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ASSOCIATION NEWS

CCAO COUNTY & LOCAL GOVERNMENT REFORM & COLLABORATION TASK FORCE

David Dhume, Madison County Commissioner and CCAO County & Local Government Reform & Collaboration Task Force Chair, will hold the next Task Force meeting on Thursday, April 23, 2009 at

2:00 p.m. at the CCAO Offices, 209 East State Street, Columbus or via conference call.

The purpose of the Task Force is to develop recommendations to submit to the Ohio Commission on Local Government Reform and Collaboration including, but not limited to, issues related to additional optional forms of county government; needed changes in local government structure; how to encourage more regional and

intergovernmental collaboration and shared services; and opportunities for possible realignment of certain governmental functions between the state, county, and other units of government.

Please confirm your attendance in person or via conference call to Kathy Dillon, CCAO Office Manager and Boards' Liaison, at (614) 221-5627, (888) 757-1904, or kathydillon@ccao.org.

CCAO HUMAN SERVICES & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Deborah Lieberman, Montgomery County Commissioner and CCAO Human Services & Workforce Development Committee Chair, has scheduled a meeting of the Committee at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, April 24, 2009 at the CCAO Offices, 209 East State Street, in downtown Columbus. Items on the agenda include a presentation by Voices for Ohio's Children concerning CHIP (Children's Health Insurance Program) reauthorization and creating efficiencies in county human service programs, and County Homes Association budget issues.

Lunch will be provided at 12:30 p.m. RSVP your attendance for this meeting to Janet Erwin, CCAO Administrative Assistant, at (614) 220-7986, (888) 757-1904, or jerwin@ccao.org for an accurate lunch count.

Committee members should mark their calendars for these future meeting dates: May 22, June 26, July 31, August 28, September 25, and October 23. Contact Beth Tsvetkoff, CCAO Policy Analyst, at (614) 220-7996, (888) 757-1904, or btsvetkoff@ccao.org if you have any questions.

CCAO FISCAL, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

Licking County Commissioner Tim Bubb, chair of the CCAO Fiscal, Economic Development & Infrastructure Committee, has called a meeting at 11:45 a.m. on Thursday April 30, 2009 at the CCAO Offices, 209 East State Street, in downtown Columbus. The primary purpose of this meeting is to discuss an Ohio Department of Development study on local tax incentives. A representative from the Strategic Business Investment Division will be present. An agenda for the meeting will be e-mailed to committee members.

Lunch will be provided. To assure an adequate lunch count please RSVP your attendance to Janet Erwin, CCAO Administrative Assistant, at (614) 220-7986, (888) 757-1904 or jerwin@ccao.org. If you have any questions about the meeting contact Brad Cole, CCAO Senior Policy Analyst, at (614) 220-7981, (888) 757-1904, or bcole@ccao.org.

MANAGING FISCAL RESOURCES & MAKING TOUGH STAFFING DECISIONS SEMINARS

During these tough economic times, all county elected officials are challenged to manage finances and human resources more effectively. To assist officials in making well-informed decisions, CCAO is sponsoring two one-day seminars on "Managing Fiscal Resources & Making Tough Staffing Decisions" that are open to all county elected and appointed officials and chief staff members. The same topics will be covered at each seminar.

Dates and Locations

May 4, 2009 – Miami County (Piqua) – register by April 29

Edison Community College,
1973 Edison Drive, Piqua

May 11, 2009 – Guernsey County (Cambridge) – register by May 6

Salt Fork Resort & Conference Center,
P.O. Box 7, US Route 22 East, Cambridge

Agenda and Registration Information

- 9:00 a.m. Registration
- 9:30 a.m. Welcome
- 9:40 a.m. Personnel & Human Resource Issues: Layoffs, Job Abolishments, Voluntary Reductions, 4-Day Work Week, and Unemployment & COBRA Benefit for Employees
- 12:00 noon Lunch
- 12:45 p.m. Mandatory Funding - *A panel discussion on mandatory programs and services the county must fund.*
- 2:30 p.m. Funding Source for Counties
- 3:30 p.m. Adjourn

Registration fee: \$25 (includes seminar materials and lunch). For registration information, please contact Janet Erwin, Administrative Assistant, at

(614) 220-7986, (888) 757-1904, or jerwin@ccao.org. Mark your calendars and plan to attend! Registration information is posted on the front page of CCAO's website at www.ccao.org.

COMMISSIONERS ON STATE BOARDS

CCAO has developed a new publication that lists county commissioners and other county officials that serve on statewide boards, committees, commissions, or task forces. Numerous county officials serve in other capacities that are appointed by the Governor, other statewide elected officials, or by state agencies.

