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### DATES TO REMEMBER

APRIL, 2012

NATIONAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT MONTH

APRIL 11, 2012

CCAO 2<sup>nd</sup> WEDNESDAY SEMINAR: ATTORNEY GENERAL DEBT COLLECTION PROGRAM, WEBINAR

APRIL 13, 2012

CCC/EAPA REGIONAL MEETING, RICHLAND COUNTY, LONGVIEW CENTER, MANSFIELD

APRIL 19, 2012

CCAO GENERAL GOVERNMENT & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS

APRIL 20, 2012

CCAO BOARD OF DIRECTORS, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS

JUNE 8, 2012

CCAO SUMMER SEMINAR, DOUBLETREE COLUMBUS/WORTHINGTON, COLUMBUS

JULY 13-17, 2012

NACo ANNUAL CONFERENCE, DAVID L. LAWRENCE CONVENTION CENTER, ALLEGHENY COUNTY (PITTSBURGH), PA

### ASSOCIATION NEWS

#### CAB 2012-05 – RECENT CHANGES TO LAW RELATING TO COUNTY FINANCE, BUDGET & COMPETITIVE SEALED PROPOSALS & BIDS

Am. Sub. HB 225, effective March 22, authorizes a county auditor to adopt a direct deposit payroll policy for all county employees, authorizes counties to increase the amount of money credited to "rainy day" reserve balance accounts, expands what a subdivision may pay for out of reserve balance accounts established for self-insurance or workers' compensation payments; and updates law around competitive sealed proposals and bids to permit electronic communication. Read a copy of County Advisory Bulletin (CAB) 2012-05 "Recent Changes to Law Relating to County Finance, Budget & Competitive Sealed Proposals & Bids" on the CCAO website at [www.ccao.org](http://www.ccao.org) Click on Publications > County Advisory Bulletins.

OHIO ATTORNEY GENERAL'S LOCAL GOVERNMENT COLLECTION SERVICES PROGRAM – 2<sup>ND</sup> WEDNESDAY WEBINAR

CCAO is pleased to offer a one-hour webinar explaining the procedure for local governments to use the Local Government Collection Services program offered by the Ohio Attorney General's office to collect debts due county governments. The webinar is scheduled for Wednesday, April 11 from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. No need to travel – attend the webinar at your computer. The webinar will include:

- How local governments may certify debt to the OAG through a fully automated data file layout provided by the OAG
- How to initiate a memorandum of understanding with local entities to outline the services to be provided and the expectations of both parties
- How the program is funded through a 10% collection fee by the OAG that can be passed along to the debtor
- How the program permits an offset of a debtor's state tax refunds and lottery winnings
- Information on payment processing through credit card, checks, the internet, and a 24 hour interactive phone response system
- Online monitoring and review of accounts through interactive software made available to local entities

Webinar participants may pose questions to the presenters who will respond during and after the presentation. To take advantage of this exceptional educational opportunity, please click on this link: <https://www3.gotomeeting.com/register/548267398>

If for any reason you experience difficulty in connecting to the link and you wish to register for the webinar, please email Amanda Jones, CCAO Administrative Assistant, at [ajones@ccao.org](mailto:ajones@ccao.org) and provide her with your email address.

A workshop flyer is linked on the front page of [www.ccao.org](http://www.ccao.org). There is no charge to attend. Space is limited for this webinar, so register early. If you have questions regarding registering for the webinar, please contact Amanda. If you have questions regarding the substance of the program, contact Brad Cole, Managing Director of Research, at [bcole@ccao.org](mailto:bcole@ccao.org)

**COUNTY ACTIVITIES**

WANT TO TELL YOUR COUNTY'S STORY? PROMOTE YOUR COUNTY'S HISTORY, TOURISM & ECONOMIC FUTURE!

Some counties may remember back in 2006 sending an engraved stone along with its history for display the Ohio Governor's Residence & Heritage Garden. That county walkway is the most popular part of the Residence tour! The history of the stones are a frequent stop on the website, too. Go to <http://www.governorsresidence.ohio.gov> for more information.

