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DATES TO REMEMBER

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NATIONAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT WEEK

MAY 4, 2009

MANAGING FISCAL RESOURCES & MAKING TOUGH STAFFING DECISIONS SEMINAR, EDISON COMMUNITY COLLEGE, MIAMI COUNTY (PIQUA)

MAY 11, 2009

MANAGING FISCAL RESOURCES & MAKING TOUGH STAFFING DECISIONS SEMINAR, SALT FORK RESORT & CONFERENCE CENTER, GUERNSEY COUNTY (CAMBRIDGE)

MAY 19, 2009

SE DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS AND ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION QUARTERLY MEETING, RAVEN'S GLENN WINERY, COSHOCTON COUNTY

MAY 20, 2009

OHIO COUNCIL OF COUNTY OFFICIALS LEGISLATIVE LUNCHEON, STATEHOUSE ATTRIUM, COLUMBUS

MAY 20-22, 2009

NACo WESTERN INTERSTATE REGION (WIR) CONFERENCE, UMATILLA COUNTY (PENDLETON), OR

JULY 24-29, 2009

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

ASSOCIATION NEWS

ROSS COUNTY COMMITS TO THE CEBCO PROGRAM

This week, the Ross County Commissioners voted to join CEBCO, the County Employee Benefits Consortium of Ohio, effective June 1, 2009. With the addition of approximately 524 employee lives, CEBCO will have over 9,500 county employees and the CCAO staff in the program. Ross County is the 21st county to join the plan. The consortium was created by CCAO to help stabilize the health insurance costs for the counties. Ross County will enjoy the benefits of the consortium membership along with the following CEBCO counties: Allen, Ashtabula, Athens, Butler, Carroll, Champaign, Clark, Clinton, Darke, Delaware, Geauga, Hardin,

Hocking, Logan, Madison, Morrow, Putnam, Union, Washington, and Williams counties.

As with all of the existing CEBCO products, your county can choose any of the stand alone programs separately or in conjunction with any of the other CEBCO offerings include: medical, drug, dental, life, employee assistance plan, and vision coverage. Harnessing group buying power is a key benefit of CEBCO. For more information on the CEBCO Program please contact Melissa Bodey at (614) 220-7997 or mbodey@ccao.org, Wendy Dillingham at (614) 220-7992 or wdillingham@ccao.org, or toll free at (888) 757-1904.

OCCO LUNCHEON – MAY 20

Mark your calendars and plan to attend the Ohio Council of County Officials (OCCO) legislative

luncheon on Wednesday, May 20, 2009! The Ohio Clerk of Courts Association will host the luncheon. There is no charge to attend the luncheon.

County officials need to continually communicate and build a partnership with members of the General Assembly. The OCCO encourages you to invite your state senators and state representatives to the luncheon. Please schedule appointments with them to discuss issues of importance to your county while you are in Columbus. In lieu of an educational seminar, the OCCO recommends that you attend a committee meeting and/or Senate and House Session. Don't miss this opportunity to lobby the Ohio General Assembly!

Many of you see your lawmakers regularly within your counties. OCCO strongly encourages you to travel to Columbus on May 20 to physically show your support for your lawmakers, who will be looking to see if anyone from their district made the effort to come to this important event.

Please register by May 15, 2009. For more information please contact Todd A. Bickle, Muskingum County Common Pleas Clerk of Courts, at (740) 455-7104, fax (740) 455-8245, or tabickle@muskingumcounty.org.

After you meet with your legislators at the Statehouse, please take some time to see the following:

- **County flags** - displayed on Veterans' Plaza located on the east side of the Statehouse.
- **The Ladies Gallery** - located on the first floor of the Statehouse. The room pays homage to the first female Ohio legislators who paved the way for women in government and honors all women who have served in the Ohio General Assembly.

COSHOCTON COUNTY TO HOST SE DISTRICT – MAY 19

Coshocton County Commissioners Dane Shryock, Gary Fischer, and D. Curtis Lee and County Engineer Fred Wachtel will host the next Southeastern County Commissioners and County Engineers Quarterly Meeting on Tuesday, May 19

at Raven's Glenn Winery, 56183 SR 36, in West Liberty.

Registration and a continental breakfast begin at 8:30 a.m. and ends at 9:30 a.m. at the Roscoe Visitors Center, 600 North Whitewoman Street, in Coshocton. Tours begin at 9:30 a.m. at Roscoe Warehouse Steak N Stein, then proceed to Roscoe Village and continue at Richard Downing Airport, Rainbow Hills Winery, and Raven's Glenn Winery. During the tours learn about Coshocton County's innovative IT network and computerized dog warden program and the increase in revenue. Lunch will be served.

