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SEPTEMBER 17, 2012	NW DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS & ENGINEERS QUARTERLY MEETING, THE GRANDVIEW PLAZA, AUGLAIZE COUNTY (WAPAKONETA)
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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

OHIO'S NEW CASINOS: ECONOMIC IMPACT, COUNTY REVENUE AND REGULATION – CCAO 2ND WEDNESDAY SERIES

Join CCAO on Wednesday, October 10 for a 2nd Wednesday Seminar on “Ohio’s New Casinos: Economic Impact, County Revenue and Regulation.” All 2nd Wednesday Seminars will be held in the Board Room at the CCAO Offices, 209 East State Street, in Columbus.

During the month of May full service casinos opened in Cleveland and Toledo and additional casinos are scheduled to open in October and next spring in Columbus and Cincinnati, respectively. Two casino companies have invested hundreds of millions of dollars in constructing and equipping these facilities and employ or will employ hundreds of casino workers to operate these facilities. These casinos are operating under a constitutional amendment adopted in 2009 and state enabling legislation adopted this year (HB 386). CCAO is inviting representatives of Rock Gaming (Cleveland and Cincinnati) and Penn Gaming (Toledo and Columbus) who will discuss the economic impact of these facilities on the communities involved. Representatives of the Ohio Department of Taxation, Auditor of State and the Ohio Casino Control Commission have been invited to discuss collection and distribution of the Gross Casino Revenue (GCR) tax, the accounting treatment of these revenues by local governments, and the regulation of the casinos by the state of Ohio.

Register for this free program by email to 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. 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.

OHIO'S NEW OIL BOOM SEMINAR – OCTOBER 1

What is Ohio’s new oil boom? What does it mean for school and local governments? Mark your calendars and plan to attend a seminar on “Ohio’s New Oil Boom: A Conversation” to be held on October 1, 2012 at the Riffe State Office Tower – Capitol Theater, 77 South High Street, in Columbus. Registration will begin at 8:00 a.m. with sessions beginning at 8:50 a.m. and ending at 4:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided. CCAO is co-sponsoring this seminar along with the Buckeye Association of School Administrators (BASA), Ohio School Boards Association (OSBA), Ohio Association of School Business Officials (OASBO), and Ohio Township Association (OTA).

Seminar topics:

- Economic Impacts: Local Business Activity, Local Jobs, and State and Local Tax Implications
- Community Impacts 1: Schools, Health and Human Services and Housing
- Environmental Impacts: Drilling, Water, and Brine Disposal
- Community Impacts 2: Public Safety, Roads and Other Infrastructure

Registration: \$25 by September 24, \$30 after September 24 or \$35 onsite. To register online, [click here](#). More seminar information will be available next week. For registration information please contact Ali Redmond, CCAO Accountant, at (614) 221-5627, (888) 757-1904 or onlinereg@ccao.org

AFFILIATE NEWS

CCC/EAPA REGIONAL MEETINGS SCHEDULED IN SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER

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

- **September 14 – Ashtabula County** – Old Courthouse, 25 West Jefferson Street – 2nd FL, Jefferson. RSVP your attendance by Monday, September 10 to Theresa Upton at (440) 329-5103 or 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 redick@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 redick@allencountyohio.com

STATE ACTIVITIES

CASINO REVENUE ESTIMATES OFFERED

CCAO has published County Data Exchange Bulletin 2012-03 "[Estimate of Casino Revenue for County Governments](#)" on our website www.ccao.org

The numbers were "crunched" for CCAO by Mike Sobul, formerly with the Ohio Department of Taxation and now a consultant with Public Finance Resources, and provide estimates for the quarterly revenue distributions to each county in per capita amounts through calendar year 2014. Please note the number of "qualifying" points applied to these estimates.

One of the major "qualifying" points regards the installation of Video Lottery Terminals (VLTs) at Ohio's horseracing tracks. The initial report prepared for the Ohio Department of Taxation suggested that revenues from the four casinos could be reduced by as much as 27% if VLTs were permitted at the racetracks. It is anticipated that all of the racetracks will eventually be licensed by the Ohio Lottery Commission to add VLTs at their tracks and become "racinoes."

