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INFORMATION ALERT

STATE OF OHIO ANNOUNCES RECOVERY ZONE BOND WAIVER PROCESS AT CCAO BRIEFING

On Friday, December 18, 2009 CCAO, in cooperation with the Ohio Office of Budget and Management, the Ohio Department of Development (ODOD), and the Ohio Municipal League sponsored a Recovery Zone Bond Seminar and Briefing that was attended by nearly 80 persons. The state through ODOD has established a new Recovery Zone Bond Waiver Process and Reallocation System. Announced at the seminar, the new waiver process requires that all plans for issuing Recovery Zone Bonds must be submitted to ODOD by **January 31, 2010**. Counties that have not submitted plans to ODOD by this date will waive their allocation.

The following links include many of the handouts used at the Seminar dealing specifically with the new waiver process: <http://recovery.ohio.gov/opportunities/bonds>

- Notice to Officials with Recovery Zone Bond Allocations PDF
- Guidelines PDF
- Plan of Issuance Worksheet XLS
- Worksheet Submission Instructions PDF
- Timeline PDF

In addition, as requested at the meeting attached to this issue of CIDS are resolutions from Allen and Lorain County that designate recovery zones as required under the federal legislation.

ASSOCIATION NEWS

CCAO LAUNCHES WORKERS' COMP GROUP RETROSPECTIVE RATING PROGRAM

CCAO has launched a new workers' comp program for counties – the CCAO Workers' Comp Group Retrospective Rating Plan – or "Group Retro". 2010 is the first year the Ohio BWC has offered this program.

15 counties have joined CCAO's Group Retro program, which has an estimated savings of 13% of premium. The emphasis of Group Retro is workplace safety and effective claims management. Counties in Group Retro will pay their full premium to the BWC at the start of the program. One year following the end of the program year the BWC will evaluate the claims experience of the group as a whole. If the group's claims costs are lower than expected, the group will receive a rebate. If the group's claims are higher than expected, up to 5% of premium can be assessed. For this reason, CCAO and CompManagement, Inc. carefully reviewed the claims experience and trends before selecting counties invited to join the CCAO Group Retro program. In addition, during the program year, CCAO and CompManagement will regularly review the claims of member counties and make loss control or claims management recommendations, if warranted. For more information on Group Retro Program contact Beth Miller, CORSA Claim and Litigation Manager, at (614) 220-7989, (888) 757-1904, or emiller@ccao.org.

IN MEMORIUM

LAURENCE A. 'BUCKY' DUMFORD

Former Fayette County Commissioner Laurence A. 'Bucky' Dumford passed away on December 18, 2009. Bucky served 28 years as Fayette County Commissioner. During his tenure, he served as CCAO President in 1969, CORSA President from 1991-1993, and chaired the CCAO Legislative Committee for many years. In addition to his public service, Bucky was a farmer and owner/operator of the Roller Haven Skating Rink. He was very influential and active in his community. Notes of sympathy may be sent to the Dumford family at 635 Warren Avenue, Washington Court House, OH 43160.

COUNTY ACTIVITIES

SHAPING THE FUTURE OF CENTRAL OHIO: MORPC SURVEY TARGETS 12 COUNTIES

Take the Shape the Future of Central Ohio survey! Shaping our Future is a plan the Mid Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) is spearheading for 12 counties (i.e., Delaware, Fairfield, Fayette, Franklin, Knox, Licking, Madison, Marion, Morrow, Pickaway, Ross, and Union) in central Ohio. Expected to be completed in 2012, Shaping Our Future will integrate elements that impact the region including the transportation system, land use patterns, air quality, energy security, water quality, food production, and economic development. The mission is to have a regionally accepted plan that ensures major public infrastructure expenditures and public development decisions are made with a focus on sustainability to secure a competitive advantage for central Ohio.

