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DATES TO REMEMBER

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| FEBRUARY 13, 2009 | CCAO REGIONAL LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING, RAMADA HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER, MUSKINGUM COUNTY (ZANESVILLE) |
| FEBRUARY 13, 2009 | CCAO REGIONAL LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING, CAFÉ 422, TRUMBULL COUNTY (WARREN) |
| FEBRUARY 19, 2009 | CCAO GENERAL GOVERNMENT & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS |
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| FEBRUARY 20, 2009 | CCAO COMMUNICATIONS AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS |
| FEBRUARY 23-25, 2009 | COMMISSIONERS TRAINING SEMINAR, DEER CREEK RESORT AND CONFERENCE CENTER, PICKAWAY COUNTY (MT. STERLING) |
| FEBRUARY 27, 2009 | CEBCO BOARD OF DIRECTORS, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS |
| MARCH 2, 2009 | CCAO REGIONAL LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING, CINCINNATI MARRIOTT NE, WARREN COUNTY (MASON) |
| MARCH 2, 2009 | CCAO REGIONAL LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING, PUMP HOUSE CENTER FOR THE ARTS, ROSS COUNTY (CHILLICOTHE) |
| MARCH 7-11, 2009 | NACo LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE, MARRIOTT WARDMAN PARK, WASHINGTON, D.C. |
| MARCH 11, 2009 | OHIO CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION BREAKFAST, CAPITOL VISITOR CENTER – ROOM 201, U.S. CAPITOL, WASHINGTON, D.C. |
| MARCH 13, 2009 | CCAO REGIONAL LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING, HOLIDAY INN, MONTGOMERY COUNTY (ENGLEWOOD) |
| MARCH 13, 2009 | CCAO REGIONAL LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING, CELEBRATIONS BY SALLIE, ASHLAND COUNTY (ASHLAND) |
| MARCH 13, 2009 | CCAO REGIONAL LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING, MARION COUNTRY CLUB, MARION COUNTY (MARION) |

MARCH 27, 2009

CORSA RENEWAL MEETING, QUEST CONFERENCE CENTER, COLUMBUS (FRANKLIN COUNTY)

JULY 24-29, 2009

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

ASSOCIATION NEWS

CEBCO BOARD APPOINTMENTS

The CEBCO Board of Directors has two vacant seats that will be appointed by CEBCO President Lenny Eliason, Athens County Commissioner. Another vacant Board seat will be elected at the CEBCO membership meeting in April. Commissioners from member counties that do not currently have a representative on the Board are encouraged to submit their name for consideration by February 24. The CEBCO Board Meeting will be held at the CCAO offices on February 27. Member counties without representation on the Board are: Carroll, Champaign, Clark, Clinton, Darke, Delaware, Hardin, Madison, Morrow, Washington, and Williams. For more information contact Lenny Eliason, Athens County Commissioner and CEBCO President, at (740) 592-3219 or leliason@athenscountygovernment.com or Wendy Dillingham, Interim Managing Director, Health and Wellness Programs, at (614) 220-7992, (888) 757-1904, or wdillingham@ccao.org.

2009 CCAO COMMISSIONERS TRAINING SEMINAR

Mark your calendar and plan to attend the CCAO Commissioners Training Seminar to be held February 23-25, 2009 at Deer Creek Resort and Conference Center, 22300 State Park Road 20, in Mt. Sterling. This popular conference is an excellent opportunity for new and veteran commissioners, administrators, and commissioners' clerks to meet with other officials.

Registration materials were mailed and posted on the CCAO website (www.ccao.org) last week. Conference registration deadline: February 13, 2009. Hotel room reservation deadline is today - January 30, 2009. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Jane Neiman, CCAO Public Relations Associate, at (614) 220-7979, (888) 757-1904, or mjneiman@ccao.org.

COUNTY ACTIVITIES

10 COUNTIES INCREASE DOG LICENSE FEES FOR 2009

Ten counties have increased their dog license fees for the 2009 registration year. Under Ohio law, the commissioners may increase fees between February 1 and August 31 for the registration period that begins on December 1. Data compiled by the Ohio County Dog Wardens Association shows that the following counties increased their license fees as follows: Auglaize from \$10 to \$20; Brown from \$8 to \$10; Champaign from \$9 to \$12; Crawford from \$12 to \$14; Cuyahoga from \$16 to \$20; Knox from \$10 to \$16; Mercer from \$11 to \$13; Monroe from \$9 to \$11; Portage from \$10 to \$12; and, Wyandot from \$10 to \$12. CCAO has published a County Data Exchange Bulletin on county dog and kennel license fees also showing those counties that have enacted a differential for dogs that have been spayed/neutered that is attached to CIDS and posted on the CCAO website at www.ccao.org. This bulletin is also available on the CCAO web site under the Data/Statistics tab. Thanks to Craig Turk from Franklin County and John Silva from Cuyahoga County for their work in collecting the data.

