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DATES TO REMEMBER

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, 2011	CCAO REGIONAL LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING, RIVER OAKS GOLF CLUB, CRAWFORD COUNTY (BUCYRUS)
MARCH 14, 2011	CCAO REGIONAL LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING, MARY YODERS AMISH KITCHEN, GEAUGA COUNTY (MIDDLEFIELD)
MARCH 16, 2011	OHIO COUNCIL OF COUNTY OFFICIALS SEMINAR & LEGISLATIVE LUNCHEON, STATEHOUSE ATRIUM, COLUMBUS
MARCH 18, 2011	CCAO BOARD OF DIRECTORS, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS
MARCH 25, 2011	CORSA RENEWAL MEETING, ALADDIN SHRINE CENTER, COLUMBUS
APRIL 2011	NATIONAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT MONTH

ASSOCIATION NEWS

2ND WEDNESDAY SEMINAR SERIES: LAW ENFORCEMENT, CORRECTIONS & COURTS

Attend the next CCAO 2nd Wednesday Seminar Series on “Law Enforcement, Courts & Corrections” to be held on Wednesday, March 9, 2011. The 2nd Wednesday Seminar Series will be held at the CCAO Offices, 209 East State Street, in Columbus.

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together to meet the needs of the court system while managing with limited financial resources. The Ohio Public Defender will discuss how to improve the quality of indigent defense services while achieving savings in management of cases through the Ohio Data Collection and System Evaluation Project.

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. An program update is attached to this issue of CIDS. 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

CCA0 REGIONAL LEGISLATIVE BRIEFINGS

CCA0 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 CCA0, but members are encouraged to contact your legislators to personally invite them to your Regional Legislative Briefing.

- **March 14 (Rescheduled from February 25)** – Senate Districts 19 and 26 – River Oaks Golf Club, 1330 E. Mansfield Street, Bucyrus, 11:30 a.m.
- **March 14** – Senate Districts 18, 27, 28, and 29 – Mary Yoders Amish Kitchen, 14743 N. State Avenue, 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)

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 Recorders' 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 attend 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

APRIL IS NATIONAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT MONTH!

This year's theme for National County Government Month (NCGM) celebrated 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

OSU EXTENSION ACTIVITIES

NATIONAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT MONTH – PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITY

OSU Extension 4-H programs are actively engaged in supporting all branches of the military, including the National Guard and Reserve troops scattered throughout Ohio. 4-H clubs exist on military bases in the U.S. and abroad, but the greatest affiliation in Ohio is through the servicemen and women living in private homes. Operation Military Kids (OMK) is a partnership between 4-H and the U.S. Department of Defense. Contact your local 4-H educator if you are interested in partnering with this group to celebrate county government month or contact Gwen Wolford, wolford.1@osu.edu

Ohio OMK builds partnerships to increase capacity for youth, families, and communities to support youth of military families. Its goals are:

- Create community support networks for military youth "in our own backyard" when service members are deployed.
- Deliver recreational, social, and educational programs for military youth living in civilian communities.
- Support military kids coping with the stress of knowing their deployed parents or family members may be in harm's way.
- Collaborate with schools to ensure that staff are attuned to the unique needs of military students.
- Educate the public on the impact of the deployment cycle on service members, families, kids, and the community as a whole.
- Become a part of the ongoing deployment support services for children and youth where there are military families.

FEDERAL ACTIVITIES

HOUSE PASSES CONTINUING RESOLUTION

Last Saturday, Feb. 19, the U.S. House passed H.R. 1, the Continuing Resolution (CR) which funds the federal government for the rest of the fiscal year by a vote of 235–189. The current Continuing Resolution expires March 4.

House Appropriations Committee Chair Harold Rogers (R-Ky.) originally announced cutting domestic discretionary programs by \$40 billion. However, Republican freshmen and other conservatives insisted on \$100 billion in cuts forcing Rogers back to square one. The bill that was taken up by the House had approximately \$60 billion cut from the president's FY11 budget request.

H.R. 1 targets many programs of interest to counties for deep cuts or elimination, including adult and youth job training, the Community Development Block Grant, Community Services Block Grant, and Juvenile Accountability Block Grant programs, and Community Health Centers.

Despite these cuts, there were several positive amendments among the nearly 500 that were considered. County allies easily defeated an amendment by Rep. Marcy Kaptur (D-Ohio) to cut funding to the payment in lieu of taxes program (PILT) by 75 percent. The amendment was defeated by a margin of 394 to 32.

Initially, the legislation sought to eliminate hiring grants for law enforcement and emergency personnel, however, amendments to provide \$298 million for COPS hiring, and \$510 million for SAFER grants restored funding for these important public safety needs.

There is still a long way to go before the bill is enacted. The Senate took up its own version of the CR after the Presidents' Day recess, and Senate Appropriations Chairman Daniel Inouye (D-Hawaii) has already rejected the House version. The Senate bill is likely to be a funding freeze instead of deeper cuts. Additionally, the president has already indicated that he will veto the House bill in its present form. If Congress and the president cannot agree by March 4, the federal government may shut down, the first time this has happened in 15 years.

