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### DATES TO REMEMBER

JUNE 18, 2009	CCAO METROPOLITAN & REGIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS
JUNE 19, 2009	COUNTY LOSS CONTROL COORDINATORS ASSOCIATION OF OHIO SUMMER MEETING, BWC - OHIO CENTER FOR OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY & HEALTH, PICKERINGTON
JUNE 25, 2009	AMERICAN RECOVERY AND INVESTMENT ACT SEMINAR, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS
JUNE 25, 2009	CCAO COUNTY & LOCAL GOVERNMENT REFORM & COLLABORATION TASK FORCE, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS
JUNE 26, 2009	CCAO BOARD OF TRUSTEES, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS
JUNE 26, 2009	CCC/EAPA REGIONAL MEETING, CARROLL MEADOWS GOLF COURSE, CARROLL COUNTY (CARROLLTON)
JULY 20, 2009	NW DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS AND ENGINEERS QUARTERLY MEETING, PIKE RUN GOLF COURSE, PUTNAM COUNTY (OTTAWA)
JULY 24, 2009	CCC/EAPA REGIONAL MEETING, NOBLE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT, NOBLE COUNTY (CALDWELL)
JULY 24-29, 2009	74 <sup>TH</sup> NACo ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND EXPOSITION, DAVIDSON COUNTY (NASHVILLE), TN
JULY 26, 2009	OHIO CAUCUS MEETING, GAYLORD OPRYLAND RESORT & CONFERENCE CENTER – JACKSON E ROOM, DAVIDSON COUNTY (NASHVILLE)
AUGUST 19-21, 2009	CCAO/CEAO/OSU EXTENSION SUMMER MEETING, GALAXY RESTAURANT & BANQUET CENTER, MEDINA COUNTY (WADSWORTH)

### ASSOCIATION NEWS

#### LENNY FOR NACo 2<sup>ND</sup> VICE PRESIDENT – HOW YOUR COUNTY CAN SUPPORT LENNY!

NACo is preparing for the 74<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference to be held July 24-28, 2009 in Davidson County, TN. Since Athens County Commissioner Lenny Eliason is running for NACo 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, it is important that your county participates in the association's annual election of officers. Lenny and Ohio need your support! In

addition, NACo's platform – the Restore the Partnership - will be adopted during the annual business meeting. Voting credentials information was sent to all NACo member counties in mid-May.

***How can my county vote?*** A county must be a NACo member “in good standing” in order to vote. This means your county's NACo dues for 2009 must be paid before the voting occurs. Also, the county must have one paid registration for the annual conference and have proper credentials.

***What are voting credentials?*** Credentials attest to a county's eligibility to vote. Credentials contain information on the number of votes a county is eligible to cast, as well as the identity of the delegate that is authorized to cast the county's vote.

If your county is a paid member of NACo and has at least one paid conference registrant, please complete the “NACo 2009 Credentials (Voting) Identification Form” that was sent to NACo member counties:

- Designate a voting delegate and alternate.
- Indicate who can pick up your ballot in the event your delegate or alternate is unable to pick your county's ballot up (i.e., CCAO President Kerry Metzger or his designee).
- Have the chief county elected official sign the form (i.e., board of county commissioners president or elected county executive).
- Complete these procedures by Friday, July 3. Return the voting credentials form to Ilene Manster, Membership Coordinator, NACo, 25 Massachusetts Avenue, NW – Suite 500, Washington, D.C. 20001, (202) 942-4291, fax (202) 393-2630, or [imanster@naco.org](mailto:imanster@naco.org).
- Voting delegates should stop at the Credentials Desk located in the conference registration area!

***Ohio Caucus During NACo*** - During the conference, CCAO will caucus on Sunday, July 26 from 4:00-5:00 p.m. at the Gaylord Opryland Hotel Conference Center in the Jackson E Room.

For more information go to [www.naco.org](http://www.naco.org) and search by “2009 Voting Credentials.” For more information please contact Mary Jane Neiman, CCAO Public Relations Associate, at (614) 220-7979, (888) 757-1904, or [mjneiman@ccao.org](mailto:mjneiman@ccao.org).

### CCAO/CEAO/OSU EXTENSION SUMMER MEETING

In a collaborative effort, OSU Extension – Medina County and the North East 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 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 conference please contact Mary Jane Neiman, CCAO Public Relations Associate, at (614) 220-7979, (888) 757-1904, or [mjneiman@ccao.org](mailto: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.

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](mailto:kmizerek@palmerenergy.com) or Tom Strup, CCAO Deputy Director of Operations, at (614) 220-7978 or [tstrup@ccao.org](mailto:tstrup@ccao.org).

