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SEPTEMBER 8, 2010	ENFORCING WEIGHT LIMITS ON COUNTY ROADS – 2 ND WEDNESDAY SEMINAR SERIES, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS
DECEMBER 5-8, 2010	CCAO/CEAO ANNUAL WINTER CONFERENCE AND TRADESHOW, HYATT REGENCY, COLUMBUS

ASSOCIATION NEWS

SB 232 – WIND ENERGY LEGISLATION – WEBINAR MONDAY AUGUST 30

Mark your calendar for Monday August 30, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon for CCAO's first ever webinar. You can join this meeting from any computer that has internet access, or if you are not able to be where there is a computer, you can listen in through your telephone.

CCAO Policy Analysts Josh Hahn and John Leutz will be presenting information on the provisions of SB 232 that passed in June and is designed to encourage development of alternative energy projects, including wind and solar energy, to generate electricity. This legislation is important to commissioners because it requires commissioners to approve the granting of tax exemptions to the developer of an alternative energy project that will have a generating capacity of 5 megawatts or more. In exchange for granting the preferential tax treatment, a project will be expected to make service payments in lieu of taxes to the local governments. Other

important issues to be addressed include the bill's provisions for road improvement and maintenance requirements to accommodate project construction; emergency response considerations; CAUV treatment; and local regulatory authority over small family farm or private residence projects.

To participate in the webinar, you will need to receive an email from the CCAO office that will provide you with the website to log on to for the webinar. To join the webinar simply open the email and "click" on the web address provided in the email. Please email Amanda Jones, CCAO Administrative Assistant, at ajones@ccao.org to request that we send you the email needed to access the webinar.

Since this will be our first time to hold a webinar, please plan to log in about 5 minutes prior to the meeting start time so that you will have the opportunity to walk yourself through the simple process of joining it. As noted above, you will need to open the email we have provided to you and then "click" on the web link in the email. You'll be asked to sign in with your email address and the meeting number. Sometimes you are asked for a password, which we will also provide to you. Once you do this, there will be a box in the center of your screen that asks for the phone number of where you are so the system can call you. Once you enter that number you will be called immediately and placed into the conference. You will be able to both hear what is being said and be able to ask questions during time periods designated by the presenters. You also will see the desktop of the meeting host (Josh/John) where they will have a PowerPoint presentation.

One item to note, you will need to use a phone that can ring directly to you rather than to a receptionist. If that is not possible, you also can call in yourself. It is a little more complicated for the presenters if you do that, but we will make it work.

OSU Extension will be available to help anyone who has trouble logging in. Call (614) 299-2800 during the webinar if you need assistance. CCAO wants to thank OSU Extension for assisting us in setting up and implementing use of this new technology.

ENFORCING WEIGHT LIMITS ON COUNTY ROADS; 2ND WEDNESDAY'S SEMINAR – SEPTEMBER 8

CCAO will be hosting "Enforcing Weight Limits on County Roads" – the sixth in a series of "Second Wednesday's" seminars – on Wednesday, September 8 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.

Learn from experts in truck weight enforcement about Ohio's weight limit laws, responsibility for enforcement of the law, how to establish a portable scale team, the importance of developing a cooperative working relationship with all affected parties within the criminal justice system and the importance of informing the public about weight enforcement efforts prior to implementing a program. The program will also provide information concerning the training of law enforcement personnel in truck weight enforcement and the role of the State Highway Patrol in enforcing Ohio's commercial motor vehicle weight laws.

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 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

CCC/EAPA REGIONAL MEETING - ATHENS COUNTY, AUGUST 27

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.

- **August 27 – Athens County** – Rocky Outdoor Gear Store, 45 East Canal Street, Nelsonville, OH 45764
- **September 24 – Franklin County**
- **October 22 – Tuscarawas County** - Tuscarawas County Convention & Visitor's Bureau (across from Courthouse Annex Building), 124 East High Avenue, New Philadelphia, OH 44663

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.

