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DATES TO REMEMBER

JANUARY 20, 2012	CCAO BOARD OF DIRECTORS ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS
JANUARY 27, 2012	CCAO HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS
FEBRUARY 8, 2012	CCAO 2 ND WEDNESDAY SEMINAR: COUNTY AIRPORTS: FUNDING, OPERATIONS & ECONOMIC IMPACT, CCAO OFFICES, 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

LIEBERMAN ESTABLISHES 2012 COMMITTEES

CCAO President Deb Lieberman (Montgomery) has appointed committee leadership for 2012. The CCAO Board of Trustees will review and vote on the recommendations at their organizational meeting to be held on Friday, January 20. The following committees and chairs have been established:

- **Agriculture & Rural Affairs**
Chair: Chris Abbuhl, Tuscarawas County Commissioner
Vice Chair: Rich Myers, Henry County Commissioner
- **General Government & Operations**
Chair: John O'Grady, Franklin County Commissioner
Vice Chair: Ed Humphrey, Clermont County Commissioner
- **Health & Human Services**
Chair: Paula Prentice, Summit County Council Member
Vice Chair: Otto Nicely, Defiance County Commissioner
- **Jobs, Economic Development & Infrastructure**
Chair: Gary Lee, Union County Commissioner
Vice Chair: Judy Dodge, Montgomery County Commissioner

- **Metropolitan & Regional Affairs**
 Chair: Pete Gerken, Lucas County Commissioner
 Vice Chair: Janet Weir Creighton, Stark County Commissioner
- **Public Safety & Criminal Justice**
 Chair: Bob Proud, Clermont County Commissioner
 Vice Chair: Ben Nutter, Seneca County Commissioner
- **Taxation & Finance**
 Chair: Tim Bubb, Licking County Commissioner
 Vice Chair: Ginny Favede, Belmont County Commissioner

Participation on committees is an opportunity to network and share problems with other commissioners; learn about, review and make recommendations to current and pending legislation. The CCAO members and staff want to thank the 2011 CCAO Standing Committee leadership for their dedication, time, and work on committees last year. CCAO is a strong and well respected organization, because of the hard work of our members. Thank you for a job well done. We appreciate your participation.

CCAO HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE TO MEET JAN. 27

Paula Prentice, Summit County Council Member and CCAO Health & Human Services Committee Chair, has scheduled a meeting on January 27, 2012 at the CCAO Offices, 209 East State Street, in downtown Columbus. The meeting begins at 10:00 a.m. Lunch will be served.

The agenda will include, among other items, a presentation from the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation regarding their advocacy on expanding the use of county Bureau for Children with Medical Handicaps funds, and a discussion around Ohio Works First work participation rates.

RSVP your attendance by January 24 to Amanda Jones, CCAO Administrative Assistant, at (614) 220-7985 or ajones@ccao.org

HANDBOOK CHAPTER ON THE COUNTY HUMAN SERVICE AGENCIES PUBLISHED

Recently, Chapter 43 – County Human Service Agencies of the County Commissioners Handbook was published on the CCAO website. Find the chapter at www.ccao.org > Publications > County Commissioners Handbook or click on the Handbook button on the front page. For more information, contact Laura Abu-Absi, CCAO Policy Analyst, at (614) 220-7996, (888) 757-1904 or labu-absi@ccao.org

2012 2nd WEDNESDAY SEMINAR SERIES: COUNTY AIRPORTS: FUNDING, OPERATIONS AND ECONOMIC IMPACT

CCAO encourages commissioners and other county officials to attend the next CCAO 2nd Wednesday Seminar Series on “County Airports: Funding, Operations and Economic Impact” on February 8, 2012 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The 2nd Wednesday Seminar Series is held at the CCAO offices, 209 East State Street, in Columbus.

This informational seminar will include information on the economic value of airports, Federal Aviation Administration and state contractual agreements, airport improvement funding, and insurance and liability concerns.

The 2nd Wednesday sessions are designed to be very interactive, allowing ample opportunity for attendees to ask questions and have dialogue directly with speakers. All sessions are free and parking is available in the 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.

