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JANUARY 12, 2011	CCAO 2 ND WEDNESDAY SEMINAR SERIES, NEW OPTIONS FOR SALE OF COUNTY PROPERTY & PURCHASE OF COUNTY GOODS & SERVICES, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS
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FEBRUARY 25, 2010	CCAO REGIONAL LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING, PUMP HOUSE CENTER FOR THE ARTS, ROSS COUNTY (CHILLICOTHE)
FEBRUARY 25, 2010	CCAO REGIONAL LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING, RIVER OAKS GOLF CLUB, CRAWFORD COUNTY (BUCYRUS)
FEB. 27–MARCH 1, 2011	CCAO COMMISSIONERS TRAINING SEMINAR, DEER CREEK CONFERENCE CENTER, PICKAWAY COUNTY (MT. STERLING)
MARCH 5-9, 2011	NACo LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE, MARRIOTT WARDMAN PARK HOTEL, WASHINGTON, D.C.

MARCH 9, 2011	OHIO CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION BREAKFAST, RAYBURN HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING, ROOM B-340, WASHINGTON, D.C.
MARCH 14, 2010	CCAO REGIONAL LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING, MARY YODERS AMISH KITCHEN, GEAUGA COUNTY (MIDDLEFIELD)
MARCH 16, 2010	OHIO COUNCIL OF COUNTY OFFICIALS SEMINAR & LEGISLATIVE LUNCHEON, STATEHOUSE ATRIUM, COLUMBUS
APRIL 2011	NATIONAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT MONTH

ASSOCIATION NEWS

2ND WEDNESDAY SEMINAR SERIES: NEW OPTIONS FOR SALE OF COUNTY PROPERTY & PURCHASE OF COUNTY GOODS & SERVICES

Start the new year by attending “New Options for Sale of County Property & Purchase of County Goods & Services” – the first of CCAO’s 2nd Wednesday Seminar Series to be held on Wednesday, January 12, 2011. The 2nd Wednesday Seminar Series will be held at the CCAO Offices, 209 East State Street, in Columbus.

During the past ten years, laws have been enacted providing counties with new options for selling unwanted personal property, and purchasing good and services through internet auctions and requests for proposals. Learn from county and corporate purchasing professionals how to sell unwanted county personal property over the internet, how to purchase goods and service by reverse auction, and how to purchase goods and services through a request for proposal (RFP) process. Purchasing professionals will provide detailed information regarding the establishment of internet auction and reverse auction programs, and the use of RFP’s.

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 e-mail. 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

CCAO REGIONAL LEGISLATIVE BRIEFINGS

CCAO will again be hosting Regional Legislative Briefings for the members of the new 129th General Assembly. The purpose of the meetings is to provide legislators and county commissioners with an opportunity to discuss legislative issues affecting county government on a regional basis. The Briefings are organized by State Senate Districts and the House Districts contained within them. Invitations to the members of the General Assembly were sent by CCAO this week but members are encouraged to contact your legislators to personally invite them to your Regional Legislative Briefing. Listed below are the briefings that we have set up, more dates and times will follow:

- **January 24** – Senate District 1 – Red Pig Inn, Ottawa, 9:00 a.m.
- **January 24** – Senate Districts 2 and 11 – Bass Pro Shop, Rossford, 11:30 a.m.
- **January 28** – Senate Districts 30, 32, and 33 – Café 422, Warren, 11:30 a.m.
- **January 31** – Senate Districts 13 and 22 – Berry’s Restaurant, Norwalk, 11:30 a.m.
- **February 4** – Senate Districts 20 and 31 – Francis Family Restaurant, Cambridge, 11:30 a.m.
- **February 7** – Senate Districts 4, 5, 6, 10, and 12 – Holiday Inn, Englewood, 11:30 a.m.
- **February 25** – Senate Districts 14 and 17 – Pump House Center for the Arts, Chillicothe, 11:30 a.m.
- **February 25** – Senate Districts 19 and 26 – River Oaks Golf Club, Bucyrus, 11:30 a.m.
- **March 14** – Senate Districts 18, 27, 28, and 29 – Mary Yoders Amish Kitchen, Middlefield, 11:30 a.m.
- **TBA** – Senate Districts 7, 8, and 9 (Hamilton County)

- **TBA** – Senate Districts 21, 23, 24, and 25 (Cuyahoga County)
- **TBA** – Senate Districts 2, 15, and 16 (Franklin County)

Commissioners will be mailed a packet of information and a registration form next week. For more information please contact John Leutz, CCAO Senior Policy Analyst, at (614) 220-7994, (888) 757-1904 or jleutz@ccao.org.