STATE ACTIVITIES

OHIO LOSES 262,383 JOBS DURING 2000'S RECESSION; 22.6% OF OHIO'S HIGH WAGE MANUFACTURING JOBS VANISH

The lengthy 2000's recession has been extraordinarily damaging in Ohio. The state's loss of 223,892 jobs between 2000 and 2008 represented 4.8% of the state's employment. That employment loss caused an annual loss in annual Ohio paycheck earnings of \$12.04 billion. The United States gained jobs during this period until national job losses started in 2008, so Ohio trailed national trends badly.

The recession was driven primarily by manufacturing job losses. Ohio lost a staggering 22.6% of its high wage manufacturing employment in just seven years between 2001 and 2008. In 38 of the state's 88 counties and in all of its large urban counties, more than a fifth of all high wage manufacturing jobs disappeared during the 2000s recession.

The manufacturing losses rippled widely through the rest of the Ohio economy, causing losses in a large majority of the state's other industries. A small number of industries bucked this highly negative trend, notably health care and social assistance, where employment increased by 17% despite the severe statewide recession. Job losses of this magnitude were extraordinarily damaging to Ohio workers and their families.

During most of the 2000s recession, average paycheck earnings of surviving jobs actually increased in most Ohio industries, even when adjusted for inflation. But, that situation reversed itself in 2008, when average job earnings in Ohio fell sharply to a level lower than what was generated by the average Ohio job in 2000. The *Economic Indicators: Jobs and Earnings Trends in Ohio Counties* report updates findings with new data that are now available through the second quarter of 2008. In the new data, Ohio continued to lose jobs, with another decline of 32,876 jobs between 2007 and 2008 during the second quarter. The second quarter 2008 employment loss in Cuyahoga County was an additional 11,479 lost jobs. Since 2000, Ohio has lost an annualized \$9.87 billion in payroll earnings, a decline of 4.6%.

Go to www.nacs.net/~georgez/qew2Q08.pdf for a copy of the report. For more information contact George Zeller, Economic Research Analyst, 3492 West 123rd Street, Cleveland, OH 44111, (216) 941-3366, or georgez@nacs.net.

FEDERAL ACTIVITIES

STRICKLAND ASKS COUNTY OFFICIALS TO SUPPORT FEDERAL ECONOMIC RECOVERY PACKAGE

Attached to this issue of CIDS is a letter to community leaders from Governor Ted Strickland stressing the importance of supporting the federal

economic recovery package, job-creating infrastructure investments, and critical aid to states. According to Governor Strickland, this economic recovery package could mean as many as 150,000 new or saved jobs in Ohio. Please join Governor Strickland and reach out to the Ohio Congressional Delegation and ask for their support of this important recovery package.

CONGRESS NEARING COMPLETION OF THE ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE

According to NACo, the U.S. House passed the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA, H.R.1) by a vote of 244 to 188, with 11 Democrats and all the Republicans voting against it on January 29. The full Senate took up its version of the bill this week. The Senate had planned to work on the bill all night, but that did not happen. As of press time, the Senate was still debating the issue. While many provisions are very similar, there are some major differences in areas of interest to counties such as the Community Development Block Grant, the 3 percent withholding, the Byrne Justice Assistance Grants and the moratorium on Medicaid regulations. For updates on the economic stimulus package go to www.naco.org and click on the article on the front page.

SENATE PASSES SCHIP EXTENSION AND EXPANSION

The U.S. Senate passed a four and a half year extension of the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) which would cover 11 million children – four million more than would be covered under the existing program, moving another step closer to achieving one of NACo's top health priorities for the year. The bill, H.R. 2, passed 66-32 and will cost \$32.8 billion, offset by a \$.62 per pack increase in the federal cigarette tax. The new version removes the five-year waiting period for legal immigrant children and relaxes some of burdensome documentation requirements for eligibility. The Senate Democrats allowed minority Republicans to offer amendments but easily voted them down. Senators Charles Grassley (R-Iowa) and Orrin Hatch (R-Utah) voted against the bill in protest over the changes from the previous bills they had championed with Democrats. House leaders have indicated that they will take up and quickly pass the Senate bill, which is nearly

identical to the House version. Contact: Paul Beddoe, NACo Associate Legislative Director, at (202) 942-4234 or pbeddoe@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. Hotel rooms are filling up fast, so register now for a room at or close to the conference headquarters hotel.

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 ACHIEVEMENT AWARD PROGRAM – DEADLINE FEBRUARY 13

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.

