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DATES TO REMEMBER

SEPTEMBER 22, 2008	CCA O PUBLIC SAFETY & CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE, CCA O OFFICES, COLUMBUS
SEPTEMBER 26, 2008	CCC/ESAO SOUTHEAST REGIONAL MEETING, THE INN AT HOCKING COLLEGE, ATHENS COUNTY (NELSONVILLE)
SEPTEMBER 26, 2008	CCA O AGRICULTURE & RURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, CCA O OFFICES, COLUMBUS
SEPTEMBER 26, 2008	CLCCA FALL MEETING, TROYER'S HERITAGE RESTAURANT, RICHLAND COUNTY (BELLVILLE)
SEPTEMBER 29, 2008	NW OHIO COMMISSIONERS & ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION QUARTERLY MEETING, GALION COUNTRY CLUB, MORROW COUNTY (GALION)
OCTOBER 1, 2008	CCAOSC NATURAL GAS PROGRAM ANNUAL MEETING, CCA O OFFICES, COLUMBUS
OCTOBER 24, 2008	CCC/ESAO SOUTHWEST REGIONAL MEETING, SPRINGVIEW GOVERNMENT CENTER, CLARK COUNTY (SPRINGFIELD)
DECEMBER 7-10, 2008	CCA O/CEAO ANNUAL WINTER CONFERENCE, HYATT REGENCY, COLUMBUS

ASSOCIATION NEWS

REQUESTS TO CCA O NOMINATING COMMITTEE DUE NOVEMBER 3, 2008

On September 19, 2008, Olen Jackson, Morrow County Commissioner and CCA O Nominating Committee Chair, sent each county commissioner a memo detailing CCA O nominating procedures for 2008.

The Committee will nominate individuals for the offices of president, first vice president, second vice president, secretary and treasurer. It will also recommend seven members to serve two year

terms on the CCA O Board in 2008 and 2009.

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 terms to the Board expire 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).

Finally, the CCAO Nominating Committee Request Form and Candidate Questionnaire must be submitted by November 3, 2008 as follows:

1. Olen Jackson, Morrow County Commissioner, 80 North Walnut Street, Suite A, Mt. Gilead, OH 43338 no later than November 3, 2008 or email at morrowco@rrohio.com
2. A copy should also be sent to: CCAO, 37 West Broad Street, Suite 650, Columbus, Ohio 43215, **ATTN: KATHY DILLON-NOMINATING COMMITTEE** or email at kathydillon@ccao.org

CCAOSC NATURAL GAS PROGRAM ANNUAL MEETING

The CCAO Service Corporation Natural Gas Program Annual Meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, October 1, 2008 at 10:30 a.m. in the CCAO Offices in Columbus. Attendance of all counties participating in the Natural Gas Program is encouraged. A savings analysis from the past year will be presented by Exelon Energy, manager of the program. On overall analysis of the program will be presented by Palmer Energy Company.

Lunch will be served. Please RSVP your attendance on or before September 25, 2008 to Amanda Jones, CCAO Administrative Assistant, at (614) 220-7985, (888) 757-1904 or ajones@ccao.org.

NW OHIO COMMISSIONERS & ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION QUARTERLY MEETING

Morrow County Commissioners Olen Jackson, Rodney Clinger, and Richard Miller and County Engineer L. Randy Bush will host the next NW Ohio Commissioners & Engineers Association Quarterly Meeting on Monday, September 29, 2008 at Galion Country Club, 4810 State Route 309, in Galion. Daily schedule: 11:00 a.m. - meeting registration and golf begins, 11:30 a.m. - tours, 3:30 p.m. - business meeting, 4:30 p.m. - socializing, and 5:30 p.m. - dinner.

Non-golfers will leave at 11:30 a.m. for the Owl Creek Produce Auction, which takes place three

times each week during the height of Ohio's growing season. A box lunch will be served at noon. After lunch registrants will tour Mid-Ohio True Sports Raceway, a permanent road course known as the "most competitive in the U.S." The course has both a 2.3 mile, 15-turn configuration and a 2.25 mile, 13-turn layout.

Registration fee: \$20 (includes tours, transportation, and dinner.) Deadline: September 23, 2008. For more information please contact Sherry Gruber, Clerk, or Cheryl Hancock, Assistant Clerk, Morrow County Commissioners, 80 North Walnut Street – Suite A, Mount Gilead, OH 43338, (419) 947-4085, fax (419) 947-1860 or morrowclk@rrohio.com.

Golf outing information: \$31 for greens fees (includes 18-holes, cart, and lunch at the turn). Plan to pay the day of the event. For more information please contact Olen Jackson, Morrow County Commissioner, at (419) 947-4085.