The survey takes 10 minutes to complete. There are questions about energy, environment, transportation, the economy, and your neighborhood. Most importantly, it's an opportunity for you to say what you like about central Ohio and what you think would make it better. It's anonymous, it's fast, and it's important. Get involved in Shaping Our Future! Use this link: <http://regionalplan.questionpro.com/>.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY GENERAL FUND FIVE-YEAR FINANCIAL PLAN APPROVED

In June, 2008, the Montgomery County Commissioners established the Montgomery County General Fund Financial Planning Committee to develop a new General Fund Five-Year Financial Plan for the period of 2010 – 2014 and to fulfill the County Commission's Strategic Initiative of Operational Efficiency. The Commissioners appointed 46 leaders in the business, health care, educational, nonprofit and government sectors.

The Committee spent 18 months reviewing county finances and also contracted with the Indiana University Center for Urban Policy and the Environment to help facilitate the planning process. The Committee's goal was to recommend strategies for a balanced General Fund Financial Plan covering the five years beginning

2010 and to provide a framework for annual spending reflecting service priorities, state and federal mandates, as well as community needs. The Committee formed three subcommittees to help coordinate the study (1) Community and Economic Development (2) General Government, and (3) Justice and Law Enforcement.

At the end of 2010, the county will have about \$44 million less in annual general fund revenues than it had in 2001. The county has been in budget-cutting mode since 2001, but with revenues damaged further by the recession. Some of those changes will require changes in state law, including reforming employee compensation and benefits such as retirement, reducing inefficient mandates, and providing corporate tax relief.

The Committee emphasized that the county cannot cut its way to prosperity and recommended a \$5 million annual allocation for economic development and continued support for the arts and culture with a \$500,000 annual allocation. Some of the recommendations include:

- Hire accountants to determine the true cost of services provided by the clerk of courts, Miami Valley Regional Crime Lab and sheriff's office and charge jurisdictions the full cost of those services.
- Change state laws limiting fees charged by county offices.
- Hire a chief information officer to manage the "extremely fragmented and inefficient" data processing operation.
- Continue managing the jail population, including alternative sentencing.
- Explore options to further collaborate and consolidate the sheriff's and police departments, including records and property room functions.
- Consolidate the two county courts and look at incorporating all municipal courts into a single countywide court.
- Review and consider ending subsidies for nonmandated services such as the Agricultural Society, Cooperative Extension Service, the Joint Office of Citizen Complaints, Soil and Water Conservation District and the 800MHz radio system.
- Analyze staffing and compensation and compare with the private sector. Consider outsourcing administrative support services such as custodial, data processing, building and vehicle maintenance and records management.
- Reduce administrative redundancy and improve the "antiquated" payroll system.

The full report and an executive summary are available on the county's web site under "reports" at www.mcoho.org.

STATE ACTIVITIES

SUPREME COURT RULES FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONERS IN BUDGET DISPUTE WITH JUDGE

A unanimous Ohio Supreme Court has rejected a judge's attempt to force county commissioners to raise salaries of corrections officers, but justices did order the county to pay a lesser amount to replace equipment at a juvenile detention center.

The court said in a 6-0 opinion that Judge John Lohn of Medina County probate and juvenile court abused his discretion in ordering commissioners to appropriate an extra \$64,429 to cover a \$1 per hour increase in salaries of corrections officers. Judge Lohn requested the increase as part of a multi-year plan to make salaries of the 23 full-time officers at the detention center comparable to those of officers at the county jail. Average turnover for detention officers had been about 50% per year. Six officers left their jobs at the center this year.

Separately, the Medina County sheriff cut 18 employees from his staff at the start of 2009, including 10 full-time corrections officers. Unions representing sheriff's employees later voted to rescind a previously negotiated 3% salary increase to avert additional layoffs.

In addition to the salary funds, Judge Lohn initially requested an additional \$23,800 for detention center equipment. Commissioners declined to approve the extra appropriation, citing the current economic crisis. They also said the requested amounts would have been inconsistent with decreases of 10% in the budgets of most county officials and agencies.