Here is a new chance to promote your county's history, tourism and economic future! The Friends of the Ohio Governor's Residence & Heritage Garden has embarked on another project we think will be just as popular. The 2012 State Fair will have a new exhibit in the Ohio Department of Natural Resources area. It will be a plaza with a 25'x 25' geologic bedrock map of Ohio overlaid with the county lines. This exhibit will be the world's largest geologic map and will be the same size as the popular Ohio map located on the floor in the Statehouse Map Room. State Fair goers will be able to stand on their county and see the type of bedrock beneath it. Visitors will be able to see examples from each geologic period on the path around the map.

A committee of geologists, educators and botanists have developed this exhibit to educate people about Ohio's bedrock; the importance it has played in Ohio's past, present and future economic development; and to inspire more students to get excited about the sciences. To deepen the educational value of this exhibit, a Quick Response (QR) Code will be developed for each county to link to more information.

There are several ways your county can participate:

1. **Let the project link to the county website.** Send us a link to the page with the best geological information and give us permission to include that content in a mobile site connected with the QR code. This might be the county topographical map, water maps, or OSU extension information. The shorter and more visual the information, the longer the visitor will look!
2. **Send a big example of what was made from the bedrock in your county's past and the history to go with it.** The committee wants a big rock heavy enough so it won't be carried off. If that history is already on a county, business or historical society's website, send the web address.
3. **Websites linking places with pictures and information about your county bedrock's uses or places where visitors can go and see examples.** Examples: businesses, historical societies, chambers of commerce, travel and/or tourism office, convention and tourism office, parks and recreation sites, etc.

For more information, contact Mary Jane Neiman, CCAO Public Relations Associate, who is coordinating this portion of the exhibit, at (614) 220-7979, (888) 757-1904 or [mjneiman@ccao.org](mailto:mjneiman@ccao.org) **Please respond to Mary Jane by May 1, if you would like to have your county represented in this exhibit** that will be seen by the 800,000 State Fair attendees. Send the committee a Big Rock and get an invitation to the ribbon cutting reception July 25, 2012! Send us web-based information and get your county on the QR map!

#### WEAR BLUE TO WORK (WB2W) APRIL 11 FOR CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month, and you can help raise awareness to prevent child abuse, and participate on Wear Blue to Work Day (WB2W) on April 11 – to bring awareness that child abuse is preventable. Take a staff photo with everyone wearing blue and upload it on your county website and on <http://www.facebook.com/WearBlueOhio> or send it to the Public Children Services Association of Ohio (PCSAO) to be posted on their Statewide WB2W Facebook page. For more information, contact Scott Britton, at (614) 224-5802 or [scott@pcsao.org](mailto:scott@pcsao.org) or [facebook.com/WearBlueOhio](http://facebook.com/WearBlueOhio).

#### **STATE ACTIVITIES**

#### OHIO'S NEW PUBLIC NOTICE WEBSITE NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

The Ohio Business Gateway (OBG) Public Notice Website is now available to state and local government entities for the posting of public notices required by state law or local regulations and requirements. The state public notice website was made possible by amendments to the public notice laws by the current state budget (H.B. 153). The website permits all state and local agencies to file a public notice and to edit or revoke an unpublished public notice. The public notice website also permits any user to search posted notices by type of notice, entity type (i.e., city, college, and county), county, publish date, as well as key words. View the public notice website at <http://publicnotice.ohio.gov>

CCAO would also recommend that readers review County Advisory Bulletin (CAB) 2012-01 – “Public Notice Reform” for a full explanation of changes included within the state budget on public notice reform. This can be found by visiting CCAO's website ([www.ccao.org](http://www.ccao.org)) and clicking on Publications > County Advisory Bulletins. Here's a direct link to the Public Notice CAB: <http://www.ccao.org/Portals/0/CAB%20MJ/CAB2012-01.pdf>

