in CIDS, and an individual copy of its report will be sent to each commissioner.

On September 19, CCAO will send to all commissioners at their home addresses an application form to express interest to become an officer or a member of the CCAO Board.

A CCAO Nominating Candidate Questionnaire will also be included. Both forms must be returned no later than November 3 to the committee chair: Olen Jackson, Morrow County Commissioner, 80 North Walnut Street, Suite A, Mt. Gilead, OH 43338. In addition, **mail a copy to CCAO, 37 W. Broad Street, Suite 650, Columbus, Ohio 43215, in an envelope marked: NOMINATING COMMITTEE – ATTENTION: KATHY DILLON**

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Olen Jackson at (419) 947-4085, or call CCAO Executive Director Larry Long at (614) 221-5627.

2008 CCC/ESAO REGIONAL MEETINGS SCHEDULED

Over the past five years, the County Commissioners Clerks and Engineers Secretaries Association of Ohio (CCC/ESAO), CCAO's first and oldest affiliate organization, have held a series of very successful regional meetings around the state. The purpose of these meetings is for CCC/ESAO members to share their knowledge with other clerks and secretaries that are unable to attend

conferences and workshops.

These informal meetings are open to all commissioners' clerks, deputies, engineers' secretaries, or administrative assistants to discuss various topics of concern in your county. Please plan to attend one of the final two regional meetings. The meeting topics are tailored to meet the needs of each district. All meetings will start at 10:00 a.m. and end at 2:30 p.m. There is no charge to attend. Lunch will be sponsored by CCAO/CEAO. **The CCAO Board of Trustees encourages all county commissioners to permit their clerks and other office support staff to attend one of the following meetings.**

**SEPTEMBER 26, 2008 – SOUTHEAST REGION –
ATHENS COUNTY**

LOCATION: The Inn at Hocking College, 15770 State Route 691, Athens County (Nelsonville)

For more information, please contact CCC/ESAO SE District Representative Crystal Digenova, Administrative Assistant, Tuscarawas County Commissioners, at (330) 365-3240 or commissioners@co.tuscarawas.oh.us.

**OCTOBER 24, 2008 – SOUTHWEST REGION –
CLARK COUNTY**

LOCATION: Springview Government Center, 3130 East Main Street, Clark County (Springfield)

For more information, please contact CCC/ESAO SW District Representative Dianna Harris, Administrative Assistant, Montgomery County Engineer's Office, at (937) 225-4904 or harrisd@mcoho.org.

For more information, please contact the 2008 CCC/ESAO President Susan Schmunk, Administrative Assistant, Williams County Engineer's Office, (419) 636-2454 or sschmunk@wmsco.org.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS RING

In 1986, CCAO authorized the creation of an official ring for county commissioners. The ring was designed at the request of current and former county commissioners under the guidance of CCAO. To order a ring, please contact Mike Miller at Miller's Jewelers in Mansfield at (419) 522-2793

or www.millersjewelry.com. It takes about six weeks for delivery of the rings.

COUNTY ACTIVITIES

MEDINA COUNTY HUMAN RESOURCES WEB SITE

Check out the Medina County Human Resources web site at www.hr.medinaco.org/Test/test.htm. The site is designed to assist employees in learning more about their employment opportunities and benefits. You can even take a quiz, which will change periodically, to test your knowledge of working for Medina County. The site includes important information such as the employment manual for employees of the Board of County Commissioners, tables of organization for departments reporting to the Medina County Commissioners, links to the Employee Assistant Program and Work/Life Programs information and services, Commissioners' News that includes summaries of actions taken at the Boards' weekly meetings, a variety of online forms, and general information covering a wide range of topics, and employment opportunities.

WANTED: YOUR COUNTY NEWS

Do you have information to report about your county? Has an official or employee received special recognition? Has the county received an award? Do you have a new program that you would like to share information about? Do you want information from another county to help you with an issue or program? Send your information to Mary Jane Neiman, CCAO Public Relations Associate, at mjneiman@ccao.org or fax (614) 221-6986.

STATE ACTIVITIES

SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH. HOW READY ARE WE?

The Ohio Emergency Management conducted the Ready campaign's emergency preparedness survey during this year's Ohio State Fair. One hundred forty eight people from at least 22 Ohio counties were asked 10 questions about emergency preparedness and emergency

management. Results showed that the majority knew that their counties had an emergency management agency (105 out of 43); knew who to contact during an emergency; and were aware of the Emergency Alert Service and what media to use to obtain emergency information.

When it comes to being prepared - having a disaster supply kit, family communication or reunification plans or practicing home tornado drills, fire drills or escape/evacuation plan - a large majority of households are not ready.

According to the Department of Homeland Security's Ready Campaign, 91 percent of Americans agreed that taking some simple steps to be prepared could help protect them and their families in the event of an emergency. But only 54 percent had taken at least one of the three steps to be ready and prepared.

