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ASSOCIATION NEWS

CCAO NOMINATING COMMITTEE APPOINTED

Today, the CCAO Board of Directors approved the appointment of a five-member nominating committee. The Committee, appointed by CCAO President Deborah Lieberman, will be chaired by David Dhume, Madison County Commissioner. Other county commissioners serving on the committee include: Paula Brooks (Franklin), Olen Jackson (Morrow), Kerry Metzger (Tuscarawas), and Daniel Troy (Lake).

It is the responsibility of the committee to recommend a slate of officers and board members to be elected at the Annual Business Meeting to be held on Monday, December 10, 2012, during the CCAO/CEAO Winter Conference. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor. The committee will be nominating candidates for the offices of president, first vice president, second vice president, secretary and treasurer. In addition, seven members will be nominated to serve on the Board of Directors for two-year terms. The Nominating Committee will also fill any vacancies that may exist where members elected to a two-year term will not be returning to office or where a member forfeits office for non-attendance.

The Nominating Committee is also governed by a Board resolution adopted in 2011 that limits the number of consecutive years a person can serve as either treasurer (not more than three consecutive years) or secretary (not more than one consecutive year). Also, persons serving in the offices of treasurer and secretary must be of different political parties. In addition, in order to be eligible to be nominated as an officer an individual must have served on the Board currently or at some time in the past.

The CCAO Bylaws requires that each member county designate an official representative and alternate when voting at the Annual Meeting or any special meeting of the Association. The designation of the official representative and alternate for a county organized under the statutory form of county government is by resolution of the board of county commissioners. In the case of a county organized as a charter county, the elected executive designates, by a letter signed by the executive, the official representative and an alternate. Please note in designating the official representative and alternate, a member county may only name a county commissioner, elected executive, or a member of county council.

A memo explaining the process along with a sample Designation of Official Representative and Alternate Resolution and a sample letter for county executives can be found on the front page of the CCAO Website at www.ccao.org. If you have not already done so, please send a copy of your resolution or letter designating your Official Representative and Alternate to Kathy Dillon, CCAO Office Manager and Boards' Liaison, 209 East State Street, Columbus, OH 43215 or at kathydillon@ccao.org so that we may maintain a record of the names in our files for voting purposes. Should you have any questions or to confirm that we have received a copy of your resolution or letter, please contact Kathy Dillon at (888) 757-1904 or at kathydillon@ccao.org.

The seven members whose terms to the Board expire this year include: Sam Bassitt (Allen), Mike Crabtree (Scioto), Kim Edwards (Ashland), Peter Ferguson (Stark), Pete Gerken (Lucas), Ed Humphrey (Clermont), and Mike Reed (Morgan).

The nine members appointed by President Lieberman whose one-year term to the Board expires at the end of this year include: Edward FitzGerald (Cuyahoga), Pat Geissman (Medina), Mike Halleck (Columbiana), Ralph Jennings (Brown), Ted Kalo (Lorain), Dennis Stapleton (Delaware), David Wesler (Preble), Tom Wheaton (Carroll), and Ronald Wyss (Hardin).

The CCAO Bylaws also provides the six most recent past presidents who still hold the office of county commissioner, elected executive, or member of the legislative authority of any charter county or any county organized under an alternative form of county government and who elect to serve as a member, a seat on the Board of Directors. In 2013 those individuals will include: Deborah Lieberman (Montgomery), David Dhume (Madison), Paula Brooks (Franklin), Kerry Metzger (Tuscarawas), Daniel Troy (Lake), and Lenny Eliason (Athens).

The Committee must make its recommendations no later than November 16. The report will be published in CIDS and an individual copy of the report will be sent to each commissioner.

Today, CCAO sent to all commissioners an application form to express interest to become an officer or a member of the CCAO Board. A CCAO Nominating Candidate Questionnaire was also included. Both forms must be returned not later than November 2 to the committee chair: David Dhume, Madison County Commissioner, 1 North Main Street, P.O. Box 618, London, OH 43140-0618. In addition, mail a copy to CCAO, 209 East State Street, Columbus, OH 43215, in an envelope marked: NOMINATING COMMITTEE – ATTENTION: KATHY DILLON. If you have any questions, feel free to contact David Dhume at (740) 852-2972, or call CCAO Executive Director Larry Long at (614) 221-5627.

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 3:45 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 is posted on our website at www.ccao.org For registration information please contact Ali Redmond, CCAO Accountant, at (614) 221-5627, (888) 757-1904 or onlinereg@ccao.org

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.

A flyer about the seminar is attached to this issue of CIDS and posted on our website at www.ccao.org. 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

CCAO SURVEY ON TUBERCULOSIS COSTS

On Wednesday of this week, all boards of county commissioners, county administrators, and county clerks

should have received a survey from CCAO for the purpose of identifying the costs of the tuberculosis detention and treatment mandate to county general funds. We hope to receive a response from each county by October 1st.

