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DATES TO REMEMBER

- MARCH 14, 2011 CCAO REGIONAL LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING, CRAWFORD COUNTY (**CANCELLED**)
- 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 13, 2011 CCAO 2ND WEDNESDAY SEMINAR – STATE BUDGET: HOW IT EFFECTS COUNTIES, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS
- APRIL 2011 NATIONAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT MONTH

ASSOCIATION NEWS

CCAO REGIONAL LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING IN CRAWFORD COUNTY – MARCH 14 - CANCELLED

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

- **March 14 (CANCELLED)** – 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

The **Ohio Council of County Officials (OCCO) Legislative Luncheon** will be held this Wednesday, March 16 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 – 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.

If you have not registered, please contact 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

WILLIAMS COUNTY TO HOST NW DISTRICT MEETING

Williams County Commissioners Brian Davis, Lewis Hilkert, and Alan Word and County Engineer Dennis Bell will host the next Northwest Ohio Commissioners and Engineers Association Quarterly Meeting on Thursday, March 31, 2011. All activities will be held in Bryan.

An **afternoon tour** of the Spangler Candy Company, 400 North Portland Street, in Bryan. Spangler Candy Company is a family-owned private company making candy (i.e., lollipops, candy canes, and marshmallow candies) since 1906. Meet at Spangler for the 2:00 p.m. tour.

Registration begins at 4:00 p.m. at the Bryan Eagles, 221 South Walnut Street, in Bryan. The **business meeting** begins at 4:30 p.m. followed by the **social time and dinner** at 5:00 p.m.

Registration fee: \$5.00 per person for the meeting/dinner. Deadline for reservations: March 21. Deadline for cancellations: March 24. For more information, contact Anne M. Retcher, Clerk, Williams County Commissioner, One Courthouse Square – Floor 4, Bryan, OH 43506, (419) 636-2059, fax (419) 636-0643, or wcc@wmsco.org

2ND WEDNESDAY SEMINAR SERIES: STATE BUDGET – HOW IT EFFECTS COUNTIES

CCAO encourages commissioners and other county officials to attend the next CCAO 2nd Wednesday Seminar Series on "State Budget: How It Effects Counties" to be held on Wednesday, April 13, 2011 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The 2nd Wednesday Seminar Series will be held at the CCAO Offices, 209 East State Street, in Columbus.

CCAO has confirmed attendance by State Office of Budget and Management Director Tim Keen and OBM Policy Advisor Randy Cole who together will talk about how the administration has proposed through the

executive budget to address the \$8 billion fiscal shortfall through a combination of cuts and restructuring of government services. CCAO has also invited the chairmen and ranking minority members of the House Finance and Appropriations Committee and the Senate Finance Committee who will frame the discussion from a legislative perspective how the state plans to balance the state budget while meeting the needs of Ohioans for state and local services.

Mark your calendar now to learn firsthand from key individuals representing the administration and within the legislature how the state proposes to address and balance the most challenging state budget in memory.

The 2nd Wednesday sessions are designed to be very interactive, allowing ample opportunity for attendees to ask questions and have dialogue directly with the speakers. All sessions are free and parking is available in the CCAO parking lot adjacent to the CCAO office.

More program details will be posted at www.ccao.org and attached to CIDS next week. 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

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

CENSUS BUREAU ISSUES REDISTRICTING DATA

The U.S. Census Bureau released data Wednesday detailing population shifts within Ohio that will fuel the decennial process of redrawing congressional and legislative district boundaries later this year.

Columbus is by far the most populous of Ohio's incorporated cities with 787,033 residents, according to the 2010 Census. Cleveland had 396,815, Cincinnati had 296,943, Toledo had 287,208, and Akron had 199,110.

The data the bureau sent to the governor and legislature consists of five detailed tables showing Ohio population totals by race, adulthood, U.S. residency, and housing units and occupancy status -factors that will be taken into consideration in the redistricting and reapportionment process. Earlier this year the Census Bureau announced Ohio was one of only two states in the nation to lose two congressional districts due to a lack of population growth.

The same pattern was reflected in the counties where the large cities are located. Cuyahoga County remained the state's largest county with a population of 1,280,122, but shrank by 8.2% since the 2000 census count. Franklin County' was close behind with 1,163,414 residents, an expansion of 8.8% over the past decade. Hamilton County's population of 802,374 represents a decrease of 5.1% over the past 10 years, Summit County declined 0.2% to 541,781, and Montgomery County lost 4.3% for a total of 535,153 residents.

NACo ACTIVITIES

NACo 76TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE & EXPOSITION; ELIASON TO BECOME NACo PRESIDENT IN JULY

The National Association of Counties (NACo) and Multnomah County (Portland), Oregon invite you to join over 2,000 appointed and elected officials from across the nation this summer for the "NACo 76th Annual Conference & Exposition" to be held July 15-19, 2011 at the Oregon Convention Center. All events will take place at the Oregon Convention Center, unless otherwise noted in the program.

