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DATES TO REMEMBER

JANUARY 22, 2010	CCAO BOARD OF TRUSTEES, CCAO OFFICE, COLUMBUS
MARCH 6-10, 2010	NACo LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE, MARRIOTT WARDMAN PARK HOTEL, WASHINGTON, D.C.
MARCH 10, 2010	OHIO CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION BREAKFAST, RAYBURN HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING - ROOM B340, WASHINGTON, D.C.

ASSOCIATION NEWS

BROOKS ESTABLISHES 2010 COMMITTEES

CCAO President Paula Brooks has made recommendations to the Board of Trustees concerning the standing committee structure and has appointed committee co-chairs for 2010. The CCAO Board of Trustees will review and vote on the recommendations at their organizational meeting to be held on January 22.

The following committees and co-chairs have been established:

- **Agriculture & Rural Affairs**
Co-Chairs: Bob Peterson (Fayette) and Barb Pincola (Harrison)
- **General Government & Operations**
Co-Chairs: Tim Brown (Wood) and Paul Heltzel (Trumbull)
- **Health & Human Services**
Co-Chairs: Mike Crabtree (Scioto) and Otto Nicely (Defiance)
- **Jobs, Economic Development & Infrastructure ***
Co-Chairs: Deborah Lieberman (Montgomery) and Steve Arndt (Ottawa)
- **Metropolitan & Regional Affairs**
Co-Chairs: David Pepper (Hamilton) and Ilene Shapiro (Summit)
- **Public Safety & Criminal Justice**
Co-Chairs: Bob Proud (Clermont) and Nick Kostandaras (Summit)
- **Taxation & Finance**
Co-Chairs: Tim Bubb (Licking) and Chris Abbuhl (Tuscarawas)

*The new Jobs, Economic Development & Infrastructure Committee will address topics originally handled by the CCAO Human Services & Workforce Development as well as the CCAO Fiscal, Economic Development &

Infrastructure Committee. To start this committee, the CCAO staff has listed all prior committee members from the two original committees. If you do not wish to serve or would like to add your name to the committee list, please express your interest.

Participation on committees is an opportunity to network and share problems with other commissioners; learn about, review and make recommendations to current and pending legislation; and assist in the development of the *2011-12 CCAO Legislative Program*.

Attached to this issue of CIDS and on the front page of www.ccao.org is a memo explaining committee structure, a 2010 CCAO Standing Committee Form, 2010 Recommended Presidential Appointments to Standing Committee Leadership, and lists of committee members. **Please return the Standing Committee Form by January 30, 2010.**

The CCAO members and staff want to thank the 2009 CCAO Standing Committee leadership for their dedication, time, and work on committees last year. CCAO is a strong and well respected organization, because of the hard work of our members. Thank you for a job well done. We appreciate your participation.

BWC REQUIRES TWO HOUR SAFETY TRAINING FOR GROUP RATING AND GROUP RETRO COUNTIES

Beginning this year, the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation (BWC) requires that Group Rating and Group Retro employers who have sustained an allowed claim in the past two years have a staff person attend two hours of safety training annually. The training can be offered by CCAO as the sponsoring organization, CompManagement, Inc. as CCAO's third party administrator, or the Ohio BWC. Both classroom training and web-based training will meet this training requirement.

BWC safety training, which is available at no charge, can be found at the BWC web site at www.ohiobwc.com.

CompManagement will be contacting CCAO Group Rating and Group Retro members regarding on-line and classroom safety training programs which meet the training requirement and are offered for a fee.

CCAO will also offer safety training in 2010 which will meet the BWC training requirement. Information will be sent out as soon as these sessions are finalized.

As the group sponsor, CCAO is responsible for tracking and reporting each Group Rating and Group Retro member county's compliance with this training requirement. CompManagement will be maintaining the required documentation on CCAO's behalf. Please visit www.compmgt.com/riskservices and click on the "Report Safety Training" button to have your safety training recorded and reported appropriately.

For more information on CCAO's Group Rating and Group Retro Programs, contact Beth Miller, CORSA Claim & Litigation Manager, at (614) 220-7989 or emiller@ccao.org.