The purpose of this publication, in table form, is to explain the purpose of the organization, the county representative(s) on the board or commission, term(s) of office, and other details of the organization. In addition, this table will provide other county officials with a contact when they are dealing with an issue where a commissioner or other county official is representing counties on the board, committee, commission or task force.

If any commissioner serves on a statewide board, committee, commission, or task force that should be listed on this table, please contact Mary Jane Neiman, CCAO Public Relations Associate, at (614) 220-7979, (888) 757-1904, or mjneiman@ccao.org. Attached to the email version of CIDS is a copy of the publication which is posted on the CCAO web site at www.ccao.org. Click on the Publication tab in the left pane and scroll down to "Commissioners on State Boards."

NEW CCAOSC ENERGY PROGRAM – NATURAL GAS SAVINGS

Recently, the County Commissioners Association of Ohio Service Corporation (CCAOSC) announced a **new energy program** designed to help keep your natural gas costs under control. The CCAOSC has partnered with Palmer Energy to help manage a new natural gas program – CCAOSC Energy Solutions - for member counties. Program advantages: utilize strength of group buying and leverage buying power to shop the market and secure the best deals.

As you recall, the CCAOSC established a natural gas program in 2000 to save counties money

through pre-payment and aggregation. Since the inception of that program, the CCAOSC Natural Gas Program has saved the 30-member counties over \$7.4 million in gas commodities. In the past year, counties saved over \$1.3 million. **Counties currently enrolled in the program must sign and return the Participation Agreement for the new program before May 1.**

The CCAOSC believes this program has the potential to provide significant value for your county. If you have questions or would like to schedule a consultation, please contact Kirk Mizerek, Palmer Energy Vice President, at (419) 539-9180 or kmizerek@palmerenergy.com or Tom Strup, CCAO Deputy Director of Operations, at (614) 220-7978 or tstrup@ccao.org.

NATIONAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT WEEK – MAY 3-9

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. For more information, contact Tom Goodman, NACo Public Affairs Director, at (202) 942-4222 or tgoodman@naco.org.

Share your ideas for celebrating National County Government Week in your county! Contact Mary Jane Neiman, CCAO Public Relations Associate, at (614) 220-7979, fax (614) 221-6986, or mjneiman@ccao.org.

COUNTY ACTIVITIES

MONTGOMERY COUNTY ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR TO RECEIVE NATINAL AWARD

Assistant Montgomery County Administrator Amy Wiedeman has been awarded the "Bill Lehman Memorial Award" by the National Animal Control Association (NACA).

The Award is presented to someone not directly employed in the animal control field, but who has shown an exceptional awareness in animal control related matters which merit distinction. The recipient is recognized as a "friend" of animal control, for contributions and outstanding action that assisted in furthering the positive image of animal control professionals through local, state or national animal control associations.

Wiedeman has been with Montgomery County in various capacities for more than 25 years. The Animal Resource Center was placed under her direction approximately five years ago. During that time, she has been one of the most instrumental individuals in moving the agency forward to the position of prominence it enjoys today. Wiedeman will receive her award next month at the NACA Annual Training Conference in St. Louis, Missouri.

STATE ACTIVITIES

GOVERNOR CREATES OUTREACH EFFORT TO BOOST PARTICIPATION IN 2010 CENSUS

With an eye toward Ohio's dwindling congressional representation and federal funding next decade, Gov. Ted Strickland launched a public awareness campaign to encourage greater participation in the 2010 Census. The governor signed an Executive Order 209-06S establishing the Ohio Complete Count Committee and named State Treasurer Kevin Boyce to serve as chair and Mark Barbash, interim director of the Department of Development, to serve as vice chair.

The committee will work with local census committees, government entities, and community organizations to design and implement an awareness campaign to educate Ohio residents about the importance of participating in the census. A thorough accounting of each resident could prevent Ohio from losing two seats in Congress, Gov. Strickland said during a news conference.

Federal funding formulas based on census results yielded more than \$13 billion for the Ohio Departments of Job & Family Services, Education, Aging, Health and the Board of Regents and other agencies in fiscal year 2007. Federally funded initiatives include Title I grants to school districts,

Head Start programs, Women, Infants and Children (WIC), roadwork, public transportation.

"The data collected in the 2010 Census will be used to distribute more than \$300 billion in federal funds each year and those funds will be distributed to states and local communities," Gov. Strickland said. Gov. Strickland said the committee would develop strategies to reach the "historically undercounted" populations, such as homeless individuals and undocumented workers.

