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DATES TO REMEMBER

NOVEMBER 21, 2008	CCAO BOARD OF TRUSTEES, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS
DECEMBER 7-10, 2008	CCAO/CEAO ANNUAL WINTER CONFERENCE, HYATT REGENCY, COLUMBUS
FEBRUARY 23-25, 2009	COMMISSIONERS TRAINING SEMINAR, DEER CREEK RESORT AND CONFERENCE CENTER, PICKAWAY COUNTY (MT. STERLING)
MARCH 7-11, 2009	NACo LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE, MARRIOTT WARDMAN PARK, WASHINGTON, D.C.
JULY 24-29, 2009	74 TH NACo ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND EXPOSITION, DAVIDSON COUNTY (NASHVILLE), TN

ASSOCIATION NEWS

CCAO OPENS NEW OFFICES!

Packing, movers, unpacking, wiring, phones, internet connections, punch-out lists...reflect the past few days at the CCAO offices preparing for and moving to our new office building. The building, located at 209 East State Street, is approximately two blocks east of the Statehouse. State Street is the street that runs on the south side of the Statehouse. The building was constructed in 1979, is a three floor brick structure that has 22,152 square feet of space. Included with the building are 50 surface parking spaces. We sincerely believe that this facility will serve as the foundation for continued and enhanced services to member counties. The purchase provides long term cost savings for all the entities that comprise CCAO.

The facility is owned by the County Governance Facility LLC, which is a partnership between CCAO, CORSA, and CEBCO each having an equal

share of ownership. The facility will be governed by the Boards Coordinating Council and managed by Tom Strup, CCAO Deputy Director of Operations. The staff would like to thank Tom, Kathy Dillon, and Rob Wallace for facilitating a smooth move.

CCAO is anxious to share our new facility! There will be an **open house** held on **Sunday, December 7 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. during the CCAO/CEAO Annual Winter Conference**. All conference attendees are invited to attend the open house. Transportation will depart from the second floor of the Greater Columbus Convention Center.

CAB 2008-02: S.B. 84 ELECTRONIC MINUTES LEGISLATION

Last year, CCAO was approached by various counties who asked for legislation authorizing the use of electronic means for purposes of their commission minutes. After much work, the General Assembly recently passed S.B. 84, sponsored by Senator Tim Schaffer (Dist. 31-Lancaster), and

amended by Representative Jeff Wagner (Dist. 81-Sycamore). Generally, SB 84 allows boards of county commissioners to elect to maintain the minutes or official record of proceedings by electronic means such as audiotape and videotape. CCAO believes this legislation is an example of counties embracing new and modern technology and communication methods and working to responsibly update statutory requirements. County Advisory Bulletin (CAB) 2008-02 can be found on at www.ccao.org. Click on Publications>County Advisory Bulletins. Please do not hesitate to contact Josh Hahn, CCAO Policy Analyst, at (614) 220-7982, (888) 757-1904 ext. 307, or jhahn@ccao.org if you have any additional questions.

2009 COUNTY HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

HOLIDAY	LEGAL HOLIDAY
New Year's Day	January 1
Martin Luther King Day	January 19
President's Day	February 16
Memorial Day	May 25
Independence Day	July 3
Labor Day	September 7
Columbus Day	October 12
Veteran's Day	November 11
Thanksgiving Day	November 26
Christmas Day	December 25

CCAO/CEAO ANNUAL WINTER CONFERENCE

Mark your calendars and plan to attend the 128th CCAO/CEAO Annual Winter Conference and Trade Show to be held December 7-10, 2008 at the Hyatt Regency, 350 North High Street, in Columbus. Register for the conference by today-November 14- to get the pre-registration discount. Everyone attending the conference must register, even if you are attending meetings only. Meetings only

registrants must register for each day meetings are attended. No meals are included with the meetings only registration.

Open House at the New CCAO Office Building

All conference attendees are invited to attend an open house on Sunday, December 7 at the new CCAO Office Building located at 209 East State Street in downtown Columbus. CCAO, along with the County Risk Sharing Authority (CORSA), and County Employee Benefit Consortium of Ohio (CEBCO) purchased a building this year.