Judge Lohn filed suit against the commissioners in the Supreme Court last May. Justices, in an unsigned opinion released late on Christmas Eve, agreed with commissioners that the judge's order increasing salaries was unreasonable and unnecessary.

Concurring in the opinion were Chief Justice Thomas Moyer and Justices Evelyn Stratton, Maureen O'Connor, Terrence O'Donnell, Judith Lanzinger, and Robert Cupp. Justice Paul Pfeifer did not participate in the case.

"SAVE TRANSIT NOW, MOVE OHIO FORWARD!" COALITION: TO SAVE TRANSIT FORMED

For the first time ever, a host of transportation, public policy, social service, and environmental organizations have joined forces in a campaign to reverse the decline of public transportation in Ohio. These 10 organizations represent tens of thousands of members and clients in Greater Cleveland and statewide. The organizations include: Greater Cleveland RTA Citizen Advisory Board, Laketran, Green City Blue Lake Institute, Ohio Empowerment Coalition and Contact Center, Ohio Apollo Alliance, Policy Matters Ohio, All Aboard Ohio, Environment Ohio, Ohio Environmental Council, and Bike, Walk Ohio!

Save Transit Now, Move Ohio Forward! has suggested initial steps to safeguard public transit users from further service cuts/fare increases and to save Ohio's economy and environment from further decline. These include:

- 1) Overturning the state constitutional prohibition on using Ohio gas tax revenues and motor vehicle fees for non-highway purposes, thereby freeing up that revenue to be used for mass transit.
- 2) Using flexible transportation funding sources currently available in Ohio – such as gas taxes collected from off-road vehicles, farming and landscaping equipment, and revenue raised from vanity license plates – to fund mass transit.
- 3) Wherever possible, and whenever not already doing so, the Ohio Department of Transportation and Metropolitan Planning Organizations should take advantage of flexible federal highway funds and use them for public transportation.

Public transit is heavily used in Ohio. More Ohioans travel on buses and trains within our metro areas each day than fly in and out of Ohio's airports. More than 350,000 Ohioans each day use buses and trains to reach jobs, medical appointments, grocery stores, day care, pharmacies, schools, job training and other services.

The Save Transit Now, Move Ohio Forward! campaign was inaugurated in Greater Cleveland because it has as many public transit riders as all other Ohio transit agencies combined. While the need for secure, stable and low-cost public transit is greatest in Greater Cleveland, the new coalition pledges to fight for transit funding for all Ohio.

Despite the need for public transportation, Ohio transit agencies have been forced to slash transit services and raise fares. A decade ago, elimination of federal operating funding for public transit systems serving

communities of more than 250,000 people forced states and local governments to make up for the federal cut. While most states dramatically increased support for public transit, the state of Ohio has cut funding by 75 percent since 2002.

Less than one percent of the Ohio Department of Transportation's budget is spent on public transit. Other states do better. Ohio ranks 40th in the nation for relative commitment to public transit, despite the fact we are the seventh most populous state. Even Indiana spends three times more than Ohio, and Pennsylvania spends 33 times as much.

Cuts to federal and state transit funding have forced Ohio transit agencies to rely on local sales, income and property taxes, which are difficult to procure and tumbling due to the economy. Because of this overdependence on local funding, all Ohio public transit agencies are in serious trouble.

ODA ANNOUNCES AG EASEMENT INFORMATION SESSIONS - JANUARY 11 & 12

The Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA) has announced a schedule of Agricultural Easement Purchase Program Information Sessions. These sessions will provide interested parties an opportunity to learn how to apply for Clean Ohio Agricultural Easement Purchase Program funds offered by the Ohio Department of Agriculture.

Agricultural easements are voluntary legal agreements restricting non-agricultural development on farmland, with the land itself remaining on the tax rolls and under private ownership and management. Landowners may undertake any agricultural activity permitted under Ohio law, and they can sell their farm or pass it along as a gift to others. However, the easement remains with the land, prohibiting any future non-agricultural development to make certain that it remains used for agricultural purposes.