Year after year, some members of the press question the value of attending NACo's Annual Conference. This year more than ever, when budgets are being slashed and county services and employees being cut, you need to FIND ANSWERS to solve these difficult problems. The answers can be found by being educated, staying up-to-date, discussing issues with your peers, learning what funding streams are available directly from those who make them available and the various resources NACo offers, such as helping you understand how your county will be impacted by the new federal budget cuts.

The Opening General Session featured speaker on Sunday, July 17 will be Aron Ralston - mountain climber and inspiration for the film "127 Hours". A preliminary conference schedule is posted at www.naco.org Click on the article on the front page.

This year, a very special honor will be bestowed upon Athens County Commissioner Lenny Eliason, current NACo 1st Vice President, who will be elected 2011-12 NACo President. This will be the first time an Ohioan will be elected NACo President! Join us in Portland to witness this momentous occasion for Lenny and Ohio.

Register for the conference and housing online at www.naco.org to save \$25 per registrant. Click on the article about the conference on the front page. The early bird discount is available until June 3. The Hilton is the headquarters hotel, but many hotel options are available. For more information, please contact Mary Jane Neiman, CCAO Public Relations Associate, at (614) 220-7979, (888) 757-1904 or mjneiman@ccao.org

NACo PRODUCES VIDEO SUCCESS STORIES FOR COUNTY ENERGY PROJECTS

Last week, the National Association of Counties (NACo) unveiled 11 short videos featuring county success implementing energy projects. The videos were produced in partnership with EcoMedia CBS and filmed at NACo's County Forum on Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy in January 2011. Each three- to five-minute video includes interviews with county officials and staff, as well as images of county projects. Videos are posted online: www.youtube.com/user/NACoVideo#grid/user/70AE4221EF1A9CC1

Recently, Franklin County Commissioner Paula Brooks was appointed vice chair of the NACo Green Government Initiative (GGI) Advisory Board. NACo's Green Government Initiative is a national effort launched in 2007 to assist 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. For more information about the videos or the Green Government Initiative, contact Jared Lang, NACo Manager of Green Government Initiative, at (202) 942-4224 or jlang@naco.org

ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINIONS

SYLLABUS

2011-007

1. Seasonal crop production activities constitute a "business located in the district" for purposes of R.C. 715.74(C)(1) if such activities take place within the geographical limits of a Joint Economic Development District and are the pursuit of a for-profit enterprise. Seasonal crop production activities in a Joint Economic Development District that constitute a business located in the district are subject to a Joint Economic Development District income tax levied pursuant to the provisions of both R.C. 715.74(C)(1) and the contract creating the Joint Economic Development District, provided such activities are not subject to an exemption granted by the contract. Only those seasonal crop production activities actually occurring within the Joint Economic Development District are subject to the Joint Economic Development District income tax.
2. The Board of Directors of a Joint Economic Development District may not exempt seasonal crop production activities, or any other area or business in a district, from a Joint Economic Development District income tax.
3. The municipalities, townships, or counties that are parties to the contract creating the Joint Economic Development District may provide for an exemption to the Joint Economic Development District income tax, and may do so by amending the contract creating the Joint Economic Development District.
4. A person who receives income from seasonal crop production activities is subject to a municipal income tax levied pursuant to R.C. Chapter 718 unless such income meets one of the exceptions of R.C. 718.01(H). Pursuant to R.C. 718.01(D)(1), a municipal corporation may not "exempt from a tax on income compensation for personal services of individuals over eighteen years of age or the net profit from a business or profession."
5. A municipal income tax levied pursuant to R.C. Chapter 718 applies to individuals, corporations, and unincorporated business entities.

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.

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](http://www.eriecounty.oh.gov/humanresources/full_time.shtml). Application Deadline: **Friday, March 18, 2011, 4:30 p.m.** EOE.

UTILITIES DEPARTMENT SUPERINTENDENT

Clark County seeks a Utilities Superintendent to oversee operation and maintenance of all water and wastewater treatment plants, water distribution, and sanitary sewer systems within its jurisdiction. Responsibilities include staff supervision, operational control of the treatment facilities, reporting to regulatory agencies, after-hours emergency response, and routine and preventive maintenance.

Requirements: High school graduate or equivalent; Associates degree or higher, with emphasis in science or technology is preferred; six years experience operating a treatment plant with three years at supervisory level; a valid Ohio Class 3 Wastewater Operator certification; a valid Ohio Class 1 Water Supply certification, or obtain within six months of hire; a valid Ohio driver's license and automobile insurance.

Salary is dependent on experience and qualifications. Full County benefits. For detailed information go to http://www.clarkcountyohio.gov/personnel/postings/util_superintendent_03072011.pdf. Application deadline: **March 31, 2011 at 4:00 p.m.** EOE.