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DATES TO REMEMBER

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| FEBRUARY 8, 2012 | CCAO 2 ND WEDNESDAY SEMINAR: COUNTY AIRPORTS: FUNDING, OPERATIONS & ECONOMIC IMPACT, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS |
| MARCH 1, 2012 | OHIO'S STATEHOOD DAY, OHIO HISTORY CENTER, 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.

The Ohio Congressional Delegation Breakfast will be held on March 7, 2012 at 8:00 a.m. in the Rayburn House Office Building – Room B-340 in Washington, D.C. Personally invite your Member of Congress to the breakfast.

APPOINTMENT OF CCAO 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. **Submission of your top three committee choices in rank order were due this past Wednesday, 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 is available on the NACo website. 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 about celebrating NCGM can be found at <http://www.naco.org/programs/countiesdo/Pages/ncgm.aspx> For more information, contact Jim Philipps, Media Relations Manager, at (202) 942-4220 or jphilipps@naco.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.

2012 CCAO ROSTER UPDATES

Yes, it's that time again...time to update information for the *2012 CCAO Roster!* **Thanks to the 70 counties that have updated their information!** 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 are due TODAY.** 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

STATE PUBLIC NOTICE WEBSITE TARGETED FOR FEBRUARY LAUNCH

Beginning in early February, courts, judges or clerks required by the Ohio Revised Code to publish public notices multiple times in a newspaper will be able to turn to a free statewide website as an alternative. The most recent state budget bill charged the state's Office of Information Technology (OIT) with creating a state public notice website.

New Ohio Revised Code section 7.16 allows a state agency or political subdivision, after initially publishing the notice in full in a general circulation newspaper, to subsequently publish an "abbreviated" notice in the newspaper if the notice directs the public to the full notice on the state public notice website. Supreme Court staff has identified about a dozen instances in statute that require multiple notices by courts, judges or clerks.

The OIT notes that users will need to register with the Ohio Business Gateway and establish an online account to use the state public notice website. Last week, OIT launched an informational version of the state public notice website at <http://publicnotice.ohio.gov/index.stm>

OHIO'S STATEHOOD DAY – MARCH 1ST

Ohio's birthday is Thursday, March 1! Join the Ohio Historical Society and nine other statewide history-related organizations who are hosting the annual Statehood Day advocacy event, this year at the Ohio History Center, 800 East 17th Avenue, in Columbus on March 1, beginning at 9:30 a.m.

This year's Statehood Day experience at the Ohio History Center will be a celebration of recent Ohio History successes and other exciting features:

- Introduction of a new Ohio History competitive matching grants program!
- Remarks by former Sen. John Glenn and Gov. John Kasich (invited)
- Networking lunch (\$25 registration required)
- The original 1802 Ohio Constitution will be on display
- Several Ohio History success stories will be featured throughout the day

For more information: <http://www.ohiohistory.org/about/lu/sd.html>

FEDERAL ACTIVITIES

USDA PROPOSES OFFICE CLOSURES

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced a major reorganization that will close 259 domestic offices. Nine of those proposed office closures would be in Ohio. The reorganization is an attempt to streamline and cut costs, while maintaining services. No employees will lose their jobs in the reorganization, but more than 7,000 USDA employees have announced plans to retire in the past 15 months, and most of those positions will be eliminated or subject to a hiring freeze.

When fully implemented, the office closures, along with other administrative changes, will provide efficiencies valued at about \$150 million annually. The 2008 Farm Bill stipulated the criteria necessary to close an office. Therefore, many of the office closures have the blessing of Congress, because they have a very small staff of one or two people, and are often within 20 miles of other USDA offices. Public hearings will be held in the locations where Farm Service Agency offices will be closed.

The USDA proposes that the following nine Ohio offices will close:

- Animal Plant Health Inspection Service – Wood County
- Agriculture Research Service – Coshocton County
- Farm Service Agency Offices – Montgomery, Meigs, Clark, Perry, and Carroll Counties
- Food & Nutrition Service – Hamilton and Franklin County

For more information and a map of office closures, visit www.usda.gov/strongerservice

GRANTS

SURFACE WATER IMPROVEMENT FUND GRANTS

The Ohio EPA is soliciting proposals for grants awarded from the Surface Water Improvement Fund (SWIF). Grants up to \$100,000 each will be awarded for the implementation of specific projects that address nonpoint source pollution and/or storm water runoff and result in water quality improvements in Ohio's streams, rivers and lakes. Grants will be awarded for a two year term—as a result, it is anticipated that most awards will be made for single site-specific projects.

The Surface Water Improvement Fund was created in 2008 and authorizes the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency to provide grant funding to applicants such as local governments, park districts, conservation organizations, and others. During 2012, it is expected that approximately \$1 million will be available for statewide Surface Water Improvement Fund grants.

Application deadline: April 30, 2012. For more information about the grants and examples of past grant projects go to <http://epa.ohio.gov/dsw/nps/swif.aspx>

NACo ACTIVITIES

APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR FIVE STAR RESTORATION GRANTS

Five Star provides \$10,000 to \$40,000 grants on a competitive basis to support community-based wetland, riparian and coastal habitat restoration projects. Winning projects build diverse partnerships and foster local natural resource stewardship through education, outreach and training activities. Application deadline:

February 15, 2012. For more information, contact Carrie Clingan, NACo Senior Associate, Community Services, at (202) 942-4246 or cclingan@naco.org or www.nfwf.org

CLASSIFIEDS

| Title | Employer | Application Deadline | For More Information. . . |
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| Executive Director | Jefferson-Belmont Regional SWA Board | February 10 at 4:00 p.m. | www.jbgreenteam.org |
| Water Pollution Control District Director | Logan County Commissioners | February 13 at 4:00 p.m. | commissioners@co.logan.oh.us |
| ADAMHS Executive Director | Wood County ADAMHS Board | February 15 | www.wcadamh.org |
| Purchasing Director | Hamilton County | February 17 | http://www.hamiltoncountyohio.gov/personnel/employmentapplication.asp |
| Stormwater Technician | City of Lima | February 22 at 5:00 p.m. | http://www.ccao.org/Portals/0/Classifieds/Stormwater%20Technician%20ad%20(2).pdf |

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