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NATIONAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT MONTH

APRIL 11, 2012

CCAO 2nd 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

MAY 9, 2012

IMPLEMENTATION OF COUNTY HEALTH AND WELLNESS INITIATIVES – CCAO 2ND WEDNESDAY SEMINAR

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 2012-06 LEGISLATURE AUTHORIZES PILOT JOINT JFS DEPARTMENT FOR ROSS, HOCKING & VINTON COUNTIES

H.B. 225 (effective 3/22/12) includes language that permits, as a pilot program, Ross, Hocking and Vinton county commissioners to enter into an agreement to create a joint JFS department. Once the agreement is in place, each commissioner then becomes a member of the joint department's Board of Directors. The agreement between the participating counties must address, per the new language:

1. The funds each county must contribute to the joint district and a schedule for their distribution;
2. How and which facilities, equipment and personnel will be shared;

3. Procedures for the division of resources and obligations should a county withdraw or the joint district be dissolved;
4. Any contributions by participating counties and their correlating rights or interests regarding lands and personal property.

Read a copy of County Advisory Bulletin (CAB) 2012-06 "Legislature Authorizes Pilot Joint Job & Family Service Department for Ross, Hocking and Vinton Counties" on the CCAO website at www.ccao.org Click on Publications > County Advisory Bulletins.

OHIO ATTORNEY GENERAL'S LOCAL GOVERNMENT COLLECTION SERVICES PROGRAM – 2ND WEDNESDAY WEBINAR – APRIL 11

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:

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 and provide her with your email address.

A workshop flyer is linked on the front page of 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

IMPLEMENTATION OF COUNTY HEALTH & WELLNESS INITIATIVES – CCAO 2ND WEDNESDAY SEMINAR

As counties strive to improve the delivery of services while restraining county expenses, controlling the growth of healthcare costs is a top priority. Mark your calendars and plan to attend the May 9th CCAO 2nd Wednesday Seminar on "Implementation of County Health & Wellness Initiatives." More information will be available online and in CIDS next week!

AFFILIATE NEWS

CCC/EAPA REGIONAL MEETINGS SCHEDULED

The County Commissioners Clerks and Engineers Administrative Professionals Association (CCC/EAPA) are holding regional meetings will be held in the following counties:

- April 13 – Richland County – Longview Center, 1495 West Longview Drive, Mansfield
- May 11 – Putnam County - Henry's Restaurant, 810 North Locust Street, Ottawa
- August 24 – Fairfield County – Location TBA
- September 14 – Ashtabula County – Old Courthouse, 25 West Jefferson Street – 2nd FL, Jefferson
- October 12 – Franklin County – CCAO Offices, 209 East State Street, Columbus

All the county commissioners' and engineers' office support staff members are encouraged to attend. These regional meetings, as well as at the CCAO Summer Seminar and the CCAO/CEAO Winter Conference, are excellent opportunities for networking. The topics discussed at the regional meetings vary from the daily operations of the office to recent legislative updates. All meetings will be held on Fridays from 10:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. There is no charge to attend. Lunch is provided by CCAO/CEAO.

Information about the CCC/EAPA is available at www.ccc-eapa.org and there is also a yahoo group that is a resource for questions and answers. You can sign up at http://groups.yahoo.com/group/CCC_EAPA. For more information, please contact 2012 CCC/EAPA President Lora Redick, Account Clerk, Allen County Engineer's Office, 1501 North Sugar Street, Lima, OH 45801-3136, (419) 228-3196 ext. 12, Fax (419) 227-2920, or lredick@allencountyohio.com

OSU EXTENSION DEVELOPMENTS

OSU EXTENSION PROVIDES CRITICAL SHALE ENERGY INFORMATION

Reserves of oil and natural gas in Marcellus and Utica shale wait to be drawn out from rock deep below Ohio's surface. The development could mean thousands of Ohio jobs and potential riches for landowners contracting with oil and gas companies. But landowners also need to fully understand the potential financial, legal, and environmental ramifications of the highly complex leases that could last for generations; and public officials often need guidance on community implications as well. OSU Extension's Shale Energy Education Work Group is examining the financial, economic, development, family, environmental, and safety issues regarding shale energy.

