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DATES TO REMEMBER

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| 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. |
| MARCH 25, 2009 | CCAO TAXATION & FINANCE COMMITTEE, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS |
| MARCH 26, 2010 | CORSA ANNUAL MEETING, HOLIDAY INN, COLUMBUS-WORTHINGTON |
| APRIL 30, 2010 | CCC/ESAO REGIONAL MEETING, OLD COURTHOUSE, ASHTABULA COUNTY (JEFFERSON) |
| APRIL 2010 | NATIONAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT MONTH |

ASSOCIATION NEWS

INDIGENT DEFENSE - 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 103 – Indigent Defense was updated. A revised copy has been published on the CCAO website at www.ccao.org > Publications > County Commissioners Handbook or click on the story on the front page about the Handbook. If you have any questions about indigent defense, please contact John Leutz, CCAO Senior Policy Analyst, at (614) 220-7994, (888) 757-1904, or jleutz@ccao.org.

CCAO TAXATION & FINANCE COMMITTEE TO MEET MARCH 25

CCAO Taxation & Finance Committee Co-chairs Timothy Bubb, Licking County Commissioner, and Chris Abbuhl, Tuscarawas County Commissioner, have scheduled a meeting of the committee from 11:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 25, 2010 in the CCAO Offices, 209 East State Street, in Columbus. An

agenda will be sent to committee members on a later date. For more information, please contact Brad Cole, Managing Director of Research, at (614) 220-7981, (888) 757-1904 or bcole@ccao.org.

OHIO CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION BREAKFAST – MARCH 10

Mark your calendars and plan to attend the Ohio Congressional Delegation Breakfast to be held at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 10 in the Rayburn House Office Building – Room B340, in Washington, D.C. Letters of invitation have been sent to the Ohio Congressional Delegation. Call now to make your appointments to meet with your member(s) during the conference!

Transportation WILL NOT be provided to the breakfast. Please do not attempt to drive and park on Capitol Hill! The Capitol can be reached by taking the Metro (blue or orange line) to the Federal South exit or you can travel by taxi.

A full breakfast will be served and attendance must be guaranteed in advance. There is no charge to attend the breakfast. Attendance at the breakfast is open to all Ohio conference attendees and their traveling companions. Registration deadline: February 25, 2010. For more information about the conference or to register for the Ohio Congressional Delegation Breakfast, please contact Mary Jane Neiman, CCAO Public Relations Associate, at (614) 220-7979, (888) 775-1904, or mjneiman@ccao.org.

HEALTHY COUNTIES – THEME FOR NATIONAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT MONTH!

National County Government Month (NCGM) is celebrated each April by the nation's counties to raise public awareness and understanding about the roles and responsibilities of county government. The 2010 theme is "Healthy Counties" to promote essential county health care services and healthy living and recreation programs.

County governments play an essential role in America's healthcare system. They are unique in their responsibility to both finance and deliver health services through public hospitals and clinics, local health departments, and long-term care facilities. In addition, counties provide mental health and substance abuse treatment and offer coverage programs for the uninsured.

More than 1,000 counties participate in NCGM each year by hosting a variety of community outreach events and activities. These include tours of county facilities, recognition ceremonies for county employees and volunteers, distribution of information about county programs and services, sponsoring student essay contests, meetings with business and community leaders, and adoption of resolutions.

Since 1991, the National Association of Counties (NACo) has encouraged counties across the country to actively promote county government programs and services. Formerly National County Government Week, the designation was expanded to a full month for 2010 to offer more counties more opportunities to plan and participate. Counties aren't expected to hold public awareness activities throughout the month, but can schedule activities any time during the month.

For more information contact Tom Goodman, NACo Public Affairs Director, at (202) 942-4222, fax (202) 393-2630 or tgoodman@naco.org or go to NACo's website at www.naco.org/NCGM to download more information.

NOTE: OSU Extension and CEBCO have compiled a CD with presentations on wellness topics, which could be used during National County Government Month. To obtain a copy contact CEBCO at (614) 221-5627.

AFFILIATE NEWS

2010 CCC/EAPA REGIONAL MEETINGS

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

Regional information and networking luncheon meetings are a priority with CCC/EAPA. Topics will vary at each meeting and are held on Friday's beginning at 10:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. CCAO/CEAO sponsors the lunch. The first meeting location has been announced. Additional meeting locations will be announced in future issues of CIDS and at www.ccao.org.