An open house/reception for all conference attendees will be held on Sunday evening, December 7 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Transportation departs from the second floor of the Greater Columbus Convention Center.

Spouse/Guest Activity

The Kelton House, an authentic example of Victorian architecture, is filled with original furnishing and period dress used by the family. The home was in the Kelton family from its construction in 1852 by Sophia and Fernando Kelton until 1975. On Monday, December 8, spouses/guests will be greeted at the door by "Sophia Kelton," who will tell you about the family's life in the 1860's. Sophia also has a "family secret" she might share with you – if you keep it.

Bus transportation departs at 9:30 a.m. from the second floor of the Greater Columbus Convention Center and returns at 1:00 p.m.

CCAO/CEAO General Session

Auditor of State Mary Taylor will speak at the CCAO/CEAO General Session to be held on Monday afternoon, December 8. Leadership for the next session of the Ohio General Assembly will be invited to speak. Watch CIDS for announcement about additional speakers.

CCAO/CEAO and Affiliate Programs

Attendance at all sessions planned by CCAO, CEAO and affiliates are open for all conference attendees. To view the most recent copy of the agenda, please go to www.ccao.org and click on the link at the end of the article on the homepage.

Registration Information

To download registration, sponsorship, hospitality, or trade show information, go to www.ccao.org. Click on the link at the end of the article on the first page. Register for the conference by November 14 to get the pre-registration discount.

Hotel Reservations

The headquarters hotel is the Hyatt Regency, 350 North High Street, in Columbus. Rate: \$137 single/double. Reservation deadline: November 14. To reserve a room call (888) 421-1442, (402)592-6464 or <http://columbusregency.hyatt.com/groupbooking/cmhrcccom2008>.

IN MEMORIAM

LYLE WILLIAMS

Former Congressman and Trumbull County Commissioner Lyle Williams died on November 9 of an apparent heart attack. Williams served as a Trumbull County commissioner from 1972 to 1978 before his election to the U.S. House of Representatives where he served three-terms.

After losing his re-election bid to Congress in 1984, Williams took a job with the U.S. Office of Surface Mining, and served in the Reagan and the first Bush administrations until 1990 when he started a government-consulting business in Washington. At the time of his death, Williams was executive director of the National Association of Sub-acute and Post Acute Care and president of NASPAC-Briggs University, the first online education program for healthcare professionals.

After leaving politics for 10 years, Williams purchased WRRO-AM radio station in downtown Warren. Williams grew up in North Bloomfield and graduated from North Bloomfield High School and Moler Barber College in Cleveland. He managed the Austin Village Barber Shop in Warren before becoming a full-time elected official.

COUNTY ACTIVITIES

FRANKLIN COUNTY APPROVES FISCAL SUSTAINABILITY PRINCIPLES RESOLUTION FOR THE 2009 BUDGET YEAR

Franklin County Commissioners Marilyn Brown, Paula Brooks, and Mary Jo Kilroy recently approved a fiscal sustainability principles resolution for the 2009 budget year. The resolution focused on maintaining Franklin County's fiscal security, stability, and sustainability; ability to meet critical needs in difficult economic times; excellent credit ratings; and necessary and essential programs and service delivery.

In addition the following fiscal and budgetary principles will be met by the county administrator, deputy county administrator, and director of the Office of Management and Budget in presenting budget recommendations for calendar year 2009 include:

1. Tighten spending controls by limiting general revenue fund budget growth either to four percent (4%) or the change in the Midwest Consumer Price Index (U.S. City Average), as published by the U.S. Department of Labor, whichever is less.
2. Control payroll expenditures by limiting the number of budgeted positions to currently authorized levels except for a) mandated additions; b) additions supported by new revenue for the intended service period; c) additions that are essential to protecting life and property. Personnel policies shall also be revised to limit growth in overtime expenditures, compensatory time, and other cash payouts.
3. Tighten fiscal controls by limiting General Revenue Fund debt service obligations in 2009 to no more than five percent (5%) of the total resources available in the General Revenue Fund, and by refinancing long-term debt obligations where the potential for Present Value Savings is at least five percent (5%).
4. Control fuel and energy expenditures by further retrofitting the lighting systems, water systems, temperature control systems, and insulating systems for all buildings maintained and operated

by the Board of County Commissioners, by promoting the increased use of compressed natural gas (CNG), methanol fuels available from SWACO, and other alternative fuels, and by raising the average mile-per-gallon standards for the fleet of County vehicles.