## **AFFILIATE ACTIVITIES**

### 2009 CCC/EAPA REGIONAL MEETINGS

The County Commissioners' Clerks and Engineer's Administrative Professional Association of Ohio (CCC/EAPA) has scheduled regional meetings to share information and network with other clerks. CCC/EAPA is comprised of county commissioners and engineers' office staff. All commissioners' clerks and engineers' administrative professionals are welcome to network with this most informative organization. The board works hard to provide educational workshops and training opportunities at summer and winter conferences.

Regional information and networking luncheon meetings are a priority with CCC/EAPA. Topics will vary at each meeting and are held on Friday's beginning at 10:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. CCAO/CEAO sponsors the lunch.

The following is a general list of meetings to be held throughout the 2009 calendar year:

- June 26, 2009 - Carroll Meadows Golf Course – Knickers, Carroll County (Carrollton)
- July 24, 2009 - Noble County Health Department, Noble County (Caldwell)
- August 28, 2009 - Wood County Commissioners Office, Wood County (Bowling Green)
- September 25, 2009 - Darke County Homeland Security & Emergency Management Facility, Darke County (Greenville)
- October 9, 2009 - Scioto County Emergency Management, Scioto County (Portsmouth)
- October 23, 2009 - CCAO Offices, Franklin County (Columbus)

Meeting location addresses can be found at [www.ccao.org](http://www.ccao.org) > Calendar > Seminars, Workshops & Special Events. Please email suggestions for agenda items to Carolyn Hauenstein, Clerk, Erie County Commissioners at [chauenstein@erie-county-ohio.net](mailto:chauenstein@erie-county-ohio.net). Bring any forms to share that may be useful to other counties.

To obtain additional information on the CCC/EAPA, or if you are interested in serving on one of the committees, please contact JoAnn Sikorski, Clerk/Administrative Assistant, Athens County Commissioners, at (740) 592-3219, [jsikorski@athenscountygovernment.com](mailto:jsikorski@athenscountygovernment.com) or [www.ccc-esao.org](http://www.ccc-esao.org). A Yahoo Group to post questions and answers that arise has been opened. You are encouraged to join this yahoo group at [http://groups.yahoo.com/group/CCC\\_EAPA](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/CCC_EAPA).

## **COUNTY ACTIVITIES**

### **MIKE & MELODIE ADELMAN SCHOLARSHIPS ANNOUNCED**

Huron County Commissioner Mike Adelman and his wife, Melodie, recently announced the recipients of the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Mike & Melodie Adelman Scholarships. Many scholarship applications were received from high school students attending schools located in Huron County. The \$500 scholarships were presented to 11 students in the "Class of 2009" from the following high schools: Bellevue, Edison, Monroeville, New London, Norwalk, Plymouth, Seneca East, South Central, St. Paul, Western Reserve, and Willard. Adelman commented, "Melodie and I hope that the presentation of these scholarships will be of some help as these graduates travel down their path of education."

## **STATE ACTIVITIES**

### **STATE AUDITOR'S SEMINAR ON AMERICAN RECOVERY AND INVESTMENT ACT SET FOR JUNE 25**

CCAO, in cooperation with the State Auditor's Office and the County Auditors Association of Ohio, is sponsoring training on the American Recovery and Investment Act (ARRA). The State Auditor's Office has developed a two-hour presentation that will cover the following topics:

- Strict Liability - What it is *and is not*.
- Overview of ARRA and update on latest available information - including 1512 reporting requirements.
- AOS Bulletin 2009-005, the AOS Stimulus Tracker
- Actions ARRA recipients should be taking now.
- What is a single audit?

The training seminar will begin at 10:00 a.m. and will end at approximately 12:00 p.m. at the CCAO Office, 209 East State Street, in Columbus. There is no registration fee for the training seminar. Please confirm your attendance by emailing Janet Erwin, CCAO Administrative Assistant, at [jerwin@ccao.org](mailto:jerwin@ccao.org). Please include your name, title and county. Attendance will be on a first come, first served basis until the maximum capacity is reached. Limited parking will be available at the CCAO office and in a pay lot adjacent to the CCAO offices. For a map and written directions to the CCAO office go to [www.ccao.org](http://www.ccao.org) > About CCAO > Office Location.

### **PORTAGE COUNTY RECEIVES DIESEL EMISSION REDUCTION GRANT**

The Portage County Solid Waste Management District will be purchasing a truck that will run entirely on bio-diesel fuel with a \$146,000 grant that has been awarded by the Ohio Department of Development Diesel Emissions Reduction Grant Program. The grant is also funded in partnership with the Ohio Department of Transportation and the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency.