- **April 30 – Ashtabula County** – Ashtabula County Commissioners, 25 West Jefferson Street – Floor 2 (Old Courthouse), Jefferson, OH 44047
- **May 28 – Crawford County**
- **June 25 – Warren County**
- **July 30 – Williams County**
- **August 27 – Athens County**
- **September 24 – Franklin County**
- **October 22 – Tuscarawas County**

Please email suggestions for agenda items to Carolyn Hauenstein, Clerk, Erie County Commissioners at chauenstein@eriecounty.oh.gov or Lisa Hawkins, Clerk, Ashtabula County Commissioners at llhawkins@ashtabulacounty.us. Bring any forms to share that may be useful to other counties.

To obtain additional information on the CCC/EAPA, or if you are interested in serving on one of the committees, please contact Bonnie Green, System Administrator, Lake County Engineer's Office, at (440) 350-2770, bonnie.green@lakecountyohio.gov or www.ccc-esao.org.

STATE ACTIVITIES

FORECLOSURES INCREASE BY 4 PERCENT IN 2009; SUPREME COURT NUMBERS SHOW TOTAL OF 89,053 DURING YEAR

Ohio foreclosure case filings in 2009 again set a record, according to data released Wednesday by the Supreme Court of Ohio. Common pleas courts across Ohio last year reported 89,053 new residential and commercial foreclosure case filings, marking the 14th consecutive annual increase. However, the increase in 2009 (3.8 percent) reflects the relatively steady, yet modest, increases of the past few years (5 percent in 2007 and 3 percent in 2008), which is notably slower growth than was seen in 2005 and 2006.

A quarter of Ohio's 88 counties experienced a decline in foreclosure case filings in 2009 compared to 2008 with the remaining counties showing an increase in year-over-year foreclosures case filings except for Lawrence County, which held steady. Morgan County showed the highest percentage increase (129.7 percent) in 2009 while Allen County showed the highest percentage decrease (30.7 percent). As for raw numbers, Cuyahoga County experienced the most new foreclosure case filings in 2009 with 14,171, although this total is less than the foreclosure case filings recorded in 2007. Noble County reported the fewest foreclosures case filings in 2009 with 32.

Created in 2008, Ohio's multi-agency foreclosure prevention effort – the Save the Dream campaign www.savethedream.ohio.gov – continues to provide Ohioans with assistance to numerous state resources and programs related to foreclosure. Access the complete county-by-county foreclosure data from 2005 through 2009 at www.supremecourt.ohio.gov/JCS/casemng/foreclosuresStats.xls.

ODH SEEKS WAYS TO IMPROVE OHIOANS' HEALTH; REPORT NAMES DELAWARE COUNTY MOST HEALTHY IN STATE

In response to a report ranking Ohio's healthiest and unhealthiest counties, the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) announced its plans to investigate ways to improve the state's well being. The University of Wisconsin's Population Health Institute collaborated with the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation on a report released Wednesday that looks into the health of every county nationwide. The report indicates Delaware County residents are the healthiest in the state and Lawrence County is the least healthy statewide.

The 2009 County Health Rankings (www.countyhealthrankings.org/ohio) report shows the healthiest of Ohio's 88 counties are clustered in the northern, western and central regions; the least healthy counties are scattered primarily in the southern and eastern regions of the state.

Researchers used five measures to assess the level of overall health or "health outcomes" for Ohio by county: the rate of people dying before age 75, the percent of people who report being in fair or poor health, the numbers of days people report being in poor physical and poor mental health, and the rate of low-birthweight infants, according to the report. The report also considers factors that affect people's health within four categories: health behavior, clinical care, social and economic factors, and physical environment.

Following the report's release, the Health Policy Institute of Ohio (HPIO), through support from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, announced that it plans to assist a wide range of local leaders in using the rankings information at the community level. HPIO has organized four regional workshops for March 5 in Dayton, March 8 in Akron, March 10 in Bowling Green, and March 11 in Athens where local leaders from education, business, transportation, environmental health, public health, mental health, and clinical practice can come together and develop strategies to improve the health of communities. Participants are also able to seek input from higher-ranking counties that share similar demographics or other characteristics. All forums will take place from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. For more information go to www.healthpolicyohio.org.

HELP SUPPORT SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE- SPECIALTY LICENSE PLATE

Sustaining agriculture means supporting practices that are ecologically sound, economically viable, and socially responsible. In 2008, the Ohio Department of Agriculture established an office of sustainable agriculture that helped create an Ohio Sustainable Agriculture plate, now available at www.bmv.ohio.gov/sp_ohio_sustainable_agriculture.stm.

