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DATES TO REMEMBER

JUNE 1, 2009	COUNTY PLANNING DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION OF OHIO CONFERENCE, THE BLACKWELL INN, COLUMBUS
JUNE 1-2, 2009	COUNTY SANITARY ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION OF OHIO CONFERENCE, THE BLACKWELL INN, COLUMBUS
JUNE 19, 2009	COUNTY LOSS CONTROL COORDINATORS ASSOCIATION OF OHIO SUMMER MEETING, BWC - OHIO CENTER FOR OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY & HEALTH, PICKERINGTON
JULY 20, 2009	NW DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS AND ENGINEERS QUARTERLY MEETING, PIKE RUN GOLF COURSE, PUTNAM COUNTY (OTTAWA)
JULY 24-29, 2009	74 TH NACo ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND EXPOSITION, DAVIDSON COUNTY (NASHVILLE), TN
AUGUST 19-21, 2009	CCAO/CEAO/OSU EXTENSION SUMMER MEETING, GALAXY RESTAURANT & BANQUET CENTER, MEDINA COUNTY (WADSWORTH)

ASSOCIATION NEWS

CCAO/CEAO/OSU EXTENSION SUMMER MEETING

In a collaborative effort, OSU Extension – Medina County and the North Central Regional Office have invited CCAO/CEAO to meet together on August 19-21, 2009 in Medina County (Wadsworth). Together with OSU Extension, Commissioners Pat Geissman, Stephen Hambley, and Sharon Ray and County Engineer Mike Salay will co-host this joint summer meeting at the Galaxy Restaurant & Banquet Center, in Medina County (Wadsworth). This is the first time that the three organizations will meet together. The theme of the meeting will be “Effective Government Through Collaboration.”

Taking tight county budgets into consideration, OSU Extension invited CCAO/CEAO to meet together instead of holding both the CCAO/CEAO Annual Summer Conference and OSU Extension’s County Commissioners Days. The CCAO Communication and Education Committee has been considering different options for meetings during the past few years. In addition, CCAO has sought the input from our affiliate members.

Registration materials will be mailed in mid-June. If you have any questions about the meeting please contact Mary Jane Neiman, CCAO Public Relations Associate, at (614) 220-7979, (888) 757-1904, or mjneiman@ccao.org.

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.

STATE ACTIVITIES

INSURANCE DEPARTMENT LAUNCHES ON-LINE TOOLKIT, REPRESENTATIVES AVAILABLE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS

The Ohio Department of Insurance has created an on-line toolkit to help Ohioans, including retirees, who have lost their health and life insurance benefits due to company lay-offs or cost-cutting measures determine other insurance coverage options.

The toolkit, available at www.insurance.ohio.gov, contains coverage options tips on how to find insurance, consumer publications and links to health insurance, life insurance, employer bankruptcy and job loss material. The site also includes contact and outreach information for the Department, the U.S. Department of Labor and the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services.

Those with questions about their coverage options are urged to call the Ohio Department of Insurance consumer hotline at (800) 686-1526.

FEDERAL ACTIVITIES

OHIO MIGHT LOSE CONGRESSIONAL SEAT IN REAPPORTIONMENT

Preparations for the 2010 census have begun with the decennial head count just over a year away. Last December, the U.S. Census Bureau released new state-by-state population estimates for 2008 which shows what the 2010 census is likely to show. The Southern and Western states continue to grow, while the population growth rates in the Midwest and Northeast have slowed to a crawl.

The number of seats that each state gets in the U.S. House of Representatives, know as apportionment, is determined by entering state population totals into a formula established by federal law. Reapportionment

takes place after the Bureau release the 2010 census data by December 31, 2009. State redistricting begins after the Census Bureau delivers data to states no later than April 2011.

Looking at the 2008 state population estimates, Texas would be the big winner with three more seats; Arizona, Florida, Georgia, Nevada, and Utah would gain one seat; while Iowa, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, and Pennsylvania would lose one seat.

NACo ACTIVITIES

2009-10 BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOMINATIONS

NACo's Annual Conference is rapidly approaching and one of the most important events is the election of officers and Board of Directors members. State associations are asked to nominate representatives to serve on the NACo Board of Directors. The NACo Nominating Committee will review the nominations and prepare a report to be presented at the Annual Business Meeting to be held on Tuesday afternoon, July 28 in Davidson County (Nashville), Tennessee. The one-year term on the NACo Board of Directors begins the last day of the current annual conference and ends the last day of the next annual conference.

CCAO is entitled to two representatives on the NACo Board of Directors. Currently, the positions are filled by Commissioners Lenny Eliason (Athens) and Roger Tackett (Clark).

Commissioners interested in serving on the NACo Board of Directors should submit a letter of interest to Larry Long, CCAO Executive Director, via fax (614) 221-6986 or llong@ccao.org by June 15, 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.

REGISTER NOW FOR NACo GREEN COMPETITIONS

Counties have two opportunities to win "green" grants from the National Association of Counties (NACo) Green Government Program. These "green" grant competitions help your county go green, help the environment, improve air quality, save money, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and promote energy independence. As an added incentive this year, counties can win \$5,000 and \$3,500 courtesy of Wal-Mart and AutoZone.

- **Change the World, Start with Energy Star Campaign** – Through this competition, counties collect pledges from county employees and residents to change a light in their home to an energy-efficient one and choose among a variety of their actions they can take to help save energy.
- **Drive Smarter Challenge** – Counties motivate and empower county employees and residents to educate themselves on how to reduce gasoline use by keeping their cars in good working order, driving less, and driving more fuel efficiently.

These annual competitions will run July 1 through November 30. Counties must be registered in order to participate. To register your county visit www.naco.org/competitionregistration. For more information, contact

Kelly Zonderwyk, NACo Project Manager - Community Services, at (202) 942-4224, fax (202)737-0480, or kzonderwyk@naco.org.

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OPINIONS

SYLLABUS

2009-011

A person who has been convicted of felony domestic violence under the laws of Ohio and who has not been granted a full pardon by the Governor or had his conviction reversed or annulled or the record of his conviction sealed is barred by R.C. 2961.01 from holding the office of township trustee unless he has had the privilege of holding an office of honor, trust, or profit restored to him, as provided in R.C. 2967.16(C)(1) or its predecessors.

SYLLABUS

2009-012

A county auditor must have express or implied statutory authority to place on the tax list and duplicate any charge or penalty imposed and certified by a municipal corporation; a municipal ordinance purporting to bestow such authority on the county auditor is insufficient to empower the auditor to act.

CLASSIFIEDS

SOCIAL SERVICES SUPERVISOR

The Ottawa County Department of Job and Family Services is seeking a Social Services Administrator for the Children/Family/Adult Protective Services Unit. This includes child and adult protection investigations and determinations, ongoing protective services, foster care, adoption, subsidized child care, health check and pregnancy related services programming. Responsibilities include development and oversight of operations; ensure programs and services comply with state, federal and local laws and regulations; supervision and development of staff; financial controls for unit; act as liaison to other local and state agencies for the agency. Requirements for the position: Bachelor degree in related field (Master degree preferred); five years demonstrated experience in child and family services or related field; clear understanding and experience in social services, social work practices and legal process as they relate to child and adult protective services. For more information go to www.co.ottawa.oh.us/employmentopps.htm. Apply by sending resume to Ottawa County Department of Job and Family Services, 8043 W. State Route 163, Suite 200, Oak Harbor, OH 43449. Application deadline is **June 12, 2009**. Ottawa County is an Equal Opportunity Employer and a Drug Free Workplace.

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 at mjneiman@ccao.org