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ASSOCIATION NEWS

ETHICS HANDBOOK CHAPTER UPDATED

This week, take a look at the most recent chapter of the *County Commissioners Handbook* that was recently revised. Chapter 125 - Ethics was revised by CCAO Senior Policy Analyst Josh Hahn with the assistance of Jennifer Hardin, Chief Advisory Attorney, from the Ohio Ethics Commission. This chapter contains a summary of the Ohio Ethics Law which was enacted in 1973. County officials may obtain further information or answers to specific questions from the Ohio Ethics Commission, 30 West Spring Street – L3, Columbus, OH 43215-2256, (614) 466-7090, fax (614) 466-8368 or www.ethics.ohio.gov.

To view Chapter 125 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
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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.

CCAO JUSTICE & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE – APRIL 5

CCAO Justice and Public Safety Committee chair Bob Proud (Clermont) has scheduled a committee meeting on Tuesday, April 5 from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon in the CCAO Offices, 209 East State Street, in Columbus.

Guest speakers will be Senator Tim Grendell (Dist. 18), Chairman - Senate Judiciary Committee on Criminal Justice, who will discuss sentencing reform and justice reinvestment and Tim Young, State Public Defender, who will discuss the State Public Defender budget and legislation transferring responsibility for indigent defense from the counties to the state.

In addition, the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections budget issues of ending APA assistance for pre-sentence investigations, Community Corrections Act funding, and closing of the Licking/Muskingum CBCF will be discussed. Other topics include: privatization of county jails, HB 88/SB 120 – County prosecutor to serve as legal counsel to public-supported libraries, HB 49 – Indigent defense court costs allocated to municipal courts, HB 161 – Sheriff’s requirements for office, HB 128 - Ambulance staffing requirements, and other general budget bill issues.

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

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 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.

APRIL 29, 2011 - CLERMONT COUNTY

Clermont County Engineer's Office, 2381 Clermont Center Drive, Clermont County (Batavia)
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Sharon Lawhorn, Administrative Assistant, Warren County Engineer's Office, (513) 695-3305 or Sharon.lawhorn@co.warren.oh.us

MAY 6, 2011 - SUMMIT COUNTY

The Ohio Building, 175 South Main Street, Summit County (Akron)

Theresa Upton, Clerk, Lorain County Commissioners, (440) 329-5103 or tupton@loraincounty.us

AUGUST 26, 2011 - GALLIA COUNTY
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Gallia County Courthouse, 18 Locust Street, Second Floor, Gallia County (Gallipolis)
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JoAnn Sikorski, Clerk/Administrative Assistant, Athens County Commissioners, (740) 592-3219 or jsikorski@athenscountygovernment.com

SEPTEMBER 9, 2011 - OTTAWA COUNTY
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Ottawa County Courthouse, 315 Madison Street, Ottawa County (Port Clinton)
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Rhonda Slauterbeck, Ottawa County Commissioners, (419) 734-6720 or rslauterbeck@co.ottawa.oh.us

SEPTEMBER 30, 2011 - BELMONT COUNTY

Belmont Hills Country Club, 47080 National Road, Belmont County (St. Clairsville)

JoAnn Sikorski, Clerk/Administrative Assistant, Athens County Commissioners, (740) 592-3219 or jsikorski@athenscountygovernment.com

OCTOBER 28, 2011 - ALLEN COUNTY

Johnny Appleseed Metropolitan Park District, 2550 Ada Road, Allen County (Lima)

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

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

COUNTY ACTIVITIES

2011 COUNTY HEALTH RANKINGS; DELAWARE COUNTY IS THE HEALTHIEST

The County Health Rankings report show us that where we live matters to our health. The health of a community depends on many different factors – ranging from individual health behaviors, education and jobs, to quality of health care, to the environment. The report is a collection of 50 reports – one per state – helps community leaders see that where we live, learn, work, and play influences how healthy we are and how long we live. The County Health Rankings are a key component of the Mobilizing Action Toward Community Health (MATCH) project, a collaboration between the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute.

The County Health Rankings web site provides access to the 50 state reports, ranking each county within the 50 states according to its health outcomes and the multiple health factors that determine a county's health. Each county receives a summary rank for its health outcomes and health factors and also for the four different types of health factors: health behaviors, clinical care, social and economic factors, and the physical environment. Each county can also see specific county-level data (as well as state benchmarks) for the measures upon which the rankings are based.

For the second year in a row, Delaware County ranks as the healthiest county in Ohio, while Lawrence County ranks the least healthy. The 10 healthiest counties in Ohio in order are Delaware, Geauga, Medina, Holmes, Warren, Putnam, Mercer, Greene, Hancock, and Auglaize. The 10 counties in the poorest health, starting with least healthy, are Lawrence, Scioto, Jackson, Gallia, Vinton, Meigs, Adams, Pike, Ross, and Harrison. To view your county's data, go to www.countyhealthrankings.org A summary report for Ohio can be found at www.countyhealthrankings.org/sites/default/files/states/CHR2011_OH.pdf

The Ohio Department of Health's (ODH) Creating Healthy Communities Program (www.healthyohioprogram.org/healthylife/createcomm/chc1.aspx) provides funding to 16 counties to address many of the risk factors that affect the measurements of the national study, such as poor nutrition, tobacco

use, sedentary lifestyle and chronic disease in schools, worksites, health care and community settings. ODH said that in the coming months the Health Policy Institute of Ohio will use the rankings to assist in identifying a county for the implementation of an evidence-based public health practice.

