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DATES TO REMEMBER

MARCH 10, 2010	OHIO CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION BREAKFAST, RAYBURN HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING - ROOM B340, WASHINGTON, D.C.
MARCH 15, 2010	CCAO JOBS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS
MARCH 18, 2010	CCAO GENERAL GOVERNMENT & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS
MARCH 19, 2010	CCAO BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS
MARCH 25, 2010	CCAO TAXATION & FINANCE COMMITTEE, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS
MARCH 26, 2010	CORSA ANNUAL MEETING, HOLIDAY INN, COLUMBUS-WORTHINGTON
APRIL 6, 2010	CCAO/OSWDO/OEEF SOLID WASTE TRAINING COURSE, WOOD COUNTY JOB & FAMILY SERVICES, WOOD COUNTY (BOWLING GREEN)
APRIL 9, 2010	CCAO HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS
APRIL 5, 2010	CCAO PUBLIC SAFETY & CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS
APRIL 21, 2010	CCAO/OSWDO/OEEF SOLID WASTE TRAINING COURSE, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS
APRIL 22, 2010	CCAO/OSWDO/OEEF SOLID WASTE TRAINING COURSE, WAYNE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, WAYNE COUNTY (WOOSTER)
APRIL 30, 2010	CCAO/OSWDO/OEEF SOLID WASTE TRAINING COURSE, WARREN COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, WARREN COUNTY (LEBANON)
APRIL 30, 2010	CCC/EAPA REGIONAL MEETING, OLD COURTHOUSE, ASHTABULA COUNTY (JEFFERSON)
APRIL 2010	NATIONAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT MONTH

ASSOCIATION NEWS

2010 CCAO ROSTERS

The *2010 CCAO Rosters* are hot off the press and were mailed to all Boards of County Commissioners this week. Rosters will be mailed to others on the mailing list next week.

CCAO PUBLIC SAFETY & CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE TO MEET APRIL 5

The CCAO Public Safety & Criminal Justice Committee co-chairs Bob Proud, Clermont County Commissioner, and Nick Kostandaras, Summit County Council Member, have scheduled a meeting of the committee on Monday, April 5, 2010 in the CCAO Offices, 209 East State Street, in Columbus. Speakers will address the MARCS Task Force and Indigent Defense. CCAO appointments to the Statewide Consortium of County Law Library Resource Board will be reviewed. In addition, Ernie Moore, Director of the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections, will speak to the committee.

Lunch will be served after the meeting. Please confirm your attendance by March 29 to Janet Erwin, CCAO Administrative Assistant, at (614) 220-7986 or jerwin@ccao.org. If you have any questions about the committee contact John Leutz, CCAO Senior Policy Analyst, at (614) 220-7994 or jleutz@ccao.org.

AFTER IT LEAVES THE CURB: A SOLID WASTE TRAINING COURSE

CCAO and the Organization of Solid Waste Districts of Ohio (OSWDO) are sponsoring four solid waste management training sessions, "After It Leaves the Curb," to be held in April. The training sessions will include a summary of solid waste management in Ohio from the perspective of solid waste districts. The targeted audience includes county commissioners, solid waste district policy committee members and boards of trustees.

Training funds are provided by the Ohio EPA Environmental Education Fund (OEEF) grant that was given to the CCAO Research and Education Fund. Training will be conducted by Ohio EPA, GT Environmental, Inc. and Eastman & Smith. All participants will receive free training materials.

Registration opens at 9:30 a.m. with the training sessions beginning at 10:00 a.m. and ending at 2:00 p.m. Registration fee (includes lunch): **\$15** – county commissioners, trustees of solid waste authorities, policy committee members of solid waste districts, solid waste district personnel, planning directors, and the Ohio EPA or **\$50** – other attendees.