Under current law, boards of commissioners are the payers of last resort for TB detention and treatment. A single case can cost upwards of \$100,000, depending on the strain of TB that is detected. CCAO has been working to address this unfunded mandate, and a timely response from each county will help inform our advocacy efforts with the Administration and General Assembly.

View and submit the [survey](#) online. Please contact Laura Abu-Absi, CCAO Policy Analyst, at (614) 220-7996, (888) 757-1904 or labu-absi@ccao.org for additional information.

CAB 2012-02 REVISED: COUNTY INVESTMENT LAW CHANGES

HB 225, effective March 22, 2002, made changes to the county investment law by amending ORC Section 135.35. The change in the law expanded the eligible investments for county inactive monies to bonds or other obligations of the state and any political subdivision in the state. The law generally increased the maximum maturity for eligible investments of county inactive monies from 5 to 10 years, and allowed up to 25% of the county's total average investment portfolio to mature in more than 10 years. HB 487, the main Mid Biennium Review Bill, amends ORC Section 135.35 by generally reducing the maximum maturity for eligible investments of county inactive monies from 10 years to 5 years and repealing the authority of counties to invest up to 25% of the county's average investment portfolio in securities that mature in more than 10 years. HB 487, which takes effect September 10, 2012, generally retains the provision of the prior law allowing county inactive monies to be invested in bonds or other obligations of the state and any political subdivision in the state. [Click here](#) to read a copy of revised 2012-02 CAB.

AFFILIATE NEWS

CCC/EAPA REGIONAL MEETING SCHEDULED OCTOBER 12

The last County Commissioners Clerks and Engineers Administrative Professionals Association (CCC/EAPA) regional meeting for 2012 will be held on October 12 at the CCAO Offices, 209 East State Street, Columbus. RSVP your attendance to Lora Redick at (419) 228-3196 or 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

STATE ACTIVITIES

OPPORTUNITY FOR INPUT ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AREAS

Rich Frederick, Director of the Ohio Governor's Office of Workforce Transformation, asked CCAO to solicit feedback on the Administration's plans to roll out workforce development areas. CCAO sent a survey and draft

map to solicit feedback from counties on preferential partners from a regional workforce development perspective to share with the Administration as they reconsider this draft. Frederick stated that these areas will not impact the operation or governance of local Workforce Investment Areas. The Administration is flexible on the number of workforce development areas. They do intend to keep the boundaries of workforce development areas within the six existing JobsOhio regions, which were announced last year. CCAO strongly encourages you to make your voice heard on this Kasich Administration initiative by responding to this survey.

The surveys were due Monday, September 17. If you have not responded, please email responses to Laura Abu-Absi, CCAO Policy Analyst, at labu-absi@ccao.org or fax (614) 221-6986 or via telephone to Laura at (614) 220-7996.

FEDERAL ACTIVITIES

SUVER TESTIFIES AT CONGRESSIONAL BRIEFING ON SSBG

Robert Suver, Director of Job and Family Services for Clark County, represented NACo at a congressional briefing on the importance of the Social Services Block Grant (SSBG) to counties on September 12. [Suver reported](#) on the use of SSBG for adult protective services in Clark County as well as the results of a survey conducted by NACo and the National Association of County Human Services Administrators (NACHSA). Adult protective services came out as the main use of funds by far. Child welfare was next, followed by services to individuals with disabilities. To view the survey results, please [click here](#). Suver serves as the NACHSA Executive Officer and Treasurer and serves on the NACo Board of Directors. For more information, please contact Robert Suver at (937) 327-1858 or rsuver@clarkdifs.org

USDA TO HOLD A REGIONAL MEETING IN OHIO TO COORDINATE LONG TERM DROUGHT RESPONSE

Recognizing that recovery from the drought that affected much of the farm belt will be a lengthy process, Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack Thursday announced the scheduling of four regional meetings which will outline available resources to assist with local, regional and state recovery efforts. USDA will coordinate with State and local partners, working closely with the Department of Commerce, the Small Business Administration and the Federal Emergency Management Agency to facilitate these meetings.

The meetings will be kicked off in Nebraska on October 9 followed by meetings in Ohio, Colorado and Arkansas. As of press time, the dates for the other meetings were not available. The meetings will assess current and emerging drought recovery issues and explore issues ranging from infrastructure challenges to development and financing needs, attempting to look at the total recovery picture for the region.

The Secretary also announced the implementation of the [National Disaster Recovery Framework \(NDRF\)](#). The framework links local, State, Tribal and Federal governments, the private sector and nongovernmental and community organizations that play vital roles in recovery.

