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DECEMBER 11-13, 2011	CCAO/CEAO ANNUAL WINTER CONFERENCE, GREATER COLUMBUS CONVENTION CENTER, COLUMBUS

ASSOCIATION NEWS

LENNY ELIASON ELECTED NACo PRESIDENT; 1ST OHIOAN ELECTED TO LEAD OUR NATION'S COUNTIES!

Congratulations to Athens County Commissioner Lenny Eliason who was elected President of the National Association of Counties (NACo) during the 76th NACo Annual Conference held July 15-19 in Multnomah County (Portland), OR! Sworn into office at the annual business meeting on Tuesday, July 19 by CCAO Executive Director Larry Long, Lenny stated, "Thank you for allowing me the honor of representing you as President of the National Association of Counties. I am awed and humbled to stand before you here in Multnomah County."

"When I campaigned for second vice president, I spoke of five things in my platform – legislative leadership, enhancing the partnership, novel ideas, needs and you. NACo's hard work has allowed us to make great

strides over the last couple of years getting more seats on policy making boards and commissions at the federal level. We will be able to take advantage of this enhanced partnership by being involved in the conversation about legislation and the effects of that legislation before it is written and while it is being written. My presidential initiative will concentrate on raising the awareness between a healthy lifestyle and the prevention of chronic diseases. Counties can demonstrate ways to live healthy while reducing health care costs.”

Other officers sworn into office by Eliason were 1st Vice President – Chris Rogers, Douglas County, (NE) Commissioner; 2nd Vice President – Linda Langston, Linn County (IA) Supervisor, and Immediate Past President - Glen Whitley, Tarrant County (TX) Judge. Election as NACo President means that Eliason will lead NACo the next year until the 77th NACo Annual Conference, which will be held July 13-17, 2011 in Allegheny County (Pittsburgh), PA.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUND DISTRIBUTION INFORMATION

The Ohio Department of Taxation has recently released Local Government Fund distribution amounts for calendar years 2011, 2012, and the first six months of 2013. The Department of Taxation also has prepared a document entitled “Changes to the Local Government Fund, as enacted by SFY 12-13 state operating budget.” For additional information on changes made to the Local Government Fund by the State Budget. These documents are posted on our website at www.ccao.org

Ohio law requires the Department of Taxation to notify each county auditor of the amount to be distributed to its county undivided local government fund during the next calendar year. By July 20, the Department of Taxation will provide this notification to county auditors. The department also will post to its website the distribution amounts as well as the document explaining changes to the LGF.

These documents were prepared by the Tax Analysis Division within the Department of Taxation. If you would like to discuss this information, please contact Brad Cole, CCAO Managing Director of Research, at (614) 220-7981 or bcole@ccao.org

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.

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.

AUGUST 26, 2011 - GALLIA COUNTY

Gallia County Courthouse, 18 Locust Street, Second Floor, Gallia County (Gallipolis)

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

SEPTEMBER 9, 2011 - OTTAWA COUNTY

Ottawa County Courthouse, 315 Madison Street, Ottawa County (Port Clinton)

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

IN MEMORIUM

JOHN S. DOWLIN

Former Hamilton County Commissioner John S. Dowlin passed away on July 15 at his home in Sharonville after a long battle with Parkinson's disease and Alzheimer's. John left office nearly seven years ago after serving 13 years as county commissioner. He was appointed as county commissioner after Commissioner

Bob Taft was elected Ohio Secretary of State in 1990. He was elected three times before his defeat in the 2004 primary.

Prior to serving as county commissioner, John was the mayor of Sharonville for 28 years. In addition, John was a retired Proctor & Gamble executive. Colleagues commented that John always had a grasp of the issues and understood the money issues. John was known to never back down from a fight (even with his own Republican Party) and could disagree with others, but he was always a gentleman about it.

John was an active member of the CCAO and NACo Board of Directors. An active member of the Sharonville United Methodist Church, John traveled on mission trips to Haiti from time to time, but never drew attention to it in the press. John will be missed by all the lives he touched over the past 81 years.

