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### DATES TO REMEMBER

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

#### COUNTY CORONERS - COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HANDBOOK CHAPTER UPDATED

Over the decades, CCAO has published four editions of the County Commissioners Handbook and distributed copies to all counties. Since the first edition, the Handbook has grown to nearly 1,000 pages and publishing an updated copy of all chapters in a timely manner is nearly impossible. Due to technology changes and the high cost of publishing a hard copy, the Handbook will be published on our website. Recently, Chapter 104 – County Coroners was updated. A revised copy has been published on the CCAO website at [www.ccao.org](http://www.ccao.org) > Publications > County Commissioners Handbook or click on the story on the front page about the Handbook.

### COUNTY ACTIVITIES

#### CUYAHOGA COUNTY TRANSITION EFFORT

The group leading the County Transition effort continues to gain momentum and participants. In addition to an executive committee, multiple workgroups have been formed to carefully review all aspects of county government and thereafter put forth recommendations for the County Executive and County Council about how those operations can be done better.

Newly-named chairs and co-chairs of those workgroups include representatives of organized labor, the private sector and public officials. Former opponents of Issue 6 – which county voters passed last November to authorize a new, county executive form of Cuyahoga County government – have also been added to the process.

Citizens who have expressed a desire to participate in the process are also getting involved.

“If someone has a good idea that helps us reach our goal of a more efficient system that emphasizes economic development and supports health and human services, we will listen,” says James McCafferty, County Administrator and transition group co-chair. “We are not fighting battles from yesterday or last year, we are looking toward tomorrow and next year. This is too important for our residents. We really want to get it right.”

To review the workgroup structures and follow the transition, go to <http://charter.cuyahogacounty.us>.

## **STATE ACTIVITIES**

### RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REDEVELOPMENT AND SMART GROWTH IN OHIO

Recently, the Ohio Cities Task Force, a 29-member group representing Ohio leaders from a variety of sectors, published a report, "Recommendations for Redevelopment and Smart Growth in Ohio". Included in the task force's recommendations were a number of policy and legislative initiatives that focus on strengthening Ohio's urban centers. Specific recommendations were split among the following categories: land use; development; transportation; workforce and quality of life; and regionalism.

Speaker of the Ohio House of Representatives Armond Budish (Dist. 8) called for creation of the task force last spring which was led by State Rep. Mike Foley (Dist. 14) and vice chair State Rep. Sandra Williams (Dist. 11). Entrusted with 10 specific responsibilities, including providing innovative strategies to address housing, mass transportation, infrastructure, environmental, and labor force challenges facing Ohio's cities; and identifying and classifying incentives and disincentives to urban economic development, the committee developed 20 specific recommendations. Those include passage of House Bill 313, which would allow for the creation of 28 additional county land banks in the state; House Bill 3, the Ohio Foreclosure Prevention Act; and House Bill 323, legislation to address toxic titles and nuisance properties and to empower local land banks.

The report also calls for public hearings regarding the importance of anchor institutions in the health of Ohio's urban cores and metropolitan regions. Anchor institutions are place-based entities, such as universities and hospitals, which are permanently rooted in specific locations. These community anchors generate jobs, create local business opportunities, and contribute in significant ways to the development of human, social and cultural capital. If you would like a copy, please contact Amanda Jones, CCAO Administrative Assistant, at (614) 220-7985 or [ajones@ccao.org](mailto:ajones@ccao.org).

### COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCIES RELEASE 'STATE OF POVERTY' REPORT

“The State of Poverty in Ohio: Building a Foundation for Prosperity” published by the Ohio Association of Community Action Agencies (OACAA) and Community Research Partner (CRP), puts the 2008 Ohio poverty rate at 13.7 percent, up from 12.8 percent in 2007 and 9.8 percent in 2002. Food stamp usage as of June 2009 was up to 12.5 percent of the population, the report says, compared with 9.8 percent in December 2007 and just 6.5 percent in 2002 – meaning food stamp usage doubled over about seven years.

According to the report, about 1.5 million Ohioans lived below the poverty line in 2008. The number of people living in poverty grew 41.7 percent since 2002, during which time the total population grew only 1.2 percent.

The downturn of the past two years came on the heels several years of growth in the “working poor” demographic – those who work but remains in poverty because of low wages. The report documents this trend with the finding that, while unemployment fluctuated between 5.3 percent and 6.3 percent in the period of 2002 to 2007, the poverty rate increased from 9.8 percent to 12.8 percent in that time. Geographic data showed the highest rate of poverty in Appalachian Southeast Ohio, while the greatest numbers of people in poverty are in big cities.