The Ohio State Subsurface Energy Resource Center (SERC), established at The Ohio State University in 2011, contributes to the knowledge of subsurface resource development and its associated environmental issues, as well as serves as a resource to policy makers. SERC was established in response to recent technical advances that are leading to the expansion of horizontal drilling for hydrocarbon-bearing shale and other resources across Ohio. For more information, go to <http://serc.osu.edu> View a two-minute "Shale Gas Education Information" video at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2sydCXuqTZk>

COUNTY ACTIVITIES

2012 COUNTY HEALTH RANKINGS SHOW WHAT INFLUENCES HOW HEALTHY RESIDENTS ARE, HOW LONG THEY LIVE; DELAWARE IS RANKED OHIO'S HEALTHIEST COUNTY

More than 3,000 counties can compare how healthy their residents are and how long they live with the "2012 County Health Rankings." Now in their third year, the Rankings are an annual check-up that highlights the healthiest and least healthy counties in every state, as well as those factors that influence health, outside of the doctor's office. The Rankings highlight the importance of critical factors such as education rates, income levels, and access to healthy foods, as well as access to medical care, in influencing how long and how well people live. In Ohio, Delaware County ranks at number one as the healthiest county, while Lawrence ranks last.

Published on-line at www.countyhealthrankings.org by the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, the Rankings assess the overall health of nearly every county in all 50 states, using a standard way to measure how healthy people are and how long they live. The Rankings consider factors that affect people's health within four categories: health behavior, clinical care, social and economic factors, and physical environment.

Within each state, even the healthiest counties have areas where they can improve. Healthier counties (those

where people live longer and have a better quality of life) have lower rates of smoking, physical inactivity, teen births, preventable hospital stays, unemployment, children in poverty, and violent crime and higher levels of education, social support, and access to primary care physicians. But healthier counties are no more likely than unhealthy counties to have lower rates of excessive drinking or better access to healthy food options. To learn what other communities are doing to improve the health of their residents and how your county can develop plans to address health challenges, visit <http://www.countyhealthrankings.org/roadmaps>

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

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 **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 or facebook.com/WearBlueOhio.

FEDERAL ACTIVITIES

OMB SEEKING COMMENTS ON ADVANCED NOTICE OF PROPOSED GUIDANCE

The White House Office of Management and Budget (OMB) recently issued an Advance Notice of Proposed Guidance on Reform of Federal Policies Relating to Grants and Cooperative Agreements; Cost Principles and Administrative Requirements (including Single Audit Act). The period for comments has been extended to April 30, 2012. There are no proposed rules at this time, but rather the notice refers to ideas that OMB is seeking comment on that may formulate the future proposed rules.

NACo and other state and local government groups have been in discussions with OMB. NACo staff is currently reviewing the proposals to determine the impact on counties. This effort is in line with the Administration's work to increase the effectiveness and efficiency of Federal programs.

The reform ideas that OMB is seeking comment on fall among three areas:

- Reforms to Audit Requirements (Circulars A-133 and A-50)
- Reforms to Cost Principles (Circulars A-21, A-87, and A-122, and the Cost Principles for Hospitals)
- Reforms to Administrative Requirements (the Common Rule implementing Circular A-102; Circular A-110; and Circular A-89)

For more information, contact Mike Belarmino, NACo Associate Legislative Director, at (202) 942-4254, mbelarmino@naco.org or <http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/omb/fedreg/2012/2012-4521.pdf>

AWARD PROGRAMS

100 BEST COMMUNITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE APPLICATION DEADLINE – MAY 1

America's Promise Alliance's "100 Best Communities for Young People" is an annual competition that rewards and recognizes communities making extraordinary efforts to reduce dropout rates and provide outstanding services and support to their youth. Applications for the 2012 competition are due by May 17, 2012. Any applications submitted by May 1 will be eligible to receive one of two incentive grants: a \$2,500 grant to support a local dropout prevention program and a \$2,500 scholarship for the author of an outstanding youth testimonial.

The City of Findlay and Hancock County were named one of the 100 Best three times. The driving factor behind the Findlay-Hancock community being named has to do with its collaborative spirit and drive to do whatever it takes for youth to thrive. For more information about applications and former winners, go to www.americaspromise.org/100best

AMERICAN CITY & COUNTY SEEKS NOMINEES FOR 2012 COUNTY LEADER OF THE YEAR

Entries are due April 20 for American City & County magazine's 2012 County Leader of the Year Award. Any county employee or elected official is eligible. For more information, go to <http://americacityandcounty.com/resources/awards>

PUBLICATIONS

2012 EMERGING SUSTAINABILITY STRATEGIES

View the recently released NACo publication, "2012 Emerging Sustainability Strategies in America's Counties," which identifies the latest sustainability strategies underway across the country. In the publication, NACo's

Green Government Advisory Board identified promising solutions to county governments' sustainability challenges. Franklin County Commissioner Paula Brooks is a member of the Green Government Advisory Board. Read a copy Emerging Sustainability Strategies report at http://www.naco.org/programs/csd/Documents/Green%20Government/2012_Emerging_Sustainability_Strategies_Publication.pdf

