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DATES TO REMEMBER

JULY 25, 2010	CCC/EAPA REGIONAL MEETING, WARREN COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, WARREN COUNTY (LEBANON)
JULY 26, 2010	NW DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS & ENGINEERS QUARTERLY MEETING, SHELBY OAKS GOLF CLUB, SHELBY COUNTY (SIDNEY)
JULY 27, 2010	CCAO/CEBCO HEALTH CARE REFORM PRESENTATION, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS
JULY 30, 2010	CCC/EAPA REGIONAL MEETING, MOHRE'S, WILLIAMS COUNTY (BRYAN)
AUGUST 11, 2010	TRANSITION TO CHARTER GOVERNMENT IN CUYAHOGA COUNTY – 2 ND WEDNESDAY SEMINAR SERIES, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS
AUGUST 20, 2010	CCAO METROPOLITAN & REGIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS
AUGUST 27, 2010	CCC/EAPA REGIONAL MEETING, ROCKY OUTDOOR GEAR STORE, ATHENS COUNTY (NELSONVILLE)
DECEMBER 5-8, 2010	CCAO/CEAO ANNUAL WINTER CONFERENCE AND TRADESHOW, HYATT REGENCY, COLUMBUS

ASSOCIATION NEWS

HEALTH CARE REFORM PRESENTATION TO BE HELD AT CCAO OFFICE

CCAO and CEBCO are presenting an informational program on the Health Care and Education Affordability Reconciliation Act of 2010 on July 27, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. at the CCAO office, 209 East State Street, in Columbus. This meeting is open to all counties and is intended to include county commissioners and any applicable staff. The presentation will be given by Toni Donahue, Vice President of Aon Consulting, Inc., and will last approximately two hours.

Please RSVP to Debi Burnette, CEBCO Enrollment & Billing Specialist, at Fax (614) 229-4588 or dburnette@ccao.org. We hope that everyone will consider attending to learn about the new aspects of the Bill and what will be required of counties in the immediate future.

TRANSITION TO CHARTER GOVERNMENT IN CUYAHOGA COUNTY; 2ND WEDNESDAY'S SEMINAR – AUGUST 11

CCAO will be hosting “The Transition to Charter Government in Cuyahoga County” – the fifth in a series of “Second Wednesday’s” seminars – on Wednesday, August 11 at the CCAO Offices, 209 East State Street, in Columbus. Information is attached to this issue of CIDS and is posted on the front page of our website at www.ccao.org.

This seminar will focus on the transition to charter government in Cuyahoga County. Speakers will provide attendees with background information on county charters and alternative forms of county government, the provisions of the Cuyahoga County Charter adopted by the voters of Cuyahoga County in November of 2009, and the issues and opportunities facing the Transition Advisory Group as Cuyahoga County transitions to a charter form of government in January of 2011.

The seminar will begin sharply at 9:30 a.m. and will conclude promptly at 12:30 p.m. Registrations will be accepted only by email. Seminar information is attached to this issue of CIDS and is posted on our website at www.ccao.org. Coffee will be served during the morning and lunch will be on your own. Best of all, no registration fee will be charged! To register, contact Janet Erwin, CCAO Administrative Assistant, at jerwin@ccao.org.

AFFILIATE NEWS

NEXT 2010 CCC/EAPA REGIONAL MEETING TO BE HELD IN WILLIAMS COUNTY

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 of the following meetings which are held on Friday’s beginning at 10:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. CCAO/CEAO sponsors the lunch.

- **July 30 – Williams County** - Mohre's, 139 West Butler, Bryan, OH 43506
- **August 27 – Athens County** – Rocky Outdoor Gear Store, 45 East Canal Street, Nelsonville, OH 45764
- **September 24 – Franklin County**
- **October 22 – Tuscarawas County**

Please email suggestions for agenda items to Carolyn Hauenstein, Clerk, and 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.

CCAO STAFF NEWS

FAREWELL FROM TSVETKOFF

To all of my county family,

With mixed emotions, I am leaving CCAO to pursue an opportunity as the Executive Director of the Ohio Alliance of YMCAs. I am very excited about my new position, but sad to leave all of the wonderful people I've had the pleasure of calling my colleagues.

I have learned so much from all of you, and, for that, I am very grateful. You have made my three years at CCAO rewarding, challenging, and fun! When everyone's patience can be thin and minds overwhelmed because of all the challenges facing counties, I was amazed and graced to be surrounded by people who know how to pull together as a team and keep on keeping on.

I very much appreciate all of the well wishes and kind words I've received over the last week. They mean so much to me. I hope that after I leave CCAO, I still will have a chance to work with you in the future in some capacity. After all, the Ys have been around almost as long as counties!