The report also includes five areas to concentrate for recovery:

- **Well-paying jobs.** The report notes that one in four jobs in 2007 were in occupations with average wages below the poverty level.
- **Lifelong learning.** Though jobs requiring some post-secondary training are projected to grow the fastest, 50.9 percent of Ohioans over age 25 have no education beyond high school, the report states.
- **Affordable housing.** The report says half of all renters earning below \$35,000 per year pay more than 35 percent of their income for housing and utilities, while foreclosure filings are five times those of ten years ago, and 300,000 more people signed up for home energy assistance programs between 2006 and 2008.
- **Transportation options.** In 2000, about 145,000 renter households have no vehicle, according to the report, while more than 250,000 workers have a commute time of more than an hour.
- **Social safety nets.** According to the report, 1.2 million Ohioans lacked health insurance in 2008, while food stamp usage jumped at least 20 percent from summer 2007 to summer 2009 in five of the state's 12 economic development regions.

A copy of the report is posted at [www.oacaa.org](http://www.oacaa.org).

## ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINIONS

### SYLLABUS

2010-002

1. R.C. 2961.01(B), as enacted by Am. Sub. H.B. 3, 126th Gen. A. (2006) (eff. May 2, 2006, with certain sections effective on other dates) and amended by Sub. H.B. 195, 127th Gen. A. (2008) (eff. Sept. 30, 2008), does not apply to a person who was convicted of a felony under the laws of Ohio prior to May 2, 2006.
2. R.C. 2967.16(C)(1)(a) restores the privilege of circulating or serving as a witness to the signing of any declaration of candidacy and petition, voter registration application, or nominating, initiative, referendum, or recall petition, which had been forfeited by operation of R.C. 2961.01(B), to a person who was convicted of a felony under the laws of Ohio on or after May 2, 2006, and who has served his entire prison term and not had any post-release control sanctions imposed upon him.
3. R.C. 2967.16(C)(1)(b) restores the privilege of circulating or serving as a witness to the signing of any declaration of candidacy and petition, voter registration application, or nominating, initiative, referendum, or recall petition, which had been forfeited by operation of R.C. 2961.01(B), to a person who was convicted of a felony under the laws of Ohio on or after May 2, 2006, and who has been granted a final release by the Adult Parole Authority pursuant to R.C. 2967.16(A) or R.C. 2967.16(B).
4. R.C. 2967.16(C)(1)(c) restores the privilege of circulating or serving as a witness to the signing of any declaration of candidacy and petition, voter registration application, or nominating, initiative, referendum, or recall petition, which had been forfeited by operation of R.C. 2961.01(B), to a person who was convicted of a felony under the laws of Ohio on or after May 2, 2006, and who has completed the period of a community control sanction or combination of community control sanctions imposed by a sentencing court.

## FEDERAL ACTIVITIES

### 2010 CENSUS: COMPLETE COUNTY COMMITTEE INFO NEEDED

The State is dedicated to ensuring a complete and accurate count of Ohio residents and would appreciate if all counties would consider registering your Complete Count Committee information, if available. The Ohio Census Network is designed to allow Complete Count Committees the ability to post and share information

about their outreach and activities within their local communities. Participating in the network is strongly encouraged to help other communities become engaged and motivated. To register, please use this link: <http://www.census.ohio.gov/OhioCensusNetwork/register.aspx>

For those counties who have not yet formed a Complete Count Committee, please download the Highest Elected Official starter packet! Look under Ohio 2010 Census Outreach, General Information for the packet: <http://www.census.ohio.gov/Promotional.aspx>.

Visit the Ohio 2010 Census Web site to learn about how the State is conducting outreach and providing support to local communities. <http://www.census.ohio.gov>.

## **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." Register online at [www.naco.org](http://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](http://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](mailto:kmurphy@naco.org).

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **NEW NACO METH PREVENTION RESOURCE GUIDE AVAILABLE**

The National Association of Counties (NACo) recently released its County Resource Guide to Meth Prevention. This guide provides insight into issues counties face regarding methamphetamine use from environmental clean-up to local corrections resources. It includes resources for counties to use toward meth prevention, such as federal, state and county program examples, as well as linkages to a variety of informational resources. Go to [www.naco.org/Template.cfm?Section=New\\_Technical\\_Assistance&template=/ContentManagement/ContentDisplay.cfm&ContentID=32776](http://www.naco.org/Template.cfm?Section=New_Technical_Assistance&template=/ContentManagement/ContentDisplay.cfm&ContentID=32776) to download a copy of the report. For more information, contact: Kati Guerra, NACo Senior Associate, Community Services at (202) 942-4279 or [kguerra@naco.org](mailto:kguerra@naco.org).