Meetings will feature a presentation by the department's farmland preservation staff as well as testimony from landowners who have participated in the program. Meeting attendees will also have the opportunity to discuss the program with Ohio Department of Agriculture staff.

Local partners will also be present at each meeting to provide information and direction to landowners. It is important for attendees to connect with these partners who submit applications to the department on behalf of farm owners.

The first session was held on January 7 in Northwest Ohio. The final two sessions include the following areas:

Southeast - January 11, 6:00 - 8:30 p.m. (includes optional break-out sessions)

Sheridan High School, 8725 Sheridan Rd., in Thornville.

Local partners: Licking County Land Trust, Ohio Farm Bureau, Fairfield Land Preservation Association, Appalachia Ohio Alliance, Soil and Water Conservation Districts, OSU Extension, Sheridan High School, Future Farmers of America. RSVP to Perry County OSU Extension at (740) 743-1602.

Southwest - January 12, 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Cox Arboretum Metropark, 6733 Springboro Pike, in Dayton

Local partners: Three Valley Conservation Trust, Montgomery County Soil and Water Conservation District

Contact the Ohio Department of Agriculture's Office of Farmland Preservation with any questions about the meetings at (614) 728-6210, or visit the web site at www.agri.ohio.gov.

ODOT RELEASES 2010-2011 BUSINESS PLAN

On January 5, the Ohio Department of Transportation released its 2010-2011 Business Plan. Immediately before the release of the Business Plan, ODOT Director Jolene Molitoris invited interested parties and stakeholders to a series of meetings to review with them the contents of the Business Plan. CCAO staff was invited to one of the meetings and had an opportunity to talk with the Director about the plan and some of the challenges facing the Department as it proceeds to implement the Business Plan over the next two years.

In presenting the Business Plan the director emphasized the department's desire to partner with the "state's private and public sectors to offer safer, more-multi-modal, and greener choices for travel and shipping." The department stressed that the department with the help of federal stimulus dollars is delivering "the largest construction program in Ohio history – 30 percent larger than at any other time – with personnel levels at a 30 year low."

In announcing the Business Plan, the department highlighted the following as key initiatives:

- Target: Zero – Focus on safety in the workplace, on the construction site, and with the traveling public to assure zero tolerance for any safety hazard.
- Fast Trac – New "Fast Trac" procedures to advance major new transportation projects that are economic drivers, have statewide or regional significance, and have committed public and private sector partners.
- Igniting Ohio's Economic Engine – Pursue job creation, business development and economic growth as hallmarks of ODOT's construction and investment policies and programs.
- All Systems Go – Identify critical freight and passenger transportation corridors by mode and prioritize investments to facilitate the seamless, safe, efficient movement of people and freight.
- Go With Green – Use the best environmentally sensitive practices in their operations and pilot new green initiatives as ODOT leads by example in embracing environmental stewardship and reducing energy consumption.

One of the challenges facing ODOT and local governments is fewer drivers resulting in declining gas tax dollars. The Business Plan acknowledges that declining gas taxes are attributable to rising unemployment and improved fuel economy. According to the Business Plan, motor fuel consumption in Ohio was down approximately three percent for State Fiscal Year 2009. One positive development noted by ODOT was a decline in anticipated construction cost inflation from the anticipated 10 percent inflation rate expected in 2008, and 8 percent expected in 2009, to 4.4 percent and 2.6 percent, respectively, in 2008 and 2009. ODOT also noted that this dramatic decline in the projected levels of inflation combined with cost cutting by the department and federal stimulus dollars has allowed the department to stretch its investments much further than previously forecasted. ODOT is also using increased overweight vehicle permits and more equitable signage contracts to generate additional revenue for the department.

The business plan highlights the importance of Ohio's Diverse Multi-Modal Stimulus Investment Portfolio which uses federal stimulus dollars to provide funding for the following areas: \$833 million for interstates, roadways, and bridges, \$101 million for water ports and freight railroads, \$16 million for bike and pedestrian facilities, \$180 million for urban and rural transit agencies, and \$29 in general and commercial airports.