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. 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

STATE ACTIVITIES

CENSUS TOUR ROLLS THROUGH OHIO

Ohio Treasurer Kevin Boyce, chairman of the Complete Count Committee, and local Columbus-area officials took part Monday in the U.S. Census Bureau's road tour when the agency's cargo van visited the state's Capitol.

They urged all Ohioans to complete the 2010 Census form in March and warned of potential political and financial consequences for failing to count every state resident. In addition to losing up to two Congressional seats, Ohio could lose its fair share of the \$400 billion that the federal government distributes to states each year, Mr. Boyce said.

Columbus Mayor Michael Coleman said federal funding was also at stake for local governments. "For every person we lose in not counting them, it costs \$2,000 to \$3,000 to the local community right here in Columbus or any other city," he said during the Statehouse event.

The Detroit Region's Road Tour cargo van and trailer, which is one of 12 regional census vehicles traveling the country, also stopped in Newark and Delaware. The 2010 Census Portrait of America Road Tour has scheduled more than 30 stops in Ohio and will provide information about the survey and jobs with the Census.

EMERALD ASH BORER QUARANTINE EXPANDED; 14 COUNTIES ADDED TO EXISTING QUARANTINE

Ohio's Emerald Ash Borer quarantine was expanded by the Ohio Department of Agriculture to include 14 additional counties. The quarantine helps slow the spread of the ash tree-killing insect to uninfested parts of the state by prohibiting the movement of all hardwood firewood and ash tree materials.

While the invasive pest has not been detected in the following 14 counties, the department issues this quarantine to make the movement of ash trees, parts of ash trees and all hardwood firewood more practical among counties that are adjacent to previously quarantined areas. The following counties are now on the quarantine list: Adams, Ashtabula, Brown, Clinton, Coshocton, Fayette, Geauga, Highland, Holmes, Knox, Lake, Madison, Ross and Trumbull.

Since Emerald Ash Borer was first discovered in Ohio in 2003, the department has placed 67 counties under quarantine. A map of the counties in the quarantine area is attached to this issue of CIDS. The quarantine makes it illegal to transport ash trees, parts of ash trees and all hardwood firewood from any quarantined county into or through a non-quarantined county without a compliance agreement from the Ohio Department of Agriculture. Violation of this quarantine could result in fines up to \$4,000. A federal quarantine makes it illegal to take these items out of the state of Ohio.

Ash trees infested with Emerald Ash Borer typically die within five years. The pest belongs to a group of metallic wood-boring beetles. Adults are dark green, one-half inch in length, one-eighth inch wide, and fly from early May until September. Larvae spend the rest of the year beneath the bark of ash trees and leave D-shaped holes in the bark about one-eighth inch wide when they emerge as adults.

For information on the Emerald Ash Borer, maps, compliance agreements, firewood restrictions and quarantine updates, visit www.agri.ohio.gov or call 1-888-OHIO-EAB.

OSU EXTENSION NEWS

LONG RECOGNIZED AS STATE FRIEND OF EXTENSION

CCAO Executive Director Larry Long was recognized by Epsilon Sigma Phi as the “State Friend of Extension for 2009” at OSU Extension’s Annual Conference, held last month. According to OSU Extension Director Keith Smith, “Larry continues to be an excellent executive, leading CCAO toward a vibrant future. I appreciate the opportunity to work with him in supporting both the mission of OSU Extension and the effectiveness of county government.”

Throughout Larry’s tenure with CCAO, he has supported many Extension programs, including County Commissioners EXCEL Assessment Center, Local Government Leadership Academy, and County Commissioner Days. Ten years ago, Larry and Keith Smith established a liaison position between CCAO and Extension. This position has greatly enhanced communications between the two organizations and helped Extension strengthen its position with counties across the state.

Epsilon Sigma Phi is a professional organization dedicated to fostering standards of excellence in the Extension System, supporting the Extension profession, and developing the Extension professional. The organization supports fulfillment of the Ohio State University Extension Mission: Helping people improve their lives through an educational process, using scientific knowledge, focused on identified issues and needs.