FEDERAL ACTIVITIES

EEOC PUBLISHES FINAL RULE ON ADA AMENDMENTS ACT

Last Friday, the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) published its final regulations implementing the Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments Act (ADAAA) in the Federal Register. The regulations and accompanying interpretive guidance will take effect on May 24, 2011. The ADAAA was signed into law by President Bush in September 2008 and took effect for employers January 1, 2009. The law broadens the definition of a disability under the ADA. The EEOC issued a proposed rule on September 23, 2009.

To assist employers with questions about the ADAAA, the EEOC has published the following documents:

- 1) EEOC Press Release with links to the Federal Register
<http://www.eeoc.gov/eeoc/newsroom/release/3-24-11.cfm>
- 2) Fact Sheet on the EEOC's Final Regulations Implementing the ADAAA
http://www.eeoc.gov/laws/regulations/adaaa_fact_sheet.cfm
- 3) Questions and Answers on the Final Rule Implementing the ADA Amendments Act of 2008
http://www.eeoc.gov/laws/regulations/ada_qa_final_rule.cfm

NACo ACTIVITIES

NACo ANNOUNCES AVAILABILITY OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR COMMUNITY HEALTH NEEDS ASSESSMENTS IN RURAL COUNTIES

NACo is currently accepting applications from rural counties to receive technical assistance to assess their local health needs and improve and strengthen their health care delivery systems.

County officials and local health departments can be actively engaged in community health needs assessments, which the Affordable Care Act requires nonprofit hospitals to conduct to demonstrate they are taking on uncompensated care in their communities. County involvement in this process is important to help ensure that the health care safety net burden is shared among local providers. To help facilitate this process, officials from the National Center for Rural Health Works have developed a community health needs assessment template designed specifically for rural areas.

NACo will grant a total of three technical assistance awards to rural counties on a competitive basis. Selected counties will work with the National Center for Rural Health Works consultants to implement the community health needs assessment tool to:

1. Identify local health care needs and factors affecting the local delivery of health care
2. Assess the economic impact of the local health care sector and determine how the health care system can better meet community needs
3. Strengthen relationships with community partners to improve local health care delivery

Application deadline: **April 29, 2011**. For more information, or contact Anita Cardwell, NACo Senior Associate in Community Services, at (202) 942-4267 or acardwell@naco.org or www.naco.org/ruralhealth

COUNTY GOVERNMENT WORKS

America's counties face a problem. We know that America's counties provide outstanding programs and services, but unfortunately, many Americans do not know about the responsibilities counties have or the programs and services they provide.

NACo President Glen Whitley launched an initiative to make the American public, who are beneficiaries of government services, and officials at other levels of government, who are partners in delivering those services, more knowledgeable and positive about the contributions of county government. County officials must tell the story about the effectiveness of county government and how County Government Works every day.

Counties keep the important records, such as birth and death certificates, marriage licenses and property records. We build roads and bridges and ensure their safety. Some counties maintain parks with soccer and baseball fields. We care for the sick, operate hospitals, pick up trash, provide police protection, handle emergency services, run courts and jails and conduct elections.

Counties are innovative. We use new technology and always search for ways to provide services more efficiently. Many counties strive to use energy more efficiently and to protect our environment. We deal with important issues like health care, immigration and job loss.

We are leaders in our communities and have to make tough decisions affecting our friends and neighbors. We get questioned by constituents at the grocery store, at church and on phone calls late at night. It's not an easy job, but we are committed to our communities and the families and individuals we serve. For more information about County Government Works, go to www.naco.org/programs/countiesdo/Pages/default.aspx

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

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.

CLASSIFIEDS

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.

WATER TREATMENT SYSTEM CHIEF OPERATOR

The Warren County Water and Sewer Department seeks a Water Treatment System Chief Operator to manage, operate, and maintain area treatment and supply facilities including water treatment plant facilities,

booster stations, elevated storage facilities and wells. Provides supervision and instruction for plant operators and staff, actively operates and maintains equipment and facilities, assists with modification of plant operations to meet regulatory standards, prepares and maintains records and reports, and performs other related duties as required. This is a working supervisor position. Assist with development and implementation of well head protection programs. Monitors, schedules, and actively participates with preventative, routine, and emergency equipment and facility maintenance. Prepares and submits reports required for plant operation. Meets with engineering firms to review detailed plans for upgrade or new construction and recommends project changes.

Preferred Qualifications: Completion of secondary education and one year work experience as a supervisor in a treatment facility; or training and/or work experience which evidences and advanced knowledge of supervision, water treatment science and operating procedures and processes of a water facility, and an advanced and/or equivalent combination of training and or experience. Must possess a Class III Operator Water Supply Works as issued by the Ohio EPA.

Application deadline: **April 15, 2011.** A Warren County application for employment must be completed. Download an application at www.co.warren.oh.us/county/jobs/index.htm. Send applications and resume to: Susan Spencer, Personnel Officer, Warren County, 406 Justice Drive, Lebanon, OH 45036 or fax to (513) 695-2547. 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