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DATES TO REMEMBER

FEB. 27–MARCH 1, 2011	CCAO COMMISSIONERS TRAINING SEMINAR, DEER CREEK CONFERENCE CENTER, PICKAWAY COUNTY (MT. STERLING)
MARCH 1, 2011	OHIO STATEHOOD DAY
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 9, 2011	CCAO 2 ND WEDNESDAY SEMINAR, LAW ENFORCEMENT CORRECTIONS & COURTS, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS
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

COMMISSIONERS' TRAINING SEMINAR FOR NEW & VETERAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Join CCAO 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. Sessions begin late afternoon on February 27 and end at noon on March 1. Join new & veteran colleagues to learn about county government and your responsibilities as county officials. This seminar is hosted by CCAO.

Topics to be studied include:

- Introduction to CCAO and NACo

- Ohio Ethics Law
- Commissioners Meetings, Hearings & Open Government Laws
- Employee Relations Issues: Civil Service & Collective Bargaining
- Working with the Third Branch: The Courts
- County Budgeting & Other Financial Issues
- County Procurement Practices

Registration fee (includes all meals & conference materials): \$100 per person (by Feb 11) or \$115 (after Feb 11).

Registration materials are attached to this issue of CIDS and are posted at www.ccao.org For more information, contact Mary Jane Neiman, CCAO Public Relations Associate, at (614) 220-7979 or mjneiman@ccao.org.

ELECTIONS HANDBOOK CHAPTER UPDATED

This week, take a look at the most recent chapter of the *County Commissioners Handbook* that was recently revised. Chapter 124 – Elections was revised by CCAO Senior Policy Analyst Josh Hahn with the assistance of Secretary of State staff members Matt Damschroder, State Elections Director, formerly of the Franklin County Board of Elections; Keith Cunningham, Special Projects Manager, formerly of the Allen County Board of Elections; Pat Wolfe, Elections Administrator; and Aaron Ockerman, Legislative Counsel, representing the Ohio Association of Elections Officials. CCAO thanks them for helping with the update of this chapter!

To view Chapter 124 and the following chapters that were updated so far this year, go to the CCAO website at www.ccao.org > Publications > *County Commissioners Handbook* or click on the *Handbook* button on the front page.

- 9 – Eminent Domain
- 63 – Civil Service & Employment Issues
- 98 – Judicial System
- 128 – Public Records & Records Commissions

Over the decades, CCAO has published four editions of the *County Commissioners Handbook* and distributed copies to all counties. Since the first edition, the *Handbook* has grown to over 1,000 pages and publishing an updated copy of all chapters in a timely manner is nearly impossible. Due to technology changes and the high cost of publishing a hard copy, the *Handbook* will be published on our website.

OCCO SEMINAR & LUNCHEON – MARCH 16

Mark your calendars and plan to attend the Ohio Council of County Officials (OCCO) Legislative Luncheon on Wednesday, March 16, 2011 from 12:00 Noon until 1:00 p.m. The Ohio Records' Association will host the luncheon which will be held in the Statehouse Atrium. There is no charge to attend the luncheon.

County officials need to continually communicate and build a partnership with members of the General Assembly. The OCCO encourages you to invite your state senators and state representatives to the luncheon. Please schedule appointments with them to discuss issues of importance to your county while you are in Columbus. Don't miss this opportunity to lobby the Ohio General Assembly!

The OCCO has also scheduled an Ethics Seminar for that day as well. The Ohio Ethics Commission will conduct this seminar from 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. in the Statehouse Atrium. The seminar is also free of charge to you. No registration is required by the Ohio Ethics Commission to attend their seminar.

Many of you see your lawmakers within your counties. I strongly encourage you, though, to travel to Columbus on March 16th to physically show your support for your lawmakers, who will be looking to see if anyone from their district has made the effort to come to this important event. The OCCO also recommends that you attend a committee meeting and/or senate and house session in that afternoon. Please register on the enclosed form by **March 11, 2011**.