2012 CCAO ROSTER UPDATES

Yes, it's that time again...time to update information for the 2012 CCAO Roster! Thanks for the 25 counties that have updated their information! There will be changes in the Roster this year. The accuracy of the data in the Roster is of utmost importance. Please update the information after reorganization of the Board of County Commissioners.

Newly appointed commissioners and veteran commissioners that want to update their photos should e-mail them in a high resolution, jpg format. If you send an actual photo, please write the name of the person and their county on the back of the photo. Please do not staple, fax photos, or send photos from the newspaper, because the reproduction quality is poor. All information and photos should be returned to CCAO by January 27, 2012. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Jane Neiman, CCAO Public Relations Associate, at (614) 220-7979, (888) 757-1904, or mjneiman@ccao.org

STATE ACTIVITIES

CONTROLLING BOARD APPROVES PARTICIPATION IN FEDERAL VEHICLE PROGRAM

On Monday, the Controlling Board approved a request to release competitive bidding authority for the Department of Public Safety to buy law enforcement, fire and emergency medical services agency vehicles through the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) Vehicle Contract Program called Auto Choice in St. Louis, MO. This program has been available through the Ohio Department of Public Safety (DPS) for years for state agencies. DPS is authorized to participate in the Program by ORC 127.16 (B). The panel agreed to grant the department a waiver on competitive bidding requirements for \$1.5 million in both fiscal year 2012 and FY 2013.

This action authorizes local first responder agencies to participate in the Auto Choice Program by purchasing at a tremendous savings through the DPS, which acts as a pass through agency. Authorization for local entities to participate in this program is authorized by ORC 9.48. DPS receives the orders from local Ohio law enforcement agencies, collects the funds in advance for the purchase, and pays the invoice when the vehicles are delivered.

Rep. Clayton Luckie (D-Dayton) questioned the benefit to the state economy during discussions on DPS' request to allow the local law enforcement and first responders to purchase the vehicles through the U.S. GSA. Luckie said he had been in conversations with dealerships that expressed concern about the impact that dealing with an out-of-state entity could have on jobs in Ohio. He said he believes a projected savings on delivery fees of \$160 per vehicle is not enough to warrant a loss of work for Ohioans and revenue for the state. He said the dealerships have asked for the "the opportunity to match" the amount offered in the DPS request.

Local law enforcement and first responders are able to choose if they want to participate in the program, but are authorized by ORC 125.04 (C) and 9.48 (D) to shop local. Local entities have the option of taking the GSA quote to the local dealership to ask them to match the price. For more information about participating in the program, please contact Craig Batzer, Administrator of the Federal Vehicle Program, at (614) 752-7806.

FEDERAL ACTIVITIES

IRS UPDATES GUIDANCE ON W-2 REPORTING OF HEALTH INSURANCE COSTS ON W-2S

On January 3, 2012, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) released Notice 2012-9, which provides further guidance on reporting the cost of Employer-provided health care coverage on an employer's 2012 Form W-2. The latest Notice addresses several implementation issues that emerged after last year's guidance found in IRS Notice 2011-28. This requirement is effective in 2013 for 2012 W-2 Forms.

- Employers who issued less than 250 W-2's in the previous year (2012 for 2011) are relieved from complying with the ACA W-2 reporting requirement until further notice.
- Employer that contributes to a multiemployer plan is not required to include the cost of coverage under that multiemployer plan on the W-2.
- The following benefit plan costs DO NOT have to be included in the W-2 cost of coverage:
 - Health Reimbursement Arrangements (HRA)
 - Stand-alone dental and vision plans
 - Long-term care policies
 - Amount contributed to an Archer MSA
 - Amount contributed to any Health Savings Account (HSA)
 - Salary Reduction elections to a healthcare Flexible Spending Account (FSA)
- In general, employers may only need to report annual medical plan costs on the W-2 Statements. The following are acceptable methods to calculate the cost of coverage:
 - Plans may base the cost on the premium charged for each tier of coverage.
 - Plans may use a COBRA "premium equivalent". The cost reported on the W-2 would not include the 2% COBRA administration fee.

