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OCTOBER 29, 2010

CCAO/OSU EXTENSION REGIONAL SEMINAR, SPRINGVIEW GOVERNMENT CENTER, CLARK COUNTY (SPRINGFIELD)

DECEMBER 5-8, 2010

CCAO/CEAO ANNUAL WINTER CONFERENCE AND TRADESHOW, HYATT REGENCY, COLUMBUS

ASSOCIATION NEWS

2010 GENERAL FUND, ALL FUNDS & TAX RATE SURVEY

CCAO in conjunction with OSU Extension has prepared a survey to gather general fund, all funds and tax rate (increase/decrease) information to help CCAO's policy team prepare for next year's legislative deliberations on the State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2012 – 2013 biennial appropriations bill. In light of the budgetary shortfall facing the state in the next biennium, CCAO needs to gather accurate general fund and all fund data that demonstrates the efforts of counties to manage county budgets in a time of declining resources.

A printable copy of the survey was emailed to each county commissioners' clerk and each county administrator this week. In addition, each commissioners' clerk and county administrator received have an electronic version of this survey from Brad Cole, Managing Director of Research, which was created in cooperation with Debby Lewis in the Program Development and Evaluation Unit of OSU Extension. The printable copy of the survey is intended to help commissioners' staff prepare answers to survey questions prior to responding to the electronic survey which will be emailed next week with a link to the electronic survey document. Coordination between commissioners' clerks and county administrators will be necessary to assure that only one electronic survey response is submitted back to CCAO from each county.

In order to have sufficient time to compile the data from the electronic survey, CCAO asks each county to respond to the electronic survey by Friday, October 15. The email that you receive next week will contain a link for you to access the survey online. If you have questions regarding the survey content, please contact Brad Cole at (614) 220 – 7981 or bcole@ccao.org.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CCAO CODE OF REGULATIONS (BYLAWS)

Earlier this year, CCAO President Paula Brooks appointed a Bylaws Review Committee to perform a review that is required every five years by our Code of Regulations. Members of the Committee included the following county commissioners: Co-Chairs Kerry Metzger (Tuscarawas) and Ted Kalo (Lorain), and Committee members Doug Corcoran (Ross), Ed Humphrey (Clermont), Daniel Troy (Lake), Marilyn Reid (Greene), and Penny Traina (Columbiana).

The Committee has recommended to the Board of Trustees to adopt a variety of changes to the CCAO Bylaws. The proposed changes are linked to an article on the front page of www.ccao.org. As you will see when you review the proposed changes, many of the recommended changes are simply language changes to Bylaws and to change the name of the current Board of Trustees to a Board of Directors.

In addition, the Committee has made the following substantive changes to the Bylaws:

- To clarify that active members of CCAO will include any elected county executive and all of the members of the legislative authority of a county that adopts a county charter or an alternative form of county government, in addition to all members of a board of county commissioners.
- To specify that voting at the annual or any special meeting of CCAO will be by an official representative of each county.

- To specify that each board of county commissioners shall, by resolution, designate the official voting representative and an alternate. In the case of a county that has adopted a charter or alternative form of county government that has an elected executive, the official voting representative and alternate shall be designated by the elected executive. In the case of a county that has adopted a charter or an alternative form that has an appointed county executive, the official voting representative and alternate shall be designated by the county's legislative authority, by ordinance or resolution.
- A quorum at the annual meeting is changed to eliminate the current requirement that one-third of the members must be present.

Before the Board adopts the proposed amendments to the Bylaws, CCAO wants to give all Commissioners and the Summit County Executive and County Council the opportunity to comment on the proposed amendments. If you have any comments or concerns, please call either of the co-chairs, Kerry Metzger at (330)-365-3240 or Metzger@co.tuscarawas.oh.us or Ted Kalo (440) 329-5000 or tkalo@loraincounty.us or CCAO Executive Director Larry Long at 614-221-5627 or llong@ccao.org no later than October 22.

COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CHALLENGES; 2ND WEDNESDAY'S SEMINAR – OCT 13

CCAO will be hosting "County Behavioral Health Challenges" – the seventh in a series of "Second Wednesday's" seminars – on Wednesday, October 13 at the CCAO Offices, 209 East State Street, in Columbus.

Learn from experts the financial challenges facing County Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Boards as they provide mental health and substance abuse prevention, treatment and support services in an era of limited resources. This program will feature the role of behavioral health boards in the community, the cost savings to county and other governments resulting from effective behavioral health programs, the funding crisis that Ohio's Behavioral Health Boards have experienced and the Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities (OACBHA) proposed solution to this funding crisis.