*Thank you,
Beth Tsvetkoff*

COUNTY ACTIVITIES

WANTED: YOUR COUNTY NEWS

Do you have news about your county to share in the County Information and Data Service or County News? Send it to Mary Jane Neiman, CCAO Public Relations Associate, at mjneiman@ccao.org.

STATE ACTIVITIES

APPEALS COURT RULES IN FAVOR OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS IN DISPUTE WITH VSC

A state appeals court in Eastern Ohio ruled in favor of county commissioners in a budget dispute with a veterans service commission. The 7th District Court of Appeals said that based on an Ohio Supreme Court precedent, the responsibility for burials of indigent veterans, "financial and otherwise," rests solely with county veterans commissions.

A three-judge panel issued a unanimous opinion that denied a request from the Harrison County Veterans Service Commission (VSC) for an order to compel the Harrison County Board of Commissioners to release certain appropriated funds. Sparking the litigation was the VSC's fiscal year 2009 budget request for \$101,600. Previous budgets from the VSC had included line item requests for money to cover burials, grave markers, and Memorial Day expenses. However, they were not included in 2009. The VSC asserted instead that county commissioners were responsible for those expenses.

Commissioners ultimately agreed to pay for the grave markers and Memorial Day expenses through their budget, but said burials were the VSC's responsibility. Commissioners ultimately approved the full amount the VSC sought, but stipulated that \$1,500 of the total be used to pay for indigent burials.

The appeals court decision posted Wednesday, July 7 rejected claims from the VSC that the county commissioners' action was an impermissible attempt to revise the veterans agency budget. Judges said that while state law imposes a clear legal duty on commissioners to fund the VSC's lawful budget requests, commissioners did not exceed their authority by requiring the agency to fund burials. Concurring were Judges Gene Donofrio, Joseph Vukovich, and Cheryl Waite. *Source: Gongwer News Service*

SUPREME COURT RULING FAVORS CLEVELAND IN PUBLIC RECORDS DISPUTE OVER PAWNBROKER RECORDS

The Ohio Supreme Court ruled Thursday that reports pawnbrokers must daily provide to police under state law are public records, but said that authorities could store them in the same form they are received - including hundreds of index cards wrapped in rubber bands. Justices unanimously overturned part of a decision from the 8th District Court of Appeals that found the City of Cleveland and Police Chief Michael McGrath violated a duty to organize and maintain the pawnbroker data in a manner that allowed it to be made available for inspection and copying.

The litigation stemmed from a May 2008 incident in which Brian Bardwell's laptop computer was stolen from his car while he attended a Cleveland Indians game. State law requires pawnbrokers to daily furnish to local police a description of all property pledged with them or that they buy. In Cleveland, the stores submit 3x5 inch index cards for each item. Mr. Bardwell sought access to cards submitted over a five-day period after the theft in an attempt to retrieve his computer. Testimony at a subsequent hearing showed over 1,000 cards were grouped and held together with rubber bands. Prior to release, a city employee copied the cards, which have information on both sides, and redacted driver license or state identification numbers.

Justices, [in a 7-0 opinion](#) said that although state law imposes a duty on police to "organize and maintain public records in a manner that they can be made available for inspection and copying," there is no duty imposed on public officials to store the records in a different form than in which they were received. Justices said that from a policy standpoint the city could reduce delays in satisfying public-records requests by asking pawnbrokers to submit the information on a larger, one-side paper form. However, the court said there was no requirement under the public records law to do so.

Justice Terrence O'Donnell agreed in a brief concurring opinion that the city did not violate the public records law in the case. "(While) the city of Cleveland's outdated method of organizing and maintaining reports submitted by pawnbrokers to the chief of police resulted in the delayed production of the public cards Bardwell requested, the city nonetheless made those records available to him," Justice O'Donnell said. "(When) its budget allows, the city could take advantage of technological advances to upgrade its public records system to minimize any delay in responding to public records requests," he said. Chief Justice Eric Brown and Justice Robert Cupp concurred in Justice O'Donnell's opinion. *Source: Gongwer News Service*

FEDERAL ACTIVITIES

NACo SECURES TIMELY PILT PAYMENTS

NACo was successful in getting the U.S. Department of Interior (DOL) to provide timely disbursement of the FY10 Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) payments to counties. In June, DOL said that the payments would be delayed until late July. This would have caused significant financial complications to counties whose fiscal

years end June 30. NACo immediately helped to secure congressional support to encourage DOL to maintain the original payment schedule. As a result, payments totaling \$358 million to more than 1,850 counties were made on time. For information about the PILT Program and the 2010 payments to counties, please visit www.doi.gov/PILT. To learn more about the PILT program, previous PILT payments, or NACo, please visit <http://www.naco.org>, keyword PILT – or contact NACo Associate Legislative Director Ryan Yates at (202) 942-4207 or ryates@naco.org.

