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ASSOCIATION NEWS

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.

Program details are posted 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 TAXATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE TO MEET APRIL 1

The CCAO Taxation and Finance Committee Chair Tim Bubb, Licking County Commissioner, has scheduled a committee meeting on Friday, April 1 at 10:00 a.m. in the CCAO offices. All members of the committee are encouraged to mark their calendars and plan to attend.

The committee will receive guest presentations from the Ohio Department of Taxation on the Governor's proposal to accelerate the phase out of reimbursement for the Tangible Personal Property Tax and a presentation from the Executive Director of Heritage Ohio on Ohio's Historic Preservation Tax Credit Program. Due to the importance of these two issues to officials across Ohio, all commissioners and other county officials with an interest in either of these issues are welcome to attend this meeting simply to get up to date information on these two topics. For additional information regarding the meeting, please contact Brad Cole, Managing Director of Research, at (614) 221-5617, (888) 757-1904 or bcole@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 containing suggested community activities, a draft proclamation, a sample news release, and many more possibilities full of ideas to celebrate NCGM is posted at www.naco.org 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 at www.naco.org. For more information, contact Jim Philipps, NACo Media Relations Manager, at (202) 942.4220 or jphilipps@naco.org

CCAO AFFILIATE ACTIVITIES

2011 CCC/EAPA REGIONAL MEETING SCHEDULE

The County Commissioners' Clerks and Engineer's Administrative Professional Association of Ohio (CCC/EAPA) has scheduled regional meetings to share information and network with other clerks. CCC/EAPA is comprised of county commissioners and engineers' office staff. All commissioners' clerks and engineers' administrative professionals are welcome to network with this most informative organization. The board works hard to provide educational workshops and training opportunities at conferences.

Regional information and networking luncheon meetings are a priority with CCC/EAPA. Topics will vary at each meeting and are held on Friday's beginning at 10:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. CCAO/CEAO sponsors the lunch.

<p>MARCH 25, 2011 - DELAWARE COUNTY Carnegie Library Building, 101 North Sandusky Street, Delaware County (Delaware)</p> <p>Gail Crossen, Clerk, Ashland County Commissioners, (419) 282-4220 or gcrossen@ashlandcounty.org or Carolyn Hauenstein, Clerk, Erie County Commissioners, (419) 627-7675 or chauenstein@eriecounty.oh.gov</p>
<p>APRIL 29, 2011 - CLERMONT COUNTY Clermont County Engineer's Office, 2381 Clermont Center Drive, Clermont County (Batavia)</p> <p>Sharon Lawhorn, Administrative Assistant, Warren County Engineer's Office, (513) 695-3305 or Sharon.lawhorn@co.warren.oh.us</p>
<p>MAY 6, 2011 - SUMMIT COUNTY The Ohio Building, 175 South Main Street, Summit County (Akron)</p> <p>Theresa Upton, Clerk, Lorain County Commissioners, (440) 329-5103 or tupton@loraincounty.us</p>
<p>AUGUST 26, 2011 - GALLIA COUNTY Gallia County Courthouse, 18 Locust Street, Second Floor, Gallia County (Gallipolis)</p> <p>JoAnn Sikorski, Clerk/Administrative Assistant, Athens County Commissioners, (740) 592-3219 or jsikorski@athenscountygovernment.com</p>
<p>SEPTEMBER 9, 2011 - OTTAWA COUNTY Ottawa County Courthouse, 315 Madison Street, Ottawa County (Port Clinton)</p> <p>Rhonda Slauterbeck, Ottawa County Commissioners, (419) 734-6720 or rslauterbeck@co.ottawa.oh.us</p>
<p>SEPTEMBER 30, 2011 - BELMONT COUNTY Belmont Hills Country Club, 47080 National Road, Belmont County (St. Clairsville)</p> <p>JoAnn Sikorski, Clerk/Administrative Assistant, Athens County Commissioners, (740) 592-3219 or jsikorski@athenscountygovernment.com</p>
<p>OCTOBER 28, 2011 - ALLEN COUNTY Johnny Appleseed Metropolitan Park District, 2550 Ada Road, Allen County (Lima)</p> <p>Kelli Singhaus, Clerk/Administrative Assistant, Allen County Commissioners, (419) 228-3700 ext. 8827 or ksinghaus@allencountyohio.com or Laura Redick, Account Clerk and Receptionist, Allen County Engineer's Office, (419) 228-3196 or lredick@allencountyohio.com</p>

Please email suggestions for agenda items to Carolyn Hauenstein, Clerk, Erie County Commissioners at (419) 627-7675 or chauenstein@eriecounty.oh.gov or Rhonda Slauterbeck, Clerk, Ottawa County Commissioners at (419) 734-6720 or rslauterbeck@co.ottawa.oh.us Bring any forms to the meeting that may be useful to share with other counties.

