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DATES TO REMEMBER

NOVEMBER 29, 2011	CCAO JOINT COMMITTEE ON THE ADMINISTRATION OF ELECTIONS, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS
DECEMBER 11-13, 2011	CCAO/CEAO ANNUAL WINTER CONFERENCE, GREATER COLUMBUS CONVENTION CENTER, FRANKLIN COUNTY (COLUMBUS)
MARCH 3-7, 2012	NACo LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE, WASHINGTON HILTON & TOWERS, WASHINGTON, DC
MARCH 7, 2012	OHIO CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION BREAKFAST, RAYBURN HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING – ROOM B-340, WASHINGTON, DC

ASSOCIATION NEWS

HAPPY THANKSGIVING; CIDS TO RETURN DECEMBER 2

The County Information and Data Service (CIDS) and Statehouse Report will not be published next week due to the shortened work week. CIDS and the Statehouse Report will be published again on December 2, 2011. Happy Thanksgiving from the CCAO family to your family!

CCAO/CEAO WINTER CONFERENCE UPDATE

Join CCAO/CEAO for our 131st Annual Winter Conference to be held December 11-13, 2011 at the Greater Columbus Convention Center (GCCC), 400 North High Street, in downtown Columbus. There have been some Conference format changes. Register for the conference by Monday, November 14 and save money!

In the past, the Conference has ended on Wednesday at noon. To save county officials time away from the office and additional lodging cost, the CCAO and CEAO sessions will end this year after the Tuesday Luncheon & Closing General Session. **All meetings and the trade show will be held at the GCCC instead of the Hyatt Regency.** Moving the conference venue opens up more opportunities for exhibitors to participate, because there are no load limits in the exhibit hall.

Another change is the hotel room blocks. The headquarters hotel will be the Hyatt Regency. The Sunday night reception, Monday night karaoke reception, hospitality suites, and a block of hotel rooms are at the Hyatt

Regency. Additional blocks of hotel rooms are available at the Crowne Plaza, and the Hampton Inn & Suites. Hotel reservation information is located on the conference registration form. Please note the Conference format changes when making your hotel reservations.

CCAO/CEAO is pleased to announce that U.S. Senator Sherrod Brown has accepted our invitation to speak at the Monday, December 12 Luncheon and Opening General Session. In addition, Mark Kvamme, President & Interim Chief Investment Officer of JobsOhio, will speak at the Tuesday, December 13 Luncheon and Closing General Session.

Monday, December 12

CCAO Sessions

- Tools for Counties – Auditor of State Policy Initiatives (129th General Assembly)
- Retirement Happens: Will You Be Ready?
- Reducing Workplace Staff Through Layoffs & Other Actions
- Conservation, Conservation Every Where. Can I Make By Bills Shrink? Conservation, Conservation Every Where. Do I Want To Drink?
- Wellness Initiative: “W.I.F.M.” What’s In It For Me?
- Impact of the Great Recession of Property Tax Revenue
- HB 66 – Sentencing Reform & Justice Reinvestment
- Government Structure Reform
- Best Practices For Workplace Investigations & Employee Discipline
- Area 7 Consortium Meeting

CCAO/CEAO/Affiliate Session

- OPERS for Soon-to-be Retirees

CCAO Annual Business Meeting & Election of Officers will be held on Monday morning at 11:00 a.m.

CCAO/CEAO Reception, Banquet & Installation of Officers will be begin on Monday evening at 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 13

District Meetings – NW, SW & SE Commissioners & Engineers and the NE District Commissioners Associations will meet on Tuesday morning.

CCAO Sessions

- CCAO Legislative Update featuring Ohio Job & Family Services Director Michael Colbert speaking about “Work Participation Rates & a Potential Financial Penalty for Ohio”
- Shared Services: Changing the County Service Model Delivery Through Partnerships
- Oil & Natural Gas Developments: What the Frack are You Talking About? What Shale We Do?
- Solid Waste Law Revisited: Changes on the Horizon?

The registration materials and frequently revised CCAO, CEAO and affiliate agendas are posted at www.ccao.org Click on the article on the front page. ***The conference format has changed. Please review the agenda!***

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS RING

In 1986, CCAO authorized the creation of an official ring for county commissioners. The ring was designed at the request of current and former county commissioners under the guidance of CCAO. To order a ring, please

contact Mike Miller at Miller’s Jewelers in Mansfield at (419) 522-2793 or www.millersjewelry.com It takes about six weeks for delivery of the rings.

