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DATES TO REMEMBER

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

74TH NACo ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND EXPOSITION, DAVIDSON COUNTY (NASHVILLE), TN

ASSOCIATION NEWS

FIRST LADY, STATE AUDITOR & STATE TREASURER TO ADDRESS WINTER CONFERENCE

The 128th CCAO/CEAO Annual Winter Conference is just around the corner! The Conference will be held December 7-10, 2008 at the Hyatt Regency Columbus, 350 North High Street, in Columbus.

CCAO/CEAO are pleased to announce that **First Lady Frances Strickland** and **State Auditor Mary Taylor** will be the keynote speakers at the General Session to be held on Monday afternoon, December 8. The First Lady will speak about one of her initiatives, "The Benefits of Family and Children First Councils." State Auditor Mary Taylor will be updating attendees on developments in her office. In addition, **State Treasurer and Ohio Attorney General Elect Rich Cordray** will speak at the luncheon on Tuesday, December 9 about his duties as he plans to change offices.

A complete copy of the conference program can be found at www.ccao.org. Click on the article about

the conference located in the center pane on the front page for a copy of the conference program.

CCAO NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The CCAO Nominating Committee, chaired by Olen Jackson, Morrow County Commissioner and CCAO Past President, met on Friday, November 21, 2008. Other members serving on the committee included Joe Moroski (Ashtabula), David Pepper (Hamilton), Chris Abbuhl (Tuscarawas), and Tim Brown (Wood).

The committee wishes to thank all members who submitted their names for consideration. The nomination process was difficult because 25 highly qualified and motivated individuals expressed interest in serving on the Board. The Committee, however, was charged with recommending candidates for seven regular two-year terms and one, one-year unexpired term.

The committee adopted the following report:

CCAO OFFICERS

For President - Kerry Metzger, Tuscarawas County Commissioner
For 1st Vice – Paula Brooks, Franklin County Commissioner
For 2nd Vice President - David Dhume, Madison County Commissioner
For Secretary – Doug Corcoran, Ross County Commissioner
For Treasurer – Ben Nutter, Seneca County Commissioner

PAST PRESIDENTS WHO HAVE ELECTED TO SERVE ON THE BOARD

Bob Corbett, Champaign County Commissioner
Lenny Eliason, Athens County Commissioner
Patricia Geissman, Medina County Commissioner
Olen Jackson, Morrow County Commissioner
Daniel Troy, Lake County Commissioner

FOR TWO YEAR TERMS ON BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Tim Brown, Wood County Commissioner
Kim Edwards, Ashland County Commissioner
Greg Green, Hocking County Commissioner
Margery Paeltz, Brown County Commissioner
David Pepper, Hamilton County Commissioner
Roger Tackett, Clark County Commissioner
Ron Widener, Miami County Commissioner

FOR ONE ONE-YEAR UNEXPIRED TERM

Richard Myers, Henry County Commissioner

Finally, the 2009 President will make nine more appointments to the CCAO Board for next year. Should you desire to be considered for such an appointment, please complete and return the attached form and questionnaire to Kathy Dillon at the CCAO no later than December 8th. In the event you previously expressed an interest to the Nominating Committee for a position and were not selected, you need NOT submit your name again as the next president will automatically receive names previously submitted.

COUNTY ACTIVITIES

DECKER ASSUMES POST AS IAEM'S PRESIDENT

Allen County Emergency Manager Russell Decker assumed duties on November 20 as national president for the U.S. Council of the International Association of Emergency Managers. Decker was sworn into office during ceremonies at IAEM's 56th Annual Conference.

Decker has served as the director of Allen County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management since 1998 and was president of the Emergency Management Association of Ohio during 2002-03. Decker currently serves on the FEMA National Advisory Council and was a senior steering committee member in the creation of the Department of Homeland Security's *National Response Framework* document that was released in March of 2007.

Russell Decker holds a Master of Science degree from Tiffin University with undergraduate studies from The Ohio State University and the University of Northwestern Ohio. He is an adjunct professor of criminal justice at Tiffin University and Rhodes State College.

STATE ACTIVITIES

2009 SALARY TABLES ON HOLD; NO PAY RAISES NEXT YEAR

Ohio law provides annual increases through the 2008 calendar year. In order for an adjustment in 2009, the Ohio Legislature and Governor must enact legislation yet this year, and that legislation must be effective no later than January 1, 2009. The Ohio Constitution prohibits elected officials, except for judges, from accepting a legislatively enacted pay raise in-term. Since the General Assembly and Governor do not plan to take action before the newly elected officials take office next year, those officials will be closed out of any legislative raise in 2009, as well as during their entire four-year term of office.

CCAO had planned to produce 2009 salary tables later this year. In the meantime, given the

feedback from legislative leaders, as of now there will be no pay raises next year and county officials should base 2009 salaries on 2008 figures.