NEWS FROM OTHER ASSOCIATIONS

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH IS HEALTH CARE, BAND-AID CAMPAIGN

The Ohio Coalition for Healthy Communities (Ohio4hc) is happy to announce the establishment of a coalition website at <http://ohioc4hc.org/>. The Coalition for Healthy Communities is an advocacy coalition that consists of 35 agencies that come together to advocate for adequate alcohol, drug addiction and mental health treatment, medications and recovery support services for Ohioans with a mental illness and/or addiction disorder. The new website includes information about the coalition and the behavioral health care is health care band-aid campaign. If you're interested in advocating for access to services for all Ohioans with a mental illness and/or addiction, please contact the Ohio4hc!

COUNTY ACTIVITIES

LAKE COUNTY CONTINUES STELLAR RECORD OF STATE AUDITS

The Lake County Board of Commissioners received an "unqualified opinion" from the State Auditor following its annual audit of government financial conditions, the highest rating that can be given to a governmental entity. The report is a testament to the county's management of operations, practices and fiscal accountability.

Each year, the State Auditor's Office conducts intensive audits of financial statements of Lake County and randomly selects policies, procedures, contracts, journals and other records for review in order to test compliance with Government Auditing Standards and the U.S. Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133. The County's management is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grants applicable to federal programs, and the auditor noted no material weaknesses in measures in place to supervise its operations.

The audit reviews many of the details of the functions of government office often unseen by the public. The Commissioners are confident that the people entrusted to administer the county finances and programs are meticulous and implement best practices to comply with regulations

The audit released this year follows a pattern of exemplary reports issued to Lake County by the state. In October 2007, State Auditor Mary Taylor personally presented Lake County with the "Making Your Tax Dollars Count" award for 2005 and 2006 audits. Awards are bestowed to entities that complete and submit a Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, have no findings or issues in the current audit report and no other financial concerns. Less than 5% of governmental agencies in the state qualify for this distinction and Lake County was included in that select group. For more information, contact the Board of Commissioners and Budget Director Mike Matas.

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

OTTAWA COUNTY PARTNERSHIP WINS DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR'S EXCELLENCE AWARD

Ohio Department of Development Director Lisa Patt-McDaniel announced that three Ohio communities and one company received the Director's Award for Excellence in Housing and Community Development for effectively implementing programs that benefit Ohio's low- and moderate-income citizens and fostering public/private partnerships. The awards were presented during a ceremony at the Ohio Conference of Community Development Annual Meeting in Worthington.

The awards are presented to organizations that demonstrate outstanding housing and community development efforts, such as creating jobs, providing housing assistance, and improving a downtown. The award winners were selected by the Ohio Department of Development's Office of Housing and Community Partnerships.

Ottawa County was honored for its successful partnership with Rayz Café (Izach Corporation). In June 2008, the County received a \$199,900 Ohio Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Economic Development Program grant to help Izach Corporation re-open Rayz Café, located at 608 Main Street, in the Village of Genoa. The Community Development Block Grant Program funds, coupled with Ottawa County Revolving Loan Fund dollars and private financing through Genoa Bank, were used to construct a 4,000-square-foot building following a fire that destroyed the original Ray & Jet's Restaurant in downtown Genoa. The \$722,290 project created 20 jobs, many of which were filled by former workers of Ray & Jet's. Reconstruction of the restaurant has been an important project for the downtown business district, where Rayz Café sits at the entrance to the business district. Community members, business owners and many others played an integral role in supporting the rebuild of Rayz Café, holding fundraisers and even lending a hand in the reconstruction project.

SEMINARS

ETHICS EDUCATION SESSIONS

The Ohio Ethics Commission is sponsoring five Ethics Education Sessions around the state and all public servants are invited! Since the Ohio Ethics Commission was created in 1974, the Commission has provided highly-regarded Ethics Education Sessions to thousands of public officials, public employees and public offices at all levels of government: state, county, city, village and township.

Due to budget restraints, the Commission is not able to travel to quite as many locations for ethics education, particularly when attendance is expected to be low. To assist local governmental offices in providing Ethics Education to public employees and officials, whether hired, elected, appointed, full-time, part-time, staff or management, the Ohio Ethics Commission is announcing Regional Ethics Education Sessions.

