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### DATES TO REMEMBER

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 12, 2009	SOUTHEAST DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS AND ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION QUARTERLY MEETING, INN AT EAGLESTICKS, MUSKINGUM COUNTY (ZANESVILLE)
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)
MAY 3-9, 2009	NATIONAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT WEEK
JULY 24-29, 2009	74 <sup>TH</sup> NACo ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND EXPOSITION, DAVIDSON COUNTY (NASHVILLE), TN

### ASSOCIATION NEWS

#### MUSKINGUM COUNTY TO HOST SE DISTRICT

Muskingum County Commissioners John Bates, Brian Hill, and Jerry Lavy and County Engineer

Douglas Davis will host the Southeast District Commissioners and Engineers Association Quarterly Meeting on Thursday, March 12, 2009. The meeting will be held at the Inn at Eaglesticks, 2655 Maysville Pike, in Zanesville. Featured speakers are The Honorable Zack Space, U.S.

Representative (Dist. 18-Dover) or his representative and The Honorable Jimmy Stewart, Ohio Senator (Dist. 20-Albany). The 12:00 noon lunch is sponsored by the SE District. Registration deadline: March 6. RSVP to the Muskingum County Commissioner's office at (740) 455-7100.

### CORSA WELCOMES TWO NEW BOARD MEMBERS

The County Risk Sharing Authority (CORSA) Board of Directors appointed County Commissioners Mike Wheeler (Wyandot) and Tom Reiser (Scioto) to fill two unexpired terms on the CORSA Board. Wheeler and Reiser were appointed at CORSA's regular Board Meeting on Friday, February 13, 2009.

Commissioner Wheeler filled the unexpired term ending September 1, 2009 of Bob Herron from Carroll County, who did not seek re-election in November. Commissioner Reiser filled the unexpired term ending September 1, 2009 of John Grimes from Washington County, who did not return to office in January. Both newly appointed directors will seek re-election as a director of the Board at the CORSA Annual Meeting in August. CORSA Board Members are eligible to serve three two-year terms.

### OHIO CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION BREAKFAST – MARCH 11

Mark your calendars and plan to attend the Ohio Congressional Delegation Breakfast to be held at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 11 in the Capitol Visitor Center – Room 201, at the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C. Letters of invitation have been sent to the Ohio Congressional Delegation. Call now to make your appointments to meet with your member(s) during the conference!

The Capitol Visitor Center, the new main entrance to the U.S. Capitol, is located below the East Plaza of the Capitol between Constitution and Independence Avenues. Transportation WILL NOT be provided to the breakfast. Please do not attempt to drive and park on Capitol Hill! The Capitol can be reached by taking the Metro (red line) to Union Station exit or the Metro (red line) to Metro Center and transfer to the blue or orange

lines and exit at Federal South or you can travel by taxi.

A full breakfast will be served and attendance must be guaranteed in advance. There is no charge to attend the breakfast. Attendance at the breakfast is open to all Ohio conference attendees and their traveling companions. Registration deadline: February 27, 2009. For more information about the conference or to register for 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](mailto:mjneiman@ccao.org).

### 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](mailto:leliason@athenscountygovernment.com) or Wendy Dillingham, Interim Managing Director, Health and Wellness Programs, at (614) 220-7992, (888) 757-1904, or [wdillingham@ccao.org](mailto:wdillingham@ccao.org).

### **AFFILIATE NEWS**

#### OHIO COUNTY HOME ASSOCIATION ANNUAL SPRING CONFERENCE

The Ohio County Home Association will host their 2009 Annual Spring Conference on March 29 to April 1, 2009 at Mohican Resort and Conference Center, 1098 Ashland County Road #3006, in Perrysville. The conference theme is "Striving, Sustaining & Strategizing." Registration fees: \$75 OCHA member, \$150 non-member, and \$25 spouse/guest. For more information, please

contact Denise Percival, Conference Chair, Greenwood Manor, 711 Dayton-Xenia Road, Xenia, OH 45385, (937) 562-7550, [dpercival@co.greene.oh.us](mailto:dpercival@co.greene.oh.us), or <http://www.ohiocountyhomes.org/index.html>.

## STATE ACTIVITIES

### 2000s RECESSION WORSE THAN 1979-83 RECESSION IN 16 OHIO COUNTIES

A major new report has been released that compares the depth and severity of the last three recessions in Ohio's labor market. *Economic Indicators: Depth of 2000s Recession Relative to Other Recent Recessions* explains that the horrible four year 1979-1983 recession in Ohio caused the state to lose 796,387 jobs, a massive 17 percent of the state's jobs. This recession remains by far the worst recession that Ohio has suffered since the Great Depression of the 1930s.

The 1990-1992 recession was comparatively brief and mild. Ohio lost 47,628 jobs during that two-year recession, which was one percent of the state's jobs.

