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DATES TO REMEMBER

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| JULY 11, 2011 | NORTHWEST OHIO COMMISSIONERS & ENGINEERS QUARTERLY MEETING, VAN WERT BANQUET CENTER, VAN WERT COUNTY (VAN WERT) |
| JULY 15-19, 2011 | NACo ANNUAL CONFERENCE, MULTNOMAH COUNTY (PORTLAND), OR |
| AUGUST 10, 2011 | SOCIAL NETWORKING FOR PUBLIC ENTITIES, 2 ND WEDNESDAY SEMINAR SERIES, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS |

ASSOCIATION NEWS

CEBCO LAUNCHES WEBSITE – CHECK OUT RESOURCES FOR YOUR COUNTY

The next time you're surfing the web check out and bookmark the newly launched website for CEBCO – the County Employee Benefits Consortium – at www.cebc.org. Information on the new site, which is also linked to the CCAO site, includes background on CEBCO, board of directors, vendor partners (Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield, CVS Caremark - prescriptions, Delta Dental, VSP – vision care, Anthem Life Insurance, and CompPsych Employee Assistance Program), plan designs, wellness initiatives, testimonials from CEBCO members, information on joining CEBCO, meeting dates, and staff profiles.

Since 2004, 23 counties including Allen, Ashland, Ashtabula, Athens, Butler, Carroll, Champaign, Clark, Clinton, Darke, Delaware, Geauga, Hardin, Hocking, Logan, Madison, Morrow, Putnam, Ross, Seneca, Union, Washington, and Williams counties, and the CCAO staff have joined the consortium to help “Counties Uniting for Affordable Health Benefits.” If you have any questions about CEBCO, contact the staff at (614) 221-5627 or (888) 757-1904.

2ND WEDNESDAY SEMINAR SERIES: SOCIAL NETWORKING FOR PUBLIC ENTITIES

CCAO encourages commissioners and other county officials to attend the next CCAO 2nd Wednesday Seminar Series on “Social Networking for Public Entities” on August 10, 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.

In the 21st Century Americans increasingly expect to be able to use social media and electronic means to access every level of government for public information and government services. Social media is being used

to connect the public to government information and services and to provide reciprocal communication between government agencies and the public. Learn from public information officers and legal counsel how social media is being used to connect citizens with county agencies and the challenges that face government agencies in developing social media programs.

The 2nd Wednesday sessions are design 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 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 Tanya McComas, CCAO Administrative Assistant, at tmccomas@ccao.org Please include the name and title of those attending and the county, agency or company they represent.

STATE ACTIVITIES

OHIO ARTS COUNCIL CALL FOR LISTINGS FOR THE 2012 OHIO ARTS FESTIVALS & COMPETITIONS DIRECTORY

Looking for an easy and free way to promote economic development with your arts festival or competition? The Ohio Arts Council is assembling its *2012 Ohio Arts Festivals & Competitions Directory* and invites Ohio festivals and competitions that feature arts and crafts to submit their listings. The directory contains detailed information about arts and crafts festivals and competitions, including dates, activities, number of spaces available for artists to display their work, fees and contact information for artists who are interested in locating places to display and sell their work and for anyone seeking arts events in Ohio. Organizers and promoters who want to list their arts festivals or competitions in the *2012 Ohio Arts Festivals & Competitions Directory* should fill out the questionnaire at www.oac.ohio.gov/search/OACFestival/FestivalDirectoryQuestionnaire.pdf The deadline for entry in the 2012 festival directory is September 11, 2011.

ATTORNEY GENERAL AWARDS \$3.5 MILLION IN DRUG USE PREVENTION GRANTS

Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine announced that 201 local law enforcement agencies in across the state will receive \$3.5 million in funding for drug use prevention programs through the Attorney General's Drug Use Prevention Grant. The grants support school-based programs that educate students about drug abuse and provide them with the tools they need to make smart decisions. The money can be used by law enforcement agencies to fund up to 50 percent of the base pay of officers who work on these programs.

This year's grants will support the efforts of 348 peace officers in 63 counties working with an estimated 366,773 students. The money will be distributed to the agencies in equal, semi-annual payments. Funding for the grants comes from driver's license reinstatement fees collected from convicted drunk drivers when their driving privileges are restored. For a list of recipients, go to www.ohioattorneygeneral.gov/DrugUsePreventionGrant

OHIO SUPREME COURT FINDS FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS IN PUBLIC RECORDS CASE

On Thursday, local governments received great news on the public records litigation front as the Ohio Supreme Court sided with the city of New Philadelphia in the Rhodes v. New Philadelphia case (Slip Opinion No. 2011-Ohio-3279).

In 2007, Timothy Rhodes, mailed a public-records request to the police department of appellant, city of New Philadelphia. Rhodes requested certain reel-to-reel tape recordings made by the police dispatch department through the use of a now-antiquated "Dictaphone-Dictatape Logger" system. He requested recordings created from 1975 through 1995. Rhodes made similar requests to Tuscarawas County, the city of Uhrichsville, the

village of Gates Mills, the city of Dover, the city of Wooster, the city of Solon, and the city of Medina. The city of New Philadelphia was able to convince the trial court that Mr. Rhodes did not actually want the records.