While these training sessions are not mandatory, any public servant is welcome to attend. Each year new cities around the state will be targeted to allow attendees to participate in a training session without driving all the way to Columbus. These sessions will provide timely information regarding the Ohio Ethics Commission and about restrictions in the Ohio Ethics Law and related statutes that pertain to all public sector employees.

Ethics Education Objectives:

- Understand how to identify and avoid acting on potential conflicts of interest
- Understand definition of public contracts and ethics prohibitions related to public contracts
- Identify potential post-employment requirements
- Learn about general assistance available from the Ohio Ethics Commission to understand and comply with the Ethics Law and related statutes

Session Dates & Locations:

- **August 24, 2010** – 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Ohio University, Morton Hall 201, Athens
- **August 31, 2010** - 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Anderson Center Theatre, 7850 Five Mile Road, Anderson Township
- **September 2, 2010** – 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.
Akron Public Library, 60 South High Street, Akron
- **October 5, 2010** – 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
William Green Building – Auditorium, 30 West Spring Street, Columbus
- **November 18, 2010** – 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Cory Rawson High School, 3930 County Road 26, Rawson

Space is limited. Register online at www.dw.ohio.gov/ethics/EES/Form.asp. For more information, contact the Ohio Ethics Commission’s Education and Communications Administrator, Susan Willeke, at (614) 466-7090 or susan.willeke@ethics.ohio.gov.

OHIO PUBLIC SECTOR FACT FINDING

The State Employment Relations Board (SERB) will host the “Ohio Public Sector Fact Finding Conference” on Friday, September 10, 2010 at the Ohio Department of Transportation/Ohio Department of Public Safety Auditorium, 1980 West Broad Street – Lower Level, in Columbus. In the past, SERB has been conducting this seminar every two years. Given the bargaining environment of unprecedented economic crisis and resultant procedural and organizational changes, SERB has scheduled this seminar early.

Registration for the seminar begins at 8:30 a.m. followed by sessions at 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Registration fees (includes all sessions and course materials): \$150 per person, \$125 per person if more than one attended from same organization, or \$75 for students. For more information, contact Timothea Johnson, SERB Research & Training Section, at (614) 466-1126, timothea.johnson@serb.state.oh.us, or <http://www.serb.state.oh.us>.

PARTNERSHIPS TO SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL WORKFORCE INVESTMENT

This webinar, sponsored by National League of Cities, National Association of Workforce Boards and NACo,

will outline key strategies you can use to help your residents get back to work through effective partnerships that use local, state, and federal resources. The webinar will be held Thursday, September 16, 2010 from 2:00 to 3:15 p.m. For more information, contact Jonathan Davitte, NACo Associate – Community Services, at (202) 661-8841 or jdavitte@naco.org. To register, go to <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/892891626>.

MAKING RURAL ROADS SAFE, UNDERSTANDING RETROREFLECTIVITY IN SIGNS & ROAD MARKINGS

Continuing NACo's Rural Road Safety Webinar Series, this webinar not only will review the current sign retroreflectivity standards (including resources) but also will focus on the new standards related to Pavement Marking Retroreflectivity. Additionally, it will provide some best practices to consider when implementing the standards. The webinar will be held on Thursday, September 30, 2010 from 2:00 to 3:15 p.m. For more information, contact James Davenport, NACo Program Manager – Community Services, at (202) 661-8807, jdavenport@naco.org or <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/694319506>.

ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINIONS

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1. A county sheriff who operates a public safety answering point may not charge a township that is served by the public safety answering point a fee for receiving 9-1-1 calls and dispatching police and fire personnel to respond to 9-1-1 calls in the township when the sheriff and township have entered into a contract whereby the sheriff provides road patrol services to the township.
2. A county sheriff who operates a public safety answering point and township that is served by the public safety answering point may not enter into a contract whereby the township pays the sheriff for receiving 9-1-1 calls and dispatching police and fire personnel to respond to 9-1-1 calls in the township.
3. Pursuant to R.C. 4931.45, a county's final 9-1-1 plan may be amended to require a township that is served by a public safety answering point operated by the county sheriff to pay a portion of the costs associated with operating the public safety answering point through an addendum approved by a majority of a 9-1-1 planning committee, provided the addendum does not change the source of funding as between the alternatives set forth in R.C. 4931.43(B)(5).
4. Pursuant to R.C. 4931.45(B), an amendment to a county's final 9-1-1 plan that changes the source of funding for a county sheriff's public safety answering point as between the alternatives set forth in R.C. 4931.43(B)(5) must be made in accordance with the procedures set forth in R.C. 4931.42-.44.