FEDERAL ACTIVITIES

USDA TO HOST ROUNDTABLES ON RURAL JOBS & ECONOMIC GROWTH - JANUARY 21

The U.S. Department of Agriculture 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 encourage your county to participate in Ohio’s 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, USDA, (614) 255-2394.

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.” Earlybird registration deadline: January 22. Register online at www.naco.org and save \$25.

COMMUNICATIONS EXCELLENCE TO BE RECOGNIZED BY NACIO

Did your county demonstrate communications excellence in 2009? If so, the National Association of County Information Officers (NACIO) wants to recognize those achievements. NACIO is seeking entries for its 2010 Awards of Excellence competition. This awards program recognizes outstanding public relations and public information work being done on behalf of counties. There are 10 categories for entries from Annual Reports to Computer Media. This competition is open to staff of county governments that are eligible to join NACo. The deadline for entries is March 26, 2010. For more information, visit www.nacio.org.

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.

WEBINARS

STIMULUS DOLLARS TO SKILLS: WEBINAR ON RECOVERY ACT INVESTMENTS IN WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT TRAINING

Local workforce investment boards are ready to demonstrate how they are using ARRA funds to train and retrain adults, dislocated workers and youth for the new economy. Join this free webinar on Thursday, January 21, 2010, from 2:00-3:15 p.m. for a review of new training programs being developed and a discussion of the challenges and opportunities they present.

For more details, contact Anita Cardwell, Senior Associate, Community Services - County Services Department, National Association of Counties, (202)942-4267, fax (202)661-8871 or acardwell@naco.org.

CONFERENCES

OHPELRA ANNUAL TRAINING CONFERENCE

The Ohio Public Employer Labor Relations Association (OHPELRA) will host their 26th Annual Training Conference on February 7 to 9, 2010 at Cherry Valley Lodge & Conference Center, 2299 Cherry Valley Road, in Newark. "OHPELRA Lights the Way Through Old Issues and New Challenges" is the theme for the meeting that starts on Sunday. The Sunday Pre-Conference Workshop features long-time OPERS board member Ken Thomas discussing the state and future of OPERS and the Super Bowl reception. The Closing Session on Tuesday features Brian Blasko and "Cruisin' Through Life™ at 35 MPH". The entire program will provide training needed to survive today's workplace challenges and ever-changing employment laws and regulations. For more information and to register go to www.ohpelra.org.

OHIO WATER ENVIRONMENTAL ASSOCIATION INDUSTRIAL WASTES SEMINAR

The Ohio Water Environmental Association will host their "11th Annual Industrial Wastes Seminar" on February 25, 2010 at the Days Inn & Suites, 4742 Brecksville Road, in Richfield. Who should attend? All personnel involved with wastewater or others that are involved with wastewater issues. The program has been submitted to Ohio EPA for 5.75 contact hours for wastewater treatment certification. Registration fee: \$40 members or \$55 non-members. For more information, contact Lance Willard, Columbiana WWTP, 28 West Friend Street, Columbiana, OH 44408, (330) 482-6188 or columbianawwtp@sbcglobal.net.

ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINIONS

SYLLABUS

2009-053

1. An assistant county prosecuting attorney who does not serve in place of the county prosecuting attorney on the county budget commission may engage in the private practice of law, provided he does not as a private practitioner represent persons in (1) matters that involve any parties represented by the county prosecuting attorney in the county prosecuting attorney's official capacity, (2) criminal proceedings brought by the state or a municipal corporation that has entered into an agreement with the county prosecuting attorney whereby the county prosecuting attorney prosecutes criminal cases for the municipal corporation, or (3) hearings or proceedings concerning an alleged or adjudicated delinquent, unruly, abused, neglected, or dependent child or juvenile traffic offender.
2. R.C. 120.39(A) prohibits an assistant county prosecuting attorney who engages in the private practice of law from serving as counsel appointed by a court or co-counsel appointed to assist the state public defender or a county or joint county public defender.
3. Any representation undertaken by an assistant county prosecuting attorney as a private practitioner must not violate any provision in the ethics statutes set forth in R.C. Chapter 102 or R.C. 2921.42-.43 or any rule set out in the Supreme Court Rules for the Government of the Bar of Ohio or the Ohio Rules of Professional Conduct.