Scioto Downs is the only racetrack that is operating as a racino at this time. The conversion of the remaining 6 racetracks will probably take place before the end of 2014. Relocation of several of the tracks is being contemplated to spread the gaming wealth across the state and their eventual proximity to a casino will have some effect upon the casino revenue. At this point the best information we have regarding the relocation of several of the racetracks and the opening of the tracks looks like this:

Beulah Park in Grove City (Franklin County) is supposed to be moved to Austintown in Mahoning County and open with VLTs in first quarter of 2014.

Thistledown in North Randall (Cuyahoga County) is to undergo a significant investment to upgrade the facility and open with VLTs during the Spring of 2014, but maintains an option for its potential relocation the Akron-Canton along I-77.

Lebanon Raceway (Warren County) is supposed to move from Lebanon to a site next to I-75 closer to Dayton but still in Warren County and open with VLTs during the first half of 2014.

Raceway Park in Toledo (Lucas County) is supposed to be moved closer to Dayton to open during the first quarter of 2014 with VLTs.

Northfield Park (Summit County) is supposed to be upgraded with VLTs in the latter half of 2013.

Cincinnati River Downs (Anderson Township) is supposed to open with VLTs in the second half of 2014.

A PRIVATE LANDFILL IS NOT A "PUBLIC UTILITY" EXEMPT FROM ZONING REGULATION UNDER ORC CHAPTERS 303 AND 519

The Ohio Supreme Court decided the long term legal battle over a proposed expansion of the Rumpke landfill facility in Colerain Township, Hamilton County, this week holding that the private landfill operation should not be considered a "public utility."

The dispute began in 2006 when Rumpke applied to the Colerain Township zoning commission to expand its 350-acre landfill onto adjoining land not zoned for such purposes. Rumpke had successfully argued against the township's authority to restrict the growth of its operation in trial court and the 1st District Court of Appeals, where judges agreed that it was exempt from certain zoning restrictions under the state's statutory definition of a "public utility." However, in a unanimous [opinion](#) the Ohio Supreme Court reversed both the trial and appeals courts' holdings finding that Rumpke did not meet the test to be considered a public utility. For an enterprise to be considered a public utility it must be a "public concern" and provide a "public service" that is available "indiscriminately and reasonably" to the general public in order to be considered a public utility.

The court found that Rumpke failed to meet the public-service factor of the public-utility test since as a private company it has the ability to set its own rates and determine to whom and how it provides its services without any governmental oversight. The general public has no legal right to demand or receive Rumpke's services. And without government regulation there is no assurance or guarantee that Rumpke will provide its services to the public indiscriminately and reasonably, nor is there anything preventing Rumpke from arbitrarily or unreasonably withdrawing its services.

FEDERAL ACTIVITIES

CENSUS BUREAU RELEASES COUNTS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS IN US & HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE ESTIMATES FOR EVERY COUNTY

The Census Bureau has released the [Census of Governments](#) that provides the number of local governments across the Nation and the [Small Area Health Insurance Estimates \(SAHIE\)](#) program.

The Census of Governments, conducted every five years for years ending in "2" and "7", identifies the scope and nature of the nation's state and local government sector; provides authoritative benchmark figures of public finance and public employment; classifies local government organizations, powers, and activities; and measures federal, state, and local fiscal relationships. The data are available by level of government (state, local, or state and local combined), type of government (state, county, city, township, special district, school district), and category of governmental activity.

In 2012, 89,004 local governments existed in the United States, down from 89,476 in the last census of governments conducted in 2007. Local governments included 3,031 counties (down from 3,033 in 2007), 19,522 municipalities (up from 19,492 in 2007), 16,364 townships (down from 16,519 in 2007), 37,203 special districts (down from 37,381 in 2007), and 12,884 independent school districts (down from 13,051 in 2007).