CCAO extends heartfelt sympathy to the Dowlin Family. Notes of sympathy may be sent to his widow, Sally Dowlin, and the family at 4098 Mefford Lane, Sharonville, OH 45241.

STATE ACTIVITIES

SAFETY COUNCIL DEADLINE APPROACHING – JULY 31

A recent expansion of the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation (BWC) Safety Council Rebate Program is providing nearly 100,000 Ohio employers a new opportunity to reduce their overall premium costs - but the deadline to apply is fast approaching. Ohio employers, including those in the group-experience rating program, have until July 31 to join one of 81 BWC-sponsored safety councils and earn rebates on their workers' compensation premiums for active participation and reduced workplace injuries. For a current list of safety councils go to: <http://www.ohiobwc.com/employer/programs/safety/SandHCouncilsList.asp#F>

Eligible employers can earn a two percent rebate for attending a specific number of safety council meetings and an additional two percent for demonstrating a reduction in the frequency and/or severity of workplace incidents. New this year, BWC Administrator/CEO Stephen Buehrer has announced that unlike previous years, group-experience-rating program employers who meet program requirements can earn the two percent performance bonus rebate. To view the eligibility requirements for the fiscal year 2012 rebate, go to <http://www.ohiobwc.com/downloads/blankpdf/screbateflyer.pdf>

FEDERAL ACTIVITIES

PRESIDENT DECLARES MAJOR DISASTER FOR OHIO

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) announced that federal disaster aid has been made available to Ohio to supplement the state and local recovery efforts in the areas struck by severe storms and flooding during the period from April 4 to May 15, 2011. Federal funding is available to state, eligible local governments and certain private nonprofit organizations on a cost-sharing basis for emergency work and the repair or replacement of facilities damaged by the severe storms and flooding in Adams, Athens, Belmont, Brown, Clermont, Gallia, Guernsey, Hamilton, Hocking, Jackson, Jefferson, Lawrence, Meigs, Monroe, Morgan, Noble, Pike, Ross, Scioto, Vinton, and Washington counties. Federal funding is also available on a cost-sharing basis for hazard mitigation measures statewide.

Michael J. Lapinski has been named as the Federal Coordinating Officer for federal recovery operations in our area. Lapinski said additional designations may be made at a later date if requested by the state and warranted by the results of further damage assessments. Following is a summary of key federal disaster aid programs that can be made available as needed and warranted under President Obama's major disaster declaration issued for the State of Ohio.

Assistance for the State and Affected Local Governments Can Include as Required:

- Payment of not less than 75 percent of the eligible costs for repairing or replacing damaged public facilities, such as roads, bridges, utilities, buildings, schools, recreational areas and similar publicly owned property, as well as certain private non-profit organizations engaged in community service activities. (Source: FEMA funded, state administered.)
- Payment of not less than 75 percent of the eligible costs for removing debris from public areas and for emergency measures taken to save lives and protect property and public health. (Source: FEMA funded, state administered.)
- Payment of not more than 75 percent of the approved costs for hazard mitigation projects undertaken by state and local governments to prevent or reduce long-term risk to life and property from natural or technological disasters. (Source: FEMA funded, state administered.)

How to Apply for Assistance:

- Application procedures for state and local governments will be explained at a series of federal/state applicant briefings with locations to be announced in the affected area by recovery officials. Approved public repair projects are paid through the state from funding provided by FEMA and other participating federal agencies.

Stay informed of FEMA's activities online: videos and podcasts available at www.fema.gov/medialibrary and www.youtube.com/fema

GRANT & LOAN INFORMATION

RURAL DEVELOPMENT ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR MULTIPLE FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development announced several funding opportunities over the last several weeks. These Notices of Funding Availability (NOFAs) include both grant and loan opportunities to support regional economic development strategies, value added agriculture, broadband deployment, farm labor housing and multi-family housing. A list of all current USDA Rural Development NOFAs is available at http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/RD_NOFAs.html

27 MILLION IN SOLAR ENERGY PROJECT GRANTS AVAILABLE

The U.S. Department of Energy is offering \$27 million in funding to reduce non-hardware costs associated with solar energy projects. This includes \$12.5 million in challenge grants to help counties and cities streamline permitting processes, and \$15 million to improve information technology and local zoning and building codes. For the solicitation and more information on the challenge, go to <https://eere-exchange.energy.gov/>

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.