SEQUESTRATION REPORT ISSUED BY OMB

The Administration has just issued its report from the Office of Management & Budget (OMB) regarding the Sequestration Transparency Act of 2012 as required by the Budget Control Act of 2011. It is a 394 page report detailing how budget reductions should be made if sequestration is implemented after January 2, 2013 and the impact on over 1,200 budget accounts. In brief, the report calls for the sequestration of 9.4 percent in non-exempt defense discretionary spending and an 8.2 percent reduction in non-exempt-nondefense discretionary funding. It also imposes two percent cuts to Medicare, 7.6 percent to other non-exempt nondefense mandatory programs, and a ten percent cut to non-exempt defense mandatory programs. [Click here](#) to read

the report. For more information, please contact Ed Rosado, NACo Legislative Director, at (202)942-4271 or erosado@naco.org

FARM BILL EXPIRES SEPTEMBER 30 – CONTACT YOUR MEMBER OF CONGRESS

The Farm Bill expires on September 30, but there has been no movement by House leadership to give floor consideration to the House Agriculture Committee passed Farm Bill, H.R. 6083. A short-term extension until after the elections or a one-year extension appear to be increasingly likely scenarios. In addition, there is some talk that the Farm Bill will be allowed to expire until after the elections.

On Thursday, September 13, a bipartisan group of thirty-nine House members including nine Republicans signed the discharge petition to move the bill to the House floor only. A majority of House members would have to sign the petition to force the House leadership to bring up the House Agriculture Committee-passed farm bill on the floor for consideration. Discharge petitions rarely work, but they sometimes force House leaders to bring up a bill to avoid the embarrassment of a display of opposition.

NACo opposes a one-year extension of the Farm Bill because it eliminates mandatory funding for NACo priority programs in rural development, renewable energy and beginning farmer and rancher development.

Please contact your Member of Congress and urge them to pass a multi-year reauthorization of the Farm Bill now and urge them to work to support mandatory funding for rural development, beginning farmer, renewable energy, nutrition, and conservation easement programs in any conference negotiations. For more information, please contact Erik Johnston, NACo Associate Legislative Director, at (202) 942-4230 or ejohnston@naco.org

DIGITAL GOODS BILL'S COST ESTIMATE MAKE IT AN UNFUNDED MANDATE

Last week, the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) released its cost estimate for H.R. 1860, the Digital Goods and Service Tax Fairness Act of 2012. The bill prohibits state and local governments from imposing taxes on certain sales of digital goods and services that are taxable under current law, and was reported out of the House Judiciary Committee on June 28, 2012. NACo opposes this legislation as an unfunded mandate.

The legislation is in fact an unfunded mandate with an estimated cost to comply of over \$74 million. This figure meets the threshold established under the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) adjusted for inflation. The agency further estimates that the cost to state and local governments in the form of foregone revenues would total over \$3 billion in the first year of implementation, and at least that in each subsequent year.

Please contact your Member of Congress and ask them to oppose H.R. 1860. For more information, please contact Ed Rosado, NACo Legislative Director, at (202) 942-4271 or erosado@naco.org

HOUSE PASSES CONTINUING RESOLUTION

On Thursday, September 13, the House of Representatives passed [H.J. Res. 117, the Continuing Appropriations Act of 2013](#) (CR) by a vote of 232-182. The bill funds the federal government through March 27, 2013. Most programs are funded at 2012 levels.

WEBINARS

SUSTAINABLE PURCHASING & POLITICS – SEPTEMBER 27

Making improvements to purchasing systems requires extraordinary effort, but it is one of the key opportunities for counties to become more sustainable. Join NACo for a free webinar - "Sustainable Purchasing and Politics:

Leading But Staying Out of the Mud” - on Thursday September 27, 2012 from 2:00-3:15 p.m. to find out how many innovative county leaders are finding the “right ways” to engage in better purchasing practices. Learn how Franklin County (OH) and Multnomah County (OR) have made it easier to purchase more efficiently and sustainably through the use of strong policies, cross-departmental teams, and community support. [Click here](#) to register. For more information, contact Jared Lang, NACo Community Services Program Manager, at (202) 942-4224 or jiang@naco.org

CYBERSECURITY AWARENESS MONTH WEBINAR SERIES

October is National Cybersecurity Awareness Month and NACo President Chris Rodgers, Douglas County (NE) Commissioner, is focusing his 2012-13 Presidential Initiative on Cybersecurity. Many counties are responsible for critical infrastructure that is directly tied to cyber networks. It is imperative that county officials and staff are armed with the necessary resources, knowledge, and partnerships necessary to combat the threats.