In discussions with the director, who has a background in state and federal railroad administration, the director emphasized the need to utilize all of Ohio's transportation modes to meet the anticipated demand for growing freight and passenger transportation in the future.

For a copy of the ODOT Business Plan, please access the ODOT website at <http://www.dot.state.oh.us/policy/2010-2011BusinessPlan/Pages/default.aspx>.

FEDERAL ACTIVITIES

USDA STATE OFFICES TO HOST ROUNDTABLES ON RURAL JOBS, ECONOMIC GROWTH

U.S. Department of Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced that USDA will begin a series of roundtables and community forums on job creation and economic growth in states throughout the country. The roundtables will be hosted by USDA Rural Development state directors and Farm Service Agency state executive directors. Participants will include business owners, community members, state and local officials, union members, non-profit organizations, economists and other interested parties. The primary focus will be on ideas to accelerate job growth in rural America.

NACo and CCAO encourages your county to participate in these roundtables. Ohio will host a roundtable on January 21, 2010 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the Ohio Department of Agriculture, 8995 East Main Street, Reynoldsburg, OH 43068-3399. For more information contact Michael Jones, Public Affairs Director, USDA, at (614) 255-2394.

NATIONAL PROGRAM

PARTNERSHIP FOR PRESCRIPTION ASSISTANCE: ONE-STOP-SHOP FOR FREE OR NEARLY FREE MEDICINE

The Partnership for Prescription Assistance (PPA) helps qualifying patients without prescription drug coverage get the medicines they need for free or nearly free. Their mission is to increase awareness of patient assistance programs and boost enrollment of those who are eligible.

It is free, confidential and makes it easy for patients to find programs for which they may be eligible to apply. The program offers a single point of access to information on 475 public and private patient assistance programs, including nearly 200 programs offered by pharmaceutical companies. PPA member programs offer more than 2,500 brand-name medicines, including a wide range of generics and helps patients contact government programs such as Medicaid and Medicare. More than 40 of the assistance programs focus on the medication and health care needs of children. The program informs patients about free health care clinics in their communities. In addition, it assists patients with chronic disease in learning about the types of new medicines in development that may help them.

Millions of Americans have been helped to get free or reduced-cost prescription medicines. PPA is free and available all the time online by visiting www.pparx.org, or calling (888) 4PPA-NOW.

NACo ACTIVITIES

NACo LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE: FINDING SOLUTIONS FOR TOUGH TIMES

NACo's Legislative Conference will be held March 6 - 10 at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel in Washington, D.C. The conference's theme and focus, "Finding Solutions for Tough Times" will provide you with tangible solutions to take home and apply in moving your county forward in these very difficult economic times.

In addition, the Opening Session keynote speaker is Joe Klein, columnist for *TIME* magazine. A veteran of eight presidential campaigns, *The New York Times* wrote that "Klein possesses one of the more musical ears in American politics, a gift for hearing what others miss." Registration opened on December 1. Register online and save \$25.

2010 ACHIEVEMENT AWARD PROGRAM

Begun in 1970, the annual Achievement Award Program is a non-competitive awards program that recognizes innovative county government programs. Awards are given in a number of program categories such as arts and historic preservation, children and youth, community and economic development, jails-corrections, county administration, emergency management, environmental protection, health, human services, libraries, parks and recreation, transportation and volunteers.

This year, NACo is introducing a new application process this year that requires that part of the application information be completed online. Please see the Achievement Award Application instructions for detailed information. This updated process requires submitting contact information and the title and category of the program in an online application. Payment by credit card can also be made online, but checks and purchase orders may still be mailed. The program narrative and any supplemental materials must still be mailed along with an e-mailed confirmation page.

All applications and materials must be postmarked by February 12, 2010. When ready to apply, please complete the online application form. For more information, contact Kathryn Murphy, Research Associate, NACo Research Division, (202) 661-8806 or kmurphy@naco.org.