NACo ACTIVITIES

FAVEDE JOINS COUNTY LEADERS FROM ACROSS U.S. FOR INTENSIVE LEADERSHIP PROGRAM IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

Belmont County Commissioner Ginny Favede was one of a select group of twenty-two county leaders and two state association executive directors from across the United States who came to Washington, DC during the first week of June to participate in the seventh annual County Leadership Institute, a rigorous program developed by the National Association of Counties (NACo) and the Cambridge Leadership Associates.

The Institute focused on how elected county officials could identify what they see as the key issues facing their citizens. CLI participants heard a number of unique perspectives on how they might exercise creative leadership on difficult challenges. Speakers lead participants in discussions that examined the difficulties elected officials face when they attempt to move public discourse toward new and unexplored approaches.

NACo ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS; 4 OHIO COUNTIES WIN 9 AWARDS

Begun in 1970, the National Association of Counties (NACo) Achievement Award Program is a non-competitive program that recognizes counties and state associations for improving the organization, management, services and function of county government. For over 30 years the Achievement Award Program has not only honored counties and their employees, but has also provided all counties nationwide with an extensive collection of information on successful and innovative county programs. Since 1987, the records have been fully automated so that program can be accessed by geographic region, state, individual county program category, and key index boards.

The Achievement Awards Program gives national recognition to county accomplishments, and has enabled NACo to build a storehouse of county success stories that can be passed on to other counties. Achievement Awards will be presented during the 75TH Annual Conference held July 16-20, 2010 in Washoe County (Reno), NV. Congratulations to Franklin, Hamilton, Montgomery, and Summit counties for earning a total of nine awards!

To take advantage of the largest data bank of information on new and significant county programs in the country, call the NACo Research Department at (202) 393-6226 or at www.naco.org and click on "Awards" located on the left side menu.

COUNTY	PROGRAM
Franklin County	Clinton-Mifflin Land Use Plan
Hamilton County	Convention & Visitors Bureau Performance Matrix
	Co-Occurring Resource Group
	Greater Cincinnati Emergency Preparedness Initiative
	One-on-One Chats with Consumers
	Social Media Strategy

	Vision 2014
Montgomery County	Mental Health Supports & Services Program in Partnership with the ADAMHS Board
Summit County	Sharing Resources to Better Economic Development

COUNTIES CONNECT AT THE NEW NACo WEBSITE

After more than a year in review, analysis and development, NACo has launched its new website at the same familiar address – www.naco.org. Visit the new member focused website, which is easy to navigate and provides you and your county with an immense amount of useful resources.

ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINIONS

SYLLABUS

2010-018

1. Except as provided in R.C. 2949.08(A), a county sheriff is not responsible for transporting between the county jail and a municipal court within the county a person arrested for a misdemeanor and confined in the county jail. (1987 Op. Att’y Gen. No. 87-091 (syllabus, paragraph 1) and 1978 Op. Att’y Gen. No. 78-019 (syllabus, paragraph 2), approved and followed.)
2. Pursuant to R.C. 1901.32(A)(6), a person arrested for a misdemeanor and confined in the county jail is to be transported between the county jail and a municipal court within the county by a bailiff or deputy bailiff of the court unless R.C. 2949.08(A) applies. (1987 Op. Att’y Gen. No. 87-091 (syllabus, paragraph 2) and 1962 Op. Att’y Gen. No. 3420, p. 925, approved and followed.)
3. Pursuant to R.C. 1901.32(A)(5), when a municipal court requires it, a person arrested for a misdemeanor and confined in the county jail may be transported between the county jail and the court by a police officer of a municipal corporation or constable of a township located within the territory of the court, as an ex officio deputy bailiff of the court, unless R.C. 2949.08(A) applies. (1987 Op. Att’y Gen. No. 87-091 (syllabus, paragraph 3) and 1962 Op. Att’y Gen. No. 3420, p. 925, approved and followed.)

PUBLICATIONS

NACo RELEASES NEW PUBLICATION ON THE “GREEN ECONOMY”

NACo’s Green Government Initiative has released a new guidebook on the role counties can play in growing their local green economies. “Growing a Green Local Economy: County Strategies for Economic, Workforce and Environmental Innovation” offers a broad array of strategies for fostering specific aspects of the green economy--including energy efficiency and renewable energy generation, integrated waste management, green purchasing, and local production of goods and services. To access a web-version of the publication, go to www.naco.org/Content/ContentGroups/Programs_and_Projects/Environmental1/Green_Government_Initiative/GrowingGreenLocalEconomy_2010.pdf. For hard copies of the publication, or if you have any questions, please contact Jared Lang, Program Manager for NACo’s Green Government Initiative, at (202) 942-4224 or jlang@naco.org.

