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DATES TO REMEMBER

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| JULY 26, 2009 | OHIO CAUCUS MEETING, GAYLORD OPRYLAND RESORT & CONFERENCE CENTER – JACKSON E ROOM, DAVIDSON COUNTY (NASHVILLE) |
| AUGUST 7, 2009 | CORSA REGIONAL RISK MANAGEMENT SEMINAR, CCAO OFFICES, FRANKLIN COUNTY (COLUMBUS) |
| AUGUST 12, 2009 | CCAO/CEBCO HEALTH SAVINGS ACCOUNTS & HEALTH REIMBURSEMENT ACCOUNTS SEMINAR, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS |
| AUGUST 19-21, 2009 | CCAO/CEAO/OSU EXTENSION SUMMER MEETING, GALAXY RESTAURANT & BANQUET CENTER, MEDINA COUNTY (WADSWORTH) |
| AUGUST 28, 2009 | CORSA ANNUAL MEETING, DOUBLETREE HOTEL, FRANKLIN COUNTY (COLUMBUS) |

ASSOCIATION NEWS

CCAO/CEAO/OSU EXTENSION SUMMER MEETING – EFFECTIVE GOVERNMENT THROUGH COLLABORATION

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 our 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.

Interesting education sessions and tours have been planned. Registration materials were mailed this week. Download a copy at www.ccao.org and click on the meeting article on the front page. 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.

OSU EXTENSIN NEWS

OSU EXTENSION COUNTY COST-SHARE UPDATE

With the announcement that the Ohio General Assembly has passed the 2010-2011 biennial budget, OSU Extension is pleased to be able to lower our original cost-share estimate of \$60,000 for the third and higher number of county Extension educators.

OSU Extension has been appropriated \$23.5 million in state funds for Fiscal Year 2010. This amount is \$2.75 million (10.5%) less than the FY09 original appropriation. The county cost share for calendar year 2010, assuming no further reductions in state funding, will be:

- \$25,000 for the first educator (no change)
- \$38,200 for the second educator (no change)
- \$40,000 for the third and above educators (lowered \$20,000 from original estimate)

The support of OSU Extension programs by county commissioners in this challenging fiscal time is greatly appreciated.

STATE ACTIVITIES

REFORM COMMISSION MEETING & PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Ohio Commission on Local Government Reform and Collaboration will hold a meeting and public hearing on Friday, July 31, 2009 at 10:30 am. The meeting will be held at the Worthington Board of Education Building located at 200 E. Wilson Bridge Road in Worthington. To obtain directions, please follow this link: <http://www.worthington.k12.oh.us/directions.php>.

Testimony will be heard by the Commission relative to three areas of primary focus and research the Commission has established: 1) Recommendations that will encourage and incentivize local governments to collaborate; 2) Identify local and state tax structure changes which would encourage collaboration or improve service effectiveness; and 3) Identify current/alternative service delivery models.

The Commission is a legislatively created fifteen member panel. It is charged with researching and writing a report that recommends reform and collaboration measures in order to improve local government operations and service delivery. The Commission must issue a report to the Governor and the General Assembly by July 1, 2010.

Considerable information about the work of the Commission can be found on the Commission's website at www.ohioreformandcollaboration.org. The Web site also includes a portal for those interested in submitting recommendations to the Commission.

OHIO JOBLESS RATE TOPS 11%

Last Friday, the government said that Ohio's unemployment rate rose past the 11percent mark in June, reaching a range not seen in almost 26 years. The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services pegged the state's June jobless rate at 11.1%, an increase of three-tenths of a percentage point from May's 10.8% level. One year ago - in June 2008 - the state's unemployment rate was 6.4 percent.

The department said the last time Ohio's unemployment rate was at or above 11.1% was in August 1983, when it was 11.2 percent. That was the year in which Richard Celeste was inaugurated as governor. He won enactment of a 90% personal income tax increase - which later survived a repeal attempt in a statewide election - to deal with a chronic budget shortfall.

ODJFS said the number of workers unemployed in Ohio in June was 662,000, compared with 647,000 in May. The number of unemployed has increased by 279,000 in the past 12 months. The national unemployment rate for June was 9.5%.

