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| 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 |
| APRIL, 2012 | NATIONAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT MONTH |

ASSOCIATION NEWS

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 calendar and plan to attend the Ohio Congressional Delegation Breakfast on March 7, 2012 at 8:00 a.m. in the Rayburn House Office Building – Room B-340 in Washington, D.C. More details to follow.

2012 CCAO STANDING COMMITTEE LEADERSHIP & BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPOINTEES APPROVED

CCAO Standing Committee leadership and Presidential Board of Directors Appointees appointed by CCAO President Deb Lieberman (Montgomery) were approved by the CCAO Board of Directors at their organizational meeting today.

STANDING COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

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

PRESIDENTIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPOINTMENTS

Edward FitzGerald, Cuyahoga County Executive
Patricia Geissman, Medina County Commissioner
Mike Halleck, Columbiana County Commissioner
Ralph Jennings, Brown County Commissioner
Ted Kalo, Lorain County Commissioner
Dennis Stapleton, Delaware County Commissioner
David Wesler, Preble County Commissioner
Tom Wheaton, Carroll County Commissioner
Ronald Wyss, Hardin County Commissioner

APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

CCAO encourages your active participation on our Standing Committees during 2012. The challenges counties will be facing in 2012 will be significant. Our Standing Committees will be tasked with addressing various public policy proposals and developing recommendations for the 2013-2014 CCAO Legislative Platform. Your active participation and input are vital to the process. Standing Committees have three primary purposes:

1. To serve as an information resource to members by providing a forum to discuss issues of importance to members. Committees should provide members the opportunity to share problems and learn how other members have responded to similar problems. Standing Committees should also use outside resources in their discussion-of issues including affiliates, other elected officials, and state agency personnel.
2. To review pending legislation and make recommendations to the Board of Trustees on these legislative proposals.
3. To assist the staff on legislative issues pending in the General Assembly by providing guidance to staff, providing ideas on how to improve legislation, and by communicating with Members of the General Assembly on specific legislative proposals.

Please note: We will be retaining the Standing Committee membership from 2011. If you were a member of a particular Standing Committee last year, you WILL automatically stay on that Committee for 2012, and need NOT submit a form for 2012.

If you are not serving on a Standing Committee and are interested in serving on one or more of our Standing Committees, go to www.ccao.org and click on the article about standing committees. Submit your top three committee choices in rank order by January 25. We make every effort to accommodate your request in the order you indicate, and we generally do not appoint anyone to more than two committees.

HEALTHY COUNTIES, HEALTHY FAMILIES' THEME FOR NATIONAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT MONTH

It is never too early to start planning to celebrate National County Government Month (NCGM) in April. A booklet full of ideas to celebrate NCGM will be available on the NACo website later this month. It will contain suggested activities, a draft proclamation, a sample news release, media outreach strategies, and much more. Again this year, NACo will present an award to three counties for their outstanding NCGM activities. Details on the awards program can be found in the booklet and online at www.naco.org/ncgm later this month. For more information, contact Jim Philipps, Media Relations Manager, at (202) 942-4220 or jphilipps@naco.org

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

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.

In this highly competitive economic environment, county airports provide local communities with an economic edge necessary to attract and retain businesses that require access to convenient, general aviation airports to meet their business travel needs. Learn from individuals deeply involved in Ohio's general aviation industry the economic value of local airports, the implications of Federal Aviation Administration and state contractual agreements on counties, the status of airport improvement funding, and the importance of addressing insurance and liability concerns. Information will be provided on the role of the Ohio Office of Aviation regarding county airports.

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.

HANDBOOK CHAPTER ON CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT PUBLISHED

Recently, Chapter 46 – Child Support Enforcement 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 CCAO ROSTER UPDATES

Yes, it's that time again...time to update information for the *2012 CCAO Roster*! **Thanks for the 58 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

OHIO ATTORNEY GENERAL'S LOCAL DEBT COLLECTION SERVICES

The Ohio Attorney General's Collection Enforcement section has served for decades as the chief collection agent for debt owed to all state agencies, boards, commissions and universities.

A recent change in state law allows the Attorney General's Collection Enforcement section to collect debt that is final and owing on behalf of local governments. The Attorney General's Office is currently in discussion with Clerks of Courts across the state to begin collecting debt owed to their courts.