The Court found that the destruction of a public record in violation of R.C. 149.351(A) gives rise to a forfeiture only if the requestor was “aggrieved” by the destruction. If a public office is able to establish that the requester did not actually want the records and instead wanted the request to be denied, then a finder of fact may conclude that the requestor was not aggrieved by the destruction.

To review the slip opinion on this decision, please use the following link: <http://www.sconet.state.oh.us/rod/docs/pdf/0/2011/2011-Ohio-3279.pdf>. For more information on this decision or more details on related limitations to such lawsuits included in the recently passed state budget bill (HB 153), please contact CCAO Senior Policy Analyst Josh Hahn at (614) 220-7982, (888) 757-1904 or jhahn@ccao.org

POLLING LOCATION ACCESSIBILITY IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

County boards of elections received an announcement from Secretary of State Jon Husted regarding permanent polling location accessibility improvement grant opportunities. Grant funds will be awarded directly to the county board of elections that are interested in making justifiable permanent improvements to polling locations in order to improve the access and participation of individuals with disabilities in the electoral process. County boards of elections with polling locations that meeting the following approval priorities will be given greater consideration when the SOS reviews grant applications for permanent accessibility improvements.

1. **Tax Funded Polling Locations** – public buildings (i.e., supported by taxation under Ohio laws) needing permanent improvements
2. **Matching Funds** – polling location owner provides matching funds to help with the cost. Labor can be substituted for matching funds. Alternative funding sources can be used.
3. **Multiple Justifiable Measures** – permanent improvements must be justified and identified.

More than half of Ohio’s nearly 10,000 precincts are assigned voter polling locations in buildings supported by the state through local taxes. One-time federal funds can be leveraged to make permanent improvements at these facilities that will benefit the public not only on Election Day, but year round. For more information, please contact your board of elections.

FEDERAL ACTIVITIES

CENSUS BUREAU TO CLOSE 6 REGIONAL OFFICES

The Census Bureau announced a realignment of their national field office structure and management reforms designed to reduce costs by an estimated \$15-18 million annually beginning in 2014. The changes will result in permanently closing the Boston, Charlotte, Dallas, Detroit, Kansas City, and Seattle regional offices. The six regional offices that will remain open are Atlanta, Chicago, Denver, Los Angeles, New York, and Philadelphia. Advances in technology have allowed survey organizations to provide better tools to their field interviewers and move to a leaner management structure. More than 20 percent of the interview workload involves conducting surveys for other federal statistical agencies. For more information, go to:

<http://www.census.gov/newsroom/releases/archives/miscellaneous/realignment.html>

NACo ACTIVITIES

ELIASON TO BECOME 2011-2012 NACo PRESIDENT; LANGSTON & SANDOVAL TO RUN FOR NACo 2ND VICE PRESIDENT

The NACo 76th Annual Conference will be held July 15-19, 2011 in Multnomah County (Portland), OR. 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!

Two candidates are running for the office of NACo 2nd Vice President:

Linda Langston, Linn County (IA) Supervisor, has been actively engaged in NACo since her election in November, 2002. Her roles at NACo include serving on the Health Steering Committee for several years including 2008-2010 as chair, the Arts and Culture Commission since 2004 including 2006-2008 as chair, and the past year as the chair of Healthy Counties. She was very involved in the Restore the Partnership Project during the last election cycle and hopes to continue educating campaigns about the importance of local government partnerships. In addition, Langston was a member of the inaugural class of the County Leadership Institute in 2004. Langston believes, "NACo's resources can benefit so many communities as we bring the best services to our constituents while limiting the impact on our taxpayers. Programs such as the NACo Prescription Drug Card have saved millions of dollars. Conversely, each of us also has a responsibility to share the knowledge we have in our own communities to benefit our fellow NACo members. We can all learn from one another and that is the benefit of a member organization such as NACo." For more information, contact Linda Langston at (319) 721-3574 or <http://langston4naco.com/>

John Sandoval, Conejos County (CO) Commissioner, has chosen to run for NACo 2nd Vice President, because he feels that he has several good ideas and an ability to work with all parties for the benefit of counties across the United States. As an example, Colorado has a program called Counties Helping Counties, designed by Colorado Counties, Inc. (CCI) to serve as a clearinghouse for counties needing help with vehicles, equipment, professional staff, and advice. Sandoval believes that if implemented nationwide, this program could save money, time and resources for counties around the country. In addition, Sandoval feels that the NACo should start getting more involved in specific county issues. If certain counties are having an issue and if its resolution does not negatively affect other counties, NACo should get more involved. Sometimes just that little push that NACo can give would be enough to get them over the top. He is currently serving on the NACo Board of Directors and is a member of the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee. For more information, contact John Sandoval at (719) 580-0555 or John4nacovp@gmail.com

NACo ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS; 4 OHIO COUNTIES WIN 7 AWARDS

Begun in 1970, the National Association of Counties (NACo) Achievement Award Program is a non-competitive program that recognizes counties and state associations for improving the organization, management, services and function of county government. For over 30 years the Achievement Award Program has not only honored counties and their employees, but has also provided all counties nationwide with an extensive collection of information on successful and innovative county programs. Since 1987, the records have been fully automated so that programs can be accessed by geographic region, state, individual county program category, and key index boards.