The commissioners and engineers roundtable discussion groups begin at 5:00 p.m. followed by a social hour and dinner. Registration fee: \$20 (includes dinner).

Golf is available at River Greens Golf Course, 22749 SR 751, in West Lafayette. Greens fees: \$29 (includes 18 holes, shared cart, and lunch).

For more information about the meeting or golf, contact Mary Beck, Administrator/Clerk, Coshocton County Commissioners, 401 ½ Main Street, Coshocton, OH 43812, (740) 622-1753, fax (740) 622-4917, or marybeck@coshoctoncounty.net.

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)
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). Registration information is posted on the front page of CCAO's website at www.ccao.org. For more 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!

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 by May 1. New counties and buildings may be added to the program at anytime, but joining soon helps with the forecasting of energy consumption.**

The CCAOSC believes this program has the potential to provide a 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.

STATE ACTIVITIES

OHIO ANNOUNCES PROPOSED STIMULUS FUNDING FOR DRINKING WATER & WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PROJECTS; PUBLIC MEETING ON MAY 7

Ohio EPA Director Chris Korleski has announced intended project priority lists that include 69 drinking water projects in 52 communities and 255 water pollution control projects in 164 communities to be offered funding under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA).

Ohio EPA has issued draft Intended Use Plans (IUPs), and will hold a public meeting to take comments on the plans on May 7, 2009, in Columbus. U.S. EPA will need to approve the IUP prior to funds being awarded. A public information session and public hearing on the proposed project lists will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 7, 2009, at the Riffe Government Center, 77 South High Street, Room 1948, in Columbus. The meeting will conclude after everyone has had an opportunity to comment on the plans.

Recognizing the great need of Ohio's communities, Ohio EPA will make 100 percent of stimulus funds available as subsidies, which is more than the 50 percent required in the Recovery Act. Non-Recovery Act funds will also be "mixed and matched" with Recovery Act funds to increase the number of communities able to receive infrastructure funding. Matching funds for drinking water projects will be offered at 0 percent for 20 years for non-disadvantaged communities or 30 years for disadvantaged communities. For water pollution control projects, matching funds will be offered at 0 percent to 3.7 percent for a period of time ranging from 5 to 20 years based upon the specific type of project. (i.e., planning and design loans for 5 years or construction projects up to 20 years).

A full list of priority water infrastructure improvement projects and guidelines can be viewed on Ohio EPA's website. Drinking water projects:

www.epa.state.oh.us/ddagw/dwaf_economic_stimulus.htm. Water pollution control projects: www.epa.state.oh.us/defa/stimulus.html

Written comments will be accepted through close of business on May 8, 2009. Comments on the proposed drinking water project list should be sent to Stacy Barna, Ohio EPA, Division of Drinking and Ground Waters, P.O. Box 1049, Columbus, OH 43216-1049 or e-mailed to stacy.barna@epa.state.oh.us. Comments on the proposed water pollution control project list should be sent to Becky Hegyi, Ohio EPA, Division of Environmental and Financial Assistance, P.O. Box 1049, Columbus, OH 43216-1049, or e-mailed to becky.hegyi@epa.state.oh.us.

FEDERAL ACTIVITIES

SENATORS VOINOVICH & BROWN ANNOUNCE JOINT EFFORT TO ASSIST OHIO COMMUNITIES STRUGGLING TO AFFORD RENOVATIONS FOR OUTDATED SEWER SYSTEMS

Last week, U.S. Senators George V. Voinovich and Sherrod Brown announced legislation that would help at least 86 Ohio communities make renovations to outdated sewer systems. The Clean Water Affordability Act of 2009 (S.854) would help 86 Ohio communities struggling to afford costly, but necessary, renovations to sewer systems. S.854 would amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to update a program to provide assistance for the planning, design, and construction of treatment works to intercept, transport, control, or treat municipal combined sewer overflows and sanitary sewer overflows, and to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to update certain guidance used to develop and determine the financial capability of communities to implement clean water infrastructure programs.

Brown and Voinovich released a statewide [map](#) of the 86 facilities in Ohio with serious sewage overflow programs. "Combined Sewage Overflow" systems, or CSOs, move both wastewater and storm water through the same sewage system. In the event of a storm or excessive rain, CSOs

cannot handle both human wastewater and storm runoff at the same time. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) estimates that about 850 billion gallons of untreated wastewater and storm water are released through CSOs each year in the United States.

Federal guidelines require municipalities to renovate these outdated systems to protect human health and the environment, but upgrades often prove too costly for many small communities. According to EPA, communities across the nation face an estimated \$50 billion in need for CSO renovations. These projects represent more than 25 percent of all wastewater needs reported in the most recent EPA needs survey.