By comparison, the 2000-2008 recession lasted more than eight years, and it continues today at an accelerating pace. Ohio lost 262,383 jobs during that eight-year recession, or 4.8% of Ohio's employment. Those job losses are continuing right now, and the depth of the 2000-2008 recession is worsening in 2009.

The report finds that 16 of Ohio's 88 counties have already lost more jobs during the eight year 1979-1983 recession than they lost during the four year 1979-1983 recession. Five of the 16 counties are large urban areas, including Cuyahoga (Cleveland), Montgomery (Dayton), Richland (Mansfield), Trumbull (Warren), and Muskingum (Zanesville) counties.

Seven Appalachian counties (i.e., Morgan, Meigs, Monroe, Coshocton, Pike, Perry, and Harrison) in southeastern Ohio have already lost more jobs during the 2000-2008 recession than they lost during the deep 1979-1983 recession.

An additional four largely rural counties (i.e., Wyandot, Crawford, Ashtabula and Seneca) have already lost more jobs 2000-2008 than they lost 1979-1983 are scattered widely across Ohio. The fact that significant portions of Ohio are already experiencing a deeper recession during the 2000s than they experienced between 1979-1983 is astonishing and extremely troubling.

The fact that Cuyahoga County is on this list is extremely troubling. The seven county Cleveland-Akron-Lorain-Elyria region has not yet reached the depth of job loss suffered during the 1979-1983 recession, even though its central county is on the list. But, in the Youngstown metropolitan area, Trumbull County's losses have been so deep that the entire metro Youngstown region has already lost more jobs than metro Youngstown lost during the deep 1979-1983 recession.

Go to [www.nacs.net/~georgez/recession7908.pdf](http://www.nacs.net/~georgez/recession7908.pdf) for 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](mailto:georgez@nacs.net).

### OHIO SAFETY CONGRESS & EXPO HELPS EMPLOYERS LOWER COSTS

Ohio employers interested in saving money by increasing safety in the workplace are encouraged to attend the Ohio Safety Congress and Expo, sponsored by the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation (BWC). The free event is the Midwest's most established occupational safety and health event, linking employers with many opportunities to learn the latest safety and health techniques and practices. The Ohio Safety Congress & Expo will take place March 31 through April 2 at the Greater Columbus Convention Center, 400 North High Street, in downtown Columbus.

The Ohio Safety Congress & Expo will also offer keynote speakers and displays of state-of-the-art occupational safety and health products. The free event is open to the public. Register now at [www.ohiobwc.com](http://www.ohiobwc.com) or by calling 1-800-OHIOBWC.

## **FEDERAL ACTIVITIES**

### FOLLOW STIMULUS IMPLEMENTATION AT WHITE HOUSE WEB SITE

President Barack Obama signed the \$787 billion stimulus package this week, and many county officials have questions about implementation of the new public law. Visit [www.recovery.gov](http://www.recovery.gov) for up to date answers and information provided by the Obama Administration.

### NATIONAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT NETWORK LAUNCHES NEW WEBSITE

The National Emergency Management Network (NEMN) has launched a new website – [www.nemn.net](http://www.nemn.net). NEMN is a national network developed by PERI and the International City/County Management Association designed for local communities, businesses, and nonprofit organizations to share resources in the event of a disaster.

### CONGRESSIONAL SPONSORS WANTED FOR PROPOSED LEGISLATION

As part of the CCAO Legislative Program, we are requesting that the state support federal reform (Restoring the Partnership for County Health Care Costs Act, H.R. 5698, last session) that would remove the so-called “inmate exception” that prevents federal medical benefits from being paid for people in jail whether or not they have been convicted of a crime. Current federal benefits rules that states must follow leave counties solely responsible for the medical expenses of jailed individuals. As a result, qualified individuals who have been jailed automatically are stripped of their federal benefits before they have been convicted of anything. This appears to be a direct contradiction of the basic presumption of innocence, which is the foundation of the American criminal justice system.

Congressman Alcee Hastings (D-Fla.), the sponsor of H.R. 5698, currently is seeking co-sponsors prior to his reintroduction of the Restoring the Partnership for County Health Care Costs Act in the 111<sup>th</sup> Congress. This legislation also is strongly supported by NACo.

We encourage you to contact your Member of the House of Representatives and ask him or her to contact Rep. Hastings’ Senior Legislative Assistant Amye Greene at (202) 225-1313 and sign on as an initial co-sponsor of the bill.

## **NACo ACTIVITIES**

### NATIONAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT

Join counties across the nation to celebrate National County Government Week (NCGW) to be held May 3 – 9, 2009. The theme for the 2009 celebration is “Greening Our Future.” All counties are encouraged to participate, especially those that are pursuing green government initiatives. Tell your residents about what counties are doing to conserve energy, protect the environment, and save taxpayer’s dollars. A comprehensive booklet of ideas on ways to celebrate NCGW, including draft proclamations and news releases, is available at [www.naco.org](http://www.naco.org). For more information, contact Tom Goodman, NACo Public Affairs Director, at (202) 942-4222 or [tgoodman@naco.org](mailto:tgoodman@naco.org).