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 ajones@ccao.org.

REQUESTS TO CCAO NOMINATING COMMITTEE DUE NOVEMBER 3

Last week, Kerry Metzger, Tuscarawas County Commissioner and CCAO Nominating Committee Chair, sent each county commissioner a memo detailing CCAO nominating procedures for 2010.

The Committee will nominate individuals for the offices of president, first vice president, second vice president, secretary and treasurer. It will also recommend seven members to serve two year terms on the CCAO Board in 2011 and 2012.

The seven members whose terms to the Board expire this year include: Tim Brown (Wood), Kim Edwards (Ashland), Greg Green (Hocking), Margery Paeltz (Brown), David Pepper (Hamilton), Roger Tackett (Clark), and Ron Widener (Miami).

The nine members appointed by President Brooks whose one year term to the Board expires at the end of this year include: Steve Arndt (Ottawa), Sam Bassitt (Allen), Mike Crabtree (Scioto), Pete Gerken (Lucas), Peter Lawson Jones (Cuyahoga), Ted Kalo (Lorain), Ula Jean Metzler (Pickaway), Bob Peterson (Fayette), and Tommy Thompson (Delaware).

The CCAO Nominating Committee Request Form and Candidate Questionnaire must be submitted by **November 3, 2010** to:

- Kerry Metzger, Tuscarawas County Commissioner, 125 E. High Street, New Philadelphia, OH 44663-2573 or you may e-mail your form to Metzger@co.tuscarawas.oh.us and
- Mail a copy to CCAO, 209 E. State Street, Columbus, OH 43215, in an envelope marked: NOMINATING COMMITTEE – ATTENTION: KATHY DILLON or you may email your form to kathydillon@ccao.org

Additional forms may be obtained by contacting Kathy Dillon at (614) 221/5627 or on the CCAO Web Page at www.ccao.org.

2011-2012 CCAO LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM DEVELOPMENT; COMMITTEE MEETINGS SCHEDULED

CCAO Standing Committees will convene the week of October 11 to discuss the “CCAO Legislative Program for 2011-2012” survey results and develop recommendations for the CCAO Board of Trustees. CCAO’s membership will vote on the platform at the CCAO/CEAO Annual Winter Conference in December. Mark your calendar for the following committee meetings the week of October 11!

Wednesday, October 12

1:00 p.m. Metropolitan & Regional Affairs Committee – conference call. **Committee members should contact Kathy Dillon, CCAO Office Manager & Boards’ Liaison, at (614) 220-7998 for more information.**

The following meetings will be held at the CCAO Offices, 209 East State Street, Columbus.

Wednesday, October 13

9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Public Safety & Criminal Justice Committee
12:00 noon to 2:30 p.m. General Government & Operations Committee
2:45 to 4:45 p.m. Health & Human Services Committee

Thursday, October 14

9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Agriculture & Rural Affairs Committee
12:00 noon to 2:30 p.m. Taxation & Finance Committee
2:45 to 4:45 p.m. Jobs, Economic Development & Infrastructure Committee

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Larry Long, CCAO Executive Director, at (614) 221-5627 or llong@ccao.org or Cheryl Subler, Managing Director of Policy, at (614) 220-7980 or csubler@ccao.org.

CCAO SERVICE CORPORATION PROGRAM NEWS

CCAO RECEIVES NAGDCA LEADERSHIP RECOGNITION AWARD

CCAO received a 2010 Leadership Recognition Award from the National Association of Government Defined Contribution Administrators’ (NAGDCA) at their Annual Conference held in Philadelphia. In the Effective Communication Leadership Award category, CCAO received one of three Special Awards of Distinction for the CCAO Deferred Compensation Program’s “Retirement: Making Your Dreams a Reality” marketing materials. Out of all the awards submitted from across the U.S., CCAO was the only state association to receive an award!

CCAO Deputy Director Tom Strup and Kris Morton, Vice President – Great Lakes Region of Great-West Retirement Services, were present to receive the award at the NAGDCA Annual Conference. For more information about the other award recipients go to http://www.nagdca.org/content.cfm/id/2010_awards.