COMMISSIONERS' TRAINING SEMINAR FOR NEW & VETERAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Save the date for the “Commissioners Training Seminar for New & Veteran County Commissioners” to be held February 27 to March 1, 2011 at Deer Creek Resort & Conference Center, 2230 State Park Road #20 in Mt. Sterling. Join new & veteran colleagues to learn about county government and your responsibilities as county officials. This seminar is hosted by CCAO.

Room rate: \$85 single/double. Call Deer Creek at (740) 869-2020 for room reservations. Sessions begin late afternoon on February 27 and end at noon on March 1. Registration materials to follow. For more information, contact Mary Jane Neiman, CCAO Public Relations Associate, at (614) 220-7979 or mjneiman@ccao.org.

CCAO STAFF NEWS

CCAO WELCOMES LAURA ABU-ABSI

In late December, CCAO welcomed Laura Abu-Absi, who joined the Association as a Policy Analyst on the policy team under supervision of Managing Director of Policy Cheryl Subler. Laura will be responsible for legislative advocacy and member services in labor and employment, campaign finance, and health and human services, including Medicaid, children services, child support, workforce development, developmental disabilities, behavioral health, and county homes. She will be the liaison to the CCAO Health & Human Services Committee and CCAO Jobs, Economic Development & Infrastructure Committee.

Laura comes to CCAO from the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) where she served as a Legislative Liaison. While at ODJFS, she specialized in workforce development, unemployment compensation, and family stability programs. Prior to that Laura was the Large Stakeholder and Legislative Manager for the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation. She also worked in the Ohio House of Representatives as a Legislative Aide and a Legislative Service Commission Intern.

Laura graduated magna cum laude from the University of Toledo with a Bachelor of Arts/Humanities. While at UT, she was active in student government, serving as Vice-President.

Laura can be contacted at (614) 220-7996 or labu-absi@ccao.org. Please join us in welcoming Laura to the CCAO family!

IN MEMORIAM

JACK NOWELS

Former Holmes County Commissioner Jack Eugene Nowels died in November, 2010. Born and raised in Holmes County, Nowels graduated from The Ohio State University and served in the U.S. Marine Corp during World War II. He taught vocational agriculture at high schools in Holmes and Ashland counties. Nowels served two terms as Holmes County Commissioner from 1981 to 1989. CCAO extends heartfelt sympathy to the Nowels Family.

STATE ACTIVITIES

PICKAWAY COUNTY RECEIVES FUNDS TO UPDATE ENERGY EFFICIENCY IN COUNTY BUILDINGS

The Air Quality Development Authority (OAQDA) authorized \$3,115,000 to finance an energy efficiency overhaul of Pickaway County buildings. Pickaway County will retrofit county government buildings with a variety of energy efficiency and conservation systems and measures. This is the first award of funding to an Ohio county from the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act Qualified Energy Conservation Bond (QECB). The retrofitting project is possible thanks to bonds issues by the OAQDA, which administers the QECB program. The bonds combine the benefits of QECB and Recovery Zone bonds.

The numerous retrofits include lighting system upgrades, retro-commissioning of mechanical and electrical infrastructure, building automation and control retrofits, water conservation measures, renewable energy conservation measures and other systems. A comprehensive study of energy consumption identified improvements to be made at all county facilities, which the majority of the work focused on the 120-year old Courthouse and the County Jail and Service Center.

The new energy conservation measures will help Pickaway County cut annual utility bills by \$117,152, or 23.75 percent. In addition, the annual emission of greenhouse gases of 1,051 tons will be avoided or the carbon dioxide equivalent of 15 percent.