SYLLABUS

2009-054

R.C. 5705.05 permits a township to fund permanent improvements, including roads and bridges, with proceeds of a general levy for current expenses that is enacted under R.C. 5705.19(A) and is in excess of the ten-mill limitation. (2008 Op. Att'y Gen. No. 2008-009, overruled on the basis of legislative change to the extent that it is inconsistent with this opinion).

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.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR POSITION POSTING

The Adams County Board of Commissioners is currently accepting applications from qualified applicants for the position of Economic Development Director. The Economic Development Director is an employee of the Adams County Board of Commissioners and is supervised and reports to the Commission. This challenging, but highly rewarding, position requires the performance of a wide variety of tasks and responsibilities including, but not limited to, the following: new business attraction, existing business assistance, grant writing, project management, community development projects and issues, creation of appropriate marketing pieces, and liaison with the townships and villages of Adams County.

In addition to the above mentioned economic development duties, the successful applicant will assist Adams County on a wide variety of issues and topics, including, but not limited to, the following: community development, infrastructure development, quality of life issues, and general community needs and opportunities. This position requires a wide variety of skills and flexibility to accomplish a range of goals.

A Bachelor's Degree from an accredited college is preferred or five years experience in economic development or related field. Resumés must be submitted by **February 5, 2010** to Adams County Commissioners, 110 West Main Street, Room 102, West Union, OH, 45693 or emailed to adamscocomm@cinci.rr.com. EOE.

CHIEF DOG WARDEN

Responsible for managing all care and control operations of the Lucas County Dog Warden Department as required to be compliant with state and applicable local animal control laws; leading & supervising staff; developing and implementing policies and procedures; providing technical assistance and guidance regarding related statutory matters; preparing & monitoring the departmental budget, and ensuring a customer-service focus at all levels of the agency. For more detailed information including minimum qualifications and compensation, or to apply online, please visit the Lucas County website (www.co.lucas.oh.us) and click on the link "Apply for a Job". Application deadline is **January 29, 2010**. EOE.

ASSISTANT SANITARY ENGINEER

The Warren County Commissioners are accepting applications for an assistant sanitary engineer to direct special projects; operate equipment related to the position; implement departmental policies and programs; hold and attend public hearings and resolve conflicts with the public; acquire easements for construction purposes; research and record easements and deeds; research and apply for Federal grants; review construction plans; prepare in-house engineering/design/drafting of small scale projects; and perform other related duties as required. B.S. degree in civil engineering, with an emphasis in sanitary engineering and comprehensive knowledge of water and wastewater engineering or equivalent. Application deadline: **4:30 p.m. on January 20, 2010**. For more information go to www.co.warren.oh.us. EOE.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES DIRECTOR