5. Control other discretionary expenditures by limiting the total amount budgeted for community partnership contracts at the 2008 level.

6. Further cost-effective management of County health care expenditures and enhance County employee recruitment, retention, and job satisfaction by providing incentives for participation in employee wellness programs.

A copy of the complete resolution is included with this issue of CIDS.

STATE ACTIVITIES

GOVERNOR ANNOUNCES NEXT ROUND OF "CONVERSATION ON EDUCATION" MEETINGS WITH FOCUS ON FUNDING

Governor Ted Strickland announced that he will host six regional forums across the state in November and December focusing on school funding. The forums will be an opportunity to garner feedback on Ohio's school funding system before the governor introduces his education reform and school funding proposal in 2009.

Throughout the summer, Strickland held 11 "Conversation on Education" forums that focused on the six principles for education reform as outlined in his 2008 State of the State address as well as specific education reform policy ideas.

The Conservation on Education website <http://www.ConversationOnEducation.Org> provides the public and forum participants with details about the regional forums and will include ways to submit feedback during and after the forums. Each forum will be available through a live Webcast on the website. Most regional forums will also air live on local PBS stations. Stations without a live broadcast will tape and air their local forums following the event. Feeds of the forums will be

provided to media outlets by Ohio Government Television.

Governor's Conversation on Education Forum schedule:

November 20 – Franklin County

- 4:30-6:00 p.m.
- WOSU Studio at COSI, 333 W. Broad St., Columbus, OH 43215

December 11 – Cuyahoga County

- 4:30-6:00 p.m.
- WCPN Studio, 1375 Euclid Ave., Cleveland, OH 44115

December 12 – Lucas County

- 4:30-6:00 p.m.
- WGTE Public Media, 1270 S. Detroit Ave., Toledo, OH 43614

December 18 – Richland County

- 4:30-6:00 p.m.
- Ohio State University Mansfield Campus, Ovalwood Hall, Founders Auditorium, 1680 University Dr., Mansfield, OH 44906

December 19 – Hamilton County

- 4:30-6:00 p.m.
- CET Studio, 1223 Central Parkway, Cincinnati, OH 45214

December 20 – Athens County

- 2:30-4:00 p.m.
- WOUB Center for Public Media, 5th Floor Television Studio A, 9 S. College St., Athens, OH 45701

OHIO JOB READY SITES GRANT FUNDING

Lieutenant Governor Lee Fisher announced the award of \$46 million in Job Ready Sites program grants and \$4.5 million in other state infrastructure grants for projects at 12 commercial sites throughout the state. The announcement was made at Columbus' TechCenter South, the site of a planned multi-use space development and recipient of Job Ready Sites Funding. Ohio's Job Ready Sites program, administered by the Ohio Department of Development, gives communities a

head start by helping them to develop shovel-ready sites into marketable business facilities.

The Job Ready Sites program is a competitive funding program designed to increase the supply and quality of Ohio's inventory of available sites and facilities served by utilities and transportation infrastructure. Since its inception in 2005, the program has awarded \$102.5 million in grants.

The program provides grants in five identified high-impact project site categories: mega manufacturing operations, typically 1,000 acres or more; technical centers/research laboratories; manufacturing operations; existing industrial buildings; and Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) -certified Smart Office complexes. Approved projects will be certified as satisfying their respective site attributes category within three years of receiving awards and will then be added to Ohio's inventory of available sites.

For more information about awarded projects go to <http://development.ohio.gov/newsroom/releases/press.htm?id=1583>.