The Achievement Awards Program gives national recognition to county accomplishments, and has enabled NACo to build a storehouse of county success stories that can be passed on to other counties. Achievement Awards will be presented during the 76th Annual Conference held July 15-19, 2011 in Multnomah County

(Portland), OR. Congratulations to Franklin, Hamilton, Montgomery, and Summit counties for earning a total of seven awards!

COUNTY	PROGRAM
Franklin	AWARE Manual for Sustainable Accessible Living
Franklin	Blendon Community Plan
Franklin	Cleveland Avenue Streetscape 2020
Hamilton	How to Dry Out Your Latex Paint - YouTube Video
Montgomery	Clerk and Common Pleas Court Integrated eFiling Solution
Montgomery	Office of Ex-Offender Reentry & Community-Wide Reentry Task Force
Summit	Summit for Kids

To take advantage of the largest data bank of information on new and significant county programs in the country, call the NACo Research Department at (202) 393-6226 or at www.naco.org and search for awards.

WEBINARS

NEW CONTRACTOR WITHHOLDING REQUIREMENTS: THE INS AND OUTS OF IRC 3402(T)

The IRS will be hosting a free one-hour webinar for state and local government entities on July 14, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. The Office of Federal, State and Local Governments (FSLG) will hold a free webinar to discuss Section 3402(t) of the Code, also known as the three percent income tax withholding on certain payments made by government entities, which is set to take effect in 2013. The webinar, New Contractor Withholding Requirements: The Ins and Outs of IRC 3402(t), will cover topics such as a history and overview of 3402(t), who must perform the withholding, what payments are subject to withholding, exceptions to the requirement, and withholding deposit and reporting mechanics. To register online and for more information go to www.visualwebcaster.com/IRS/80377/reg.asp?id=80377

ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINIONS

SYLLABUS

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A private attorney serving as a court-appointed counsel for an indigent defendant under an appointed counsel system established pursuant to R.C. 120.33 may serve as a member of a county law library resources board, provided that in his capacity as a board member (1) he does not participate in deliberations, discussions, negotiations, or votes concerning a proposal by the county prosecuting attorney to procure the use of legal research or reference materials available in print, audio, visual, or other medium or equipment necessary to support the utilization of that medium; and (2) he discharges his fiduciary duties in a manner that does not provide a special, exclusive benefit to him in his private practice of law or in his capacity as a court-appointed attorney.

CLASSIFIEDS

BENEFITS SPECIALIST POSITION

Job Responsibilities – Respond to inquiries regarding CEBCO benefits and programs. Answer questions concerning benefit structure and coverage and assist with claims issues. Travel to various counties to review reports and conduct meetings is required. Design and administer presentations for assigned county business. Thorough knowledge of HIPPA and other current health care reform legislation is essential.

Qualifications – High School diploma or equivalent. College preferred. 3-5 years experience in the health insurance industry is preferred. Life and Health license preferred. Valid Ohio driver's license and ability to meet insurance requirements is required.

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities – the knowledge of health insurance underwriting principles and the ability to understand self-insured products and consortiums is needed. Knowledge of computer programs such as Word and Excel required, along with mathematical and statistical ability. Public speaking experience is necessary.

Salary is commensurate with experience. Please send resume to Managing Director, CEBCO, 209 E. State St., Columbus, OH 43215 or e-mail resume to bsp@ccao.org by **July 22, 2011**. EOE.

ASSISTANT SANITARY ENGINEER

Under the direction of the Lucas County Sanitary Engineer, assists in the planning, direction and coordination of all activities of the Department, including administration, surveying, design, inspection, construction, operation and maintenance of water, sanitary sewer, wastewater treatment, and solid waste landfill and recycling systems. The Department includes the following divisions: Administration, Projects, Maintenance (water and sanitary sewer), Solid Waste Management District and Wastewater Treatment.

Minimum Qualifications: Bachelor's degree from an accredited program with a major in civil or environmental engineering; Licensed Professional Engineer in the State of Ohio; minimum of three years experience in the design, operation, and maintenance of wastewater collection and water distribution; minimum of three years experience in planning, directing, supervising and coordinating the work of others; documented experience with computer programs (including AutoCad) and GIS preferred; and valid Ohio Driver's license.

Application deadline: **July 29, 2011 at 4:30pm**. Please apply on-line at www.lucascountyoh.gov or submit a cover letter, resume and professional references to the Lucas County Human Resources/Personnel Department, One Government Center, Suite 450, Toledo, OH 43604. 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