The SAHIE program is the only source for single-year estimates of health insurance coverage of people for all counties and states, regardless of population size, with and without health insurance for detailed demographic and income groups. The estimates are based on the 2010 estimates of health insurance coverage for each of the nation's roughly 3,140 counties. Mapping tools are available on the SAHIE website that shows regional trends in coverage.

CONFERENCES/WORKSHOPS

OHPELRA FALL PROGRAMS

The Ohio Public Employer Labor Relations Association (OHPELRA) will be holding two separate Fall Programs this year. Registration for both seminars begins at 8:00 a.m. Both seminars begin at 9:00 a.m. and conclude at 3:00 p.m.

September 13, 2012 – Public Sector Performance Management: Understanding the Concepts, Systems, & Issues Surrounding Performance Pay will be held at the Independence Civic Center, 6363 Selig Drive, in Independence. This course has been approved by the Supreme Court of Ohio Commission on Continuing Legal Education for 4.5 total hours of CLE instruction.

Mike Esposito, Esq. and Pete Nevada, Esq. from Clemans Nelson and Associates will present on the foundation of performance pay in the public sector, requirements for classification plans, position descriptions, following civil service rules, improving and making performance evaluation systems consistent, defensible and valuable in improving performance. In addition, the speakers will discuss compensation plans, their structure and how bargaining impacts them. In the afternoon, a panel of experts from several firms will describe best practices revolving around compensation, performance management, and training. The panel will wrap up the program with conversations regarding impediments to performance pay, the impact or political influences, gaining buy-in, bargaining issues, and cost and time analysis.

Registration fee (lunch included): \$125 – OHPELRA members & \$225 – non-members. For more program information and to register, go to www.ohpelra.org

October 5, 2012 – Ethics and Social Media for Smart People will be held at the City of Columbus Police Academy, 1000, North Hague Avenue, in Columbus. This course has been approved by the Supreme Court of Ohio Commission on Continuing Legal Education for 4.5 total hours of CLE instruction.

The morning session will feature Jennifer Hardin, Esq., Chief Advisory Attorney for the Ohio Ethics Commission, talking about the hot topics and answering your questions regarding public sector ethics. In the afternoon, Douglas E. Duckett, Esq. will speak about the good, the bad, and the despicable issues involving social media.

Registration fee (lunch included): \$175 – OHPELRA members and \$275 non-members. For more program information and to register, go to www.ohpelra.org

OHIO GREEN FLEET SHOWCASE – FREE TICKETS AVAILABLE

Clean Fuels Ohio will host the “2012 Ohio Green Fleets and Green Fleets Technology and Vendor Showcase”

from 11:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 12, 2012 at The Boat House at Confluence Park, 679 West Spring Street, in Columbus. This event will focus on fleets from across Ohio that are being certified as Ohio Green Fleets for improving their environment performance, efficiency, and cost effectiveness. The Ohio Green Fleets Showcase will also include informative panels from fleets and technology experts, awards luncheon, and the technology and vendor showcase.

Registration (\$35 value) is complimentary to county commissioners. There are a limited number of complimentary tickets. Register today at www.OGFSpecialPass.Eventbrite.com to claim your free ticket. For more information, contact Andrew Conley, Program Director, Clean Fuels Ohio, at (614) 884-7336 or Andrew@CleanFuelsOhio.org or www.cleanfuelsohio.org

WASTE TO WEALTH SUMMIT

Join the Appalachia Ohio Zero Waste Initiative on September 13-14, 2012 at the Ohio University Inn & Conference Center, 331 Richland Avenue, in Athens for a solid waste and recycling summit. "Waste to Wealth: Building Rural Assets Through Resource Recovery Summit" will bring together solid waste and recycling stakeholders from Ohio, Kentucky and West Virginia to explore how to increase rural wealth by increasing resource recovery.