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@mcohio.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

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

OEPA COMPLETING PLAN FOR SOOT
EMISSIONS WITH TOUGHER STANDARDS
WAITING

State regulators are nearing completion of a plan to
comply with clean air standards for soot, however
the federal government has since imposed new,
more stringent requirements for fine particulate
emissions. The Ohio Environmental Protection
Agency (OEPA) has scheduled public hearings this
month on its proposed State Implementation Plan
that would bring 27 counties into compliance with
federal air quality standards for particulate matter
that were established in 2001.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency will
finalize its designations for the new standards by
the end of the year. Then OEPA will have three
years to develop a new SIP to detail how the state
will bring those areas into attainment with the
tougher requirements.

Complicating matters is the fact that the plan to
meet the old soot standards relies on reductions
projected by implementing the Clean Air Interstate
Rule (CAIR), which was recently struck down by a
federal court. The agency is working with Congress
to find a solution. In addition to CAIR, the plan
outlines state and local controls to improve air
quality, including lower emissions from coal-fired
power plants, additional controls on diesel-powered
vehicles and enforcement efforts.

NEWSPAPER ASKS OHIO SUPREME COURT TO
FORCE COUNTY'S RETRIEVAL OF EMAILS
THAT MAY HAVE BEEN WRONGFULLY
DELETED

The Ohio Supreme Court was asked on Tuesday,
September 16 if the state's public records law
requires government agencies to conduct forensic
searches of their computers to reconstruct emails
that allegedly were wrongfully deleted.

Justices heard oral arguments on a request from *The (Toledo) Blade* for an order forcing Seneca County Commissioners to restore and make available emails deleted over an 18-month period that deal with the disputed demolition of the 1884 county courthouse. The newspaper contends commissioners took part in improper, non-public discussions about the demolition.

Commissioners said there was no violation of the public records law, or the county's records retention rule, when they routinely discarded emails that did not involve any "significant administrative, fiscal, legal or historical value."

Attorney Fritz Byers, representing *The Blade*, said the case asked the court to consider an intersection of law and technology. He said the newspaper's initial request produced "a smattering of emails" from the commissioners. The county produced another 700 printed pages after the lawsuit was filed. The newspaper asked justices to force commissioners to hire computer experts to retrieve all the deleted email files during the time period in question that are still capable of being recovered. Mr. Byers estimated the cost at between \$1,000 and \$2,500 per hard drive.

Attorney Mark Weaver, representing commissioners, said *The Blade* was trying to force the county to pay for reconstruction of emails that the newspaper cannot prove were improperly deleted.

The Justices took the case under advisement without indicating when they would publish a decision.

NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR 2009 GREAT OHIOAN AWARD

The Capitol Square Foundation and the Capitol Square Review and Advisory Board have opened nominations for the "Great Ohioan" Award to commemorate special Ohioans who have played a significant role in an event or series of events of lasting significance in World, American or Ohio history. Additional criteria includes being born in Ohio or lived in Ohio for a minimum of five years and at least 25 years have passed since the event,

in which the nominee participated, is being commemorated.

This award is an opportunity to recognize Ohioans who have made an impact in a number of important areas. A complete explanation of the nomination process and nomination forms can be found online at http://www.capitolsquarefoundation.org/great_ohioan.htm. All citizens, including teachers and students, are encouraged to participate in the nomination process.

A Great Ohioan will be chosen in each of the six categories: inventions/medicine/science; literature/journalism/historiography; academics; communications/education; entertainment/sports; and government/military/public service/religion.

Deadline for nominations: December 1, 2008. The Capitol Square Foundation will select two nominees from each category to submit for selection to the Capitol Square Review and Advisory Board, the oversight body for the Capitol Square complex. The Great Ohioan Award recipients will be announced and recognized in early 2009.

Since 2003, ten Great Ohioans have been recognized with the award for the special roles they played in history. The Great Ohioans include: Wright Brothers, inventors; John Glenn, first man to orbit the earth; Neil Armstrong, first man to walk on the moon; Jesse Owens, Olympic track and field star; Thomas Edison, inventor; Harriet Beecher Stowe, author; James Thurber, journalist and author; Colonel Charles Young, military leader; and Dr. George Crile, founder of the Cleveland Clinic.

For more information please contact: Gregg Dodd, Deputy Director for Communications, Marketing & Events, Capitol Square Review and Advisory Board, The Statehouse, Columbus, Ohio 43215-4210, (614) 728.2130, fax (614) 752.5209, gdodd@csrab.state.oh.us or www.ohiostatehouse.org.