STATE ACTIVITIES

WASHINGTON COUNTY RECEIVES TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM GRANT

The Department of Transportation has awarded the Washington County Commissioners a \$736,842 Transportation Enhancement Program grant as the project sponsor for the Historical Society to complete its restoration of the towboat W.P. Snyder Jr., a National Historic Landmark. The announcement was made during a program to welcome the historic sternwheeler back to the Ohio River Museum in Marietta after a 10-month absence to receive a new hull and paddle wheel - a \$1.4 million project.

The second phase of the restoration project will consist of repair and preservation work of the above-water-line portion of the Snyder and replacement of its electrical system. In addition, the crew quarters will be restored to show visitors how it looked as a working towboat in 1955. The project is expected to start sometime after July 2011, according to the Historical Society.

The Snyder was built in 1918 and spent her entire career under different names towing barges loaded with coal, iron ore, and finished steel products on the Ohio River and its tributaries. She was donated to the Ohio Historical Society in 1955, which was the last time she was under her own power. For more information go to <http://www.ohiohistory.org/about/pr/091810a.html>.

ODA PRESERVES 37 FARMS USING CLEAN OHIO FUNDS

The Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA) announced that nearly 6,200 acres from 37 farms are preserved through its Agricultural Easement Purchase Program using Clean Ohio funds. The Clean Ohio Fund bond initiative won support from Ohio's voters in 2008 to preserve farmland and green space, improve outdoor recreation and to encourage redevelopment and revitalize communities by cleaning up brownfields.

This year, the Ohio Farmland Preservation Advisory Board reviewed 203 applications from 37 counties competing for the limited money available through the Clean Ohio Fund. Applicants had the opportunity to earn up to 150 points based on a two-tiered scoring system. Section one of the application focused on development pressure, soils, proximity to other agricultural land, use of best management practices and local comprehensive land-use plans. Section two included narrative questions regarding the farm and its unique appeal to the Agricultural Easement Purchase Program.

The 37 farms were located in the following counties: Ashland (2), Ashtabula (3), Clark (1), Coshocton (1), Fairfield (3), Fulton (3), Geauga (1), Greene (1), Huron (1), Knox (4), Licking (2), Logan (2), Montgomery (1), Portage (1) Preble (2), Sandusky (1), Seneca (5), Trumbull (2), and Wayne (1).

An agricultural easement is a voluntary and legally-binding restriction placed on a farm. The easement limits the use of the land to predominantly agricultural activity. The land remains under private ownership and management and stays on the tax rolls under Current Agricultural Use Valuation (CAUV). The farmland can be sold or passed along as a gift to others at any time, but the restriction prohibiting non-agricultural development stays with the land. For more information about farmland preservation, visit www.agri.ohio.gov.

BWC DEADLINE FOR 2011 INDIVIDUAL RETROSPECTIVE RATING

The Bureau of Workers' Comp deadline for public employers to submit their application for 2011 Individual

Retrospective Rating has been moved up to the last business day in October, which is Friday, October 29, 2010. Last year the deadline was in November and this change has caused some confusion around the state. Please note the October 29th deadline if your county intends to participate in Individual Retrospective Rating for 2011.

FEDERAL INFORMATION

SBA ANNOUNCES UP TO \$2 MILLION IN LOW-INTEREST LOANS FOR VICTIMS OF SEPT. 16 STORMS

The U.S. Small Business Administration announced this week it is offering low-interest disaster loans to Ohio residents and businesses hit by severe storms Sept. 16.

Loans available are in response to a letter from Gov. Ted Strickland that requested a disaster declaration to cover Athens, Hocking, Meigs, Morgan, Perry, Vinton and Washington counties in Ohio and Wood county in West Virginia. Businesses and non-profit groups may borrow up to \$2 million to repair or replace damaged or destroyed property, machinery and equipment, inventory and other assets, according to SBA. Homeowners and renters may apply for loans up to \$40,000 to cover the repair or replacement of personal property.

SBA customer service representatives will be available at the Disaster Loan Outreach Center, set up in Athens County at the Work Station, 70 N. The Plains Road, The Plains. It will be in operation Sept. 30 through Oct. 7. Assistance is also available by calling 800-659-2955 and on the SBA website at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela/>. The filing deadline to return applications for physical property damage is Nov. 26.