Finally, for more information about the state's public notice website, CCAO would encourage readers to view a power point presentation prepared by Chris Wilkin, Ohio.gov Program Director. This presentation, which was delivered at a 2nd Wednesday Seminar on Public Notice Reform held on March 14, can be found on the CCAO website by clicking on Library/Archives > 2nd Wednesday Seminars or click on this link: <http://www.ccao.org/LibraryArchives/2ndWednesdaySeminars/20112ndWednesdaySeminars/tabid/422/language/en-US/Default.aspx>

## **FEDERAL ACTIVITIES**

### FY2013 HOUSE BUDGET RESOLUTION

The Chairman of the House Budget Committee unveiled his FY2013 House Budget Resolution calling for a delay of the \$110 billion in cuts mandated by sequestration in fiscal 2013, and offering instead just about \$18.3 billion in cuts with budget caps set at \$1.028 trillion. This is in contrast to last year's agreement to reduce spending by \$1.047 trillion as part of the enactment of the Budget Control Act. The House is expected to consider the budget resolution next week. The Budget Resolution is a blue print and does not name specific programmatic cuts. For more information:

<http://www.naco.org/legislation/bulletins/Documents/LB%203.23.12.pdf>

### PRESIDENT EXPECTED TO SIGN JOBS ACT

Both the Senate and House have passed HR. 3606 – The Jumpstart Our Business Startups (JOBS) Act, a bipartisan measure that was sent to President Obama on Tuesday, March 27. The President has said he will sign it.

The legislation combines six smaller bills that change Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) rules in an effort to ease rules on advertising, and allows startups to use the internet and other social media to solicit a large number of small-scale investors, a practice referred to as "crowd funding." An amendment that would require crowd funding websites, which can pool up to \$1 million in investments by selling stock online, to register with the SEC passed with bipartisan support. The measure, as it passed in the House, limits individual contributions to \$10,000 or ten percent of the investor's annual income.

The centerpiece of the bill is a measure to reduce costs for companies seeking to go public by phasing in federal reporting requirements over five years, or when the company reaches more than \$1 billion in annual revenue. The bill would also remove SEC regulations preventing small businesses from using advertisements to solicit investors, raise from 500 to 2,000 the number of shareholders a company or community bank can have before it must register with the SEC, and allow smaller companies to sell up to \$50 million in shares, compared with \$5 million now, without filing SEC paperwork. For more information, contact Deseree Gardner, NACo Associate Legislative Director, at (202) 942-4204 or [dgardner@naco.org](mailto:dgardner@naco.org)

### WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT OF 2012 INTRODUCED IN HOUSE

Last week, the House Minority introduced the Workforce Investment Act of 2012 (H.R. 4227). The bill builds on three principles: streamlining and improving workforce investment system programs, strengthening workforce investment system accountability, and promoting innovation and best practices within the workforce investment system. The bill also authorizes funding for President Obama's Community College to Career Fund which is intended to expand capacity to train workers in high-growth industries, such as health care, transportation, and advanced manufacturing.

The House Majority has introduced three separate measures that deal with WIA reauthorization this year:

1. The Workforce Investment Improvement Act (HR 2295)
2. The Streamlining Workforce Development Programs Act (HR 3610)
3. Local Job Opportunities and Business Success Act (HR 3611)

To view a summary of H.R. 4227, go to <http://democrats.edworkforce.house.gov/bill/workforce-investment-act-wia-2012>

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **FIXING IT: INFRASTRUCTURE & THE ECONOMY: NACo SURVEY RELEASED**

The nation's roads and bridges, nearly half of which are under the financial control of local governments, are in desperate need of federal assistance for long-delayed maintenance and repair work which would help create jobs in communities across the country, according to a new survey of county engineers by the National Association of Counties (NACo).