The district will use the truck to provide the collection of recyclables at its 800 commercial accounts and 15 drop off sites, replacing a truck with 380,000 miles on it. The Diesel Emissions Reduction Grant Program highlights the linkage between clean air, transportation and economic development.

### **OHIO STATEHOUSE MUSEUM OPEN**

The newly constructed Ohio Statehouse Museum opened to the public on Wednesday, June 10. Located in the Crypt of the Statehouse, the museum will function as an interactive place for learning about Ohio

government for more than 80,000 Ohio Statehouse tour visitors annually. The Museum is open weekdays from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., weekends from noon to 4:00 p.m., and closed holidays. Admission is FREE.

In recognition of the opening of the Ohio Statehouse Museum, Governor Ted Strickland recognized June 2009 as Ohio Statehouse Museum Month.

View the Museum portal on the Ohio Statehouse site at [www.ohiostatehouse.org](http://www.ohiostatehouse.org).

### CLEAN FUELS OHIO PROGRAM: IS YOUR COUNTY FLEET GREEN?

Clean Fuels Ohio is a statewide non-profit organization dedicated to promoting the use of cleaner, domestic fuels and efficient vehicles to the transportation industry, government officials, and the general public. They provide technical support to transportation professionals, advocate for sustainable transportation energy policies and serve as a resource clearinghouse for fleets, policy makers, and the public. Clean Fuels Ohio works extensively around Ohio in collaboration with local partners, and taking on a statewide leadership role in project development, education and policy.

Ohio Green Fleets is a program of Clean Fuels Ohio. The goal of Ohio Green Fleets is to significantly improve the environmental performance of business and government vehicle fleets across Ohio through diesel cleanup and other strategies. This new program is:

- Working with fleet managers to develop a Green Fleet policy tailored to their specific needs.
- Hands on support and assistance in implementing the policy.
- The development of a statewide rating system to recognize those fleets that have made positive progress toward their environmental goals.

Ohio Green Fleets is presented with support from the Ohio Air Quality Development Authority (Ohio Energy Office) and Ohio Environmental Education Fund. Program partners include Earth Day Coalition, US EPA SmartWay, and several local and regional organizations. For more information, go to [www.OhioGreenFleets.com](http://www.OhioGreenFleets.com).

In addition, Clean Fuels Ohio can help counties with evaluating energy efficiency grants, such as block grants, as it relates to your fleets or transportation needs. For more information, contact Clean Fuels Ohio, 3400 North High Street – Suite 430, Columbus, OH 43202, (614) 884-7336, or [www.cleanfuelsohio.org](http://www.cleanfuelsohio.org).

## **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](mailto:llong@ccao.org) by June 15, 2009.

## NACo 74<sup>th</sup> 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 74<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](mailto:mjneiman@ccao.org).

## NACo ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS; 5 OHIO COUNTIES WIN 13 AWARDS

Begun in 1970, the National Association of Counties (NACo) Achievement Award Program is a non-competitive program that recognizes counties and state associations for improving the organization, management, services and function of county government. For over 30 years the Achievement Award Program has not only honored counties and their employees, but has also provided all counties nationwide with an extensive collection of information on successful and innovative county programs. Since 1987, the records have been fully automated so that program can be accessed by geographic region, state, individual county program category, and key index boards.

The Achievement Awards Program gives national recognition to county accomplishments, and has enabled NACo to build a storehouse of county success stories that can be passed on to other counties. Achievement Awards will be presented during the 74<sup>TH</sup> Annual Conference held July 24-28, 2009 in Davidson County (Nashville), TN. Congratulations to Ashtabula, Hamilton, Lake, Montgomery, and Summit counties for earning a total of 13 awards!

To take advantage of the largest data bank of information on new and significant county programs in the country, call the NACo Research Department at (202) 393-6226 or at [www.naco.org](http://www.naco.org) and click on "Awards" located on the left side menu.

<b>COUNTY</b>	<b>PROGRAM</b>
Ashtabula County	Senior Citizens Conference
Hamilton County	Everyday Heroes
	Innovation Training Program
	Library Initiatives
	REAL DADS
	Recycling at Work
	Sheriff Commissary Account Seizures
Lake County	Emergency Rent/Mortgage Assistance Program
	The Coalition for Housing & Support Services
Montgomery County	Justice Web - A Regional Criminal Justice Information System
	Reimburse Enhancement by Changing Payment Methodologies
Summit County	Bridging the Gap
	Child Support Days