Registration deadline is one week before the seminar. Dates and Locations:

- **April 6 – Wood County** Job & Family Services, 1928 East Gypsy Lane Road, Wood County (Bowling Green)
- **April 21 – CCAO Offices**, 209 East State Street, Columbus
- **April 22 – Wayne County** Administration Building, 428 West Liberty Street – 2nd FL, Wayne County (Wooster)
- **April 30 – Warren County** Administration Building, 406 Justice Drive – Room 120, Warren County (Lebanon)

For more information about the training, please contact Brad Cole, CCAO Managing Director of Research, at (614) 220-7981, (888) 757-1904 or bcole@ccao.org. For information about registration, contact Amanda Jones, CCAO Administrative Assistant, at (614) 220-7985, (888) 757-1904 or ajones@ccao.org.

STATE ACTIVITIES

OPERS PLAN DESIGN INFORMATIONAL MEETING – MARCH 11

The Ohio Public Employee Retirement System (OPERS) Board has directed their staff hold a series of meetings across the state for all OPERS members and retirees to discuss the recommended plan design changes the Board proposed to the Ohio Retirement Study Council in November 2009. The first meeting has been set for **Thursday, March 11, 2010 at Ohio University, Walter Hall – Room 135 in Athens**. OPERS will be holding two identical sessions for members and retirees at **5:15 to 6:30 p.m. or 7:00 to 8:15 p.m.** For the address, directions, and parking information go to <http://www.ohio.edu/athens/bldgs/walter.html>.

You do not need to RSVP for the event. For more information, contact: Carol Nolan Drake, J.D., Chief External Affairs Officer, Ohio PERS, 277 East Town Street, Columbus, OH 43215, (614) 222-0398, or cdrake@opers.org.

RECOVERY ACT: A COUNTY-BY-COUNTY REVIEW OF DIRECT BENEFITS IN 2009

The \$787 billion American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) was split between formula funding for state and local government programs, competitive grants, and direct benefits to Americans. The State of Ohio is expected to receive \$8.2 billion in formula funding, and competitive grants in excess of \$817 million have already been awarded to Ohio entities. A report published by The Center for Community Solutions, "Recovery Act Put \$2.5 Billion in Ohioans' Pockets: A County-by-County Review of Direct Benefits in 2009," examines four direct assistance provisions of ARRA:

- 1) **Food Stamps:** 13.6 percent increase in maximum benefit, a boost in monthly food stamp benefit. Through December 31, 2009, the recovery Act Delivered \$312 million in additional food stamp benefits to low-income Ohioans.
- 2) **Economic Recovery Payments to Social Security recipients and others.** Ohio residents received a total of \$530 million in Economic Recovery Payments as a result of the Recovery Act between February and August, 2009.
- 3) **Unemployment Benefits:** Additional \$25 per week. Through December 31, 2009, the Recovery Act delivered \$353 million in additional weekly unemployment benefits.
- 4) **Making Work Pay Credit:** Refundable tax credit to nearly all workers. It is estimated that Ohio's workers' tax withholdings have decreased by \$1.37 billion through November, 2009 as a result of the Recovery Act.

In 2009, these four programs put more than \$59 billion directly into Americans' pockets, with over \$2.5 billion coming to Ohioans. They account for nearly one in every three Recovery Act dollars disbursed so far.

To read a complete copy of the report and to review the direct payments from ARRA per county go to <http://www.communitysolutions.com/images/upload/resources/Campbell-ARRA.pdf>.

FEDERAL ACTIVITIES

2010 CENSUS: THE "TAKE 10" CHALLENGE - TOOLS TO INSPIRE MAIL BACK PARTICIPATION RATES

During the 2000 Census, 72 percent of occupied households mailed back their forms. In 2010, the Census Bureau is challenging communities to do even better. The Census Bureau's "Take 10" campaign gives you a wide range of tools to inspire your community to meet the challenge. These include:

- An interactive, map-based, "Take 10" Web site that allows local areas to track and compare their 2010 Census mail back participation rates, which will be updated on a daily basis beginning March 22 at <http://2010.census.gov/2010census/take10map/>, and to look up their 2000 Census participation rates.
- An electronic toolkit is available which includes talking points, sample speeches, new releases, newsletter copy, event suggestions, flyers, stickers, and doorknob hanger templates, and more.
- Suggestions on how to use friendly competition with other communities to inspire participation in the census.