For more information, please Jon Slater, Fairfield County Auditor and OCCO President, at (740) 652-7021, or at JSLATER@co.fairfield.oh.us or Karen Vincent, Muskingum County Recorder, at (740) 455-7107, fax (740) 455-7943, or kbvincent@muskingumcounty.org

NACo's 2011 LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE

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. To register or view the descriptions of more than 25 educational workshops, 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**. RSVP your attendance for the breakfast to Mary Jane Neiman, CCAO Public Relations Associate, at (614) 220-7979, (888) 757-1904 or mjneiman@ccao.org.

CCAO STAFF NEWS

KATHY KNIGHT JOINS CEBCO AS WELLNESS COORDINATOR

CEBCO is pleased to announce that the Wellness Coordinator position has been filled by Kathy Knight. Kathy comes to CEBCO from American Health Holding, Inc. where she was a Disease Management and Wellness Consultant. Prior to that, she was the Administrator and Vice President of Operations for the Goddard School in Westerville and held social work positions in various hospitals in Columbus and Chicago. Kathy has a Bachelor of Science in Family Relations and Human Development from The Ohio State University and a Master of Social Work from the University of Illinois at Chicago. Kathy will join the staff on February 28. You can reach her at (614) 220-0645, (888) 757-1904 or kknight@ccao.org. Welcome Kathy to the CCAO family!

CEBCO has 23 of the 88 counties in the state in the health insurance consortium. CEBCO has about 9,500 county employees and 25,000 total lives. This year the annual billed premium is around \$100 million dollars. The next step in our program is to develop the Wellness Program for each and every county and to get employees engaged in their own health. With health cost spiraling out of control, and issues facing us daily such as heart disease and diabetes, wellness is the way to bring about change in the culture of the county and the employee.

The CEBCO Board has established a grant program that will assist the various counties with funding for wellness projects that they choose to do. They will be working with the new Wellness Coordinator to put together and plan the best course and use of the funds for each county. The plan level is based on the population of each member county, and starts at \$5,000 and increases to \$10,000 and to \$15,000.

For information regarding CEBCO and its plans, please contact Sherri Noll, Managing Director of Health and Wellness Programs, at (614) 220-7984, (888) 757-1904 or snoll@ccao.org

NEWS FROM OTHER COUNTY ASSOCIATIONS

CEAO OPPOSES CUYAHOGA COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR REQUIREMENTS

Recently, the Cuyahoga County Council unanimously confirmed the appointment of Bonnie Teeuwen as public works director. Teeuwen is the former director of the area district office for the Ohio Department of Transportation. The appointment was opposed by Fred Pausch, Executive Director of the County Engineers Association of Ohio (CEAO), who argued before council that her appointment would violate Ohio law and the state Constitution because she is not a licensed surveyor, a requirement for county engineers. County officials said the charter allows the public works director to hire an engineer with the necessary credentials. Acting Law Director Ed Morales stated that this matter was discussed at the time the county charter was drafted.

Last November, the voters in Cuyahoga County adopted a charter form of government. In January, the county started reorganizing with a county executive and county council at the helm instead of the three-member board of county commissioners.

COUNTY ACTIVITIES

MAHONING COUNTY COMMUNITY LEADERS SEEK LAND BANK

Community leaders from across Mahoning County are petitioning the County Commissioners to create a county land bank. Last year, establishment of land banks was authorized for counties over 60,000 population by Sub. H.B. 353, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed into law by then-Governor Strickland. If Mahoning County created the land bank, they would be the third Ohio county, following Cuyahoga and Lucas counties, to create the bank that would enable acquisition of vacant, tax-delinquent land much faster than previous tax foreclosures. John McNally IV, chair of the Mahoning County Commissioners, hopes that the commissioners will establish a land bank within the near future.

More than 650 demolitions took place between 2008 and 2010. A recent survey the Mahoning Valley Organizing Committee identified more than 1,000 newly vacant structures. Community leaders stressed that vacant and abandoned buildings are a danger to the community and that increased demolition has not kept up with the abandonment and vacancy.

