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DATES TO REMEMBER

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
MARCH 14, 2012	CCAO 2 ND WEDNESDAY SEMINAR: NEW OPTIONS FOR LEGAL ADVERTISING, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS
MARCH 15, 2012	NW OHIO COMMISSIONERS & ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION QUARTERLY MEETING, ELKS LODGE POST #3, WYANDOT COUNTY (UPPER SANDUSKY)
MAY 16-18, 2012	NACo WESTERN INTERSTATE REGION (WIR) CONFERENCE, SANTA FE COUNTY (SANTA FE), NEW MEXICO
MARCH 27-29, 2012	2012 SAFETY CONGRESS & EXPO (OSC12), GREATER COLUMBUS CONVENTION CENTER, COLUMBUS
APRIL, 2012	NATIONAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT MONTH

ASSOCIATION NEWS

PUBLIC NOTICE WEBSITE, COUNTY ADVISORY BULLETIN AVAILABLE

On Tuesday the Ohio Department of Administrative Services officially launched the State Public Notice Website, found at PublicNotice.Ohio.gov. The site was created by the Ohio Department of Administrative Services' Office of Information Technology as a result of the most recent state budget bill.

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.

State and local government entities required by the Ohio Revised Code to publish public notices multiple times in a newspaper are able to reduce their costs by using the State Public Notice website,. The public will be able

to search for and browse public notices for free, and there is no charge for state and local governments to post notices to the site. To post public notices, government users will need to create an account with the Ohio Business Gateway at www.ohiobusinessgateway.ohio.gov

In addition, CCAO has released a new County Advisory Bulletin (CAB) - 2012-01 – Public Notice Reform detailing all the public notice reforms within the most recent budget bill (HB 153). CABs can be found on the CCAO website (www.ccao.org) under the publications tab. For more information on public notice reform, please contact Josh Hahn, CCAO Senior Policy Analyst, at (614) 220-7982 or jhahn@ccao.org

WYANDOT COUNTY TO HOST NW DISTRICT QUARTERLY MEETING – MARCH 15

Join Wyandot County Commissioners Joyce Morehart, Steven Seitz and Michael Wheeler and County Engineer Mike Kohl for the Northwest Ohio Commissioners & Engineers Quarterly Meeting on Thursday, March 15, 2012 at the Wyandot County Elks Lodge Post #3, 320 East Wyandot Avenue, in Upper Sandusky.

Tours are scheduled at 1:15 and 2:15 p.m. at the Ithaca Gun Company, 420 North Warpole Street, in Upper Sandusky. Each tour is limited to 10 people. Meet at the Company 15 minutes prior to the beginning of the tour.

Registration begins at 4:00 p.m. at the Elks followed by the social hour, business meeting, and dinner. Registration fee: \$5 per person. Registration deadline: March 5. Cancellation deadline: March 8. For more information, contact M. Sue Shrider, Clerk/Administrator, Wyandot County Commissioners, 109 South Sandusky Street, Upper Sandusky, OH 43351, (419) 294-3836, Fax (419) 294-6427 or wycocom@co.wyandot.oh.us

2nd WEDNESDAY SEMINAR SERIES: NEW OPTIONS FOR LEGAL ADVERTISING – MARCH 14

CCAO encourages commissioners and other county officials to attend the next CCAO 2nd Wednesday Seminar Series on “New Options for Legal Advertising: Using Ohio’s New Public Notice Website and Other Cost Saving Opportunities” on March 14, 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.

The current state budget provides counties with new, cost saving options for complying with Ohio’s public notice laws. Learn from individuals who helped shape the law how counties may use an abbreviated second notice to satisfy publication requirements if certain conditions are met, how pre-printed inserts and county websites may be used for public notices, and how community newspapers may now compete for public notice business under the new definition of a newspaper of general circulation in the county. Learn directly from a state official involved in establishing the new state public notice website how local governments can access and use this new, optional public notice tool.

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.

FEDERAL ACTIVITIES

PRESIDENT OBAMA ANNOUNCES 2013 BUDGET

CCAO has been asked by the Whitehouse Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to share information about the "Budget of the United States Government, Fiscal Year 2013." The following fact sheets have been posted on the front page of our website at www.ccao.org

- Overview Fact Sheet
- An Economy Built to Last for Our Cities and Metropolitan Areas
- An Economy Built to Last and a 21st Century Infrastructure
- More fact sheets can be found at www.whitehouse.gov/omb/budget

Additional information about the FY2013 Federal Budget can be found at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/budget/Overview> The Office of Intergovernmental Affairs would like your feedback. Please send copies of any comments, statements, tweets or Facebook posts to localgovernment@who.eop.gov

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION AUTHORIZATION; URGE SENATORS BROWN & PORTMAN TO SUPPORT CASEY-BLUNT AMENDMENT

This week, the Senate debated MAP-21, the reauthorization of the surface transportation program. Because the Senate has eliminated the off-system bridge program, NACo found bi-partisan sponsors to restore funding for off-system bridges. Senators Casey (D-PA) and Blunt (R-MO) offered a bipartisan amendment to restore the off-system bridge funding.

Contact Ohio Senator Brown & Portman to explain how important the off-system bridge program is to county and other local governments and how successful this funding has been in maintaining and improving bridges. Ask them to support the Casey-Blunt amendment, which will not add any additional costs to the bill, rather simply requires each state to continue to provide off-system bridge funding from the federal highway funds they will receive in the future. This program has been very successful for Ohio's counties and it is vital to county bridges here in the state.