FEDERAL ACTIVITIES

CDBG FORCLOSURE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Several weeks ago, the National Association of Counties (NACo), its affiliate the National

Association for County Community and Economic Development (NACCED), and other national organizations representing local elected officials and local and state Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) practitioners sent detailed recommendations to the U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Assistant Secretary Susan Pepler regarding implementation of the foreclosure assistance program. This program provides an additional \$3.92 billion in CDBG funds was enacted as part of the omnibus housing stimulus legislation, H.R. 3221 – American Housing Rescue & Foreclosure Prevention Act of 2008. Currently, HUD is working on a formula and procedures for application and distribution of the funds to states and localities impacted by the foreclosure and subprime mortgage problem which should be released by the end of September.

The letter urges HUD to adopt the position formulated by the national associations of local elected officials that no less than 70% of the funds go to metropolitan cities and urban counties and the remainder, 30% to the states. (Current CDBG formula split.) The letter urges HUD to allow up to 20% of the funds to be spent for administrative costs. It further urges HUD to allow the 25% of the funds to be used for households under 50% of area median to be met on a national level, as opposed to a jurisdiction basis. HUD is also asked to define "use" of the funds within 18 months as committed rather than expended. The letter asks HUD to permit grantees to expend their entire allocation before spending other program income. It also calls for a streamlined citizen participation process to ensure a timely expenditure of funds.

Several weeks ago, the National Governors Association sent a letter to HUD advocating that the additional CDBG funding be sent primarily to the states. As a result, the national associations of local elected officials and affordable housing and community development practitioners are launching a grass roots effort to counter the state pressure to receive most of the funds.

Please send a letter describing the extent of the foreclosure problem in your county to: The Honorable Susan Pepler, Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development,

451 7th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20410, fax: (202) 708-3336 or e-mail to the Deputy Assistant Secretary Manuel.t.ochoa@hud.gov.

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

911 AND E911 COORDINATOR

The Franklin County – City of Columbus E-911 Governing Board seeks a highly qualified professional to provide expert oversight and coordination of the multiple Public Safety Answering Points (PSAP's) within the region. Minimum seven years experience as an E-911 coordinator, technician, or PSAP supervisor, or equivalent experience in commercial telecommunications required. Demonstrated knowledge in 911, E-911, Next Generation, and other telephony technologies. Proven skills in public speaking, organizational competency, multi-jurisdictional, multi-disciplinary coordination. Consultant fee is negotiable (\$50,000-\$65,000) based on demonstrated knowledge, skills, and abilities. Interested parties may obtain a copy of the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) online under RFQ Number 2008-01-55 E911 Coordinator or you can obtain a copy of the RFQ by emailing Karl H. Kuespert, Director of Purchasing at khkuespe@franklincountyohio.gov, Subject: "Bid Request # 2008-01-55, E911 Coordinator". Individuals interested in applying for this position

must submit all of the documents by no later than **2:00pm on October 16, 2008**. Individuals only – organizations need not apply.

WSD ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS

Clermont County is seeking a highly motivated professional to manage the Wastewater Division of the Clermont County Sewer District. The Wastewater Division employs 40 staff members and operates 10 treatment plants serving 37,000 customers in southwest Ohio. This high growth community provides excellent benefits including a cafeteria style health care plan and participation in the OPERS retirement program.

The ideal candidate will possess a degree in environmental science or a related environmental field. Fiscal management and strong budgetary skills are essential. Requires a valid Ohio Class 3 Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator’s license. Minimum of ten years experience in the wastewater treatment/collection field with five years in a managerial/supervisory position.

Requires strong public relations skills. Must be enthusiastic, team oriented and possess leadership skills to direct a strong technical work force. Experience with electronic data management and work order tracking preferred. Salary hiring range \$55K to \$67K annually DOQ.

Application deadline: **4:30 p.m. on October 10, 2008**. The position will remain open until filled. To apply go to www.co.clermont.oh.us and click on careers or call (513) 732-7110 for additional information. EOE.

URBAN/REGIONAL PLANNER

The Stark County Regional Planning Commission is accepting applications for an Urban/Regional Planner. The successful candidate will prepare technical components of major work elements of comprehensive planning and planning administration programs, including the following: land use planning and analysis, environmental planning, housing and economic data analysis. Responsibilities also include reviewing and preparing recommendations regarding proposed zoning amendments and compliance of new subdivisions and developments with applicable subdivision regulations and state law. A working knowledge of GIS and computer applications preferred. Qualifications: Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university with major course work in a planning-related field in urban/regional planning. A minimum of two years professional planning experience required or equivalent combination of education and experience. Salary Range: \$30,000-\$40,000. Send resume and cover letter stating qualifications, experience and salary history to Stark County Regional Planning Commission, 201 3rd Street NE, Suite 201, Canton, OH 44702-1211, Attn: Bob Nau, Executive Director, or Fax to (330) 451-7990, **by noon, Friday, October 17, 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.