NOTE: The cost of coverage is reported irrespective of whether the employee has paid for the coverage with pre or post tax contributions. The cost of coverage does not reflect imputed income required to be included in wages. The W-2 must reflect actual costs during a calendar year. (Employers with off-calendar year plans will need to pro-rate and reflect any cost changes that occur during the calendar year.) The aggregate cost of applicable employer- sponsored coverage is defined as the total cost of coverage under all applicable employer-sponsored coverage provided to the employee, including both the cost paid by the employer and the employee.

- The cost shown for terminated employees must be determined using a reasonable method applied consistently to all participants.

IRS Notice 2012-9 is available at: <http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-drop/n-12-09.pdf>

NACo ACTIVITIES

ONLINE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD APPLICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE

Applications for the 2012 Achievement Award program are now available. The annual program is non-competitive and recognizes innovative county government programs. Since this is not a competition, each submission is judged on its own merits based on the criteria outlined in the application information. Last year, more than 470 programs were recognized from 97 counties in 29 states. The following Ohio counties won a combined total of seven awards: Franklin (3), Hamilton (1), Montgomery (2), and Summit (1).

This year's application process moves to an all-electronic format. Applicants must submit each program narrative and any supplemental materials through the online application system. This new process eliminates the time and costs associated with mailing application materials. To guide applicants through the process, there is a Frequently Asked Questions document and a video tutorial of the application process on the Achievement Awards page of the NACo website, www.naco.org/achievementawards Application deadline: February 13, 2012.

CONFERENCE/WEBINAR

DEVELOPING A SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY THAT'S RIGHT FOR YOUR COUNTY

More counties are utilizing social media communications tools every day. But what are the rules? Explore the issues your county should consider when developing a countywide social media policy, such as employee access and conduct, content, security and legal matters. Learn directly from county representatives who have developed social media policies for their county. Join the National Association of Counties for a member-only webinar on Wednesday, February 8, 2012 from 2:00-3:15 p.m. To register, NACo member counties should go to <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/794188794>

NACo LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE

The National Association of Counties (NACo) Legislative Conference will be held March 3-7, 2012 at the newly renovated Washington Hilton and Towers in Washington, D.C. This annual Conference gathers over 2,000 elected and appointed county officials from across the country to focus on legislative issues facing county government. Hear from political commentators Tucker Carlson and Eleanor Clift, who will jointly present a view of Congress and the 2012 Election at the Opening Session. Register online to save \$25. Go to www.naco.org for more information.

Mark your calendars for the Ohio Congressional Delegation Breakfast to be held on March 7, 2012 at 8:00 a.m. in the Rayburn House Office Building – Room B-340 in Washington, D.C. More information to follow.

ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINION

SYLLABUS

2012-001

A retiring judge of a court of common pleas may not receive a cash payment for sick leave that he accrued as a county employee prior to becoming a judge. (1980 Op. Att'y Gen. No. 80-057, syllabus, paragraph 3, approved and followed.)

CLASSIFIEDS

DIRECTOR OF GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

The Ohio Turnpike Commission is seeking a Director of Government Affairs to work at the Administration Building in the Executive Office. Serves as a liaison between the Commission and public officials in federal, state, county and local government in an effort to build relationships and to enhance the image of the Ohio Turnpike Commission; coordinates communications; develops and maintains process by which local government officials, organizations and general public become involved in Commission programs; handles legislative and government affairs inquiries; leads analysis of proposed legislative actions and determines the potential impact on the organization. Minimum qualifications: five years' experience in government affairs. Application deadline: **January 20, 2012.** For more information go to www.ohioturnpike.org/about/career/job_openings/

ADAMHS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Wood County ADAMHS (Alcohol, Drug and Mental Health) Board is seeking applications for an Executive Director to be in charge of carrying out the mandates of the ADAMHS Board. Duties: advance the goals and purposes of the ADAMHS Board; provide financial and operational reports; ensure Board and funded agencies are in compliance with regulatory and compliance issues; consult with agencies and contractors; and prepare, manages, and maintain budget and fiscal reporting. Minimum of Master's Degree with five years' experience in program management and administration. Application deadline: **February 15, 2012**. For more information go to www.wcadamh.org

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