Commissioners elected in 2006 and who took office in 2007 already are prohibited from accepting a legislatively-enacted pay raise the last two years of their current term of office (2009 and 2010) because the raise was not enacted before they began their term in 2007.

If you have questions, please contact Cheryl Subler, CCAO Managing Director of Policy, at (614) 220-7980, (888) 757-1904 or csubler@ccao.org.

GRANTS

RURAL HEALTH WORKS TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR RURAL COUNTIES

The National Association of Counties (NACo) is now accepting applications for the Rural Health Works Technical Assistance Grant for rural counties. Rural Health Works is strategic planning process that assists counties to evaluate their healthcare system and to generate county-specific data on the relationship between the health care sector and the local economy. The ultimate goal of the project is to strengthen rural economies by improving the local health system.

NACo will grant a total of three awards on a competitive basis. The award, valued at more than \$18,000 for each county, includes intensive technical assistance on the Rural Health Works model. Selected counties will work with Rural Health Works consultants to identify their health care needs; examine the social, economic, and political realities affecting the local delivery of health care; determine how the health care system can best meet the community's needs; and develop and mobilize an action plan based on their analysis and planning. Funds are being provided by the Office of Rural Health Policy, Health Resources and Services Administration, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

For a Rural Health Works program application go to www.naco.org and click on the article located on the front page. Application deadline: December

15, 2008. For more information please contact Christina Rowland, NACo Senior Associate – Community Services, at (202) 942-4267, fax (202) 737-0480, or crowland@naco.org.

NACo ACTIVITIES

NACo LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE: STRENGTHEN THE VOICE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

A new Administration and the 111th Congress will hit town in January and a great number of programs that assist counties will be under intense scrutiny. As a county official you need to know what this means for counties, what you can do about the issues, and how you can strengthen the voice of local government on Capitol Hill. With a philosophy of “those who show up decide,” you have a host of reasons to attend the NACo Legislative Conference!

The NACo Legislative Conference will be held March 7-11, 2008 at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel, in Washington, D.C.! Register online and receive a \$25 discount on your conference registration. Earlybird registration discount deadline: January 23, 2009. Hotel rooms fill up fast, so register now for a room at or close to the conference headquarters hotel.

Mark your calendars and plan to attend the Ohio Congressional Delegation Breakfast to be held at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 11. More details to follow in future issues of CIDS.

For more information about the conference or the Ohio Congressional Delegation Breakfast, please contact Mary Jane Neiman, CCAO Public Relations Associate, at (614) 220-7979, (888) 775-1904 or mjneiman@ccao.org.

2009 ACHIVEMENT AWARD PROGRAM

The National Association of Counties (NACo) Achievement Award Program is a non-competitive awards program that recognizes innovative county government programs. Begun in 1970, the Achievement Award Program promotes and recognizes innovative and successful programs

that modernize and streamline county government and increase services to citizens.

Programs in the following 21 categories can be submitted: Arts & Historic Preservation; Children & Youth; Civic Education and Public Information; Community/Economic Development; County Administration & Management; Court Administration & Management; Criminal Justice & Public Safety; Emergency Management & Response; Employment & Training (for county residents); Environmental Protection & Energy; Financial Management; Health; Human Services; Information Technology; Libraries; Parks & Recreation; Personnel Management, Employee Training & Employee Benefits (for county employees); Planning; Risk Management; Transportation; and Volunteers (includes Acts of Sharing).

Applications must be postmarked by **February 13, 2009**. Send applications to: 2009 Achievement Awards, National Association of Counties, P.O. Box 79007, Baltimore, MD 21279-0007. For more information please contact Kathryn Murphy, NACo Research Associate, at (202) 661-8806 or e-mail kmurphy@naco.org or fax your application to the NACo Research Division at (202) 737-0480. Copies of the application may be obtained from the NACo website at www.naco.org.

CLASSIFIEDS

CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT AGENCY ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

The Wood County Child Support Enforcement Agency seeks an assistant director. Ideal candidates will possess a Juris Doctorate licensed

to practice in the state of Ohio supplemented by three years experience that includes supervisory and related administrative work. Equivalent experience will be considered. Position requires a valid Ohio driver's license or transportation as needed to meet agency needs for court appearances, training, and public relations purposes.

This position is full-time and directs the activities of the legal division of the agency, supervises and assists with all court activities for the agency, and conducts administrative hearings. The position also assumes the responsibilities of the Director in his/her absence, and may assist in agency administrative functions. This position has an FLSA Professional Exemption and is Unclassified.

Salary: Pay Grade 13 - \$55,369.33 minimum. Please respond with a letter of interest, resume and notarized Wood County application. Applications are being accepted until 4:30 p.m. on **December 24, 2008**. Specific position information and applications are available at the Wood County CSEA, 1940 East Gypsy Lane Road, Bowling Green, OH 43402, phone (419) 354-9270, or by visiting the County's website at www.co.wood.oh.us. EOE.

<p>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>