To obtain additional information about the CCC/EAPA, or if you are interested in serving on one of the committees, please contact CCC/EAPA President - Gail Crossen, Clerk, Ashland County Commissioners, at (419) 282-4220 or gcrossen@ashlandcounty.org or www.ccc-esao.org

STATE ACTIVITIES

2011 SUNSHINE LAWS MANUAL

Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine and Auditor of State Dave Yost have released an update to the Sunshine Laws manual, which is a guide to the state's laws concerning open meetings and public records. To download a copy of the "2011 Sunshine Laws" go to www.ohioattorneygeneral.gov/yellowbook or www.auditor.state.oh.us To obtain a paper copy of the publication contact: Ohio Attorney General, Public Records Unit, Re: Sunshine Manual Request, 30 East Broad Street – FL 16, Columbus, OH 43215, (800) 282-0515 or (614) 466-2872 or Ohio Auditor of State, Open Government Unit, Legal Division, 88 East Broad Street – FL 5, Columbus, OH 43215, (800) 282-0370 or (614) 466-4514.

Certified Public Records Training: All local and statewide elected government officials or their designees must attend a three-hour public records training program during each term of elective office during which the official serves. The training must be developed and certified by the Ohio Attorney General's Office, and presented either by the Ohio Attorney General's Office or an approved entity with which the Attorney General's Office contracts. The Attorney General shall ensure that the training programs and seminars are accredited by the Commission on Continuing Legal Education established by the Supreme Court. Compliance with the training provision will be audited by the Auditor of State, in the course of a regular financial audit. In 2010, the offices conducted 60 training sessions attended by more than 3,700 people. To find a training class go to www.ohioattorneygeneral.gov/SunshineLawTrainings or www.auditor.state.oh.us/conferences/hb9/default.htm

CIVIL WAR SESQUICENTENIAL 2011-2015

The 150th anniversary of the American Civil War is upon us. The Civil War sesquicentennial (2011-2015) provides an opportunity for a new generation to rediscover the many ways in which Ohioans played a key role in the war and in which the war – "this mighty scourge," as Lincoln described it – changed life in Ohio. The Civil War story in Ohio touches almost every community in the state.

The Ohio Historical Society for the first time will officially offer behind-the-scenes tours of its vast Civil War collections to the public. With the upcoming commemoration of the Civil War Sesquicentennial, the first of the series will be Sneak Peaks: Civil War Collections. The tours will be Thursday evenings April 14, May 12 and June 9. Participants will get an exclusive, guided tour through the OHS's Civil War objects and collections that aren't on exhibit and are stored in areas not open to the public. This tour will focus on the flags, weapons, military accessories and clothing related to the Civil War era in and around Ohio. For more information contact (614) 336-7311 or visit www.ohiocivilwar150.org

FEDERAL ACTIVITIES

ANOTHER SHORT-TERM CONTINUING RESOLUTION PASSED

Congress approved yet another short-term continuing resolution (CR) last week, (H. J. Res. 48) extending government operations through April 8. The voting margins for passage were smaller than the last CR, which is putting pressure on the leadership to come up with an agreement for the remainder of the fiscal year. The new CR makes another \$6 billion in cuts, but spares many programs that had been slated for reductions in the original House appropriations bill (HR.1), such as the Community Development Block Grant, the Community Services Block Grant and the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program. Nonetheless, some health, rural development, justice, and workforce programs were affected by the new round of cuts. For more information go to www.naco.org/legislation/bulletins/Documents/LB%203.18.11.pdf

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 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 changes.

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 celebrate 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 registration 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

COMMUNICATIONS EXCELLENCE TO BE RECOGNIZED BY NACIO

Did your county demonstrate communications excellence in 2010? If so, the National Association of County Information Officers (NACIO) wants to recognize those achievements. NACIO is seeking entries for its 2011 Awards of Excellence competition. This awards program recognizes outstanding public relations and public information work being done on behalf of counties. There nine categories for entries include annual reports; brochures, multiple-page booklets; publications; writing; graphic design; photography, audiovisual productions; special projects; and computer media. This competition is open to staff of county governments that are eligible to join NACo. The deadline for entries is **April 15, 2011**. For more information, visit www.nacio.org

GRANTS

OPPORTUNITY FOR RURAL BROADBAND ACCESS THROUGH COMMUNITY CONNECT GRANTS

The U.S. Department of Agriculture recently announced a new grant opportunity for rural communities without access to broadband. The grants will be funded through the Community Connect Grant program and will range from \$50,000 to \$1.5 million. This competition is open to incorporated organizations, tribes and tribal organizations, state and local government bodies, for-profit or non-profit cooperatives, private corporations and limited liability corporations. Eligible projects must secure matching funds, service rural areas without previous

broadband access, build the infrastructure, and operate the service free of charge for two years with guaranteed basic service in the coverage area.

