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DATES TO REMEMBER

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
MAY 21, 2009	CCAO GENERAL GOVERNMENT AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE, CCAO OFFICE, COLUMBUS
MAY 22, 2009	CCAO HUMAN SERVICES AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE, CCAO OFFICE, COLUMBUS
MAY 29, 2009	CCAO FISCAL, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE, CCAO OFFICE, COLUMBUS
JULY 24-29, 2009	74 TH NACo ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND EXPOSITION, DAVIDSON COUNTY (NASHVILLE), TN

ASSOCIATION NEWS

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 from 12:00 noon to 1:30 p.m.! 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.

CCAO SEEKS NOMINEE, ALTERNATE FOR CAFF ADVISORY COMMITTEE

CCAO has had a representative and alternate on the Concentrated Animal Feeding Facility (CAFF) Advisory Committee since its inception in April 2001. CCAO's current member and alternate were unseated in the past election.

The Concentrated Animal Feeding Facility Advisory Committee advises the Director of the Ohio Department of Agriculture and the Livestock Environmental Permitting Program staff on policies governing large-scale livestock and poultry farming in Ohio.

The Ohio Department of Agriculture has requested that CCAO submit a nomination and alternate to fulfill the current term. The current term will expire on March 13, 2010. Any Commissioner interested in serving on the CAFF Advisory Committee, should contact Josh Hahn, CCAO Policy Analyst, at (614) 220-7982, (888) 757-1904, or jhahn@ccao.org by May 20.

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 should have returned the Participation Agreement for the new program by May 1. New counties and buildings may be added to the program at anytime, but signing up 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.

CCAO HUMAN SERVICES & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE –MAY 22

Just a reminder - the CCAO Human Services and Workforce Development Committee will meet on Friday, May 22 at 1:00 p.m. at the CCAO office, 209 E. State Street, Columbus. The biennial budget (i.e., breakdown and detailed discussion of the House passed budget and progress in the Senate) and the Area 7 CEO meeting will be discussed.

Lunch will be served at 12:30 p.m. Please confirm your attendance or suggest additional topics for the agenda to Janet Erwin, CCAO Administrative Assistant, at (614) 220-7986. (888) 757-1904, or jerwin@ccao.org no later than Monday, May 18. You are always welcome to ask your director of job and family services or other staff to attend these meetings with you. Please note: the meeting scheduled for June 26 has been cancelled.

CCAO FISCAL, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE – MAY 29

The CCAO Fiscal, Economic Development and Infrastructure Committee will hold a meeting on Friday, May 29 at 9:30 a.m. at the CCAO office, 209 East State Street, Columbus. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss legislation relating to foreclosures and the taxation of vacant homes, and legislation relating to the regulation of individual sewage treatment systems.

Lunch will be served during the meeting. In order to assure an accurate count for lunch, please call Janet Erwin, CCAO Administrative Assistant, at (614) 220-7986. (888) 757-1904, or jerwin@ccao.org if you can not attend the meeting. Any questions regarding the subject matter for the meeting may be addressed to Brad Cole, CCAO Senior Policy Analyst, at (614) 220-7981, (888) 757-1904, or bcole@ccao.org.

STATE ACTIVITIES

OHIO WINS SITE SELECTION COMPETITIVENESS AWARD; RANKED #1 IN ADVANCED ENERGY MANUFACTURING

Site Selection magazine has recognized Ohio with the 2008 Competitiveness Award. The award recognizes the state-level economic development agency that ranks highest in business expansion activity. Ohio also ranked #1 in alternative energy manufacturing with 135 projects in the U.S. last year. The May 2009 edition of the magazine will highlight these awards.