## **CONFERENCES/SEMINARS**

### **CAP & TRADE: THE IMPLICATIONS OF CARBON REGULATION & PRICING**

Join OSU Extension for a seminar on “Cap & Trade: The Implications of Carbon Regulation & Pricing” on Monday, February 22, 2010 at the Nationwide and Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center Auditorium, The Ohio State University Campus, 2201 Fred Taylor Drive (corner of Lane Avenue & Fred Taylor Drive, just west of the Schottenstein Center), in Columbus. Free parking is available in the lot west of the Schottenstein Center.

Registration is from 8:30 to 9:15 a.m. Sessions begin at 9:15 a.m. and end at 3:30 p.m. Topics to be discussed include:

- What We Know About Climate Change
- Legislative Options and Mechanics of Cap & Trade
- Allowance Distribution, Allocation & the Use of Revenue
- Views from Industry Panel
- Green Jobs
- Trade Implications of Cap & Trade
- Impact to Ohio & U.S. Economy

Registration fee: \$65 (includes lunch). A complete agenda is attached to this issue of CIDS. Direct inquiries to [econograms@osu.edu](mailto:econograms@osu.edu) or (614) 292-2701. To register online to go <http://cfaesreg.org/profile/form/index.cfm?PKformID=0x17494f4a>

## **WEBINARS**

### **STAY AHEAD OF THE STORY: MEDIA RELATIONS STRATEGIES FOR COUNTY OFFICIALS IN TOUGH TIMES**

Tough times mean counties are under increasing scrutiny. Are you prepared to handle tough media inquiries and respond to critics? Are you doing all you can to communicate the essential and effective services your county provides? With a little planning, you can stay ahead of the story, respond to critics and be an effective leader and promoter of county government.

Join the National Association of Counties (NACo) for a webinar on “Stay Ahead of the Story: Media Relations Strategies for County Officials in Tough Times” on February 4, 2010 from 2:00-3:15 p.m. Webinar panelists will discuss effective media relations tools and strategies; whether social media such as Facebook and Twitter

are right for you; and tips on how to make the most of your NACo participation and out-of-county conference travel.

For more information, contact Jim Philipps, Media Relations Manager, (202) 942-4220, fax (202)393-2630, or [jphilipps@naco.org](mailto:jphilipps@naco.org). To register go to: [http://www.mmsend2.com/lis.cfm?r=202901993&sid=8355910&m=904219&u=NAC &s=https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/132474018](http://www.mmsend2.com/lis.cfm?r=202901993&sid=8355910&m=904219&u=NAC&s=https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/132474018).

### HOW TO LOBBY CONGRESS WITHOUT LEAVING HOME

Effective lobbying comes from good “grassroots” participation. This means people expressing themselves from their home or office on matters affecting their lives and livelihood. As a county leader, you can make a difference! NACo has professional advocates on staff, but your participation is important to the success of their efforts on behalf of county governments. Discover how you can effectively lobby from your county offices and identify ways to get the attention of Congress.

NACo will host a webinar on Thursday, February 11, 2010 from 2:00 to 3:15 p.m. To register, go to <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/688126731>. For more information, contact Matt Fellows, Legislative Grassroots Coordinator, Legislative Affairs Department, (202) 942-4205, fax (202)393-2630 or [mfellows@naco.org](mailto:mfellows@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](http://2010.Census.gov/2010CensusJobs).

#### 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](mailto:adamscocomm@cinci.rr.com). EOE.

## ENGINEERING DESIGN TECHNICIAN

The Wood County Engineer is accepting applications for a full time Engineering Design Technician. This position will perform CADD tasks in support of road, bridge and ditch projects throughout the county. The ideal candidate will have extensive knowledge of AutoCad Civil 3D installation, operation, troubleshooting, maintenance and how to manipulate electronic field data into working engineering drawings.