Additional members of the committee include: directors of Transportation, Health, Aging, ODJFS, Office of Budget & Management, the Governor's Office of Faith-Based & Community Initiatives; the superintendent of public instruction; Board of Regents chancellor; and one member appointed by the House speaker, Senate president, and minority caucuses of both chambers.

AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT INFORMATION SESSIONS

Join members of Governor Strickland's Staff and Executive Agencies for an information session on the economic stimulus package. Sessions will provide information for:

- Small, minority owned, and economically disadvantaged business enterprises that want to learn about procurement opportunities through the stimulus package and state government;
- County, municipal, and township government officials; and
- Non-profit and community organizations that may apply for funding or serve individuals eligible for assistance.

These information sessions will be held from April 13 through May 1 at locations around Ohio. In each location, two information sessions will be offered to provide flexibility to attendees. Staff will provide the same presentation during both time periods. The presentation will consist of a 30-minute overview followed by two small group sessions. One session will provide information for organizations that serve individuals. The other session will focus on economic stimulus and other opportunities for businesses. These small group

sessions will last approximately 60-minutes and will provide time for questions from attendees.

To register, visit <http://development.ohio.gov/recovery/RegionalStimulusWorkshops>. For more information about the State of Ohio's role in the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act go to www.recovery.ohio.gov.

FEDERAL ACTIVITIES

LOCAL GOVERNMENTS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE RURAL ENERGY AUDIT GRANTS

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is accepting funding applications for grants to conduct energy audits under the Rural Energy for America Program (REAP). The audits are intended to help rural small businesses and agricultural producers determine where to make changes in their operations to enable them to reduce energy consumption.

Local governments are eligible to receive funds. Grants will be awarded up to \$100,000. Audits are required for energy efficiency projects funded by REAP costing more than \$50,000. Parties seeking audits from the grantees must pay 25 percent of audit costs.

Application deadline: June 9, 2009. Application information may be obtained through www.grants.gov or by contacting Randy Monhemius, USDA Rural Development, 200 North High Street – Room 507, Columbus, OH 43215–2418, (614) 255–2424 or Randy.Monhemius@oh.usda.gov.

NACo ACTIVITIES

GREEN VIDEO SPOTLIGHTS: RESERVE A DIGITAL CAMCORDER TO TELL YOUR COUNTY'S STORY

The National Association of Counties (NACo) wants to help communicate your county's green government story. How does the program work? Thanks to the support of corporate sponsors of NACo's Green Government Initiative (www.greencounties.org), digital camcorders are available for loan to your county. NACo member counties may reserve a digital camcorder for a four-

week period of time and record a five-minute video on your county's green government efforts. All participants should emphasize the green project's financial savings, job creation, and economic development impacts. Videos will be uploaded to NACo's YouTube Channel (www.youtube.com/NACoVideo) for all to access and learn from.

Reserve a camcorder today by contacting Kelly Zonderwyk, NACo Community Services Project Manager, at (202) 942-4224, fax (202) 737-0480, or kzonderwyk@naco.org. If you already have a digital camcorder, contact Kelly for guidelines and instructions on how to participate.

2009 COUNTY COURTHOUSE AWARDS

As leaders in innovative problem solving, county government deserves to be recognized for outstanding efforts in improving the lives of citizens through outstanding governance and strong leadership. The National Association of Counties (NACo) is sponsoring the 2009 County Courthouse Awards to profile elected county officials who work to address our nation's most challenging issues, such as homeland security, air and water quality, information technology, health and human services, public safety, and a wealth of other priorities.

Application deadline: May 8, 2009. For more information, please contact Dalen Harris or Erik Johnston, Associate Legislative Directors, at (202) 393-6226 or dharris@naco.org or ejohnston@naco.org or click on the story on the front page of www.naco.org.

CLASSIFIEDS

PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR

Knox County Department of Job & Family Services is seeking a program administrator for its Children and Family Services Division includes child protection, adult protection, special services to at risk families, foster care, adoption, parent education. Responsibilities require having operational oversight and leadership of the Division. Ensures County programs comply with state, federal, and local laws and regulations. Liaisons to other agencies, community and state.

Performs direct and indirect supervisory functions. This position is unclassified.

Requirements: Bachelor's degree in related field required, Master's degree preferred. Demonstrated background and experience in Child and Family Services desirable. Skills in clinical assessment, family systems, critical thinking, understanding social service delivery system and the legal process.

Preferential treatment given to non-smokers.

Send resume' and three professional references to: Knox County Department of Job & Family Services,

Human Resources Manager, 117 East High Street - 4th Floor, Mount Vernon, OH 43050. Application Deadline is: **April 30, 2009**. No calls please. 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