TRAINING

RESPONDING TO OILFIELD EMERGENCIES TRAINING PROGRAM

The Ohio Oil and Gas Energy Education Program (OOGEEP) has developed a comprehensive training manual "Responding to Oilfield Emergencies" and permanent training facility to support local emergency responders (i.e., firefighters, police, state agencies, etc.) by enabling them to understand and implement effective emergency response practices at typical oilfield drilling sites and production sites. For more information on this program, please use the following link: <http://www.oogeep.org>

BUILDING DOCTORS TO HOLD EIGHT CLINICS IN 2012

The Ohio Historical Society's Building Doctors will hold clinics in Norwalk – April 19-20, Steubenville- May 3-4, Columbus – May 17-18, Portsmouth – June 14-15, Mansfield – June 21-22, Somerset – August 16-17, Gahanna – September 27-28, and Montgomery – November 1-2. Call (800) 499-2470 to register for a clinic online at <http://www.ohpo.org/gis/bdregister.htm>

ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINIONS

SYLLABUS

2012-009

1. When the Ohio Department of Transportation constructs a bridge outside of a municipal corporation to carry a county or township road over a state highway, the Ohio Department of Transportation is responsible pursuant to R.C. 5501.11(A)(1) for nonemergency maintenance of approaches, embankments, and safety devices that are part of the bridge structure. (2006 Op. Att'y Gen. No. 2006-051, approved and followed; 1927 Op. Att'y Gen. No. 461, vol. I, p. 765, syllabus, paragraph 1, overruled.)
2. A county does not have a duty under R.C. 5591.36 to maintain a guardrail on an embankment that is part of a bridge structure constructed by the Ohio Department of Transportation outside of a municipal corporation to carry a county road over a state highway. (1928 Op. Att'y Gen. No. 2940, vol. IV, p. 2713; 1928 Op. Att'y Gen. No. 2155, vol. II, p. 1250; and 1927 Op. Att'y Gen. No. 461, vol. I, p. 765, syllabus, paragraphs 3 and 4, overruled, in part, on the basis of statutory amendments.)

SYLLABUS

2012-010

1. A prosecuting attorney may institute a civil action under R.C. 117.28 when the Auditor of State files an audit report with the prosecuting attorney concluding that public money has been expended in violation of R.C. 9.03(C). A prosecuting attorney may institute a civil action under R.C. 309.12 when the prosecuting attorney is satisfied that funds of the county or public moneys in the hands of the county treasurer have been expended in violation of R.C. 9.03(C).
2. A prosecuting attorney may file a criminal action under R.C. 2921.41 when the prosecuting attorney, in the exercise of his discretion, believes that the evidence related to an expenditure of public funds in violation of R.C. 9.03(C) also supports a criminal charge under R.C. 2921.41.
3. A prosecuting attorney shall exercise discretion in determining whether to institute a civil action under R.C. 117.28 or R.C. 309.12 or file a criminal action under R.C. 2921.41 when it is alleged that public

funds have been expended in violation of R.C. 9.03(C).

4. A prosecuting attorney may institute a civil action under R.C. 117.28 or R.C. 309.12 for an expenditure of public funds in violation of R.C. 9.03(C) against the governing body of a political subdivision; individual members of the governing body of a political subdivision; other governmental entities or public officials who were responsible for, or that ordered or participated in the ordering of, such an expenditure; and private persons who received the public funds expended in violation of R.C. 9.03(C).
5. A prosecuting attorney may file a criminal action under R.C. 2921.41 against a public official, as defined in R.C. 2921.01(A), when the prosecuting attorney is satisfied that there is sufficient evidence indicating that the public official has violated R.C. 2921.41 based on an expenditure of public funds in violation of R.C. 9.03(C).

CLASSIFIEDS

Title	Employer/Application Deadline/For More Information. . .
2 Assistant Prosecutors	Licking County Prosecutor's Office April 13, 2012
Director, Office of Management & Budget	Mahoning County Commissioners April 16, 2012 @ 4:30 p.m. www.mahoningcountyoh.gov
Fiscal Manager	Belmont County Commissioners April 20, 2012 http://www.ccao.org/Portals/0/Classifieds/Belmont%20Co%20Fiscal%20Manager%20Ad.pdf
Field Technician (Temporary Position)	Midwest Biodiversity Institute, Inc. (for ODNR Geologic Walk Project at the Ohio State Fairground) April 21, 2012 http://www.ccao.org/Portals/0/Classifieds/MBI%20JOB%20POSTING_FIELD%20TECH%201%202012.pdf
Staff Attorney	Fairfield County Job & Family Services CSEA April 27, 2012 http://mss.co.fairfield.oh.us/