LICKING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS BOND REFINANCING TO SAVE ABOUT \$700,000

The refinancing of three bonds totaling about \$6.1 million could save about \$700,000 in interest over 14 years. Earlier this month, the Licking County Commissioners passed a resolution authorizing refinancing of bonds to take advantage of lower interest rates. The three bonds were issued for financing a portion of the acquiring and renovating a Department of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities issued in 1997 for \$505,000; constructing a building for the Domestic Relations Court and other courts and agencies in the county issued in 1998 for up to \$3 million; and refunding the county's jail improvement bonds dated September 1, 1999 to acquire and construct improvements to the county jail. The original interest rate on the bonds when issued was about 5.5 percent, compared to the current 3.2 to 3.5 percent.

STATE ACTIVITIES

KASICH ANNOUNCES HELP FOR PRESCRIPTION DRUG ABUSE

This week, Governor John Kasich visited Scioto County (Portsmouth) to meet with residents and public officials and discuss the community impact of opiate abuse, addiction, and medication diversion. He was accompanied by former Attorney General Betty Montgomery, a special liaison on this issue, and Orman Hall, director of the

Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services. While in Scioto County, the Governor made an announcement regarding his administration's actions pertaining to the opiate issue.

Since 2007, Unintentional drug overdoses have been the leading cause of accidental death in Ohio, and Scioto County has been ground zero. Last year, 9.7 million doses of prescription painkillers were dispensed in Scioto County – 123 doses for every man, woman and child in the county.

Details of the announcement included:

- \$100,000 in state funds for a new treatment center at the Counseling Center, a private, non-profit drug treatment center in Portsmouth. \$300,000 in additional federal funds is being sought;
- A new prescription drug addiction task force chaired by Montgomery to work with state agencies, Attorney General Mike DeWine, the Supreme Court of Ohio, local law enforcement leaders, and other states;
- An Executive Order signed by Kasich allowing the state's local treatment partners to use new medications approved by the federal government to assist with opiate addiction therapies.

Facts about RX abuse in Ohio/Scioto county:

- Between 1999 and 2008, there was a 360 percent increase in accidental over-dose deaths in Scioto County; 92 percent of these deaths are due to prescription medications. (Source: Scioto County Rx Drug Action Team)
- Oxycodone toxicity deaths in Scioto County have quadrupled in the past three years. The majority of these deaths occurred in the 25-35 year-old age groups. (Source: Scioto County Rx Drug Action Team)
- Eighty-five percent of substance abuse treatment requests at the Scioto County Counseling Center are now for opiate addiction, marking a 300 percent increase in just the past three years. (Source: Scioto County Rx Drug Action Team)
- Since 2007, unintentional drug overdoses have been the leading cause of accidental death in Ohio. Fatal and non-fatal poisonings cost Ohioans \$3.6 billion annually. (Source: Ohio Department of Health, "Burden of Poisoning in Ohio, 1999-2008")
- The Ohio Substance Abuse Monitoring (OSAM) Network reports a move from prescription painkillers to heroin among opiate abusers. Heroin is highly available in all regions of the state. (Source: ODADAS, OSAM Network, 2011)

NACo ACTIVITIES

PLAN FOR NATIONAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT MONTH

This year's theme for National County Government Month (NCGM) in April is "Serving Our Veterans, Armed Forces, and Their Families." A NCGM booklet full of ideas to celebrate NCGM will be sent to member counties later this month. The booklet will contain suggested community activities, a draft proclamation, a sample news release, and many more possibilities. This year, for the first year, NACo will recognize and present an award to three counties for their outstanding NCGM activities. Each of the three winners will win two free conference registrations to any NACo meeting. Details on the award's program can be found in the booklet as well as on NACo's website starting the week of January 17 at www.naco.org. For more information, contact Jim Philipps, NACo Media Relations Manager, at (202) 942.4220 or jphilipps@naco.org

CONFERENCES/SEMINARS

OHIO'S OPIATE SUMMIT - APRIL 5

The Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities (OACBHA) will hold an "Ohio's Opiate Summit" on April 5, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Hyatt Regency, 350 North High Street, in Columbus. Registration fee: \$75 for non-physicians or \$125 for physicians. Registration materials and program information will be available on March 1 at <http://oacbha.org>

ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINIONS

SYLLABUS

2011-004

1. Pursuant to R.C. 2939.10 and Ohio R. Crim. P. 6(D), a deputy sheriff may not be present in the grand jury room during the testimony of an inmate who has been subpoenaed to provide testimony to the grand jury.
2. The unauthorized presence of a deputy sheriff during the testimony of an inmate who has been subpoenaed to testify before the grand jury is not sufficient to set aside an indictment unless prejudice to the accused is shown.