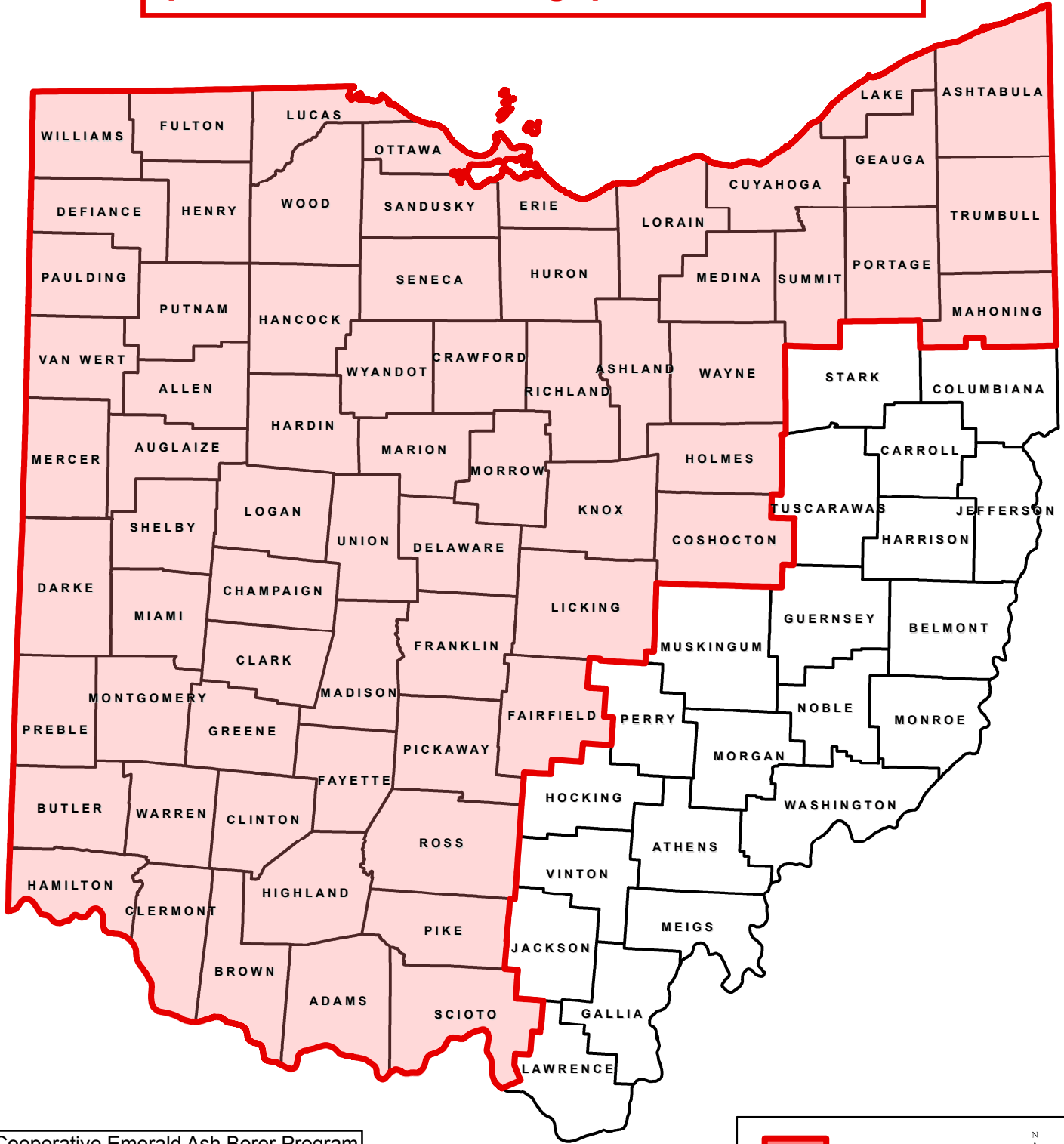
The Board of County Commissioners of Union County seeks a qualified applicant to serve as the Director of the Union County Department of Job and Family Services. The Board is seeking an individual with strong administrative and leadership skills. The successful candidate must possess a Bachelor's Degree in one of the following or a related field: business administration, public administration, human services, human resources, psychology, sociology, social work, education, or finance. An advanced degree is preferred. This position also requires an additional five years of administrative/managerial experience with at least two of the five years being in a supervisory capacity. Anticipated salary \$70,000 – \$90,000 DOQ. Those who wish to be considered for this position must submit a resume to the Union County Commissioners at 233 West 6th Street, Marysville, OH 43040 by close of business on **Tuesday, January 26, 2010**. No e-mail submissions will be accepted. EOE. Contact the Commissioner's Office for further detail. (937) 645-3012.

CLASSIFIED ADS

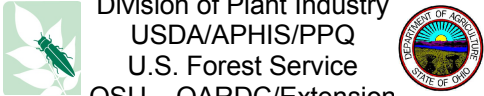
CCAO publishes the County Information and Data Service (CIDS) weekly. Classified ads will be published free of charge as a service to counties. Ads will run for two weeks if space is available. Ads will also be published on the CCAO website at www.ccao.org. When submitting your ad to CCAO please provide 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



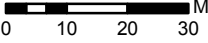
Ohio's Emerald Ash Borer Quarantine

Ash tree material and hardwood firewood prohibited from leaving quarantined areas.



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www.ohioagriculture.gov/eab*