STATE ACTIVITIES

2012 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

HOLIDAY	LEGAL HOLIDAY
New Year’s Day	January 2
Martin Luther King Day	January 16
President’s Day	February 20
Memorial Day	May 28
Independence Day	July 4
Labor Day	September 3
Columbus Day	October 8
Veteran’s Day	November 12
Thanksgiving Day	November 22
Christmas Day	December 25

FEDERAL ACTIVITIES

SENATE PASSES 3 PERCENT WITHHOLDING REPEAL – NACo KEY 2011 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITY

After a resounding victory in the House, last week the Senate quickly began consideration of H.R. 674, legislation to repeal the three percent withholding requirement. On Nov. 7, early indication that H.R. 674 could pass the Senate showed when Majority Leader Reid scheduled a test vote by filing a cloture motion. By a vote of 94-1, Senators overwhelmingly voted to invoke cloture so that the chamber could proceed to the bill. As the week progressed, NACo received reports of possible amendments to the bill, two were ultimately voted on.

The first amendment, offered by Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.), included several provisions that are also found in S.1720, the GOP-backed Jobs for Growth Act. Among the provisions are: a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution, a reduced corporate income tax and line-item veto power for the president. This amendment was taken up first and needed 60 votes to succeed. In the end, the amendment failed to be adopted largely along party lines, 40-46.

Immediately after, the next amendment, offered by Senator Jon Tester (D-Mont.) was taken up and also needed 60 votes to succeed. The Tester amendment provides tax credits to businesses for hiring veterans. The veterans’ measure enjoys bipartisan support as it combines elements of President Obama’s jobs plan with bipartisan bills sponsored by Senate Veterans’ Affairs Chairwoman Patty Murray (D-Wash.) and House Veterans’ Affairs Chairman Jeff Miller (R-Fla.). The amendment was successfully adopted by a bipartisan vote of 94-1.

Upon completion of those votes, the Senate moved right into the vote to repeal the three percent withholding requirement. In another overwhelming show of support, the Senate voted to repeal the requirement by a vote of 95-0.

Given that the Senate passed an amended version of H.R. 674, due to the requirement that both chambers must pass identical bills before it can be sent to the President for signing, the bill now goes back to the House where it is expected to be taken up immediately and pass as amended. A House vote could occur as early as November 15.

The three percent withholding requirement was enacted when the Tax Increase Prevention & Reconciliation Act (TIPRA) was passed in 2005. NACo has strongly opposed the requirement ever since. It mandated many county governments, beginning in 2013, to start withholding 3 percent from certain payments for goods and services and then remit the withholdings to the U.S. Treasury. For more information, contact Mike Belarmino, NACo Associate Legislative Director, at (202) 942-4254 or mbelarmino@naco.org

PORTMAN 'HOPEFUL' DEBT COMMITTEE WILL REACH DEAL IN TIME

U.S. Senator Rob Portman (R-OH) said he is optimistic the so-called "super committee" will be able to achieve its deficit reduction goal on time but supports across-the-board cuts if the panel fails. The Joint Committee on Deficit Reduction, of which Portman is a member, is tasked with finding \$1.2 trillion in cuts by November 23. If the bipartisan group fails to come to an agreement in time it would trigger sequestration, or across-the-board cuts to all programs.

"I remain hopeful that we can pull something together here at the last minute, but to be frank with you, the time is quickly approaching where we would have to present a proposal to the congressional budget office for a final score," he said during a conference call with reporters. "It's incredibly important that we succeed, in my view. If we do not succeed in coming up with any debt reduction there is ... a sequester of \$1.2 trillion which will go into effect. In my view that sequester should not be turned off." If sequestration is triggered, it would not go into effect until January 1, 2013, after the next election.

Portman said the nation hit another record debt level this week: \$15 trillion. He was supportive of a proposal laid on the table more than a week ago that gets behind Democrats' requirement for new tax revenue in addition to tax reform. Portman said he is also working toward instituting corporate tax reform to make the country more competitive and help the job market. "The proposal that I supported that we put on the table about 10 days ago does provide for the revenue that Democrats said that they were requiring for us to move forward on any entitlement changes, and so I think it's a balanced approach that does provide the path forward for us to both have pro-growth tax reform ... and it also makes significant changes on the spending side," he said.