The 2008 Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) survey showing 86 facilities in Ohio with serious sewage overflow problems amounts to a needed investment of \$6.3 billion, an increase of more than half since the 2000 survey. The report calculated there is an immediate need of more than \$10 billion in Ohio for improvements in publicly-owned wastewater treatment facilities.

The Clean Water Affordability Act is aimed at updating the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) clean water affordability policy, which puts undue strain on the budgets of local communities. The current EPA affordability policy does not provide for a full and accurate representation of the financial impacts of clean water investment programs on communities struggling to meet federal regulations for improving their water infrastructure.

The Clean Water Affordability Act authorizes \$1.8 billion over five years for a grant program to help financially distressed communities update their aging infrastructure. The program would provide a 75-25 cost share for municipalities to use for planning, design, and construction of treatment works to control combined and sanitary sewer overflows. The National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA), which represents the sewer districts, has endorsed the legislation.

S. 854 would also establish that:

- The implementation schedule for water quality related improvements must be tailored to the affected community's unique financial condition.
- A financial capability assessment should consider more broadly each community's economic situation.
- Environmental improvements should be structured to mitigate the potential adverse impact of their cost on distressed populations.

Studies indicate that for every \$1 billion invested in infrastructure projects, anywhere from 35,000 to nearly 50,000 jobs are created. Beyond job creation, investment in water and sewer infrastructure meets public health and safety needs and helps communities attract new businesses and residents.

NACo ACTIVITIES

BROWN TO APPOINT LEADERSHIP TEAM FOR 2009-10

Sonoma County (CA) Supervisor and NACo President-Elect Valerie Brown will be considering the following appointments to her 2009-10 Leadership Team in early May.

- **Steering Committee Leadership** – The 11 steering committees will each have a leadership team consisting of a chair, vice-chairs, subcommittee chairs, and vice-chairs. Active members of the steering committees are given first preference. **This does not include steering committee membership nominations. CCAO will process nominations in early June. (See article below.)**
- **Caucus Leadership** – These one-year appointments include the Rural Action Caucus and Large Urban County Caucus Steering Committees chair and vice-chairs. Active members of the steering committees are given first preference.
- **At-Large Appointments to the NACo Board of Directors** – These ten one-year appointments add diversity to the board.
- **Standing Committees** – Four committees (i.e., Finance, Information Technology,

Member Programs and Services, and Membership Committees)

- **Ad Hoc Committees** – Four committees (i.e., Deferred Compensation Advisory Committee – three-year term, Arts and Culture Commission – one-year term, Sustainability Leadership Team – one-year term, and Geospatial Information Systems Committee – one-year term.)

The application is available online at www.naco.org. Click on About NACo>Committees and Caucuses>Presidential Appointment. **Application deadline: May 22, 2009.** If you have any questions please contact Mary Jane Neiman, CCAO Public Relations Associate, at (614) 220-7979 or mjneiman@ccao.org.

2009-10 NACo STEERING COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS

The nomination process for membership on NACo policy steering committees in 2009-10 is underway. As a NACo steering committee member, you are responsible for debating and creating national policies and priorities affecting counties and serve on NACo's front line in their grassroots efforts. Committees meet at the NACo Legislative and Annual Conferences and one other time during the year. You will be responsible for your own travel. Attendance and participation in the committee is important.

NACo has eleven steering committees: Agriculture & Rural Affairs; Community & Economic Development; Environment, Energy & Land Use; Finance & Intergovernmental Relations; Health; Human Services & Education; Justice & Public Safety; Labor & Employment; Public Lands; Telecommunications & Technology; and Transportation. To serve on a Steering Committee, your county must be a member of NACo.

CCAO processes all nominations for Ohio public officials before being sent to NACo. If you would like to serve on a NACo committee for 2009-10, please respond by **Friday, June 12, 2009**. Nominations will be approved by the incoming NACo President after the NACo Annual Conference, which will be held July 24-28, 2009 in Davidson County (Nashville), Tennessee. NACo will announce your appointment in September

2009. For more information about NACo Steering Committees please contact Mary Jane Neiman, CCAO Public Relations Associate, at (614) 220-7979, (888) 757-1904 or mjneiman@ccao.org.

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.

Last year, former Union County Engineer Steve Stolte won the County Courthouse award! 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.

SEMINARS/WEBINARS

AMERICAN RECOVERY & REINVESTMENT (RECOVERY ACT) FUNDS FINANCIAL REPORTING REQUIREMENTS – MAY 6

A webinar will be held on May 6, 2009 from 3:00-4:30 p.m. to provide information on the reporting of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act's Employment Security and Workforce Investment Act funds in the E-Grants on-line electronic Grantee Reporting System. The intended audience is the financial managers and staff responsible for maintaining and reporting the financial data in the E-grants on-line electronic grantee reporting system.