Public safety, homeland security and emergency management leaders encourage citizens to Get Ready by exercising the following:

- **Get a Kit.** When preparing for a possible emergency situation, it's best to think first about the basics of survival: fresh water, food, clean air and warmth.
- **Make a Plan.** Make sure you have a family emergency plan. Your family may not be together when disaster strikes, so it is important to plan in advance: how you will contact one another; how you will get back together; and what you will do in different situations.
- **Be Informed.** Being informed about the different types of emergencies that could happen where you live and the appropriate ways to respond to them will impact the decisions you make and the actions you take. In addition, learn about the emergency plans that have been established in your area by your state and local government.
- **Get Involved.** After preparing yourself and family for possible emergencies, take the next step: get training in first aid and emergency response and get involved in preparing your community.

Go to www.ready.ohio.gov to register your preparedness events and order free materials.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY ASKS COMMISSIONERS TO REVIEW THE OHIO STATEWIDE COMMUNICATIONS INTEROPERABILITY PLAN

The Ohio Department of Public Safety is asking commissioners to review the update of the Ohio Statewide Communications Interoperability Plan (SCIP) which was completed in March 2008, and has now been approved by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. The Ohio SCIP outlines the status of communications interoperability throughout Ohio and sets strategic goals for the statewide improvement of interoperable communications. Public Safety Director Henry Guzman notes that, "The approval of this plan forms the direction for the state to move forward toward full communications interoperability and assures Ohio's continued eligibility to receive U.S. Homeland Security and other federal interoperable communications grants."

The plan is available at www.ema.ohio.gov/scip.pdf. CCAO encourages you to review and share this plan with your local communications professionals and to use the plan as the state continues its efforts to achieve seamless communications interoperability among all first responders state-wide.

OHIO EPA REVISITS WATER QUALITY REGULATIONS; FIRST OF FOUR NEW RULE PACKAGES POSTED FOR COMMENTS

Last week, the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA) announced the start of a regulatory overhaul said to be the most significant revision of water pollution protections in three decades. The agency posted the first of four rules packages for review and comment, with the other three slated for release over the next two months. OEPA wants to impose the new regulatory structure next year.

The new rules were generated partly in response to a recent federal court case over environmental impacts to small streams. The revisions also are a continuation of a process started a few years ago to

update water pollution standards that met with enough opposition that the state agency took a step back to reconsider its approach. The result is a package that is more stringent in some ways and less in others than the rules that prompted controversy. The set of rule packages, once having cleared the legislature, aim to enhance protections for lakes, rivers, streams and other surface water bodies from pollution, according to OEPA.

The first set of draft rule changes to water quality standards include new and revised:

- beneficial use designations for aquatic life, recreation, agricultural drainage and navigation,
- human health criteria for about 135 chemicals,
- criteria for bacteria,
- new and revised aquatic life criteria for seven chemicals, and
- provisions for regulating agricultural ditches and primary headwater habitat streams.

OEPA said its approach, based on the latest scientific findings and federal standards, is aimed at better meeting Clean Water Act goals and improved clarity and understanding of the rules. Part of the impetus behind the new rules, OEPA said, is a 2006 U.S. Supreme Court decision that removed the authority for the Army Corps of Engineers to regulate dredge and fill projects on small isolated streams.

The deadline for commenting on the first set of rule changes is September 30, 2008. A related draft antidegradation rule and the draft Section 401 water quality certification rules are slated for unveiling next month, and the draft stream mitigation protocol rules will be released in November. The agency said it plans to propose the new rules early next year, after which another comment period will be scheduled.

NACo ACTIVITIES

COUNTIES IN PICTURES PHOTO CONTEST

Share the moments when your county was at its finest through the 2008 Counties in Pictures Photo Contest sponsored by the National Association of Counties! You will be able to vote for your favorite photos online in the NACo members-only website this fall. Finalists will be featured in a special spread in NACo's *County News*. Twelve exceptional pictures will be selected by NACo staff to appear in a 2009 calendar that will be available online for purchase.

To check out the submission rules & guidelines go to www.naco.org and click on the story on the front page or contact Jack Hernandez, NACo Graphic Artist, at (202) 942-4250 or jhernandez@naco.org.

CLASSIFIEDS

CHILD SUPPORT STAFF ATTORNEY

The Fairfield County Job and Family Services, Child Support Enforcement Agency (CSEA) seeks a self-starter to fill an entry-level position as a full-time Staff Attorney/Special Assistant Prosecutor. Responsibilities will include representing the CSEA in civil and criminal prosecutions, administrative and civil establishment of paternity, establishment of support orders and modifications, and preparation of motions, briefs and other legal documents. Readiness for a substantial caseload and excellent people skills are a must. The position involves a degree of professional autonomy in handling cases. Experience in child support issues and/or litigation is a plus. Applicants must be admitted to the Ohio Bar and be in good standing. The annual salary is \$38,792. Applicants should submit a resume, cover letter, writing sample, and civil service application to Human Resource Director, 239 West Main Street, Lancaster, OH 43130 by **September 29, 2008**. Applications can be found on-line at <http://www.state.oh.us/das/dhr/jobapp.html>. NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE. EOE.