WATER TREATMENT PLANT OPERATOR III

Warren County seeks candidates for a full-time Water Treatment Plant Operator III position to operate the water treatment plant facility, perform preventive maintenance, draw water samples and perform basic chemical tests, and perform other duties as required. Qualifications: completion of secondary education; training and/or work experience which evidences basic knowledge of water and chemistry, safety practices and procedures, water treatment plant equipment operations, and the operation of laboratory testing equipment, and/or equivalent combination of training and/or experience. Licensure requirements: Class II Water Supply Works Operator's License, Ohio EPA operational certification for chlorine and fluoride tests, and valid Ohio driver's license. For application information go to <http://www.co.warren.oh.us/county/jobs/index.htm> Application deadline: 5:00 p.m. on July 29, 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 4:30 p.m.** 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.

ENTERPRISE FUND CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

Hamilton County Administration has an excellent opportunity for a CFO responsible for the financial affairs of the Metropolitan Sewer District. The successful candidate will have an undergraduate degree in accounting or business with five year's experience in a supervisory capacity, comprehensive knowledge of computer financial accounting systems in a fund accounting environment, familiarity with complex utility rate study analyses, and exposure to complex economic development financing and debt issuance processes and associated documents. Application deadline; **August 10, 2011**. For details and to apply, go to www.hamilton-co.org/hr EOE.

ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNER

The Licking County Planning Commission is accepting applications for the position of Environmental Planner. This position will report to the Planning Manager and the duties will include floodplain management, solid waste management, wetland review for proposed developments, environmental assessments for CDBG projects, mapping and a variety of similar duties.

Qualified candidates will possess a Bachelor's Degree from a four-year college or university and one to two years' related experience and/or training; or equivalent combination of education and experience. A valid Ohio Driver's license and Association of State Floodplain Managers (ASFPM) Certified Floodplain Manager (CFM) Certification are required and a Certified Professional in Erosion Sediment Control (CPESC) and Certified Professional in Stormwater Quality (CPSWQ) are preferred.

The successful candidate will be proficient in Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, Publisher, Power Point, Outlook, etc.), and ESRI ArcGIS 10 software. The ability to understand HEC-RAS software and interpret and apply the results is preferred.

For more information go to www.lcounty.com or visit the Human Resources Department, 20 South Second Street, 3rd Floor, Newark, OH 43055. Final candidates will be subject to Licking County's pre-employment drug screen. Application deadline: **Friday, August 12, 2011**. EOE.

PLANNING DIRECTOR

The Licking County Planning Commission (LCPC) is seeking a qualified director to provide leadership and direction for the overall operation of planning. This is an unclassified position that reports to the Planning Commission. The Director will operate under the administrative policies and procedures of the Licking County Board of County Commissioners but serves at the pleasure of the LCPC.

This position acts as a visionary and identifies issues and will recommend plans of action to improve and enhance the quality of life for the inhabitants of Licking County on behalf of the Planning Commission and the Licking County Board of Commissioners. Qualified applicants must possess a Bachelor's Degree and six to eight year's experience in Planning and/or Development or equivalent combination of education and experience. A minimum of two years of supervisory experience is required. A Master's Degree in a related field is preferred.

Successful candidates will possess a Valid Ohio Driver's License and an American Institute of Certified Planner Certification (AICP) as well as extensive knowledge of land-use, zoning, planning process, access management, and transportation, Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) and governmental policies, procedures and operations. A working knowledge of Community and Economic Development rules and regulations are a must.

For more information go to www.lcounty.com or visit the Human Resources Department, 20 South Second Street, 3rd Floor, Newark, OH 43055. Final candidates will be subject to Licking County's pre-employment drug screen. Application no deadline: **Friday, August 12, 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