This plate will raise awareness about the importance of sustainable agriculture. All proceeds from the sale of each plate will go into a fund that will help support sustainable agriculture across the state. For more information, contact Kristen A. Jensen, Executive Director, Office of Farmland Preservation, Ohio Department of Agriculture, 8995 East Main Street, Reynoldsburg, OH 43068-3399, (614) 728-6210, farmlandpres@agri.ohio.gov or www.agri.ohio.gov.

WORKSHOP

OHIO RCAP PRESENTS "PROTECTING YOUR COMMUNITY'S INVESTMENT"

The Ohio Rural Community Assistance Program (RCAP) will present the following two one-day courses that

focus on helping you protect your community's investment:

Asset Management for Local Officials – This course will discuss asset management, budgeting and rate setting. This course has been approved for 5.5 Ohio EPA non-O&M contact hours.

Applied Asset Management with CUPSS – This course will introduce the Check Up Program for Small Systems (CUPSS) with an overview of the software for inventory/maintenance management, budgeting/financial documentation, and report generation. Ohio EPA has applied for 5.5 operator contact hours for this course.

RCAP is sponsored by the Ohio EPA and is funded by the Ohio EPA, USDA Rural Development, US EPA, HHS-OCS, and the Ohio Water Development Authority. Courses will be held in March, April, May, and June. Download registration information at www.glracap.org/ohio or call Nadine Thompson, Ohio RCAP, (419) 332-2056 or (800) 775-9767 to make your reservation.

BIDDING FOR PUBLIC CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS IN OHIO

Bricker & Eckler LLP will present an interactive workshop on “Bidding for Public Construction Contracts in Ohio” on Wednesday, April 7, 2010 at The Conference Center at OCLC, 6600 Kilgour Place, in Dublin. Registration begins at 7:30 with sessions beginning at 8:00 a.m. and ending at 4:45 p.m.

This program will blend a traditional morning session of instruction with an interactive afternoon session working in groups to experience the competitive bidding process. Each workgroup will have the opportunity to experience the public competitive bidding process through mock bidding, with immediate feedback from the speakers and through questions and answers from the entire class.

CCAO is a workshop co-sponsor. Registration fee: \$199 by March 15 for members of a sponsoring organization or 2-3 members from the same organization or \$239 after March 15. Credit: 6.75 AIA Learning Units (pending) and 6.75 Supreme Court Continuing Legal Education (pending). For more information, contact Amy Abbey, Bricker & Eckler, 100 South Third Street, Columbus, OH 43215, (800) 750-1525, aabbey@bricker.com or www.bricker.com/seminars.

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.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/SENIOR PLANNER

Clark County seeks an experienced Senior Planner for the Community Development Department, Clark County's combined Building and Planning Department <http://www.clarkcountyohio.gov/bldgreg/Index.htm>. The position reports to the Director and serves 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/postings/comdev_srplanner_01272010.pdf; 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 GIS software; and have a valid Ohio driver's license and appropriate automobile insurance.

Applications will be accepted until **February 26, 2010**. Qualified candidates should submit a cover letter, completed application and resume to: Michelle Noble, Clark County Human Resources Director, PO Box 2639, Springfield, OH 45501 EOE/ADA/VH.

DOG WARDEN

The Board of Stark County Commissioners seeks a chief Dog Warden to work as a department head and manage all care and control operations of the Stark County Dog Warden Department. Responsibilities: comply with applicable animal control laws; lead & supervise staff; develop & implement policies & procedures; provide technical assistance & guidance regarding related statutory matters; prepare & monitor departmental budget and payroll; and ensure customer service. Successful candidate will work with volunteers and employees to ensure the humane treatment of dogs. Degree in management or law enforcement a plus. Must pass firearms certification. This is a safety sensitive position and subject to drug screen. Submit resumes to: Personnel Manager, Board of Stark County Commissioners, 110 Central Plaza S., Suite 240, Canton, OH 44702. Resume must be received by **4:00 p.m., February 26, 2010**. Paperwork submitted is a public record. No phone calls, please. EOE.

BUILDING INSPECTOR – ELECTRICAL (PART-TIME)

The Wood County Building Inspection Department is accepting applications for a part-time building inspector - electrical to inspect assigned aspect to ensure compliance with the Ohio Building Code and Wood County Residential Building Code. Average 32 hours per week depending on needs of department. Pay Grade 7: \$17.44 to \$20.92 per hour depending on experience. Minimum Qualifications: Journeyman electrician or equivalent with commercial/industrial experience. Requires Board of Building Standards certification and a valid driver's license. Application Deadline: **4:30 p.m. on March 5, 2010**. Classification specifications and applications are available on the County's website, www.co.wood.oh.us, or visit the Wood County Building Inspection Department, 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.

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