CLASSIFIEDS

THE U.S. CENSUS BUREAU IS HIRING TEMPORARY POSITIONS

The U.S. Census Bureau is recruiting temporary, part-time census takers for the 2010 Census. These short-term jobs offer good pay, flexible hours, paid training, and reimbursement for authorized work-related expenses, such as mileage incurred while conducting census work. Best of all, census takers work right in their own communities. Census taker jobs are excellent for people who want to work part-time, those who are between jobs, or just about anyone who wants to earn extra money while performing an important service for their community. Find out more at their Web site: 2010.Census.gov/2010CensusJobs.

DJFS DIRECTOR

Clermont County is seeking candidates for the position of Director, Department of Job and Family Services. The position is responsible for the administration of the Department with a \$38 Million annual budget and more than 200 employees providing Children's Protective Services, Child Support Enforcement, Public Assistance Programs, Child Care, and Work Force Development for 198,016 county residents. Candidates must have completed undergraduate coursework in business administration, finance, human resources, public administration, or human services. An MBA, MPA, or MSW is desirable. Must have five years of administrative/management experience to include fiscal oversight, in a business, government entity, or not-for-profit, with at least two years as supervisor over subordinate staff. Demonstrated leadership skills, excellent communication, and interpersonal skills are required. Experience in developing and implementing policies, programs, laws, rules, procedures, and regulations is highly desirable, as is strong skills in cost/risk management, and budgeting.

Salary DOQ. Visit www.co.clermont.oh.us for additional information and required application. Application deadline: **January 25, 2010**. EOE.

ADMINISTRATOR

The Board of County Commissioners of Clinton County seeks an administrator to serve as Director of the County Job and Family Services department. The CDJFS includes Family Stability, Child Protection, Child

Support, and Workforce Development. The Clinton CDJFS has a reputation for providing timely, quality services to vulnerable families, children and elderly adults. The Board is seeking an individual with strong administrative and people skills. The successful candidate must have a bachelor's degree in social sciences or a related field, and at least ten years experience in management and supervision, with excellent writing and speaking skills and the ability to synthesize a variety of issues, tasks, and information. Salary is negotiable depending on education and experience. Those who wish to be considered for this position must submit a resume to the attention of the county administrator care of the Clinton County Commissioners at 46 S. South Street, Wilmington, OH 45177 by close of business on **January 18, 2010**. No telephone inquiries or email submissions will be entertained. EOE.

ELIGIBILITY SPECIALIST 2

Huron County DJFS, Family Support Services is seeking to fill two full-time positions of Eligibility Specialist 2. The positions are responsible for interviewing and determining initial eligibility for all or multiple public assistance programs. Requirements include experience in behavioral science, social science, or customer service with a strong back ground in budgeting. Please send a cover letter and resume to be received no later than **Friday, January 15, 2010** to Huron County Department of Job & Family Services, Attn: Bonnie Richards, HR Administrator, 185 Shady Lane Drive, Norwalk, Oh 44857 or email at richab02@odjfs.state.oh.us. 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

The Board of County Commissioners of the County of Lorain, Ohio, met in regular session on the 6th day of August, 2009, with the following members present:

Commissioner Lori Kokoski, President
Commissioner Ted Kalo, Vice-President
Commissioner Betty Blair, Member

Commissioner Kokoski, moved for the adoption of the following resolution and Commissioner Kalo seconded the motion.

A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE COUNTY OF LORAIN, OHIO A RECOVERY ZONE UNDER SECTION 1400U-1 OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986, AS AMENDED, FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE ISSUANCE OF RECOVERY ZONE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BONDS UNDER SECTION 1400U-2 OF THE CODE OR RECOVERY ZONE FACILITY BONDS UNDER SECTION 1400U-3 OF THE CODE.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners (the "Board") of the County of Lorain, Ohio (the "County"):

Section 1. Findings and Determinations. This Board finds and determines the following matters (unless otherwise defined herein, capitalized terms are defined in Section 3):