CLASSIFIEDS

POLICY ANALYST

The County Commissioners' Association of Ohio seeks a full-time Policy Analyst specializing in health and human services.

The position entails the following: (1) helps develop and advocates CCAO policy positions with legislators, executives, and other organizations; (2) researches assigned policy areas and conducts data analysis using spreadsheets and other programs to convey information; and (3) provides training and educational outreach to Ohio's counties, which includes some travel.

Individual must effectively work independently and as part of a team as well as possess strong analytical, communication, and social skills. Individual also must be able to work varying hours, due to travel and legislative commitments. In addition, individual must be able to recognize opportunities and initiate action, manage a wide range of commitments, and meet short deadlines.

Bachelor Degree in Liberal Arts, Social Science or related field. 2-3 years experience in county or state government or the legislature preferred; or equivalent combination.

Competitive salary and benefit program. Send resume, writing sample, and salary requirements to Janet Erwin, CCAO, 209 East State Street, Columbus, OH 43215 or e-mail to ccaopa@ccao.org. No phone calls please.

BRIDGE SUPERINTENDENT

Logan County Engineer's office is currently accepting applications and resumes for Bridge Superintendent. This is an unclassified, full-time, supervisory opening requiring a high school diploma or general education degree (GED) and ten years experience in bridge construction and welding or equivalent education and experience, and a 120-day probationary period. Compensation is commensurate with experience. This employment opportunity requires a valid Ohio Commercial Driver's License Class A with ability to obtain Haz Mat and Tanker Endorsements before end of probationary period, residency in Logan County, and a physical and D.O.T. drug screening. A complete Job Description/Application for Employment is available at www.co.logan.oh.us/engineer or the Logan County Engineer's Office, 1991 C.R. 13, PO Box 427, Bellefontaine, OH, 43311, Monday-Wednesday, 7-5 and Thursday 7-4:30. Completed application is required for consideration before the deadline of **August 26, 2010 at 4:30 P.M.** EOE.

COUNTY HOME ADMINSTRATOR

The Hardin County Commissioners are looking for a qualified administrator who can lead by example and also provide quality care at a reasonable price. This person should have a minimum of three years experience, licensed and have credentials as a nursing home administrator or a related field. The Hardin Hills Health Center is a 78-bed facility and is certified for medicare and Medicaid. Qualified applicants may be subject to pass an employment physical, alcohol and or drug screen. Please send resume, with references and salary requirements to: Board of Hardin County Commissioners, One Courthouse Square, Suite 100, Kenton, OH 43326. Application deadline: **4:00 p.m. on August 24, 2010.** EOE.

DIRECTOR OF COUNTY SERVICES

The Board of Greene County Commissioners seeks a director to serve Greene County in an unclassified, fiduciary position that directs and supervises a professional and support staff of 32 employees.

Directs & supervises staff in maintaining, cleaning & repairing 39 buildings that house 82 Departments/Divisions/Offices, as well as all County Parks buildings.

Managerial duties to include delegating responsibilities; determining reporting relationships and work schedules; prioritizing tasks; interviewing applicants; ensuring staff are properly trained; conducting performance evaluations; handling employee disciplinary actions and grievances; participating in negotiations; and, making hiring and termination recommendations; and provides technical expertise and guidance to staff and senior management;

The minimum qualifications: Requirements are a combination of experience & education equivalent to a Bachelor's Degree in Business, Public Administration, or a related field with seven years of progressively responsible managerial experience, including two years of senior managerial responsibilities. Must be knowledgeable in Trades - HVAC systems; boilers; plumbing; carpentry, electrical & automotive repair; and building codes. A valid Ohio driver's license required.

Application deadline: **September 3, 2010, at 4:00 p.m.** Applications may be obtained at the Greene County Personnel Department, 105 East Market Street, Xenia, Ohio 45385, or printed from www.co.greene.oh.us/personnel/script.htm. 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