### 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](mailto:mjneiman@ccao.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. 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 go to [www.nacio.org](http://www.nacio.org).

### **CONFERENCES**

#### 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF COLLECTIVE BARGAINING IN OHIO'S PUBLIC SECTOR

The State Employment Relations Board (SERB) will host a "25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Collective Bargaining in Ohio's Public Sector" Conference on April 1-2, 2009 at the University Plaza Hotel and Conference Center, 3110 Olentangy River Road, in Columbus. Twenty-five years to the day after SERB opened its doors for the first time, the agency will convene a conference to examine how administrative practice, rule-making. Legislative amendments and hundreds of Board opinions and court decision have shaped the Ohio Public Employees Collective Bargaining Act, which extended collective bargaining rights to state and local public employees in Ohio.

Registration fee: \$350 (both days - includes lunches and dinner), \$195 (one day – includes lunch), or \$30 (add dinner to the first day). Reservation and cancellation deadline: March 24, 2009. For more information, contact SERB 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference, SERB, Fiscal Office, and

65 East State Street – Fl 12, Columbus, OH 43215-4213, or fax (614) 466-3074.

### **CLASSIFIEDS**

#### BUDGET ANALYST

Hamilton County, Ohio, Office of Budget and Strategic Initiatives is seeking a budget analyst. Duties include analyzing agency budget requests for county departments; preparing budget recommendations, monthly and annual financial reporting; project tracking and cost-benefit analysis for department initiatives; and serving as liaison between budget director and officials on fiscal matters. Candidates should possess a bachelor's degree with course work in public finance, public policy, economics, financial management or accounting; or equivalent work experience. Salary range begins at \$39,000, based on qualifications.

Send your resume/application to Hamilton County Human Resources Department, 138 E. Court Street, Room 707, Cincinnati, OH 45202, fax to (513) 946-4720. View full job posting and apply online at: <http://www.hamiltoncountyohio.gov/hr/BOCCCoverPage2.asp> Deadline: **February 25, 2009**.

#### SYSTEM ADMINISTRATOR

Under direction of the county auditor, Clark County seeks a system administrator to provide systems support, hardware and software support for county data processing systems as well as reporting capabilities for the auditor's and treasurer's offices. Responsibilities: documentation of systems; compliance with county standards and policies, internal support for departmental users; interface between system providers and Auditor and Treasurer; prepare and modify reports using Crystal Reports, SQL query generation and reporting; IAS report generation, printing and procedures; troubleshoot hardware and software problems; and related support for system users.

Requirements: Bachelor's Degree in an appropriate discipline or a combination of five years of education and relevant experience; minimum of five years experience in system administration, working knowledge of oracle database design, PL/SQL, Windows 2000/2003/XP based operating

systems/applications, excellent interpersonal, communications, and customer service skills; technical writing skills, ability to quickly learn new systems, working knowledge of Microsoft Office products.

More details are available at [http://www.clarkcountyohio.gov/personnel/job\\_openings.htm](http://www.clarkcountyohio.gov/personnel/job_openings.htm). Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. EOE.

### 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](http://prebco.org/county_jobs.htm). Deadline to submit an application and resume: **February 28, 2009**.

### EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

Licking County Government is accepting applications for an executive assistant with the

Child Support Enforcement Agency. This position is responsible for performing complex administrative duties of a confidential nature under the general direction of the CSEA Director. Successful candidates must have a minimum of an Associate's degree (A.A.) and two to four years related experience or training; or equivalent combination of education and experience. Starting salary range is \$29,200 - \$36,500. A complete job posting can be obtained by visiting our website [www.lcounty.com](http://www.lcounty.com) or visiting the Human Resources Department. Applications will be accepted until the position is 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](http://www.lcounty.com) or can be picked up at: Licking County Human Resources Department, 20 South Second Street - 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Newark, OH 43055. EOE.

### BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS SUPERVISOR

St. Marys City Schools seeks a buildings and grounds supervisor to direct delivery of district-wide maintenance services; provides technical expertise and manual skill in the inspection, servicing, and repair of the buildings, grounds, equipment, and furnishings, supervises and evaluates building and grounds staff; complete job description available at [www.smriders.net](http://www.smriders.net). Submit resume and salary requirements to Kurt Kuffner, Business Manager, St. Marys City Schools, 1445 Celina Road, St. Marys, Ohio, 45885 or [kurt.kuffner@smriders.net](mailto:kurt.kuffner@smriders.net). Deadline: **March 31, 2009**. 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](http://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](mailto:mjneiman@ccao.org)