For more information about the Ohio Air Quality Development Authority, visit their website at www.ohioairquality.org

FEDERAL ACTIVITIES

OHIOAN NOW SPEAKER OF THE UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

John Boehner, from Ohio's 8th Congressional District, was sworn in as Speaker of the United States House of Representatives on Wednesday, making him only the third Ohioan in history to hold the high post.. Previous Speakers of the House from Ohio include Nicholas Longworth, a Republican from Cincinnati, who led in the 69th through 71st Congresses and Joseph Keifer, a Republican from Springfield, who served as Speaker in the 47th Congress and also served in the Ohio Senate.

A House vote of 241-173 established Representative Boehner as the new Speaker as he won out over former Democratic Speaker Nancy Pelosi in a vote that has been a foregone conclusion since the GOP's Election Day surge. Mr. Boehner started his career working for a packaging and plastics company where he eventually became firm president. He was a Union Township trustee from 1982-1984 and served in the Ohio House of Representatives from 1984-1990. He was elected to the United States Congress in 1991 and is commencing his 11th term in Congress.

Accepting an oversized gavel from Representative Pelosi, Speaker Boehner said the American people humbled lawmakers in the last election by "reminding" them of the temporary state of their positions. "They have reminded us that everything here is on loan from them," he said. "That includes this gavel, which I accept cheerfully and gratefully, knowing I am but its caretaker. After all, this is the people's House."

While Boehner acknowledged that, "We will not always get it right, and we will not always agree on what is right," the speaker maintained that, "My belief has always been, we can disagree without being disagreeable. That's why it is critical this institution operate in a manner that permits a free exchange of ideas, and resolves our honest differences through a fair debate and vote. We may have different - sometimes, very different - ideas for how to go about achieving the common good. It is why we serve."

OHIO EARNS \$12 MILLION FEDERAL BONUS FOR IMPROVING CHILD MEDICAID ENROLLMENT

Ohio is set to receive a more than \$12 million bonus for improving the Medicaid coverage of uninsured children. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) chose Ohio as one of 15 states that would receive part of a total \$206 million award, which was established in a 2009 reauthorization of the children's health insurance law to encourage states to reduce barriers to and enroll more uninsured children in Medicaid.

Although this is the second year the bonus has been offered, it is the first time Ohio has earned funding. Last year more than \$75 million was doled out, according to CMS. The award amount correlates with the percentage increase in enrollment a state achieves above its baseline. Ohio enrollment went up 9%, or 92,503 children, so it earned \$12,376,346.

States had to meet two sets of performance goals to qualify for funding: taking specific steps to streamline enrollment and renewal processes to make it easier for families with eligible children to gain coverage, and documenting a significant increase in the number of children enrolled in Medicaid.

There are no restrictions on how states spend their performance bonus awards, however, Voices for Ohio's Children and the Ohio Job and Family Services Directors' Association said they urge the state to invest some of the money in local efforts to streamline eligibility and renewal processes.

"Ohio should invest in the kinds of system improvements that will yield long-term rewards," Ohio Job and Family Services Directors' Association Executive Director Joel Potts said. "For cash-strapped counties, investments like computer enhancements to speed up processes and reduce waiting time for clients will deliver returns for decades."

Other states receiving bonuses are: Alabama, Alaska, Colorado, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Maryland, Michigan, New Jersey, New Mexico, Oregon, Washington state and Wisconsin.

CENSUS BUREAU: OHIO GREW SLOWLY, WILL LOSE TWO CONGRESSIONAL SEATS

Ohio's slow growth over the past decade means the state's U.S. House delegation will shrink by two members to 16 seats in next year's congressional apportionment process, the U.S. Census Bureau announced. Over the last 10 years Ohio's total population grew by 183,364 residents, or 1.6%, for a total of 11,568,495 as of April 1, 2010. Ohio was the fourth slowest-growing state in the country behind Louisiana, Rhode Island, and Michigan, the bureau said. Michigan was the only state to lose population, with a growth rate of -0.6%.

The overall U.S. population expanded by more than 27 million residents, or 9.7% for a total of 308,745,538. With the exception of the 7.3% increase between 1930 and 1940, the 2010 Census registered the slowest 10-year growth rate for the nation in the last century, lagging slightly behind the 9.8% increase between 1980 and 1990.