As of Thursday, February 15, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid recommitted the bill to the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works with instructions to report back with amendment SA 1635 made in Senate.

Contact Senators Brown and Portman – ask them to support the Casey-Blunt Amendment. Key contacts in their offices:

- **Senator Sherrod Brown's Office:**
Jonathan McCracken, (202) 224-2315 or jonathan_mccracken@brown.senate.gov
- **Senator Bob Portman's Office:**
Kevin Hoggatt, (202) 224-3353 or kevin_hoggatt@portman.senate.gov

AIRPORT-AVIATION BILL SIGNED INTO LAW

After 23 extensions, H.R. 658 - the FAA Air Transportation Modernization and Safety Improvement Act became Public Law 112-95 when it was signed into law by President Obama on February 14. The legislation had been a NACo legislative priority for five years, and the two top issues for NACo, funding for the Airport Improvement Program (AIP) and Essential Air Service (EAS), were resolved beneficially.

The law funds the AIP program, which provides federal dollars for capital projects at county and other publicly owned airports, at \$3.33 billion annually, the current funding level. This is higher than the House bill, which had provided \$3 billion annually. Funding is for four years, which will ensure a steady stream of funding for airports.

EAS, which many considered to be an endangered program, is also continued for four years with funding projected at \$193 million annually. This is a major accomplishment since the House version of the bill had proposed to gradually eliminate EAS by FY13 everywhere in the U.S. except in Alaska and Hawaii. There are a few new limitations in EAS service in the final bill, which should only affect a small number of communities. The major new limitation requires EAS airports, except those in Alaska and Hawaii within 175 miles of a large or medium hub, to have at least 10 enplanements per day. The bill does, however, provide a process to restore service at these airports under certain conditions.

Under the legislation, no new EAS communities will be allowed into the program: Eligibility is limited to those communities receiving EAS service or those that have been notified that they were going to lose unsubsidized service. EAS currently serves about 150 regions. A NACo-supported provision on marketing plans was included in the final bill as was a section repealing a pilot program requiring communities to assume a portion of EAS costs.

The Small Community Air Service program is also kept alive with \$6 million in funding. A plan and some funding to develop NextGen, a satellite-based air traffic control system, were included in the legislation.

NACo ACTIVITIES

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. If you have not registered, 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.

CONFERENCE/WEBINARS

BIDDING FOR PUBLIC CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS IN OHIO

Bricker & Eckler LLP will present a one-day conference on “Bidding for Public Construction Contracts in Ohio” on March 30, 2012 at the Conference Center at OCLC, 6600 Kilgour Place, in Dublin. The conference format combines learning about competitive bidding with a traditional morning session of instruction with an interactive afternoon session working in groups to experience the competitive bidding process.

Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. with the program starting at 8:00 a.m. and ending at 4:45 p.m. **CCAO is a co-sponsor of the seminar.** Registration fee: \$199 – for members of sponsoring organizations. Register online at <http://www.bricker.com/learning-events/learning-events-details.aspx?eventid=13400>. Credits: 6.75 AIA Learning Units (pending) or 6.75 Supreme Court Continuing Legal Education (pending). For more information, contact Amy Abbey, Bricker & Eckler LLP, 100 South Third Street, Columbus, OH 43215, (800) 750-1525 or (614) 227-4989 or aabbey@bricker.com

HEALTH COVERAGE FOR YOUR COUNTY JAIL'S PRETRIAL POPULATION

Through the Affordable Care Act many uninsured, low-income individuals—some of whom will be involved in the criminal justice system—will become eligible for Medicaid and subsidized private health plans in 2014. Join the National Association of Counties (NACo) on Thursday, February 23, 2012 from 2:00 to 3:15 p.m. to learn about the possible opportunities for individuals being held pretrial in county jails to gain health coverage, issues counties may face enrolling people in custody into appropriate plans and the potential fiscal relief this may offer counties. To register for the webinar go to <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/941313898> For more information, contact Anita Cardwell, Senior Associate – Community Services, at (202) 942.4267 or acardwell@naco.org

STATE OF THE REGION CONFERENCE

Join Bowling Green State University's Center for Regional Development (CRD) for the "10th Annual State of the Region Conference" to be held on Monday, April 9, 2012 at the Hilton Garden Inn, 6165 Levis Commons Blvd, in Perrysburg. A continental breakfast and networking is scheduled from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. The program begins at 9:00 a.m. and ends at 12:00 noon.

Economic leadership depends on getting the right information at the right time. The Center for Regional Development's (CRD) research activities provide development practitioners and policymakers with reliable data in a strategic framework. Public officials and economic development professionals from all over Ohio would benefit from attending this Conference.

There is no charge to attend this event, but space is limited. Register at www.bgsu.edu/crd For more information, contact BGSU's Center for Regional Development at (419) 372-8710 or crd@bgsu.edu

CLASSIFIEDS

Title	Employer/Application Deadline/For More Information. . .
CDJFS Executive Director	Huron County Commissioners February 20 @ 4:30 p.m. http://www.hccommissioners.com/miscpages/jobs.html
Stormwater Technician	City of Lima February 22 @ 5:00 p.m. http://www.ccao.org/Portals/0/Classifieds/Stormwater%20Technician%20ad%20(2).pdf
County Administrator	Butler County Commissioners Position is open until filled http://www.ccao.org/Portals/0/Classifieds/Bultler%20COUNTY%20ADMINISTRATOR.pdf