The program will highlight exemplary rural recycling programs, marketing cooperatives, recycling and zero waste policy, business development, the global and regional context of waste and more. The summit will encourage a value chain approach, where communities, haulers, processors, industries, businesses, politicians, philanthropists and others work together for the benefit of the local economy, the health of its people, and the environment. The lunch and evening reception will feature local foods as well as composting and recycling in an effort to make the event as close to zero waste as possible.

Registration fee (includes lunch, evening reception and summit materials): \$75 per person. [Click here](#) for more information and to register. Note: Athens or Hocking County residents and employees are eligible for a special, free post-summit lunch and forum. Lunch will be served at noon and the program will run from 12:30-3:00 p.m. on September 14. Attendance at the Waste to Wealth summit is not a prerequisite to attending this forum.

DEVELOPING, FINANCING & SUSTAINING HIGH FIDELITY WRAPAROUND

The Erie County Juvenile Court, with funding by the Ohio Department of Youth Services, is sponsoring a leadership session on "Developing, Financing and Sustaining High Fidelity Wraparound" on October 3, 2012 at the Ernsthausen Center, 100 Republic Street in Norwalk. Two identical sessions will be offered at 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Learn the benefits of how intersystem collaboration has worked in Ohio in developing capacity for wraparound implementation. In addition, learn how high fidelity wraparound equals savings to counties, increases stability and opportunities for families and communities, and keeps children in their communities and strengthens the overall systems of support and care. Erie County Juvenile Judge DeLamatre and the Erie County Commissioners will discuss why this is an effective process and the Department of Youth Services will explain their perspective.

There is no charge to attend. To register, contact Cindy Franketti at (419) 627-7623 or cfranketti@eriecounty.oh.gov or contact the Erie County Commissioners office at (419) 627-7682.

SOCIAL MEDIA: THE RECORDS MANAGEMENT CHALLENGE

The Ohio Electronic Records Committee, in cooperation with the Ohio Historical Records Advisory Board and with funding by the National Historical Publications and Records Commission, is offering a free workshop based on the Ohio ERC's newest guideline, "[Social Media: The Records Management Challenge](#)." The workshop will be held on October 24, 2012 at the Ohio Historical Society Library & Archives, 800 East 17th Avenue, in Columbus. A morning and an afternoon session will be offered.

- Morning Session – 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon
- Afternoon Session – 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
- Registration begins 30 minutes before each session.
- The content for each session is identical.

Advance registration is required. The seminars are FREE. Registration is limited to 60 attendees per session. Online registration will be open until noon on October 23, 2012. [Click here](#) to register.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

The Community Development Conference, which trains local officials administering Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) programs, will be held from November 7-9, 2012 at the Salt Fork Lodge and Conference Center, U.S. Route 22 East, in Cambridge. The Department of Development's Office of Community Development and the Ohio Conference of Community Development, Inc. are co-sponsors of this annual event.

Registration: \$175. Registrations will only be accepted until October 24, 2012. [Click here](#) for a brochure and conference information or contact Ohio Conference of Community Development, Inc., c/o Patricia Richards, P.O. Box 776, Urbana, OH 43078, (937) 652-3523 or office@occd.org

ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINION

SYLLABUS

2012-026

1. A board of county commissioners of a county that is a member of a regional council of governments may authorize the council to enter into a contract under R.C. 167.03(C) with a county land reutilization corporation whereby the council will perform for the corporation specific administrative functions, provided the services furnished by the council under the contract are capable of performance by the county and are necessary or desirable for dealing with problems of mutual concern.
2. A board of county commissioners may enter into a contract under R.C. 167.08 with a regional council of governments for the purpose of authorizing the council to perform on behalf of the county administrative functions for a county land reutilization corporation.
3. Neither a county treasurer nor a county auditor may contract with a county land reutilization corporation to provide services to or employees to work for the corporation.

CLASSIFIEDS

Title /For More Information. . .	Employer/Application Deadline
Operations Supervisor	Franklin County Sanitary Engineer Applications accepted until position is filled
Sanitary Engineer	Mahoning County Commissioners September 21, 2012

Executive Director

Center for Local Government (CLG)
October 1, 2012 or until position is filled