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### DATES TO REMEMBER

AUGUST 8, 2012	WAGING SUCCESSFUL BALLOT ISSUE CAMPAIGNS, CCAO 2nd WEDNESDAY SEMINAR SERIES, CCAO OFFICE, COLUMBUS
AUGUST 15, 2012	CCAO WORKFORCE COMMITTEE – CCAO OFFICE, COLUMBUS
AUGUST 24, 2013	25 <sup>TH</sup> CORSA ANNUAL MEETING, ALADDIN SHRINE CENTER, COLUMBUS
DECEMBER 9-11, 2012	CCAO/CEAO WINTER CONFERENCE, GREATER COLUMBUS CONVENTION CENTER, COLUMBUS
FEBRUARY 10-12, 2013	CCAO COMMISSIONERS TRAINING SEMINAR, DEER CREEK LODGE & CONFERENCE CENTER, MT. STERLING

### ASSOCIATION NEWS

#### WAGING SUCCESSFUL BALLOT ISSUE CAMPAIGNS – CCAO 2<sup>ND</sup> WEDNESDAY SEMINAR SERIES

At a time of tight budgets and declining tax resources for certain county purposes, county officials may be asked to seek voter support for tax levies in order to cover the cost of county funded services in a variety of areas. Learn from experienced professionals how to address issues related to timing of any proposed tax levy, the process for proposing a levy, communication strategies, the value of campaign research, fundraising, identifying core constituencies and get out the vote efforts. Also learn from legal counsel the prohibitions on the use of public resources to advocate for a levy, types of information that may be distributed by public entities pertaining to a levy and campaign finance issues.

Join CCAO on Wednesday, August 8 for a 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday Seminar on “Waging Successful Ballot Issue Campaigns.” All 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday Seminars will be held in the Board Room at the CCAO Offices, 209 East State Street, in Columbus. Information is posted on our website at [www.ccao.org](http://www.ccao.org)

Register for this free program by email to Tanya McComas, CCAO Administrative Assistant, at [tmccomas@ccao.org](mailto:tmccomas@ccao.org). Please include the name and title of those attending and the county, agency or company they represent. Coffee will be available at 9:00 a.m., the program begins at 9:30 a.m. and concludes at 12:30 p.m., and lunch is on your own after the program. If you have any questions regarding the substance of the program, contact Brad Cole, Managing Director of Research, at (614) 220-7981 or [bcole@ccao.org](mailto:bcole@ccao.org)

## CAB 2011-02 REVISED: COUNTY BUDGET QUARTERLY SPENDING PLANS

HB 153, the state biennial budget bill for SFY 2012 and 2013, amended ORC Section 5705.392 dealing with the authority of the board of county commissioners, as a part of the annual or amended appropriation resolution, to include a quarterly spending plan as part of the appropriation resolution. As a result of the enactment of HB 225, effective March 22, 2012, the law was changed again to exempt the county auditor's Real Estate Assessment Fund (REA) from a quarterly spending plan. HB 509, the local government mid biennium review (MBR) bill, effective September 28, 2012, amends the law again to remove the requirement that a quarterly spending plan must be imposed for two years. Under the amendment to the law, if a new elected official is elected or appointed to an office, then any quarterly spending plan that was applied to the previous elected official cannot apply to the newly appointed or elected official. Read a copy of revised County Advisory Bulletin 2011-02 on the CCAO website at [www.ccao.org](http://www.ccao.org)

## **AFFILIATE NEWS**

### CCC/EAPA REGIONAL MEETINGS SCHEDULED IN AUGUST, SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER

The last three 2012 County Commissioners Clerks and Engineers Administrative Professionals Association (CCC/EAPA) Regional Meetings will be held in the following counties:

- **August 24 – Fairfield County** – Fairfield County Commissioners' Office, 210 E. Main Street, Room 301, Lancaster. RSVP your attendance by **AUGUST 20** to JoAnn Sikorski at (740) 592-3219 or [jsikorski@athensoh.org](mailto:jsikorski@athensoh.org)
- **September 14 – Ashtabula County** – Old Courthouse, 25 West Jefferson Street – 2<sup>nd</sup> FL, Jefferson. RSVP your attendance to Theresa Upton at (440) 329-5103 or [tupton@loraincounty.us](mailto:tupton@loraincounty.us)
- **October 12 – Franklin County** – CCAO Offices, 209 East State Street, Columbus. RSVP your attendance to Lora Redick at (419) 228-3196 or [lredick@allencountyohio.com](mailto:lredick@allencountyohio.com)

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.

CCC/EAPA has a [Yahoo group](#) that is a resource for questions and answers. For more information about the [CCC/EAPA](#), please contact 2012 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](mailto:lredick@allencountyohio.com)

## **STATE ACTIVITIES**

### FIRST CASINO REVENUE DISTRIBUTION SHOULD BE IN YOUR BANK

The Ohio Department of Taxation (ODT) distributed the first casino tax revenue to the counties on Tuesday, July 31. The casino revenue will be deposited into the same bank account as the Local Government Fund payments. ODT chose to deposit casino revenues into the existing account into which it deposits county LGF funding rather than going through the process of setting up a second account with each of the counties specifically for the deposit of casino revenues. Although casino revenue has been deposited into this account this revenue is not to be distributed under the county LGF formula. It is a separate and distinct deposit that is not associated with LGF funding. Counties may want to establish either an informal or formal policy to

automatically transfer casino revenue upon receipt into the county general fund or a separate line item within the county general fund for accounting and budgetary purposes.