NACo recently commissioned a survey of 1,300 county engineers, which included 30 Ohio county engineers, on America's road and bridge infrastructure and the economy. In many counties across the country, county engineers oversee roads and bridges on county designated routes. Major findings of the survey report, "Fixing It: Infrastructure and the Economy," include the following:

- 81 percent of responding county engineers report that they have deferred maintenance since the beginning of the economic slowdown;
- 98 percent report that some of their roads are in poor and/or fair condition;
- 86 percent report having bridges in poor condition; and
- 91 percent say that the receipt of infrastructure funding would help create jobs.

"The nation's county roads and bridges need work, and the American people need jobs," said NACo President Lenny Eliason, Athens County (OH) Commissioner. "Maintaining safe and reliable transportation infrastructure across America is a basic yet vital function of government," Eliason said. "It's long overdue for Washington to reach agreement on a multi-year surface transportation bill." The survey findings draw attention to the failure of Congress – under the leadership of both political parties – to pass a multiyear reauthorization of the surface transportation bill which since 1956 has provided federal funds for road construction and maintenance.

After the excitement of the recent bipartisan passage of S. 1813 - Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP 21) in the Senate, progress toward consideration by the House of the bill has slowed. Last week, the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Chair announced the introduction of a 90-day extension of the current legislation. A **ninth** extension is necessary since the program expires on March 31 and would carry the program through June 30. The extension passed both the Senate and House on Thursday, March 29.

Read a copy of NACo's latest survey at "Fixing It: Infrastructure & the Economy" at [http://www.naco.org/newsroom/latest/Documents/Infrastructure%20report%20narrative%20final%20\(2\).pdf](http://www.naco.org/newsroom/latest/Documents/Infrastructure%20report%20narrative%20final%20(2).pdf)

## **SEMINARS**

### **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](http://www.bgsu.edu/crd) For more information, contact BGSU's Center for Regional Development at (419) 372-8710 or [crd@bgsu.edu](mailto:crd@bgsu.edu)

**2012 ARBITRATOR & ADVOCATE SYMPOSIUM**

Join the Central Ohio Labor & Employee Relations Association, the Federal Mediation & Conciliation Service and the State Employment Relations Board for the "Arbitrator & Advocate Symposium" on May 3-4, 2012 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, 350 North High Street, in Columbus. Registration fee: \$175 per person (includes seminar materials, reception, continental breakfast, lunch, and breaks). 8.5 Ohio CLE Credit hours have been requested. For more information, go to <http://www.serb.state.oh.us>

**ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINION**

SYLLABUS

2012-008

A person who serves simultaneously as a member of a board of county commissioners and member of a board of township trustees of a township located within the same county confronts a conflict of interest attributable to the competition for tax revenue generated within the ten-mill limitation. This conflict of interest cannot be mitigated or eliminated, and thus these two offices are incompatible. (2011 Op. Att'y Gen. No. 2011-048 and 2011 Op. Att'y Gen. No. 2011-029, approved and followed.)

**CLASSIFIEDS**

Title	Employer/Application Deadline/For More Information. . .
<b>JFS Administrator</b>	Defiance County Commissioners April 5, 2012 @ 4:00 p.m. <a href="http://www.ccao.org/ClassifiedAds/tabid/180/language/en-US/Default.aspx">http://www.ccao.org/ClassifiedAds/tabid/180/language/en-US/Default.aspx</a>
<b>Director, Office of Management &amp; Budget</b>	Mahoning County Commissioners April 16, 2012 @ 4:30 p.m. <a href="http://www.mahoningcountyoh.gov">www.mahoningcountyoh.gov</a>
<b>Field Technician (Temporary Position)</b>	Midwest Biodiversity Institute, Inc. (for ODNR Geologic Walk Project at the Ohio State Fairground) April 21, 2012 <a href="http://www.ccao.org/Portals/0/Classifieds/MBI%20JOB%20POSTING_FIELD%20TECH%201%202012.pdf">http://www.ccao.org/Portals/0/Classifieds/MBI%20JOB%20POSTING_FIELD%20TECH%201%202012.pdf</a>