If you have any questions regarding this new program, please contact Jill Reardon, Director of Internal Collections at (614) 466-4510 or at LGC@OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov

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.

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

ENHANCING LOCAL CRIMINAL JUSTICE PRACTICE WITH A CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL

As counties face budget deficits, local criminal justice systems are being forced to use increasingly limited resources as wisely as possible. A criminal justice coordinating council (CJCC) is a great resource for counties that want to gain a better understanding of their local criminal justice system, to develop greater cooperation among agencies and units of local government, and to establish more effective resource allocation. Join NACo on Thursday, February 2, 2012 from 2:00–3:15 p.m. for a webinar to learn how to develop a CJCC or enhance your existing CJCC. This NACo webinar is open to everyone. For more information, contact Maeghan Gilmore, Program Director – Community Services, at (202) 942-4261 or mgilmore@naco.org To register go to <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/341726770>

SERB TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

The State Employment Relations Board (SERB) has scheduled two training opportunities:

- **SERB ACADEMY** – March 15-15, 2012 – Ohio Department of Transportation/Ohio Department of Public Safety Auditorium, 1980 West Broad Street, Columbus.
The Academy is for anyone who needs to know the basics of Ohio's Collective Bargaining Law, Administrative rules governing the process and SERB procedures. For more information go to www.serb.state.oh.us
- **ARBITRATOR & ADVOCATE SYMPOSIUM** – May 3-4, 2012 – Hyatt Regency Hotel, 350 North High Street, Columbus.
County officials and staff that specialize in the areas of arbitration, collective bargaining, employment law, human resources, labor-management relations, labor unions, management or personnel management should attend to learn and participate in discussions covering arbitration, collective bargaining, current legal issues/trends and other topics.
Mark your calendars. Information will be available soon.

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/

WATER POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT DIRECTOR

The Logan County Commissioners are seeking a qualified individual to manage the Logan County Water Pollution Control District as director. This position is responsible for all facets of operation, including personnel and fiscal management; EPA compliance; and project oversight. At a minimum, candidates must have an Associate's degree in Business, Civil Engineering, Environmental Engineering, or have 5 years of advanced responsibility in a manager position of a public utility. A Bachelor's degree is preferred but not required. Applicants with a P.E. license may also be considered for official appointment as District's sanitary engineer. Salary for this position will generally range from \$42,000 to \$65,000, based on experience and qualifications.

To apply, please submit resume and one page cover letter to the Logan County Commissioners at 117 E. Columbus Ave, Suite 100 Bellefontaine, OH 43311. Deadline for submission is **4:00 pm, February 13, 2012.** To receive a full job description, please visit the Commissioners' office or send an email to commissioners@co.logan.oh.us for electronic copy. EOE.

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 EOE.

PURCHASING DIRECTOR

Hamilton County seeks a purchasing director to manage, direct, and plan long-range purchasing activities. Bachelor's degree in business or public administration, accounting, economics, or closely related field and five years' experience in a public or private organization performing purchasing for a large scale organization and four years' supervisory experience; or an equivalent combination of training and/or work experience which indicates a comprehensive knowledge of government procurement. Preferred qualifications: certification in the function of procurement dedicated specifically for government, Certified Public Professional Buyer and/or Certified Public Professional Officer. Application deadline: **February 17, 2012.** For more information go to <http://www.hamiltoncountyohio.gov/personnel/employmentapplication.asp> EOE.

STORMWATER TECHNICIAN

The City of Lima is accepting resumes for the position of stormwater technician, Department of Public Works. Under general direction, supervises and manages the stormwater program; establishes and maintains external relationships; prepares and maintains records; maintains personal and professional competence and awareness. Work is performed under the administrative direction of the City Engineer.

Qualified candidates must possess the following: Associate's Degree in environmental science, watershed science, biology, engineering or related field, plus two years of experience working in water resources, water quality or related field. Passage of Fundamentals of Engineering (FE) or Engineering in Training (EIT) Exam, as administered by the Ohio Board of Registration for Engineers and Surveyors, preferred.

Send resumes to: Lima Civil Service Board, c/o Andrew B. King, 212 North Elizabeth Street – 2nd Fl, Lima, OH 45801. Application deadline: **February 22, 2012 at 5:00 p.m.** 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