Counties are urged to continually monitor the Ohio Department of Taxation's permanent web page for [information regarding casino revenue](#) including the quarterly reports of the actual payments made to the counties. If you have any questions, please contact John Leutz, CCAO Senior Policy Analyst, at (614) 220-7994 or [jleutz@ccao.org](mailto:jleutz@ccao.org)

### OHIO LOCAL GOVERNMENT INNOVATION FUND ROUND 3 APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

Challenging economic times have not reduced the need for local government services. However, resources from the state of Ohio and other traditional sources of revenue are simply not meeting the budgetary needs of local government. Local governments have been forced to look for new and better ways to provide the services their residents rely on.

The Ohio Local Government Innovation Fund (Ohio LGIF) is one such non-traditional funding source provided by the state of Ohio to promote local governments to become more efficient, to collaborate more, merge or provide shared services among multiple local governments.

Award amounts for applicants with collaborative partners are limited to \$100,000 per applicant and \$100,000 for each collaborative partner up to \$500,000. Grant funds will be awarded biannually and loan funds will be awarded quarterly through a competitive and open selection process. The Ohio Local Government Innovation Council awarded \$3.4 million in grants and \$2.9 million in loans to a total of 51 projects at their public meeting on June 1st. About 50% of the Round One applicants did NOT receive an Ohio LGIF award.

Ohio LGIF Round 3 application information is available [here](#). Dates to remember

- August 17, 2012 - Loan planning studies due are due to the Ohio Department of Development by 5:00 p.m. for Round 3 consideration
- September 4, 2012 - Round 3 (grant and loan) applications due to Development by 5:00 p.m. There is a [new, on-line application form](#).

For questions or comments regarding the Local Government Innovation Fund, please contact the Office of Redevelopment at (614) 995-2292 or [LGIF@development.ohio.gov](mailto:LGIF@development.ohio.gov)

### RESTORING STABILITY: A SAVE THE DREAM OHIO INITIATIVE

"Restoring Stability: A Save the Dream Ohio Initiative" helps Ohio homeowners to make their monthly house payments or those who have already fallen behind in their mortgage. Through the program, the Ohio Housing Finance Agency (OHFA) will administer \$570.4 million in federal foreclosure prevention funding to help families dealing with a permanent or temporary loss of income to avoid foreclosure. Restoring Stability aims to assist 53,000 homeowners who have experienced financial hardship and are currently at-risk of mortgage loan default or foreclosure. This program works with a network of housing counseling agencies to help homeowners get the assistance they need to avoid foreclosure. Click on the links for additional information:

- [Restoring Stability Fact Sheet](#)
- [Restoring Stability Program Information](#)

For more information, contact Debbie Somerville, Restoring Stability Outreach Coordinator, Ohio Housing Finance Agency, at (614) 644-5999 or [dsomerville@ohiohome.org](mailto:dsomerville@ohiohome.org)

## NACo ACTIVITIES

### SUBMIT YOUR COUNTY'S HEALTH INITIATIVES FOR NACo'S HEALTHY COUNTIES DATABASE

NACo's Healthy Counties Database was launched in 2008 and features a wide range of county health and wellness initiatives from across the country. As part of NACo's Healthy Counties Initiative, the scope of the database is expanding to include a wide range of healthy initiatives. Be part of this initiative and submit examples of your county's policies and programs that have been implemented to reduce the incidence of chronic diseases improve access to health care and help residents make healthier lifestyle choices. Lenny Eliason, Athens County Commissioner and NACo Past President, is the Vice Chair of the NACo Health Counties Advisory Board. To share your county's successful health initiatives and ideas or to find existing examples from other counties, click [here](#). For more information about the Healthy Counties Database, please contact Anita Cardwell, NACo Program Manager – Community Services, at (202) 942-4267 or [acardwell@naco.org](mailto:acardwell@naco.org)

## CLASSIFIEDS

<b>Title /For More Information. . .</b>	<b>Employer/Application Deadline</b>
<b><a href="#">Assistant Building Official</a></b>	Geauga County Commissioners Applications accepted until position is filled
<b><a href="#">HR Director</a></b>	Licking County Commissioners Applications accepted until the position is filled
<b><a href="#">Office of Budget &amp; Management, Director</a></b>	Portage County Commissioners Applications accepted until position is filled
<b><a href="#">Historical Museum &amp; Center Director</a></b>	Wood County Commissioners Applications accepted until position is filled
<b><a href="#">Business &amp; Technology Services Supervisor</a></b>	Seneca County JFS Applications accepted until position is filled
<b><a href="#">Safety and Facilities Director</a></b>	Miami County Commissioners August 3, 2012
<b><a href="#">JFS Director</a></b>	Miami County Commissioners August 3, 2012
<b><a href="#">Communications Director</a></b>	Clermont County Commissioners August 7, 2012
<b><a href="#">County Administrator</a></b>	Lucas County Commissioners August 10, 2012