You can play an important leadership role in encouraging your community to mail back their forms. Most 2010 Census questionnaires are delivered from March 15-17, 2010. From the time the forms are delivered until the closing of the mail campaign at the end of April, you have the opportunity to remind your area residents of the importance of mailing back their census forms. We believe that you can encourage participation through speeches, special events, and challenges.

The stakes are high; an accurate count of the local population helps to ensure that your community receives its fair share of federal funding. This funding includes resources for services, such as health care, education, and roads.

Your constituents must complete and mail back their census forms between March 15, 2010 and April 15, 2010. The good news is that the 2010 Census questionnaire is one of the shortest in history-just 10 questions that only take about 10 minutes to complete. Visit <http://2010.census.gov/2010census/take10map/> now to see your area's 2000 Census mail participation rate and check the site daily for updates beginning March 22.

WORKSHOP

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.

WEBINAR

PRESCRIPTION DISCOUNT CARD: A TOUGH TIMES SOLUTION FOR YOUR RESIDENTS

Find out what 1,300 other counties already know about how easy it is to provide your residents with big savings on their medicine costs by participating in NACo's Prescription Discount Card Program. Join NACo on March 18, 2010 from 2:00 to 3:15 p.m. to hear program experts from NACo, CVS Caremark, and fellow county officials who will describe how the free NACo member benefit program has resulted in \$250 million in savings for residents across the country. The discount card program includes all the support, resources, and

media/press materials so you can provide another “tough-times” solution to your residents. Too good to be true? Find out for yourself. To register, go to <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/739076707>. For more information, contact: Andrew Goldschmidt, Director, Membership/Marketing, Public Affairs Department, (202) 942-4221, fax (202)393-2630 or agoldschmidt@naco.org.

WHY SHOULD A COUNTY CONDUCT A ROAD SAFETY AUDIT?

The enormous cost — human and financial — of road accidents continues to devastate families and counties. Join a free webinar on March 25 from 2:00 to 3:15 p.m. for the second in a series of three webinars that teaches the basics of County Action Plans, Strategic Highway Plans, and Road Safety Audits (RSA). Participants will learn about the benefits of a county RSA and the legal issues surrounding safety audits. This webinar is cosponsored by the Federal Highway Administration, the National Association of County Engineers and NACo. To register go to <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/391840435>. For more information, contact: Cindy Wasser, NACo Community Services Assistant, at (202) 942.4274, fax (614) 393-2630 or cwasser@naco.org.

ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINIONS

SYLLABUS

2010-007

A lot or parcel is “improved” or “in the process of being improved” for purposes of R.C. 4931.51(A)(1) if the lot or parcel has or is in the process of having a relatively permanent structure attached to, or located on, it.

Note: this opinion addresses issues related to 9-1-1 charges on property to help fund 9-1-1 phone systems

SYLLABUS

2010-008

A board of trustees of a non-home rule township has no authority under R.C. 4511.07, R.C. 4511.11, R.C. 5571.02 or other statute to prohibit “thru trucks” from operating on all roads that the township is responsible for maintaining in order to prevent excessive traffic and damage to the road surface. (1981 Op. Att’y Gen. No. 81-008, overruled.)

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.

ASSISTANT OPERATIONS SUPERINTENDENT

Licking County Government is accepting applications for an Assistant Operations Superintendent in the Water/Wastewater Department. Qualified applicants must possess an Associate’s Degree in environmental science or other related field plus three years experience in water/wastewater operations and two years supervisory experience or equivalent combination of training and experience. This position also requires a Class I Water Treatment Operator’s certificate; Class III Wastewater Treatment Operator’s certificate and a valid driver’s license and safe driving record. Starting salary \$36,431 - \$45,538. Successful candidates will be

subject to Licking County's pre-employment drug screen. A complete job posting can be obtained by visiting our website www.lcounty.com or visiting the Human Resources Department. Application, cover letter and resumes will be accepted until the position is filled. Applications can be printed from the web site at www.lcounty.com or can be picked up at: Licking County Human Resources Department, 20 South Second Street, 3rd Floor, Newark, OH 43055. 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