CLASSIFIEDS

COUNTY HOME ADMINISTRATOR

The Auglaize County Commissioners are currently accepting resumes and cover letters for the position of Licensed Nursing Home Administrator; an unclassified, FLSA exempt, full-time position. Interested candidates must be a Licensed Nursing Home Administrator. Resumes, cover letter and application employment form accepted at the office of Auglaize County Commissioners, 209 South Blackhoof Street, Room 201, Wapakoneta, OH 45895 or at commissioners@auglaizecounty.org until **4:00 p.m., March 4, 2011**. Minimum pay \$50,000. See www.auglaizecounty.org for the employment application form. EOE.

FAMILY & CHILDREN SERVICES PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR

Job & Family Services of Clark County is seeking a community-oriented Program Administrator for the Family & Children Services division. This position is part of the Agency Executive Leadership Team and reports directly to the Director of Job & Family Services. Job & Family Services of Clark County is a quadruple-combined agency. The Family & Children Services division is responsible for responding and addressing reports of child abuse and neglect as well as elder protection programs. Other divisions, within the Agency, administer workforce development, public assistance programs, and child support services.

The successful candidate must possess a Bachelor's Degree in Social Work or a related field (Master's Degree preferred,) plus a minimum of five years human service related experience with demonstrated experience at a key administrative level with significant supervisory experience; and demonstrated commitment to cultural competence and diversity. Job & Family Services of Clark County offers a comprehensive benefit package, which includes a competitive salary, health and dental insurance and Public Employees Retirement System.

Applicants should submit a cover letter, resume and salary requirements to the Director of Human Resources, Job & Family Services of Clark County, P. O. Box 967A, Springfield, OH 45501-1037. First review of resumes will begin on **March 21, 2011**. For more information about Job & Family Services of Clark County, please visit our website at www.clarkdjfs.org. Applicants needing accommodation for completing this process, please contact the Human Resource Department at (937) 327-1851. EOE.

DOG WARDEN

A minimum of three years experience in animal control with progressive levels of responsibility concerning state ordinances and a record of above average performance or equivalent combination of education, training and experience; Ohio Peace Officer firearms training, good supervising skills, and a valid Ohio Driver's license with an acceptable driving record, knowledge of Ohio animal control regulations, dangerous animal techniques, euthanasia and rabies control procedures. High School diploma required. Salary negotiable. Forward all applications and resumes to 21 West Boardman Street – 2nd Floor, Youngstown, OH 44503, Attn. Judith A. Tesone, Office Manager or call (330) 740-2130 ext. 7112. Application deadline: **March 11, 2011 at 4:30 p.m.** For more information go to: www.mahoningcountyoh.gov. EOE.

ASSISTANT FINANCE DIRECTOR

Erie county seeks a full-time assistant finance director assigned to the Department of Finance. Bachelor's Degree in accounting, finance, economics or other closely related field and no less than five years progressively responsible experience in financial and cost accounting, governmental purchasing and fund accounting systems, and federal and grant administration. To apply, for full position description, pay scale and working hours, contact Erie County Human Resources at 2900 Columbus Avenue, Sandusky or www.eriecounty.oh.gov/humanresources/full_time.shtml. Application Deadline: **Friday, March 18, 2011, 4:30 p.m.** EOE.

HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR

A minimum of eight years experience in human resources administration, or an equivalent combination of education, training, and experience; experience in public sector employment and labor contract negotiation and administration preferred. Masters degree in public administration, human resources and/or labor relations or related field. Salary negotiable, forward all applications and resumes to 21 West Boardman Street – 2nd Floor, Youngstown, OH 44503, Attn. Judith A. Tesone, Office Manager or call (330) 740-2130 ext. 7112. Application deadline: **March 11, 2011 at 4:30 p.m.** For more information go to: www.mahoningcountyoh.gov. 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