SEPTEMBER WINDSTORM MAY TRIGGER \$50 MILLION IN FEDERAL ASSISTANCE; NOV. 24 DEADLINE SET FOR AID APPLICATIONS

State agencies, local governments and private nonprofit organizations in 33 designated counties have two weeks to apply for federal aid related to the September 14 wind damage caused by the remnants of Hurricane Ike, according to the Ohio Emergency Management Association. State officials have estimated that eligible groups may access some \$50 million in federal aid as a result of the weather-related damage. **The deadline for applications for federal assistance is November 24, 2008.**

President George W. Bush issued a disaster declaration for the counties on October 24. Sweeping through Ohio as a tropical depression the month before, Ike surprised forecasters with hurricane level winds of up to 70 miles-per-hour that knocked out power for 1.92 million Ohio residents and caused extensive property damage.

The Ohio EMA said 578 state and local government entities and other eligible groups have already applied for federal assistance. Eligible groups in the following counties may apply for federal aid to cover 75% of covered costs: Ashland, Brown, Butler, Carroll, Champaign, Clark, Clermont, Clinton, Coshocton, Delaware, Fairfield, Franklin, Greene, Guernsey, Hamilton, Harrison, Highland, Hocking, Holmes, Knox, Licking, Madison, Miami, Montgomery, Morrow, Perry, Pickaway, Preble, Shelby, Summit, Tuscarawas, Union, and Warren.

HOUSE OF JOB PUBLIC RECORD REQUESTS HAVE COUNTIES SCRATCHING THEIR HEADS

For the past several weeks, a number, if not all, counties received public records requests from the "House of Job." The request asked for various information regarding the form of each county's government (whether charter or alternative) and chief executive information. Of course, counties were befuddled by such requests as the only county not operating by statute is Summit County. Further, the information does not appear to be a request for a public record, but rather information. The Public Records Statute does not require county governments to provide research but only to reproduce public records. As such CCAO has recommended the following response to the House of Job:

"_____ County operates as a statutory form of county government with a three member Board of County Commissioners and has not adopted an Alternative Form of County Government pursuant to ORC Chapter 302 or a County Charter pursuant to Article X, Sections 3 and 4 and/or ORC Sections 307.94-307.97. As such there is no Chief Executive Officer as that term is used under an Alternative Form of County Government or a County Charter. The current President of the Board of County Commissioners is _____."

For more information on public record issues, please contact Josh Hahn, CCAO Policy Analyst at (614) 220-7082, (888) 757-1904, or jhahn@ccao.org.

SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES

NW OHIO PLANNING & ZONING WORKSHOP

The Ohio Planning Conference (OPC) will present the 2008 Northwest Ohio Planning & Zoning Workshop on November 19, 2008 at the Home Builders Association of Toledo, 1911 Indian Wood Circle, in Maumee. The purpose of this workshop is to provide factual information about best planning practices. Practical information from the private and public sectors will be offered into both basic and advanced planning and zoning methods.

Registration fee: \$50 - non-OPC members, \$45 - OPC members, or \$35 - students. For more information please contact Steve Brown, Fulton County Regional Planning, 152 South Fulton Street - Suite 230, Wauseon, OH 43567, (419) 337-9214, or fax (419) 337-9297.

OHIO PUBLIC SECTOR DEVELOPING LABOR LAW SEMINAR

The State Employment Relations Board (SERB) is sponsoring an Ohio Public Sector Developing Labor Law Seminar on Monday, December 15, 2008 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the William Green Building, 30 West Spring Street, in downtown Columbus. Topics include a review of administrative hearings practice at SERB, including burdens of proof and persuasion; representation case issues; and unfair labor practice case issues, covering elements, remedies, compliance and show cause hearings. This year's "hot" issues in collective bargaining, board opinions, court decisions, and legislative developments will be discussed. Conference materials will be provided on a disk, rather than as printed books.

Registration fee: \$175 (Includes all sessions, course materials, and continental breakfast. Lunch is on your own.) Registration deadline: December 1, 2008. For more information please contact: Labor Law Seminar, State Employment Relations Board, Fiscal Office, 65 East State Street - Floor 12, Columbus, OH 43215-4213, (614) 466-2963, fax (614) 466-3074, or www.serb.state.oh.us.

CLASSIFIEDS

SENIOR MANAGER / OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE

The Greene County Commissioners/Sanitary Engineering Department seek a senior manager to direct management staff for all Operations and Maintenance divisions; conducts meetings with engineering consultants & construction contractors; plans & facilitates supervisory staff meetings; and performs similar duties as assigned.