Population grew much more rapidly in the South and West, where the Census Bureau tallied increases of 14.3% and 13.8% respectively during the last decade. The Midwest's 3.9% growth rate slightly outpaced the 3.2% increase for northeastern states. The migration away from Midwestern and northeastern states toward the South and West will be reflected in the 113th Congress, which convenes in January 2013. States' congressional seat allotments were calculated by a congressionally defined formula that reapportions the 435 seats in the U.S. House of Representatives based on population totals.

Ohio and New York are the only two states that will each lose two seats in the U.S. House of Representatives as a result of the 2010 Census data. States that will lose one member include: Illinois; Iowa; Louisiana; Massachusetts; Michigan; Missouri; New Jersey; and Pennsylvania.

Fast-growing Texas will gain four congressional seats and Florida will pick up two. States gaining one member include: Arizona; Georgia; Nevada; South Carolina; Utah; and Washington.

In addition to the congressional apportionment numbers, the 2010 Census data will determine how more than \$400 billion in federal funding is divvied up among states and local communities for education, senior services, law enforcement, housing and transportation. The average population of U.S. House districts would increase to 710,767 residents from 646,952 in 2000.

This year, the Ohio's General Assembly will be tasked with determining which two U.S. House seats will be eliminated and how to redraw congressional district maps, a complex process that is expected to be contentious.

In February and March the Census Bureau will release more detailed demographic data to the states to be used for reapportioning legislative districts. The five-member Ohio Apportionment Board, which consists of the governor, secretary of state, state auditor, and a Republican and Democrat selected by legislative leaders, will oversee that process. *Source: Gongwer News Service.*

CONTINUING RESOLUTION FUNDS THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT UNTIL MARCH

On December 21, Congress passed a continuing resolution (CR) to keep the federal government operating until March 4, 2011. Most programs were funded at the 2010 appropriated levels. The CR also contained a freeze on federal government employee salaries during the period. The Senate attempted to pass an "omnibus" appropriations bill, but failed due the large number of earmarks contained in the draft. It is anticipated that the new Congress will take the opportunity to vote on potentially reducing spending by \$101 billion and return domestic spending to the FY 2008 levels. For more information, contact Jeff Arnold, NACo Deputy Legislative Director, at (202) 942-4286 or jarnold@naco.org

CDBG FORMULA FUNDING

Although the current CR freezes programs at 2010 levels, when the 112th Congress convenes and it is considered beyond its March 4th extension, there will be an attempt to reduce overall spending to 2008 levels. This would reduce Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) formula funding to \$3.59 billion, down from this year's \$3.99 billion and HOME formula grants at \$1.63 billion, down from the current \$1.825 billion. For more information, contact Daria Daniel, NACo Assistant Legislative Director, at (202) 942-4212 or ddaniel@naco.org

JUSTICE & PUBLIC SAFETY PROGRAMS FUNDED UNTIL MARCH

The House and Senate passed Continuing Resolution (HR 3082) funds key State and local government assistance programs administered by the Departments of Homeland Security (DHS) and Department of Justice at FY2010 levels until March 4, 2011. While it remains to be seen what will happen to these programs in the 112th Congress, key programs like FEMA's National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) and Disaster Relief Fund (DRF) will continue to operate and will ensure that assistance for disaster relief and recovery operations are available to aid individuals, States and communities stricken by floods, emergencies and major disasters. Prior to adjourning, Congress also enacted an amended version of H.R. 1746, the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Act (PDM) of 2009. The legislation provides for a multiyear authorization of FEMA's Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant Program (PDM), and directs FEMA to award grants to communities on a competitive basis - prohibiting earmarks. The legislation also recommends to congressional appropriators (or authorizes) that the PDM program be funded at \$180 million in FY2011, \$200 million in FY 2012, and \$200 million in FY 2013. For more information, contact: Dalen Harris, NACo Associate Legislative Director, at (202) 942-4236 or dharris@naco.org

NACo ACTIVITIES

2011 ACHIEVEMENT AWARD PROGRAM

Begun in 1970, the annual Achievement Award Program is a non-competitive awards program that recognizes innovative county government programs. Awards are given in a number of program categories such as Arts and Historic Preservation; Children and Youth; Civic Education and Public Information; Community/Economic Development, County Administration and Management; Court Administration and Management; Criminal Justice and Public Safety, Emergency Management and Response; Employment and Training (for county residents); Environmental Protection and Energy; Financial Management; Health; Human Services; Information Technology; Libraries; Parks and Recreation; Personnel Management, Employee Training and Employee Benefits (for county employees); Planning; Risk Management; Transportation; and Volunteers.