NACo has teamed up with the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), National Cybersecurity Alliance and the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center (MS-ISAC) to bring you the following webinars, sponsored by AT&T, highlighting county government’s role in protecting the Nation’s cyber infrastructure. These one-hour long webinars begin at 2:00 p.m.

- October 3, 2012 - [Stop.Think.Connect. Cybersecurity is our Shared Responsibility](#)
- October 10, 2012 - [Cyber Crime and Policy Issues](#)
- October 17, 2012 - [Cloud Computing and Mobile Applications: Safety Implications for County Governments](#)
- October 24, 2012 - [Recruiting, Hiring and Retaining IT/Cybersecurity Talent](#)
- October 31, 2012 - [Federal Cybersecurity Briefing and Potential Impact on County Government](#)

For more information, please contact Bev Schlotterbeck, Executive Editor, NACo County News and NACo web site, at (202)942-4249 or bschlott@naco.org or Jerryl Guy, NACo IT Manager, at (202) 942-4229 or jguy@naco.org

ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINION

SYLLABUS

2012-029

1. A county may in accordance with R.C. 9.334, R.C. 153.693, R.C. 1509.06, R.C. 5555.022, R.C. 5557.06, or R.C. 5727.75 enter into an agreement with a private company that conducts oil and gas drilling operations or operates a wind farm to have the company improve and repair the county roads it uses at no cost to the county.
2. A county that enters into an agreement with a private company that conducts oil and gas drilling operations or operates a wind farm to have the company improve and repair the county roads it uses at no cost to the county is not required to comply with R.C. 153.44, R.C. 153.69, or R.C. 307.86-.92.
3. A prosecuting attorney may require that an agreement in which a board of county commissioners or county engineer authorizes a private company that conducts oil and gas drilling operations or operates a wind farm to improve and repair the county roads it uses at no cost to the county be submitted to his office for review prior to the agreement’s execution.
4. A county that enters into an agreement with a private company that conducts oil and gas drilling operations or operates a wind farm to have the company improve and repair the county roads it uses at no cost to the county is required to comply with R.C. 4115.03-.16 when the total overall project cost to the company is fairly estimated to be more than the amount prescribed in R.C. 4115.03(B)(4).
5. Whether a county may incur civil liability for damages for failing to comply with R.C. 4115.03-.16 is, in part, a question of fact that cannot be determined by means of an Attorney General opinion.

A board of county commissioners does not have authority under R.C. Chapter 307 to grant a tax exemption to a private business as part of a lease agreement. A board of county commissioners may grant a tax exemption to a private business under R.C. 5709.63, R.C. 5709.632, or R.C. 5709.78 provided the requirements of those statutes are satisfied.

CLASSIFIEDS

Title /For More Information. . .	Employer/Application Deadline
Sanitary Engineer	Mahoning County Commissioners September 21, 2012
Executive Director	Center for Local Government (CLG) October 1, 2012 or until position is filled
Human Resources Manager	Belmont County Commissioners October 5, 2012
Planning and Development Director	Hamilton County Commissioners October 12, 2012



Second Wednesday's

October 10, 2012

OHIO'S NEW CASINOS: ECONOMIC IMPACT, COUNTY REVENUE & REGULATION

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

During 2012 and 2013 four full service casinos will open in Cleveland, Toledo, Columbus, and Cincinnati. Ohio's newest industry will have a major economic impact on several communities around the state and will also generate revenue for counties across the state. Learn directly from knowledgeable officials about the Gross Casino Revenue (GCR) tax and how it is collected and distributed, the receipt and accounting treatment of the new funds, the work of the Casino Control Commission in licensing and regulating these facilities, and the economic impact of these new facilities on Ohio from the perspective of a casino owner and operator.

PRESENTERS

Brad Cole, Managing Director of Research, County Commissioners Association of Ohio

Chris Hall, Administrator, Tax Analysis Division

Tracy McCreary, Assistant Chief Project Manager, Auditor of State

Rick Anthony, Director of Operations, Casino Control Commission

Penn National Gaming (Invited)

AGENDA—9:30-12:30

- 9:30 a.m. Welcome and Introductions
- 9:45 a.m. Gross Casino Revenue (GCR) Tax: Collection and Distribution
- 10:30 a.m. Receipt and Accounting Treatment of GCR Tax Funds
- 10:45 a.m. Licensure and Regulation of Ohio's Casinos
- 11:30 a.m. Economic Impact of Casinos on Ohio
- 12:30p.m. Adjourn

LOCATION—All Second Wednesday's Seminars will be held in the Board Room at the CCAO offices, 209 East State Street, Columbus 43215.

HOW TO REGISTER—Register for this FREE program by email only 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 served at 9:00 a.m., the program begins at 9:30 a.m. and concludes promptly at 12:30 p.m., and lunch is on your own after the program.

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