NEW SUPREME COURT REPORT ANALYZES DECADE TRENDS IN JUDICIARY SYSTEM

The number of new cases filed annually in the state court system has remained comparatively constant in each of the last 10 years, a new report from the Ohio Supreme Court shows. The new Ohio Courts Statistical Summary analyzes data from a separate publication containing raw statistical tables of activity. To view the summary go to www.supremecourt.ohio.gov/Publications/annrep/08OCS/summary/Trend.pdf

There were 3.2 million cases filed in the Supreme Court, courts of appeal, court of claims, common pleas courts, municipal and county courts during 2008. Since 1999, the highest total of 3.4 million new cases was in 2002; the low point of 3.0 million occurred in 2004.

The report showed that while foreclosure cases have increased for 13 consecutive years, the rate of growth slowed considerably in 2007 and 2008 compared with previous years. The number of new foreclosure cases filed in common pleas courts increased by 23.5% from 2005 to 2006. From 2006, to 2007, foreclosures grew by 5.3%, and from 2007 to 2008, the rate of growth was 3.1 percent.

Among other trends:

- The rate of trials in civil cases declined from 1999 to 2008.
- Divorces and dissolutions were down almost 20% over the decade.
- Custody and visitation cases in juvenile courts involving unmarried couples were up more than 25 percent.

With the exception of the appellate and probate benches, all courts provide information for the report to the Supreme Court on a monthly basis. Appeals and probate courts file quarterly statistics.

CONFERENCES

APA STATE PLANNING CONFERENCE

The American Planning Association (APA) OH 2009 State Planning Conference will be held at the Sheraton Suites, 1989 Second Street, in Cuyahoga Falls on September 23-25, 2009. This year's conference theme "To Sustainability and Beyond" intends to challenge attendees to look beyond accepted notions of sustainability as "being green", and focus on real world examples of sustainable efforts in areas such as smart growth and compact development patterns, historic preservation, watershed planning, economic development, transit innovations, and alternative energy resources.

For more information go to www.ohioplanning.org or contact Fred Guerra at GuerraFR@cityofcf.com or Patrice Theken ptheken@medinaco.org.

INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS POLICY FORUM

Applications for next Interoperable Communications Policy Forum are due by August 4, 2009. The National Association of Counties (NACo), in cooperation with the National League of Cities (NLC), is pleased to announce that our next Interoperable Communications Policy Forum will be held September 24 - 25, 2009, in Phoenix, Arizona. Teams that include at least one governing board member and up to two others are invited to apply.

More information and an application are on NACo's website – www.naco.org. One application is requested per team. The website explains the eligible audience, as well as the travel assistance being provided to those selected to attend. Most costs are covered. Travel assistance up to \$500 and two nights' lodging per participant, and full breakfast and lunch on the days of the Forum are provided. No other costs are covered. Counties that belong to NACo or cities that belong to the NLC are eligible to apply. If the website does not have answers to your questions, please contact Rocky Lopes, NACo Program Director, at (202) 661-8841 or rlopes@naco.org.

ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINIONS

SYLLABUS

2009-026

1. The board of health of a general health district has no authority to require haulers of solid waste to obtain a license from, or pay a fee to, the health district in order to operate within the district.
2. A board of health of a general health district has the authority to promulgate regulations governing the collection and transportation of solid waste for the purpose of preventing or abating the creation of a nuisance.

SYLLABUS

2009-027

A board of county commissioners has the authority under R.C. 955.20 to order payment from the dog and kennel fund for the insurance premiums and fuel associated with the operation of a vehicle that is owned by the county humane society to the extent that the vehicle is used by the county dog warden to perform the duties of her office, or by the humane society as part of its operation of an animal shelter on behalf of the county as set forth in R.C. 955.15.

SYLLABUS

2009-028

1. Pursuant to R.C. 2929.13-.18, a court of common pleas may sentence a person who is convicted of a felony to a term of house arrest with electronic monitoring in lieu of a prison term or jail term and order the person to pay the cost of such electronic monitoring, provided (1) the court is not required to impose a prison term, mandatory prison term, or term of life imprisonment upon the person or precluded by law from imposing a term of house arrest with electronic monitoring upon the person, and (2) the imposition of a term of house arrest with electronic monitoring upon the person is consistent with the purposes and principles of sentencing set forth in R.C. 2929.11.
2. Pursuant to R.C. 2929.22 and R.C. 2929.24-.28, a court of common pleas or county court may sentence a person who is convicted of a misdemeanor, other than a minor misdemeanor, to a term of house arrest with electronic monitoring in lieu of a jail term and order the person to pay the cost of such electronic monitoring, provided (1) the court is not required to impose a jail term or mandatory jail term upon the person or precluded by law from imposing a term of house arrest with electronic monitoring upon the person, and (2) the imposition of a term of house arrest with electronic monitoring upon the

person is an effective way to achieve the purposes and principles of sentencing set forth in R.C. 2929.21.