Please see the Achievement Award Application instructions for detailed information. All applications and materials must be postmarked by February 11, 2011. When ready to apply, please complete the online application form. For more information, contact Kathryn Murphy, Research Associate, NACo Research Division, (202) 661-8806 or kmurphy@naco.org.

GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

FIVE STAR RESTORATION GRANT APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

The Five Star Restoration Program began accepting applications for the 2011 round of funding on December 16. This program funds wetland, river or stream restoration in connection with community-based environmental education.

Five Star provides \$10,000 to \$40,000 grants on a competitive basis to support community-based wetland, riparian and coastal habitat restoration projects that build diverse partnerships and foster local natural resource stewardship through education, outreach and training activities. Project sites may be public land - parks, streams, school campuses - or private land such as corporate facilities. Because public participation is paramount in community-based restoration, these sites should be accessible to the community.

The Five Star Restoration Program is a partnership among the National Association of Counties (NACo), the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF), the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Wildlife Habitat Council (WHC), and corporate sponsors Southern Company and Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E).

Applications now available until February 14, 2011. Please visit www.nfwf.org/fivestar for details. For more information, contact Carrie Clingan, NACo Senior Associate – Community Services, at (202) 942.4246 or cclingan@naco.org.

CONFERENCES/SEMINARS

2011 NACo LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE – REGISTRATION OPENED NOVEMBER 30

The National Association of Counties (NACo) 2011 Legislative Conference will take place March 5-9, 2011 at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel in Washington, D.C. For more information, go to www.naco.org.

Mark your calendars for the **Ohio Congressional Delegation Breakfast** hosted by CCAO on Wednesday, **March 9** at 8:00 a.m. in the **Rayburn House Office Building – Room B-340**. Watch future issues of CIDS and www.ccao.org for more information about the breakfast.

ECOSUMMIT 2012 - ECOLOGICAL SUSTAINABILITY: RESTORING THE PLANET'S ECOSYSTEM SERVICES

Ecosystems such as lakes, streams, rivers, and inland and coastal wetlands provide numerous services that fundamentally support human health and well-being. Mark your calendars for the EcoSummit 2012 Conference which will be held on September 30 to October 5, 2012, in Columbus.

This international conference will explore innovative science-based strategies that are socially and culturally acceptable to create, manage, and restore these ecosystems, ensuring that society has access to all the ecosystem services that these systems provide. Topics to be discussed include: Sustainability and Resilience; Ecological Complexity; Biodiversity and Biological Conservation; Ecosystem Services; Ecological Engineering; Ecotoxicology; Ecological Economics; Climate Change; Global Change; Biological Invasions; Ecological Health; and Environmental Policy.

For more information go to www.ecosummit2012.org/

CLASSIFIEDS

SANITARY ENGINEER / DIRECTOR OF WATER RESOURCES

Portage County seeks a sanitary engineer/director of water resources to be responsible for overseeing all operations, maintenance, repair and construction improvements of the department which consists of three water plants, eleven wastewater plants, and approximately fifty employees. Plans and organizes departmental goals and objectives. Oversees development and implementation of budget and financial planning. Implements programs requiring multi-year time periods. Reviews facility plans for water and sewage improvements; submits to Board of Commissioners and to OHIO EPA for approval; oversees construction of all projects.

Minimum qualifications: Bachelor's degree in mechanical, chemical, environmental or civil engineering, water resources, or related field, with preferably a Master's degree in Public Administration, Business or Engineering or a related field. Five years of progressively responsible and significant experience in a publicly funded comparable water and sewer organization, including at least three years of management and supervisory experience in a union environment. Must possess a valid State of Ohio Professional Engineer's license and a valid Ohio driver's license.

Salary range: \$ 76,482 - \$91,790. Applications may be picked up – 6th Floor of the Administration Building or download a county application on-line at www.portage.oh.us. Applications accepted until position is filled. Submit a completed county application form with cover letter to: Portage County Human Resources, 449 S. Meridian Street, 6th Floor, Ravenna, OH 44266. 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