2009 NACIO AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE COMPETITION

The National Association of County Information Officers (NACIO) is seeking entries for its 2009 Awards of Excellence competition. The contest seeks to recognize outstanding public relations and public information work being done on behalf of counties throughout the nation.

The 2009 NACIO Awards of Excellence Competition covers projects produced and/or distributed from January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008. There are 11 categories for submissions – annual reports, writing, graphic design, photography, special projects, computer media, internal and external publications, brochures, Spanish language entries, and audio/visual productions. Each category has various subcategories.

Each entry will be judged for its originality, effectiveness, results, degree of effort and difficulty, overall quality, and strength of impression. The contest is open to staff of county governments that are eligible to join the National Association of Counties (NACo) or staff of state associations of counties. Your county does not have to be a member of NACo for you to enter the contest, nor

do you have to be a member of NACIO, a NACo affiliate. However, NACIO members receive a discount on the entry fee.

Entry fee for each submission: \$35 - NACIO members or \$50 - non-members. No entries will be accepted after **March 28, 2009**. NACIO was formed in 1966 to bring together communications professionals who wanted to share information with other counties across the U.S. For more information about NACIO, please visit us on the Web at www.nacio.org.

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OPINIONS

SYLLABUS 2009-003

R.C. 4757.41(A)(5) exempts from regulation under R.C. Chapter 4757 a civil service employee, whether or not licensed under R.C. Chapter 4757, with respect to social work or professional counseling that is performed in the course of his employment as a civil service employee.

SYLLABUS 2009-004

A county sheriff who operates a public service answering point as part of a countywide 9-1-1 system has no authority to charge the board of county commissioners, which operates an emergency medical service organization, a fee for dispatching the organization's ambulances.

CLASSIFIEDS

SENIOR CLAIMS ADJUSTER

The County Risk Sharing Authority (www.CORSA.org), a well established, financially strong property-liability risk sharing program for county government, is seeking a Senior Claims Adjuster. We offer competitive salary and benefits and a dynamic, team-oriented downtown office with parking provided. See job description on our web site.

This position involves full adjusting of multi-line state-wide claims including investigation, coverage evaluation, reserving, monitoring defense counsel and settlement negotiation. We are looking for an individual with a bachelor's degree and minimum five years increasingly responsible experience

adjusting multi-line commercial claims including major litigation. Experience adjusting public sector / governmental claims a plus. Excellent verbal and written communication. Must be flexible, team-oriented and committed to customer service. Proficient with claims information systems, Word, Excel.

Please mail resume with salary requirements to Elizabeth Miller, CORSA Claims & Litigation Manager, 209 East State Street, Columbus, OH 43215, fax (614) 220-0209 or emiller@ccao.org.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

The Board of Preble County Commissioners is accepting applications for the full-time, unclassified, exempt position of county administrator. This position assists in the administration, enforcement, and execution of policies of the Board of County Commissioners. This position is also considered a non-covered employee under FLSA. Interested applicants must possess the ability to communicate with many variables and determine specific action, analyze and interpret data, draw valid conclusions using judgment and analytical skills and to recommend constructive changes in processes, policies and programs. Applicants must have completed post secondary education in public or business administration or related field and/or five years administrative experience in a department under a political subdivision of a county or local government. A competitive salary (commensurate with experience) and a full range of benefits are offered. Applications and a job description can be obtained at the Office of the Board of Preble County Commissioners, 101 East Main Street, Eaton, Ohio 45320 or at http://prebco.org/county_jobs.htm. Deadline to submit an application and resume: **March 30, 2009**.

ASSISTANT SANITARY ENGINEER

The Warren County Water and Sewer Department seeks an assistant sanitary engineer to support the deputy sanitary engineer in the role of construction project administrator. Under general direction, this engineer will assist in all phases of water and sewer projects from planning, design and construction to operations. Primary responsibilities include: construction oversight; review of

construction and material submittals; pay estimate review and processing; management of all aspects of construction including site visits, inspection and coordination with engineers, contractors and operations personnel. Other duties will include interfacing with the Board of County Commissioners; attending public hearings; meeting with the EPA; public speaking; capital improvements planning and annual budget preparation

Preferred Qualifications: BS Civil Engineering with emphasis in water and wastewater; Registered PE in Ohio strongly desired; 3-5 years experience in water or wastewater construction, with one year at project management level; experience managing water or wastewater personnel; Ohio EPA Operator Certifications are preferred. Pay Range: \$39,772.00 - \$66,301.00

A Warren County Application for Employment must be completed. Please visit Warren County's website, www.co.warren.oh.us, to download an application. Please send application and resume to: Susan Spencer, Personnel Officer Warren County, 406 Justice Drive, Lebanon, OH 45036 or fax to: 513-695-2547. Deadline: **February 27, 2009.**

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICE MANAGER

Licking County Government is seeking candidates with proven management, leadership and communication skills for the position of office manager at the Animal Control Shelter. This person will be responsible for ensuring compliance with the Ohio Revised Code and county policies for all internal operations of the shelter and provide exceptional leadership and daily supervision of

assigned personnel. The individual will also serve as chief deputy animal Control officer and humane agent, as needed. This is an unclassified position that reports directly to the Board of County Commissioners.