U.S. COMMERCE DEPARTMENT'S BUREAU OF ECONOMIC ANALYSIS RELEASES PERSONAL INCOME REPORT; OHIO RANKS 27th

Ohio landed roughly in the middle of a recent report on state personal income growth estimates issued by the U.S. Commerce Department's Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA). Ohio's 1% growth rate in the second quarter of this year ranked 27th among all states but was in line with other states in BEA's Great Lakes Region (i.e., Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio and Wisconsin). Michigan and Wisconsin also came in at 1%, the bureau reported. Illinois led the region with a 1.1% growth rate and Indiana trailed the field at 0.7%. Ohio's personal income growth was up from 0.7% in the first quarter and 0.4% in the last quarter of 2009, BEA said. The state's personal income dropped by 0.1% in the third quarter of 2009 after a 0.5% increase in the second quarter of that year.

Across the nation, state personal income growth averaged 1.0% in the second quarter of 2010, up from 0.9% in the prior quarter, according to the estimates released this week. The growth rates ranged from 2.0% in North Dakota to 0.3% in Nevada. There was no change in the national price index for personal consumption expenditures in the second quarter, BEA reported. Inflation was 0.5% in the first quarter. For more information, go to www.bea.gov/newsreleases/regional/spi/2010/pdf/spi0910.pdf.

CENSUS BUREAU'S AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY RELEASES BRIEFS; STATE POVERTY, UNEMPLOYMENT FIGURES JUMP FROM 2008 TO 2009

More than 1.7 million Ohioans, or 15.2%, lived at or below the poverty level in 2009, according to federal data released this week. The U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS) showed poverty in Ohio increased by 1.94% between 2008 and 2009 and the number of unemployed residents jumped 4.1% when comparing the state's civilian labor force. As the labor force shrunk so did average family incomes. The median income in 2009 was \$45,395 annually, dropping from \$47,428 in 2008. The census survey reported 21.9% of Ohio children lived in households at or below the federal poverty level.

With each new release of ACS data, the Census Bureau develops several briefs that present new findings on important topics. The first round of briefs developed from the 2009 data include information on poverty, household income, men's and women's earnings, Food Stamps/Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), health insurance coverage of children under age 19, disability among the working age population, and working hours. For more information about the recently released briefs, go to www.census.gov/acs/www/data_documentation/2009_release.

NACo ACTIVITIES

TELLING THE COUNTY STORY – COUNTY GOVERNMENT WORKS

America's counties face a problem. We know that county government provides outstanding programs and services, but unfortunately, many Americans do not know about these county responsibilities or services.

One of NACo President Glen Whitley's key initiatives is the "County Government Works" campaign, a project to heighten public awareness and understanding of county government. County officials have an important role to play in educating various targeted audiences. Go to www.naco.org/programs/countiesdo/Pages/CountyGovernmentWorksCampaign.aspx and learn more and to find useful tools to assist you in doing your part in reaching out to the various audiences. Share your success stories of educating the public about county government with Tom Goodman, NACo's Director of Public Affairs, at (202) 942-4222 or tgoodman@naco.org so it can be shared with other county leaders.

CONFERENCES/SEMINARS

IDENTIFYING PREDATION ON LIVESTOCK TRAINING

Training on "Identifying Predation on Livestock" will be held on October 12, 2010 from 10:00 a.m. until noon at the Eulett Center, 4274 Waggoner Riffle Road, in Adams County (West Union). This training is recommended for all dog wardens and natural resource professionals. The training will be conducted by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. No registration fees. Please reserve your place at the training by contacting Adams County Wildlife Officer Chris Gilkey at chris.gilkey@dnr.state.oh.us.

ETHICS EDUCATION SESSIONS

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 conducting Regional Ethics Education Sessions. All public officials and employees are invited to attend.

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

The final two regional sessions will be held on the following dates:

- **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

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.

CLASSIFIEDS

TELECOM TRAINING SPECIALIST

Under general direction, this full-time, unclassified, exempt position develops and maintains training programs and materials. Instructs users in the operation of various systems in a formal training environment. Participates in training classes from various vendors, attend vendor training facilities. May assist agencies in the day to day operation of the systems, preparation of reports, and mining of data. Helps user agencies by telephone when available. Works with agencies and determine the training that is needed and develops a delivery plan to execute the needs.

Knowledge of police and or fire reporting requirements, computer aided dispatch systems; mobile data terminal operation; strong knowledge of Microsoft Windows, Microsoft Office, Power Point, and Adobe Acrobat. Ability to speak and train large groups of people and to adjust schedule to accommodate shift workers.

Valid Ohio driver's license required. Application deadline: 4:30 p.m. on October 14, 2010. Applications and a complete job description can be obtained from the Warren County One-Stop, 300 East Silver Street, Lebanon, OH 45036 or at www.co.warren.oh.us/county/jobs/index.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