CLASSIFIEDS

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

The Board of Preble County Commissioners is accepting applications for the full time, unclassified, FLSA exempt position of Economic Development Director. This position markets and promotes the retaining, attracting, expanding and developing of new businesses in Preble County.

Interested applicants must possess the ability to communicate, both written and verbally, with many variables, define and solve problems, collect and analyze and interpret data, establish facts and determine specific action, evaluate and improve process and/or program efficiency and effectiveness.

Applicants must have a Bachelor's Degree in Economic Development, Business Administration, Marketing or related area and preferably post graduate degree in related field plus minimum of five years related work experience demonstrating competence in economic development, marketing, management and prior supervisory experience.

A salary range of \$44, 220.80 to \$61,193.60 and a full range of benefits are offered.

Applications and a job description can be obtained at the Office of the Board of Preble County Commissioners, 101 East Main Street, Eaton, OH 45320. Application deadline: **July 30, 2010**. EOE.

DIRECTOR OF MIAMI COUNTY COMMUNICATION CENTER

Miami County seeks a Director for the Miami County Communication Center (MCCC), a consolidated dispatch center (Police/Fire/EMS) serving a population of about 100,000. With 23 employees, the Center provides communication services for 29 agencies and has an annual budget of \$2.3 million.

Candidates should possess a Bachelors Degree or equivalent and five years public safety supervisory/management experience, ideally in a consolidated communication center and /or in a high energy end result oriented business setting. Candidate should also have experience in public budgeting, project management, strategic planning, operations, policy development and personnel management/labor relations. Strong leadership ability is desired.

The Director reports to a multi-jurisdictional Board of Directors and also to the Miami County Board of Commissioners. The salary range is dependent on qualifications and includes benefits.

Applications may be made by submitting a letter of interest along with a resume to the Miami County Board of Commissioners, attn: Teresa Clegg, HR Coordinator, 201 West Main Street, Troy, OH 45373. Applications deadline: **July 23, 2010 at 4:00 pm**. 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

Second Wednesday's



Recognizing that commissioners and their staff confront a number of daily challenges on a wide variety of topics, CCAO is initiating a regular series of short, concise seminars beginning in 2010. All sessions will be held at the CCAO office, 209 East State Street, in Columbus. The programs will begin promptly at 9:30 am and will conclude by 12:30 pm. Registrations will be accepted only by email. Coffee will be served during the morning, and lunch will be on your own. Best of all, the seminars are **FREE!**

CCAO's FREE Educational Sessions

CCAO is testing this new initiative during 2010, and hopes to make the sessions also available remotely using the web later this year.

Please take advantage of this exciting opportunity to become better informed in a variety of areas!

2010 TOPICS - Tentative

Aug 11	Transition to Charter Government in Cuyahoga County	Nov 10	Furlough and Layoff Refresher
Sept 8	Enforcing Weight Limits on County Roads	Dec 8	Using Internet Reverse and Personal Property Auctions
Oct 13	Behavioral Health Challenges	Watch CIDS & CCAO Website (www.ccao.org) for topic confirmation & agenda	

For more information, contact:

Janet Erwin, CCAO Administrative Assistant, at 614/220-7986 or jerwin@ccao.org



Second Wednesday's

August 11, 2010

Transition to Charter Government in Cuyahoga County

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

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PRESENTERS

Brad Cole, Managing Director of Research, County Commissioners Association of Ohio
Eugene Kramer, Esq.
James McCafferty, Cuyahoga County Administrator
Bruce Akers, Mayor of Pepper Pike

AGENDA—9:30-12:30

9:30 a.m.	Welcome and Introductions
9:40 a.m.	Basic Legal Provision on County Charters and Alternative Forms of Government
10:30 a.m.	The Cuyahoga County Charter: What's In It?
11:00 a.m.	The Transition to Charter Government in Cuyahoga County: Issues & Opportunities
12:30 p.m.	Adjourn

LOCATION

All Second Wednesday's Seminars will be held in the Board Room at the CCAO offices, 209 East State Street, Columbus 43215.

HOW TO REGISTER

Register for this FREE program by email only to Janet Erwin at jerwin@ccao.org. Please include the name and title of those attending and the county, agency or company they represent. Coffee will be served at 9:00 a.m., the program begins at 9:30 a.m. and concludes promptly at 12:30 p.m., and lunch is on your own after the program.

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