The 10 criteria used to select the recipient of the Competitiveness Award were based on project data tracked by the *Site Selection* publisher. The criteria include:

- Total new and expanded facilities per 1 million population in 2008;
- Total capital investment in new and expanded facilities per 1 million population in 2008;
- Total new jobs created at new and expanded facilities per 1 million population in 2008;
- Total actual number of new and expanded facilities in 2008;
- Percentage growth in new and expanded facilities from 2007 to 2008;
- Three-year growth change (from 2005 to 2008) in new and expanded facilities;
- Ranking in *Site Selection's* most recent annual business climate survey;
- Number of top 100 metros in the annual ranking of top metros;
- Number of top 100 small towns in the annual ranking of small towns; and
- Number of 100-plus-job projects per 1 million population in 2008.

In addition, the Dayton Development Coalition and the Cincinnati USA Partnership were named in the magazine's Top 10 Groups in Economic Development from 2008. This honor recognizes economic development organizations that were exemplary in terms of total jobs created, total capital investment, jobs per capita and capital investment per capita. The Greater Akron Chamber and the Toledo Regional Growth Partnership

received honorable mention in this category. In the Top Deals from 2008 category, NetJets received an honorable mention. Top Deals are based on investment, high-value jobs, creativity in negotiations and incentives, regional economic impact, competition and speed to market.

LEAVE NO CHILD INSIDE

The Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) has joined with a grassroots organization of Ohioans who are concerned about children's declining participation in outdoor activities and the subsequent impacts. The team is championing programs that will help families to overcome 'nature-deficit disorder' and jumpstart healthy outdoor lifestyles.

Outdoor activity and play are part of a healthy lifestyle, but research shows that children's participation in outdoor activities is on the decline. In fact, there has been an 11 percent decline in participation in outdoor activities among youth age 6 to 17, with the sharpest declines among those age 6 to 12. ODNR and the Leave No Child Inside Collaborative in central Ohio and Cincinnati have programs that can help parents and educators unplug children and rewire them for outdoor fun.

ODNR's free Explore the Outdoors program provides Ohio parents, educators and youth leaders with an easy guide to lead Ohio's young people into the outdoors. Explore the Outdoors participants can find special activity completion codes posted at welcome centers and kiosks in participating ODNR and partner facilities statewide. Children who enter at least two codes on the Explore the Outdoors web site, www.exploretheoutdoorsohio.com, will receive a printable certificate signed by Gov. Ted Strickland. Participants can also get entered for other prizes.

ODNR also encourages Ohioans to make long-lasting family memories by taking part in the Leave No Child Inside Family Nature Club campaign. Family Nature Clubs are formed by people with an interest in connecting children with nature. Each one is unique; some meet weekly at the same park for walks and others coordinate for focused nature study. The Explore the Outdoors web site provides activity guides for free download and a listing of special Explore the Outdoors events. Parents and

teachers can contact 614-784-PLAY (7529) or explore@dnr.state.oh.us for additional information or to request activity guides and program resources.

AGREEMENT SIGNED TO SPEED WIND POWER DEVELOPMENT, ESTABLISH PROCESS TO PROTECT NATURAL RESOURCES

Last week, Governor Ted Strickland signed an agreement that will speed the development of wind power generation while establishing reasonable safeguards for the conservation of Ohio's natural resources. The Cooperation Agreement was the first of its kind in Ohio and establishes a collaborative relationship between the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) and JW Great Lakes Wind, LLC for future wind energy development projects.

The agreement establishes timelines for information sharing about wind energy development projects, encourages communication and cooperation on evaluating risks to wildlife resources, and identifies pre- and post-construction monitoring activities to help avoid or mitigate potentially adverse impacts to wildlife and native plant resources.

The agreement includes provisions regarding:

- The importance of developing renewable energy resources in an environmentally sustainable and conscientious manner.
- The need for early information exchange between developers and the ODNR so project siting decisions can benefit from knowledge of wildlife and rare plant communities, and avoid wetlands and other important habitats.
- Use of all reasonable and feasible Best Management Practices to ensure the long-term conservation of Ohio's wildlife resources and natural habitat communities.
- Timetables for project development and sharing data from relevant wildlife monitoring studies.
- The commitment of developers and ODNR to work collaboratively to review relevant data and resolve issues of mutual interest and concern.