For more information go to <http://admin.naco.org/newsroom/countynews/Current%20Issue/2-28-11/Pages/HousepassesContinuingResolution.aspx>

ALERT: RC&D ELIMINATION - One program of particular interest to Ohio counties is the immediate elimination of the Resource Conservation & Development (RC&D) Program funded through the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Natural Resource Conservation Service. This program, which has managed with a frozen budget since 2003, has a strong record of service on conservation and economic development in Ohio. CCAO sent letters to the Ohio Congressional Delegation asking them to restore funding at the 2010 budget level of \$50.73 million.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) states that it takes \$185,000 to fully support an RC&D Council with a full-time federal coordinator. With funding frozen at 2003 levels, councils maintain services with \$120,000 and are doing more with less. Many councils no longer have full-time coordinators, and many program assistant positions have been eliminated. In Ohio, RC&D Councils have 5,000 local, civic, appointed, and elected official volunteers.

The RC&D program is a success story in creating jobs and efficiently leveraging financial resources to support economic development in rural areas. On an average, \$6.93 is generated for every \$1.00 of federal funds invested in the RC&D Program. Nationally, RC&D Councils accomplished the following in 2010:

- 808 new businesses were created;
- 6,199 businesses were expanded or retained;
- 396 businesses were financially assisted with funds totaling \$10.9 million;
- 5,929 jobs were created and 6,398 retained;
- 1,140,000 people acquired new knowledge or skills;
- 2,200,000 economically or socially disadvantaged people were helped nationwide;
- \$351.1 million in external grant funds was obtained for projects;
- Over 2,100,000 acres of agricultural land were preserved or protected;
- Water quality projects at 1,649 animal agricultural operations were assisted;
- Construction or rehabilitation of 413 flood control structures;

- 4,738 projects that focus on the goals of the RC&D program were completed in FY 2010, and 7,472 projects are already underway in 2011.

Contact the Ohio Congressional Delegation and ask for their support.

NACo ACTIVITIES

BROOKS APPOINTED VICE CHAIR OF NACo GREEN GOVERNMENT INITIATIVE ADVISORY BOARD

Franklin County Commissioner Paula Brooks has been appointed vice chair of the National Association of Counties (NACo) Green Government Initiative Advisory Board. NACo's Green Government Initiative is a national effort launched in 2007 to assist the nation's counties in developing and implementing environmentally sound, cost effective programs and practices. It serves as a comprehensive resource for local governments on all things green, including energy, green building, air quality, transportation, land use, water quality, purchasing and recycling.

In 2006 Franklin County Commissioners approved a resolution aimed at balancing the mutually compatible goals of environmental sustainability and economic development. Last year, Commissioners supported efforts to upgrade existing buildings in the County's downtown complex to increase energy efficiency. New florescent lights and ballasts and occupancy sensors were installed and are expected to reduce CO2 emissions by 1,400 tons annually. Low-flow faucets and toilets are expected to save over 31.6 million gallons of water. Solar panels and a decentralized cooling system will tie together the County's downtown complex to save energy and tax dollars and increase operational efficiency and a 'green roof' was installed on the Courthouse Annex located at 410 South High Street.

And, later this year, Commissioners will open the first newly constructed LEED Certified Courthouse in Ohio. Throughout the building process the commissioners insisted that sustainable materials, included those locally recycled, be used in the construction. The building features a number of green technologies including a roof to help reduce storm water runoff, a 25-percent increase in energy efficiency and water conservation systems that are projected to save a million gallons of water each year compared with a comparable new code compliant building. The use of these energy efficient technologies will pay for themselves in nine years or less.

The NACo Green Government Advisory Board consists of 21 corporate partners and 21 county leaders in sustainability that shape the direction of the initiative to assist counties in 'going green.' For more information about the NACo Green Government Initiative visit the NACo website at www.naco.org

CLASSIFIEDS

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

Second Wednesday's



Recognizing that commissioners and their staff confront a number of daily challenges on a wide variety of topics, CCAO scheduled a regular series of short, concise seminars. 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!**

CCAOC's FREE Educational Sessions

Last year, CCAO tested this new initiative, which has grown into a popular opportunity for commissioners and their staff to attend FREE training seminars.

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

Jan 12	Purchasing Law Options	Aug 10	Personal Liability of Elected Officials
Mar 9	Law Enforcement Corrections & Courts	Sept 14	Voices for Ohio's Children: Raising the Voice for Ohio's Children
April 13	State Budget— How it Effects Counties	Oct 12	Training Elected Officials to Work with Legislators & the Ohio General Assembly
May 11	Human Services Workshop: Job & Family Services, Child Support Enforcement, Children Services & Workforce Investment	Nov 9	Social Networking for Public Entities
June 8	Dealing with Man's Best Friend— The County Dog Warden	Dec 14	To-be-announced

For program information, contact Brad Cole, Managing Director of Research, at 614/220-7981 or bcole@ccao.org or registration information, contact Janet Erwin, CCAO Admin Assistant, at 614/220-7986 or jerwin@ccao.org



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Law Enforcement, Corrections & Courts

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

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PRESENTERS

Brad Cole, Managing Director of Research, County Commissioners Association of Ohio

Sara Andrews, Deputy Director, Division of Parole and Community Services, Ohio
Department of Rehabilitation & Corrections

Mark R. Schweikert, Executive Director, Ohio Judicial Conference

Tim Young, Ohio Public Defender

Michael E. Heldman, Hancock County Sheriff

Ryan Kidwell, Lieutenant, Hancock County Sheriff's Office

AGENDA—9:30-12:30

- 9:30 a.m. Welcome and Introductions
- 9:40 a.m. Corrections & the Justice Reinvestment Initiative
- 10:10 a.m. Collaborative Budgeting
- 10:40 a.m. Community Data Collection & System Evaluation Project
- 11:10 a.m. Challenges Facing County Jails
- 11:40 a.m. Questions & Answers
- 12:30 p.m. Adjourn

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