Starting Salary will be commensurate with experience and qualifications, with a review after a six month probationary period. Qualifications: Associates degree in Civil Engineering Technology from an ABET accredited institution or equivalent is the minimum requirement, with a Bachelors degree in Civil Engineering from an ABET accredited institution preferred. Minimum of ten years of AutoCAD experience, with at least two years being AutoCad Civil 3D or equivalent. Requires a valid Ohio Driver's license.

Application deadline: **4:30 p.m. on February 12, 2010**. Applications are available on the County's website, [www.co.wood.oh.us](http://www.co.wood.oh.us), or visit the Wood County Engineer's Office, Third Floor, County Office Building, One Courthouse Square, Bowling Green, OH 43402, Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. EOE.

## MOBILITY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR

The Board of Trumbull County Commissioners seeks a Mobility Management Coordinator to implement the County's Mobility Management Plan and coordinate public transportation. Primary duties include: mobility and grant management; transportation-related database development; policy development; chairing transportation committee; collecting/analyzing data and research development. Requires communication and leadership skills, ability to work autonomously and an expert ability to use excel and other software packages. Minimum requirements: Three to five years experience in transportation and/or transit planning. BA/BS in planning, management or related field; Masters degree preferred. Flexible work environment and competitive benefits package; starting salary is \$35k. Drivers license, ability to travel, passage of criminal background check is required. Trumbull County is in Northeast Ohio, bordering Pennsylvania, and is home to diverse urban, suburban and rural areas. Application deadline: **February 12, 2010**. Send resume and cover letter by 4:00 p.m., February 12, 2010 (email preferred) to: April Caraway at [acaraway@tlifelines.org](mailto:acaraway@tlifelines.org), c/o Trumbull LifeLines 4076 Youngstown Road Suite 101, Warren OH 44484. EEO.

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/SENIOR PLANNER

Clark County seeks an experienced Senior Planner for the Community Development Department, Clark County's combined Building and Planning Department. This position will report to the Director and will serve as the key senior staff person in charge of all planning and related activities for the unincorporated areas in Clark County. Responsibilities include planning activities in economic development, flood plain, land use, and subdivision requests; enforcement of technical compliance for lot splits, subdivisions, rezoning, and zoning permits; preparation and presentation of cases for review by the County Planning Commission, Rural Zoning Commission, Board of Zoning Appeals, CEDA Regional Planning, and the Board of County Commissioners; preparation and facilitation of tax abatement agreements and related activities; interprets, communicates and enforces policies and procedures; coordinates and communicates with other local governments, county departments, and public.

Qualified candidates must have a Bachelor's Degree in a related field and a minimum of seven years experience in planning or Master's Degree in a related field and a minimum of four years of planning experience. Degree requirement may be waived for exemplary experience or AICP designation. Additionally, the applicant must demonstrate knowledge and experience performing the essential duties outlined in the Notice of Vacancy available online at [http://www.clarkcountyohio.gov/personnel/job\\_openings.htm](http://www.clarkcountyohio.gov/personnel/job_openings.htm); have excellent oral and written communication ability; quality technical knowledge; outstanding customer service

skills; professional conflict management skills; be efficient using Excel, PowerPoint, Word, and AccuGlobe; and have a valid Ohio driver's license and appropriate automobile insurance.

Applications will be accepted until **February 16, 2010**. Qualified candidates should submit a completed application and resume to: Michelle Noble, Clark County Human Resources Director, PO Box 2639, Springfield, OH 45501 EOE/ADA/VH.

REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Richland County seeks an Executive Director of the Richland County Regional Planning Commission, due the pending retirement of the incumbent Director. Salary range \$50-\$69,000. Responsible for the operation of an organization that guides and assists local decision makers by planning and implementing projects, policies, studies and activities that comply with external planning guidelines, meet local needs and foster a spirit of regional cooperation.

This position requires a bachelor's degree in urban planning, public administration, civil engineering or a related field. It requires a minimum of 10 years of progressively responsible planning experience, or a combination of education and experience that provides the applicant with the desired skills, knowledge, and abilities required to perform the job. It is preferred if four years of experience is in a supervisory capacity. A master's degree in a related field and/or AICP Certification may replace some required experience. Preference may be given to applicants with prior supervisory or administrative experience with the transportation planning process associated with a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). Preference may also be given to applicants possessing qualifications above the minimum. Complete job description is available at [www.rcrpc.org](http://www.rcrpc.org). Submit letter of interest, resume and references to Search Committee, Richland County Regional Planning, 35 N. Park Street, Mansfield, OH by **March 1, 2010**. 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](http://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](mailto:mjneiman@ccao.org)