Qualified applicants must possess an Associate's Degree or equivalent from a two-year college or technical school; and three to five years related experience and/or training; or equivalent combination of education and experience. A minimum of two years successful supervisory/leadership experience is essential. The candidate will possess excellent organizational and judgment skills and the ability to work with the public in a somewhat challenging environment. Previous experience leading in a union environment is a plus. Applicants must possess a valid Driver's License and a safe driving record. This is a full time position with hours varying and weekends required. Starting salary: \$40,000 to \$46,000, commensurate with experience. This position will remain open until filled. Successful candidates will be subject to Licking County's pre-employment drug screen. Applications can be printed from the web site at www.lcounty.com or can be picked up at: Licking County Human Resources Department, 20 South Second Street - 3rd Floor, Newark, OH 43055. 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



TED STRICKLAND
GOVERNOR
STATE OF OHIO

February 4, 2009

Dear Community Leader –

There is a great debate underway in Washington, D.C. today, the result of which will have a tremendous impact on the future prosperity of Ohio – and I need your help.

Congressional leaders, including each member of our Ohio Delegation, are working to craft an economic recovery package that, if done right, promises millions of new jobs, desperately needed stimulus to our struggling economy, and critical aid to states.

For Ohio, this could mean as many as 150,000 (new or saved) jobs. This week I put forward a responsible budget proposal that, while austere, avoids many reductions to essential services such as education, health care and public safety. If federal resources for states are not included in the final recovery package, the State of Ohio will not be able to maintain the investments proposed in the executive budget, including historic support for education from early childhood to college affordability, tax relief for Ohioans and businesses, and children's healthcare.

So today I am asking you to reach out to members of our Congressional Delegation (listed below) in support of the federal economic recovery package, job-creating infrastructure investments and critical aid to states.

The truth is our national economy has taken a toll on Ohio. The nation has lost more jobs in 2008 than in any year since World War II. The stock market plummeted, eating away at the retirement savings of millions. Real wages of the average American worker are lower today than they were 30 years ago. The federal economic recovery package will be an important step to get our national economy, and our Ohio economy, back on track.

I hope you will join me in reaching out to our Congressional Delegation in support of this important recovery package.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ted Strickland". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Ted Strickland
Governor

Members of the Ohio Congressional Delegation

| District | | Name | Ohio # | DC # |
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| Senate | Senator | George V. Voinovich | (800) 205-6446 | (202) 224-3353 |
| Senate | Senator | Sherrod Brown | (888) 896-6446 | (202) 224-2315 |
| 1st | Congressman | Steve Driehaus | (513) 684-2723 | (202) 225-2216 |
| 2nd | Congresswoman | Jean Schmidt | (800) 784-6366 | (202) 225-3164 |
| 3rd | Congressman | Michael Turner | (937) 225-2843 | (202) 225-6465 |
| 4th | Congressman | Jim Jordan | (419) 522-5795 | (202) 225-2676 |
| 5th | Congressman | Robert E. Latta | (800) 541-6446 | (202) 225-6405 |
| 6th | Congressman | Charles A. Wilson | (888) 706-1833 | (202) 225-5705 |
| 7th | Congressman | Steve Austria | (937) 325-0474 | (202) 225-4324 |
| 8th | Congressman | John A. Boehner | (800) 582-1001 | (202) 225-6205 |
| 9th | Congresswoman | Marcy Kaptur | (800) 964-4699 | (202) 225-4146 |
| 10th | Congressman | Dennis J. Kucinich | (216) 228-8850 | (202) 225-5871 |
| 11th | Congresswoman | Marcia L. Fudge | (216) 522-4900 | (202) 225-7032 |
| 12th | Congressman | Patrick J. Tiberi | (614) 523-2555 | (202) 225-5355 |
| 13th | Congresswoman | Betty Sutton | (866) 317-9980 | (202) 225-3401 |
| 14th | Congressman | Steven C. LaTourette | (800) 447-0529 | (202) 225-5731 |
| 15th | Congresswoman | Mary Jo Kilroy | (614) 545-7040 | (202) 225-2015 |
| 16th | Congressman | John A. Boccieri | (330) 489-4414 | (202) 225-3876 |
| 17th | Congressman | Tim Ryan | (800) 856-4152 | (202) 225-5261 |
| 18th | Congressman | Zachary T. Space | (866) 910-7577 | (202) 225-6265 |