Registration for this Webinar is limited and seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Click the link below to login to Workforce3 One to register: www.workforce3one.org/view/5000909151487175387/info. Workforce³ One, sponsored by the U.S. Department of Labor/Employment and Training Administration (ETA), is an interactive

communications and learning platform designed to build the capacity of the Workforce Investment System.

UNFAIR LABOR PRACTICES SEMINAR – MAY 13

The law office of Downes, Hurst & Fishel LLP will conduct an "Unfair Labor Practices Seminar" on Wednesday, May 13, 2009 at the Miami Township Government Center, 2700 Lyons Road, in Miamisburg. Course topics include: history of Ohio's Collective Bargaining Act, employer unfair labor practices, responding to unfair labor practice charges, protected activities, and union unfair labor practices.

Please note that 6.0 CLE credit hours have been approved by the Supreme Court of Ohio. Registration fee: \$175 per person or \$145 for two or more people. For more information, contact Bonni J. Auteri, Office Manager, Downes, Hurst & Fishel, LLP, 400 South Fifth Street - Suite 200, Columbus, Ohio 43215, (614) 221-1216, fax (614) 221-8769, or bauteri@dhflaw.com.

HOT BUTTONS 2009 – MAY 14

Clemans Nelson & Associates will present a seminar for all county employers titled "Hot Buttons 2009." The seminar will be held on May 14, 2009 at the Pontifical College Josephinum, 7625 North High Street, in Worthington. The seminar starts at 8:00 a.m. for registration and adjourns at 4:00 p.m.

This program will address some of the hottest human resource issues facing public employers today. Topics: ADA, what and when to use the interactive dialogue; Fitness for Duty Exams; FMLA: using the new medical certification form; new military leave provisions; how much information can you demand in order to justify the use of sick leave; do you choose layoff, or abolishment, and what about police and fire layoffs.

Registration fee: \$189 per person (mention CIDS when you register and receive a 10% discount.) Register three people and the fourth person attends free. For more information, or to register call, Karen Metzger, Program Manager, Clemans, Nelson & Associates, at (614) 923-7700 or (800) 282-0787.

OHIO TOWN-GOWN CONFERENCE – JUNE 2

The 1st Annual Ohio Town-Gown Conference will be held on Tuesday, June 2, 2009 at the Ohio Wesleyan University, Hamilton-Williams Campus Center, in Delaware. This conference is being offered by Ohio City/County Management Association to address the unique opportunities that face communities that include a college or university.

Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. The conference begins at 8:30 a.m. and ends after a reception at 5:00 p.m. Topics to be discussed include public safety collaboration issues, sustainability approaches for campuses and communities, social networking and new media, green building initiatives, and building partnerships to strengthen communities through student involvement.

Registration fee: \$65 per person or \$50 per person if an organization sends three or more attendees (includes conference materials, continental breakfast, break, and lunch). Cancellations with full refund of conference fees, minus a \$25 administrative charge, are accepted until May 23, 2009. For more information please contact Cindy Holodnak, Secretariat, Ohio City/County Management Association, c/o John Glenn School of Public Affairs, The Ohio State University, 150 Page Hall, 1810 College Road, Columbus, OH 43210-1336, (614) 292-7731, fax (614) 292-2182, holodnak.1@osu.edu, or <http://ocmaohio.org>.

CLASSIFIEDS

ADMINISTRATOR, OHIO REHABILITATION SERVICES COMMISSION

Under the authority of the Commission for Rehabilitation Services, the Administrator functions as chief operating officer for the Agency; exercising

the skills and knowledge of management, fiscal accounting, and rehabilitation services, administers and manages multi-geographic jurisdictions and multi-faceted human services programs; makes high level management and administrative decisions regarding the allocation of state/federal funds, compliance with applicable state/federal laws and regulations, human resource accountability and the overall efficiency of consumer/claimant services; reviews monthly, quarterly, and annual expenditure reports; analyzes statistical data based on established performance standards; promotes consumer representation on appropriate agency committees.

Educational requirements: at least a master's degree in the field of vocational rehabilitation, or related discipline in the social services. Professional experience: at least five years of managerial experience in an organization of at least 50 employees with a \$3 million annual budget that delivers vocational rehabilitation services, under the auspices, or related to the State-Federal Vocational Rehabilitation program or equivalent of Minimum Class Qualifications for Employment noted above.

Application deadline: May 17, 2009. For more information go to:

<http://agency.governmentjobs.com/ohio/default.cfm?action=viewjob&JobID=161937>. The State of Ohio is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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