- (a) The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 ("ARRA") revised the Code to create Recovery Zone Bonds, which must be issued in a Recovery Zone.
- (b) The issuance of Recovery Zone Bonds instead of traditional tax-exempt bonds can potentially provide cost savings to the County to promote job creation and economic recovery in areas particularly effected by employment decline.
- (c) Before issuing Recovery Zone Bonds, this Board must designate the area in which a capital project is financed by Recovery Zone Bonds as a Recovery Zone.
- (d) All formal actions of this Board relating to the enactment of this resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board, and all deliberations of this Board and of any of its committees that resulted in those formal actions, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22, Ohio Revised Code.

Section 2. Designation of the Recovery Zone.

- (a) Designation. This Board designates the entire geographical territory of the County as a Recovery Zone under Section 1400U-1 of the Code as an area having significant poverty, unemployment, rate of home foreclosures, or general distress.
- (b) Additional Authority for Documents. This Board authorizes and directs the County Administrator and all other County officers and officials to sign, deliver, or file any documents, agreements, or certificates in connection with the designation of the Recovery Zone as may be required by ARRA, the Code, the Treasury Regulations promulgated under the Code, and any other statute or regulation as the County Administrator deems necessary and appropriate.

Section 3. Definitions. Words and terms are used in this resolution with the following meanings:

“Code” means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

“Economic Development Bonds” means Recovery Zone Economic Development Bonds, authorized under Section 1400U-2 of the Code.

“Facility Bonds” means Recovery Zone Facility Bonds, authorized under Section 1400U-3 of the Code.

“Recovery Zone” means the area designated by this Board in Section 2(a) as a recovery zone, under Section 1400U-1 of the Code, meeting as least one of the following criteria:

- (1) any area designated as having significant poverty, unemployment, rate of home foreclosures, or general distress,
- (2) any area designated as economically distressed by reason of the closure or realignment of a military installation pursuant to the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990, and
- (3) any area for which a designation as an empowerment zone or renewal community is in effect.

“Recovery Zone Bonds” means, collectively and separately, Economic Development Bonds and Facility Bonds.

Section 4. Effective Date. This resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption.

Upon roll call on the adoption of the resolution, the vote was as follows:

Lori A. Kokoski “aye”

Ted Kalo “aye”

E. C. Blair “aye”

COUNTY OF ALLEN, OHIO

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**DESIGNATING THE ALLEN COUNTY RECOVERY ZONE FOR
PURPOSES OF SECTIONS 1400U-1, 1400U-2 AND 1400U-3 OF THE
INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986, AS AMENDED**

WHEREAS, Section 1400U-1 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”) authorizes the County of Allen (the “County”) to designate a “recovery zone” for purposes of issuing (a) Recovery Zone Economic Development Bonds under Section 1400U-2 of the Code and (b) Recovery Zone Facility Bonds under Section 1400U-3 of the Code; and

WHEREAS, the term “recovery zone” means (a) any area designated by the County as having significant poverty, unemployment, rate of home foreclosures or general distress, (b) any area designated by the County as economically distressed by reason of the closure or realignment of a military installation pursuant to the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990, and (c) any area for which a designation as an empowerment zone or a renewal community is in effect; and

WHEREAS, the entirety of Allen County qualifies for such designation by reason of, among other things, its high unemployment rate and general distress;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Allen that:

Section 1. The County’s “recovery zone” for purposes of Section 1400U-1, 1400U-2 and 1400U-3 of the Code is hereby designated to be the entire area within the corporate boundaries of Allen County.

Section 2. This Board hereby finds that the “recovery zone” described in Section 1 hereof meets the requirements of Section 1400U-1 of the Code, in that the area therein is an area having significant poverty, unemployment, rate of home foreclosures or general distress.

Section 3. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this board of county commissioners concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this board of county commissioners and that all deliberations of this board of county commissioners resulting in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

M. _____ seconded the resolution, and the roll being called upon the question of its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

ADOPTED this __ day of _____, 2009.