- Related issues of jurisdiction, appeals and mitigation processes.

Although studies suggest that wind energy development can have impacts on birds and bats, Ohio has made significant progress in identifying locations and mitigation strategies to minimize these potential impacts. The ODNR Division of Wildlife, which is charged with conserving Ohio's wildlife resources, has dedicated a full-time wildlife biologist to work with wind energy developers on these issues so that wind energy development projects can move forward in Ohio in a wildlife-friendly and sustainable manner.

The Ohio Department of Natural Resources ensures a balance between wise use and protection of our natural resources for the benefit of all. Visit the ODNR web site at www.ohiodnr.com.

NACo ACTIVITIES

MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES & THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM

The National Association of Counties (NACo) and the Council of State Governments Justice Center (Justice Center) are partnering to identify key information sharing challenges faced by criminal justice/mental health entities partnering to serve individuals with mental illnesses involved in the criminal justice system.

The Justice Center and NACo, with support from the Bureau of Justice Assistance, are gathering information on this topic for a short, online publication that highlights common information sharing questions and innovative practices communities have implemented to address them. In particular, we are interested in speaking with criminal justice and mental health practitioners to learn more about topics such as:

- Identifying prior mental health treatment history when individuals enter the criminal justice system
- Ensuring compliance with HIPAA/state privacy regulations while administering initiatives for individuals with mental illnesses involved in the criminal justice system

- Seeking informed consent from individuals with mental illnesses to participate in specialty programs, like mental health courts or jail diversion initiatives

If you would like to discuss common information sharing questions regarding the topics above, please contact Kati Guerra, NACo Senior Associate for Community Services, at (202) 942-4279, fax (202) 393-2630 or kguerra@naco.org by Friday, May 22, 2009.

NACo 74th ANNUAL CONFERENCE & EXPOSITION

The National Association of Counties (NACo) and Davidson County (Nashville), Tennessee invite you to join over 2,000 appointed and elected officials from across the nation this summer for NACo's 74th Annual Conference & Exposition to be held July 24-28, 2009 at the Gaylord Opryland Hotel. This is the only national conference and exposition dedicated solely to county government. Conference registration is now open! Register for the conference and housing online at www.naco.org to save \$25 per registrant. Click on the article about the conference on the front page. The early bird discount is available until June 19. For more information, please contact Mary Jane Neiman, CCAO Public Relations Associate, at (614) 220-7979, (888) 757-1904 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.

WEBINAR

SECURING THE SAFETY NET & RESPONDING TO SOCIAL SERVICE NEEDS

NACo will offer a series of free "Leading in Tough Times" webinars to provide information and ideas about coping and recovering from the recession. The next webinar topic is "Securing the Safety Net and Responding to Social Service Needs" will be held on Thursday, June 11, 2:00 to 3:15 p.m. To register go to <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/810325227>. For more information, contact Carrie Clingan, NACo Associate in Community Services, at (202) 942-4246, fax (202) 661-8871 or cclingan@naco.org.

CLASSIFIEDS

WASTEWATER OPERATOR/MAINTENANCE POSITION

The Ottawa County Sanitary Engineering Department currently has a job opening for a wastewater operator/maintenance position at their wastewater plants. Applicant must be able to perform laboratory tests of water to determine water quality; operate the wastewater treatment plants to ensure required water quality standards are achieved; implement proper procedures for efficient wastewater treatment plant operation and maintenance; perform skilled mechanical maintenance of equipment at the facilities and lift

stations; lift or move equipment; chemical drums/bags; and perform housekeeping duties.

Minimum Ohio EPA Class I Wastewater Operators license required. Ottawa County provides a competitive salary and benefits package. Applicants are available at the Ottawa County Sanitary Engineering Department, 315 Madison Street, Room 105, Port Clinton, OH 43452 (419) 734-6725 or online at www.co.ottawa.oh.us.

Application deadline: **4:30 p.m. on May 22, 2009.**
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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