The application deadline is May 3, 2011. Information on the Community Connect Grant program, as well as the grant application and instructional materials are available by looking here. If you have questions concerning this grant, contact Kenneth Kuchno, Director of the Broadband Division, Rural Utilities Service at USDA at (202) 690.4673. For more information contact, Erik Johnston, NACo Associate Legislative Director, at (202) 942-4230 or ejohnston@naco.org

CONFERENCES/SEMINARS

COMPMANAGEMENT 2011 EDUCATIONAL SEMINARS

CompManagement, Inc. is sponsoring their “2011 Education Seminar” at seven locations throughout the state. All workers’ compensation/unemployment coordinators, safety directors, human resource coordinators, and administrative specialists are encouraged to attend. Seminars will be held on the following dates: April 11 – Franklin County (Dublin), April 12 – Guernsey County (Lore City), April 14 – Lucas County (Toledo), April 15 – Butler County (West Chester), April 18 – Summit County (Cuyahoga Falls), April 19 – Cuyahoga County (Independence), and April 20 – Stark County (Canton).

Registration fee: \$40 per person (includes tuition, a comprehensive manual, continental breakfast, and refreshment break). For registration and program information go to www.compmgt.com and click on the “2011 Educational Seminar” button in the left pane. CompManagement is an endorsed partner of the CCAO Service Corporation

2011 RAIL CONFERENCE

Make plans now to attend the 2011 Rail Conference, "Moving Freight and Passengers in the 21st Century," in Lisle/Naperville, Ill., a suburb of Chicago, April 27-29, conveniently located between Chicago’s O’Hare Airport and Midway Airport.

This conference is for you if you have ever asked why the freight industry operates the way it does, had questions about economic growth and the availability and affordability of freight rail, wanted to have commuter rail in your region or wondered about the future of high-speed rail. Participants will get to meet and hear from experts in the field, including representatives of the rail industry, the U.S. Department of Transportation, the shippers who use the system, commuter rail experts, Amtrak and proponents of high-speed rail.

The conference will conclude with a half-day discussion on where we go from here; how city, county, regional and state governments can work together with the freight and passenger industry to influence federal legislation and policy; and both reduce the negative impacts from freight rail movement and improve passenger rail service in America. Conference and registration information go to www.naco.org/meetings/dates/Pages/NACoRailConference.aspx

OHIO BUDGET ECONOMICS

The ongoing debate about Ohio’s economy intensifies as the state works through its budgeting process. “Death by Deficit? Is the Future of Local Government Really All Bad?” is sponsored by Ohio State University’s Department of Agricultural, Environmental, and Development Economics on April 21, at the Nationwide & Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center, 2201 Fred Taylor Drive - Auditorium, in Columbus. The conference begins at 9:00 a.m. and ends at 2:00 p.m.

The program addresses the impact of Ohio's budget woes on local government, infrastructure, and related programs. Speakers and panels discuss the overall economy and its trickle-down effects; local funding pressures and potential responses; and longer-run policy designed to improve the future of local economies. Conference will interest local and state officials of all kinds, organizations that work with or receive services from local government, and citizens interested in policy related to Ohio's economy.

Registration fee: \$60 (includes lunch and conference materials). To register for this session, go to www.regonline.com/osuaedeeconomicupdate2011 For more information, contact econograms@osu.edu

COLLECTIVE BARGAINING & THE IMPLICATOINS OF SB 5

Downes Fishel Hass Kim LLP will host a conference on "Collective Bargaining and the Implications of Senate Bill 5" on Friday, April 15, 2011 at the Aladdin Shrine Center, 3850 Stelzer Road, in Columbus. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. with sessions starting at 9:00 a.m. and ending at 3:00 p.m.

Topics to be covered include: mandatory, permissible & prohibited topics of bargaining; dispute resolution procedures; negotiations strategy under the new law; impact on non-bargaining unit employees; and implementing changes to comply with Senate Bill 5.

Registration fee: \$125 (includes lunch, refreshment breaks and conference materials). Registration deadline: April 1, 2011. For more information, contact Downes Fishel Hass Kim LLP, 400 South Fifth Street – Suite 200, Columbus, OH 43215, (614) 221-1216.