AMENDMENT TO ELIMINATE FUNDING FOR ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

This week, the Senate began work on the second "minibus" (H.R. 2354) after the chamber voted to invoke cloture on November 10. This would continue funding for government operations until December 19, as the expiration of the current continuing resolution on November 18 approaches. The three appropriations bills included in H.R. 2354 are Energy-Water, Financial Services and State-Foreign Operations. NACo has received reports that an amendment to H.R. 2354 is expected to zero out funding for the U.S. Elections Assistance Commission (EAC). Funding for the commission is provided in the Financial Services spending bill. The U.S. EAC was established under the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) to perform multiple functions relating to federal involvement in election administration. The establishment of a dedicated federal agency, outside of the Federal Elections Commission, whose sole function was to focus on the improvement of the election

process, was supported by NACo along with other election reform stakeholders. NACo opposes efforts that would effectively eliminate the EAC.

The Ohio Association of Election Officials (OAEO) sent a letter to Senator Portman, who serves on the Super Committee, regarding the possible elimination of the EAC. For local election officials, the EAC has become a repository and resource of election management procedures, performance measures, election materials, and administrative knowledge. The EAC makes up approximately half a percent of the total federal operating budget.

Please call Senators Portman and Brown urge them to oppose efforts to eliminate funding for the EAC. For more information, contact Mike Belarmino, NACo Associate Legislative Director, at (202) 942-4254 or mbelarmino@naco.org

NACo ACTIVITIES

JUVENILE DETENTION REFORM GUIDE UPDATES ALTERNATIVE PRACTICES

NACo has published the second edition of “Juvenile Detention Reform – A Guide for County Officials.” As more troubled youth are being placed in juvenile detention centers, many counties are at a crossroads for how to solve the problem of juvenile detention overcrowding. In facing these problems in the past, the solution has been to simply add more detention beds. However many counties are now taking a major step towards improving local juvenile detention practices by closely examining current practices and searching for proven alternatives. Research shows that the juvenile crime rate across the country has decreased, yet reliance on secure detention is up. To view a copy go to <http://admin.naco.org/programs/csd/Pages/Justice.aspx>

FRAMEWORK FOR DIGITALLY INCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES SURVEY

The Institute of Museum and Library Services (ILMS), working with the International City/County Management Association, and the Technology & Social Change Group of the University of Washington Information School, is seeking public input on its proposed framework for “Building Digitally Inclusive Communities.” The framework is intended to help community leaders convene discussions and solicit the information and stakeholder engagement required to make strategic decisions about providing public access to broadband. As access to technology becomes increasingly more important, communities must develop plans that ensure that all sectors—including residents—have access to digital technologies, especially the Internet. Please access the survey <http://imls-framework.surveyanalytics.com> by or before November 30.

SEMINARS/WEBINARS

FUTURE OF FINANCING COUNTY ENERGY PROJECTS

Over the past three years, many counties have been making significant energy project investments in their facilities—resulting in real savings over the long term and resource protection. Yet, much of the state and federal funding counties have relied on is not going to be available in 2012. The world of county energy finance is changing quickly. Join NACo on December 1, 2011 from 2:00 to 3:15 p.m. for a webinar on the “Future of Financing County Energy Projects” to learn about the new strategies available to finance your county energy projects. To register, go to <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/370328770>

ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINIONS

SYLLABUS

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R.C. 3313.13 prohibits an assistant prosecuting attorney from serving as a member of a board of education of a city school district located within the county in which he is employed as an assistant prosecuting attorney. (2004 Op. Att'y Gen. No. 2004-049 and 1969 Op. Att'y Gen. No. 69-133, approved and followed.)

CLASSIFIEDS

JOB & FAMILY SERVICES DIRECTOR

The Director is to oversee the operation of a quadruple-combined Department of Job and Family Services overseeing the operation of Workforce Development, Adult and Child Protection Services, Child Support Enforcement and Human Services functions. This position receives direct supervision from the Board of County Commissioners.

Minimum Requirements: 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. Erie County resident preferred. Pre-employment testing required. An in-depth job description can be reviewed at the Human Resources Office on Columbus Avenue.

Qualified applicants apply to the Department of Human Resources, 2900 Columbus Avenue, Suite 210, Sandusky, OH or visit www.eriecountv.oh.gov. A completed Erie County application must be stamped into the Human Resources Department **by 4:30 p.m., December 2, 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