Bachelor's Degree in human resources, public administration, finance, business, or a closely related field and six years of progressively responsible experience; or, an equivalent combination of education and experience sufficient to successfully perform the essential duties of the job as listed in the position description.

A current Ohio Class IV Wastewater Operator License required and Class III Water Operator License preferred. Valid Ohio driver's license required. Salary: \$24.80 - \$35.35/hr. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. For more information go to www.co.greene.oh.us/personnel.htm. EOE.

FINANCE DIRECTOR

Butler County is seeking a Finance Director. Responsible for preparing, analyzing, communicating and reporting county-wide operational budgets. Prepares long-term financial/operational forecasts, financial analysis and research and is responsible for short and long-term financing transactions. Maintains records and reports as needed. Must have bachelor's degree in accounting, public finance, or equivalent, and extensive knowledge of accounting theory and principles, planning, and budgeting. CPA certification is preferred. Salary range \$79,806.47-\$105,188.48. For more information go to www.butlercountyohio.org/employment. Submit resume/application no later than **November 28, 2008** to: Timothy Williams, County Administrator, Butler County Government Center, 315 High Street, 6th Floor, Hamilton, OH 45011. EOE.

TRANSIT DIRECTOR

The Board of Medina County Commissioners seeks transit director to manage overall operation of the County's public transit system. Plans, organizes, directs, and coordinates public transit, paratransit administration, vehicle maintenance and procurement; financial planning and grant administration. Develops, implements, and monitors long-term plans, goals, and objectives focused on achieving County's public transportation vision. Evaluates and provides analysis on legislation affecting transportation funding and regulatory compliance and ensures compliance of regulatory requirements.

Bachelor's degree in Public Administration, Business Administration or a related field, Master's degree preferred; six years increasingly responsible professional transportation experience; at least

three years of supervisory experience as a transportation manager or assistant director level.

Submit resume and salary requirements to Human Resources, Room 206, Attn: MCTD, 144 North Broadway, Medina, Ohio 44256. No third party reps or email submissions accepted. Learn more about Medina County at www.medinaco.org. Resumes accepted until filled. 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.

RESOLUTION APPROVING FISCAL SUSTAINABILITY PRINCIPLES FOR THE
2009 BUDGET YEAR

(COMMISSIONERS)

WHEREAS, Franklin County has achieved financial stability resulting in a double *Triple A* credit rating status and has previously set well-ordered priorities for its operating and capital budgets; and,

WHEREAS, current worldwide financial conditions require spending restraint and prudent cash management to protect against the impact of negative economic trends; and,

WHEREAS, these financial conditions have impacted tax-exempt credit markets and regional growth and development require that the County minimize expenditures through tighter budgetary controls and spending restraints: and,

WHEREAS, the Franklin County Board of Commissioners must **1)** maintain Franklin County's fiscal security, stability, and sustainability; **2)** maintain Franklin County's ability to meet critical needs in difficult economic times; **3)** maintain Franklin County's excellent credit ratings; and **4)** maintain necessary and essential programs and service delivery capacity; now, therefore:

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS,
FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO:**

That the following fiscal and budgetary principles be met by the County Administrator, Deputy County Administrator, and Director of the Office of Management and Budget in presenting budget recommendations for calendar year 2009:

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2. **Control payroll expenditures** by limiting the number of budgeted positions to currently authorized levels except for a) mandated additions; b) additions supported by new revenue for the intended service period; c) additions that are essential to protecting life and property. Personnel policies shall also be revised to limit growth in

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overtime expenditures, compensatory time, and other cash payouts.

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4. **Control fuel and energy expenditures** by further retrofitting the lighting systems, water systems, temperature control systems, and insulating systems for all buildings maintained and operated by the Board of County Commissioners, by promoting the increased use of compressed natural gas (*CNG*), methanol fuels available from *SWACO*, and other alternative fuels, and by raising the average mile-per-gallon standards for the fleet of County vehicles.
5. **Control other discretionary expenditures** by limiting the total amount budgeted for community partnership contracts at the 2008 level.
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