SENATE BILL 5: WHAT'S REQUIRED, WHAT'S PERMITTED & WHAT'S AN EMPLOYER TO DO

Clemans Nelson & Associates is offering a series of seminars titled, "Senate Bill 5: What's Required, What's Permitted, and What's An Employer To Do" in several locations throughout Ohio beginning on April 12, 2011 in Columbus. Other locations include Cuyahoga Falls - April 14, Lima - April 19, and Cincinnati - April 28. Programs begin at 9:00 a.m. and adjourn at 2:30 p.m. Lunch and a continental breakfast is included. Cost to register is \$75, register 3 people and the 4th attends for free.

The program will address what happens if Senate Bill 5 is enacted (including updates from changes in the Bill from the House of Representatives). Some topics include: Changes in Who Can Be in Bargaining Units, Changes to Police & Fire Units - who is in and who is out, Changes in the Procedures for Bargaining, New Timelines, Procedures for Resolving Impasse, Changes in Subjects That Can Be Bargained, and New Standards for What Counts in Factfinding. To register, go to www.clemansnelson.com "Seminars", or send an e-mail with your name and title, and location you wish to attend to Karen Sellaroli, Program Manager, Clemans Nelson & Associates, (614) 923-7700, (800) 282-0787 or ksellaroli@clemansnelson.com

CLASSIFIEDS

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.

GIS COORDINATOR

The Hardin County Board of Commissioners is seeking a qualified individual for the position of GIS Coordinator for the Hardin County Geographic Information System (GIS) Department.

The GIS Coordinator will be responsible for coordinating and disseminating GIS data; developing customized maps, view, coverage and integrating GIS layers; establishing various databases; developing and implementing County GIS standards; conducting needs assessments of GIS equipment/software; tracking County GIS projects.

This position requires an Associates degree plus two years of GIS related experience or a Bachelors degree in geography, computer science, or related field preferred. Direct experience in GIS or related fields may be considered in lieu of education. Familiarity with AutoDesk & ERSI software. Knowledge of computer hardware/software troubleshooting & programming techniques for geographic analysis preferred. Must possess a valid Ohio Drivers License. Salary range is \$25,000-\$35,000 & is commensurate with education & experience, benefits package included. Qualified applicants may be subject to pass an employment physical, alcohol and or drug screen.

Interested applicants can submit a cover letter and resume by **Friday, April 8, 2011** to the Hardin County Commissioners, One Courthouse Square, Suite 100, Kenton, OH 43326 to be considered. EOE

DIRECTOR OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES

Erie County is seeking applicants for this full-time position with benefits. The candidate will possess a Bachelor's Degree in Social Work, counseling or related field with at least seven years progressively responsible experience in supervision of at least one division of Human Services. Master's Degree and fifteen years progressively responsible experience preferred. If selected Erie County residency is required. Application deadline: **April 8, 2011 at 4:30 p.m.** Please visit our website at www.eriecounty.oh.gov where a complete position description can be obtained and applications can be downloaded or requested by e-mail. EOE/AA/ADA

DIRECTOR OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES

The Crawford County Commissioners will be accepting applications and resumes for the position of Director of Job & Family Services. Qualifications: Possession of a master's degree or equivalent in public administration, business administration, human services, social work, sociology, or related field and a minimum of five years of administrative/management experience to include responsibility for managing fiscal aspect of an organization and assisting in developing and implementing policies and programs is preferable. At least two years of experience as a supervisor over subordinate staff and/or contractors is required. County residency is required with six months of hire. Salary is negotiable and will be based on education and experience.

Applicants may apply by submitting a cover letter detailing salary history, current resume, references, and the qualifications as they relate to the specified minimum qualifications. Letter and resume must be postmarked by **April 29, 2011** to Stephanie Fackler, Human Resource Manager, Commissioner's Office, Suite 304, 112 E. Mansfield Street, Bucyrus, Ohio 44820. EOE.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

The Pickaway County Commissioners are seeking candidates to fill the full-time position of County Administrator. Duties, responsibilities and minimum qualifications are listed below. This position serves as the chief administrative officer of the County under the direction of the Board of County Commissioners per Ohio Revised Code Sections 305.29 and 305.30. This is an unclassified position and serves at the pleasure of the Board of County Commissioners. This position assists in the administration, enforcement and execution of the policies and resolutions of the Board by managing the day to day operations of county government. Salary will be based upon experience and commensurate with education and training. A full benefit package is available after one-hundred and eighty (180) days of employment.

A full position description and application can be downloaded at www.pickawayboc.org/employment.html. An application and a current resume must be sent to Pickaway County Board of Commissioners, 139 West Franklin Street, Circleville, Ohio 43113, Attn: Pat Webb, Commissioners' Clerk by **April 1, 2011**. 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