3. A court of common pleas or county court that is required to sentence a person who is convicted of a misdemeanor to a mandatory jail term may impose a term of house arrest with electronic monitoring in lieu of the mandatory jail term when the court has specific statutory authority to do so, and may, pursuant to R.C. 2929.28(A)(3)(a)(i), order the person to pay the cost of such electronic monitoring.
4. Neither a court of common pleas nor a county court has the authority to sentence a person found in contempt of court to a term of house arrest with electronic monitoring.

CLASSIFIEDS

CITY ENGINEER

The City of Fairborn (population +32k), is seeking a qualified city engineer to direct seven employees in a busy Engineering Division. The Engineering Division performs plan reviews for residential, commercial and industrial developments; plan and spec preparation, both in-house and by consultants, for infrastructure projects; inspection of all public infrastructure construction; traffic engineering functions; and CADD/GIS support function. Reports directly to the Public Administrative Services Director. Minimum qualifications: BA in Civil Engineering with ABET approved major course work; OH Professional Engineer license or ability to obtain within six mos. of employment; five years experience in engineering with at least three years experience in supervision; proven skill in grant writing and grant procurement; prefer previous Municipal experience; salary up to \$81,120.00/year. **Application deadline: Monday, July 27, 2009.**

Submit resume or application (available at www.ci.fairborn.oh.us) to: City of Fairborn, H.R., 44 W. Hebble Ave., Fairborn, OH 45324 or e-mail hr@ci.fairborn.oh.us or FAX (937) 754-3152. For reasonable disability accommodation call HR at (937) 754-3020. EOE

CIVIL ENGINEER

The city of Fairborn, (population +32k), is seeking a qualified civil engineer in the busy Engineering Division. The Engineering Division performs plan reviews for residential, commercial and industrial developments; plan and spec preparation, both in-house and by consultants, for infrastructure projects; inspection of all public infrastructure construction; traffic engineering functions; and CADD/GIS support function. Reports directly to the City Engineer. Minimum qualifications: BA in Civil Engineering with ABET approved major course work; four years engineering experience; physical ability to perform the duties of the position with reasonable accommodation. Must be a licensed PE within the State of Ohio or able to acquire within six months of appointment. OH driver's license. Salary: \$52,041 up to \$73,465. **Application deadline: August 3, 2009.**

Submit application/resume (available at www.ci.fairborn.oh.us) to: City of Fairborn, Human Resources, 44 W. Hebble Ave., Fairborn, OH 45324 or e-mail hr@ci.fairborn.oh.us or FAX (937) 754-3152. For reasonable disability accommodation call HR at (937) 754-3021. EOE

ENGINEER, FEDERAL-AID PROJECT MANAGER

The Montgomery County Engineer's Office seeks a project manager experienced in all aspects of ODOT project delivery, from NEPA activities and environmental clearance through right of way plans, acquisition, utility relocations, and ODOT construction plan preparation, specifications, and cost estimates. Qualifications: knowledge of the ODOT PDP process, and familiarity with ODOT location & design, bridge, traffic, right of way, and utility manuals and on-line references. The federal-aid project manager will participate in all aspects of

consultant administration, including scope of service development, consultant selection, consultant agreements and modifications, invoice approvals, and performance monitoring. The successful candidate will participate in roadway and bridge project programming and financial planning efforts. Project manager responsibilities may also include providing technical reviews in their field of expertise for other county and private infrastructure improvement projects, and preparing applications to secure outside bridge and roadway project funding.

Job Requirements: Bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering from ABET-accredited university; minimum 12 years experience in transportation design and project management (individuals with technical backgrounds in roadway, traffic, bridge, and right of way will be considered) PE required; and ODOT prequalification in Complex Roadway, Level 2 Bridge, Traffic Signal Systems, or Right of Way Plan Development desirable; able to work without supervision; direct technical and administrative staff; interact with other public agencies; and independently deliver projects on schedule; must read, write, and speak fluent English and possess valid Ohio driver's license; Master's degree and knowledge of AutoCAD or Microstation preferred

Address responses with resume and list of references to: Kimberlee Beckner, Montgomery County Engineer, 451 West Third Street, P.O. Box 972, Dayton, OH 45422-1260 or becknerk@mcoho.org. 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 at mjneiman@ccao.org