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ASSOCIATION NEWS

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).

Register onsite for \$35. More seminar information is posted on our website at www.ccao.org

CCAO NOMINATING COMMITTEE APPOINTED

Last week, 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.

Last week, 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 or djdhume@columbus.rr.com In addition, return a copy to CCAO, 209 East State Street, Columbus, OH 43215, in an envelope marked: NOMINATING COMMITTEE – ATTENTION: KATHY DILLON or kathydillon@ccao.org 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 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).

An updated program is linked to the seminar article on the front page of 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.

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

LOCAL GOVERNMENTS SHOWING LITTLE INTEREST IN INNOVATION LOANS

Members of the Local Government Innovation Fund Council, a state panel overseeing funding for collaborative projects among local governments, reported a shortage of loan requests from the \$45 million allocation. Of the total, the Council must allocate \$36 million toward loans for project implementation, with a small portion available for planning and feasibility study grants. Applicants have applied for the smaller grant funding while few have pursued loans. The panel in June approved 41 grants totaling \$3.46 million and 10 loans worth \$2.96 million.

Emphasizing the point was the one application that members approved in the second round of funding. Although grant funding is available in rounds one and three, loan funding is available in all four quarters of the year.

Sen. Bill Seitz (R-Cincinnati) questioned why local governments have undersubscribed on the loan side. Rep. Ron Amstutz (R-Wooster) said grants have been more popular not only because they do not involve repayment but because local entities are just now planting the seeds for projects, which are not yet at the point when they can be implemented. Department of Development Deputy Chief of Redevelopment Thea Walsh said with 85 grant applications submitted for round three, the requests exceed the available \$9 million in grant funding for fiscal year 2013.

Meanwhile with only four applications submitted for round three loans, Walsh said she could guarantee there would be enough loan funding remaining to allow for a round five in March. If money is left over at the end of the fiscal year, she said she could request the unencumbered amount be reallocated to the Innovation Fund. Member David Collinsworth asked if the body could re-appropriate unused loan money to allow for more grants, but Walsh said the divide in funding is set in statute. Rep. Amstutz said the legislature had the ability to make a change.

The council will next meet in November to approve round three awards. Round four loan applications are due December 3, and a report on the fund is due to the General Assembly January 31.

FEDERAL ACTIVITIES

FARM BILL WILL EXPIRE ON SEPTEMBER 30; ACTION DELAYED UNTIL AFTER THE ELECTIONS

The House of Representatives will recess until November 13 without passing a multi-year Farm Bill or an extension of current law. The Farm Bill will be allowed to expire on September 30 for only the second time since 1973.

Most major impacts from the expiration will not be felt until around January 1, 2013 when major agriculture subsidy programs, export promotion, rural development, renewable energy and foreign aid programs would begin to run out of funding. Nutrition programs such as SNAP (food stamps) and conservation programs will remain in operation. NACo's priority programs that assist local efforts to enhance rural development and opportunities for beginning farmers and ranchers will continue to operate. However, several of these programs, such as the Value Added Producer Grants, Rural Microenterprise Assistance Program, and Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program will cease to exist next year unless a multi-year bill with mandatory funding is passed after the elections.

Last week, Speaker Boehner promised to deal with the Farm Bill during the lame duck session of Congress, which is already jam packed with other unfinished and expiring measures. It is difficult to predict how the Farm Bill process will play out in the limited legislative period after the elections. For more information, please contact Erik Johnston, NACo Associate Legislative Director, at (202) 942-4230 or ejohnston@naco.org

OMB RELEASES REPORT ON THE IMPACT OF SEQUESTRATION

On Friday, September 14, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) issued a preliminary report on the programs that would be affected by automatic program cuts known as sequestration. The cuts would be triggered January 2, 2013 if Congress doesn't act to change the Budget Control Act of 2011 (BCA). BCA requires \$109 billion in deficit reduction a year, for a total of \$1.2 trillion in deficit reduction from FY 2013 to FY 2021. The annual amount is split equally between defense and non-defense spending, or \$54.667 billion each.

Not all non-defense programs would be reduced by the same percentage. Domestic discretionary programs of interest to counties, such as the Community Development Block Grant, would be cut by 8.2 percent. There is a second category of domestic programs, known as direct spending, that would be cut by a smaller amount of 7.6 percent. Payments in Lieu of Taxes, Essential Air Service, the Social Services Block Grant, the Prevention and Public Health Fund, and the National Telecommunications Information Administration's (NTIA) state and local implementation program fall under this category.

Entitlement programs are also treated differently and there are some variations among these. While entitlement programs are relatively unscathed under sequestration, they are very vulnerable if Congress tries to avoid the automatic cuts.

The OMB report is only an estimate and is based on current funding and could change as a result of the Continuing Resolution that funds the federal government until March 2013. Since sequestration would take place in the second quarter of the fiscal year, cuts would be prorated, which would have an even larger impact per quarter. NACo developed a [chart](#) which should give an idea of the effect of a possible sequester. For more information, contact Marilina Sanz, Associate Legislative Director, at (202) 942-4260 or msanz@naco.org

U.S. CENSUS BUREAU - AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY

The U.S. Census Bureau's [American Community Survey](#) tracks median incomes and health insurance coverage across the nation. The latest survey results released this week include data on the state's capital, where the median household income for 2011 was found to be \$40,463 compared with the national figure of \$50,502.

Other Columbus data provided by the census:

- 15.6% of people in the city did not have health insurance coverage; the national figure was 15.1% percent nationally
- 44.4% of the preschool age population was enrolled in school, which was not significantly different from the 47.4% national figure.

- Among Columbus' 25-and-older population, 87.9% completed high school or more, close to the 85.9% total for the nation as a whole.
- 31.3% of the 25-and-older population had a bachelor's degree or higher, compared with 28.5% nationally.
- The median value for an owner-occupied home was \$127,000, compared with \$173,600 in the nation as a whole.
- The median gross rent (rent plus utilities) was \$776, compared with \$871 nationally.
- About 10% of people in Columbus were foreign-born, compared with 13% percent in the nation as a whole.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

GREEN ENERGY OHIO WIND FARM TOUR

Get a close-up view of utility-scale wind turbines on the [Green Energy Ohio Wind Farm Tour](#) on Thursday, October 4, 2012 from 9:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. This FREE Tour is provided by One Energy LLC as a 2012 Featured Tour Sponsor showcasing Cooper Farms and to the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation for support of this educational event.

Green Energy Ohio (GEO) is providing bus transportation starting in Urbana and travelling to Van Wert to tour two distributed wind energy projects using utility-scale wind turbines, and the Blue Creek Wind Farm. Company and area representatives will be available at each site to share information and answer questions.

Meet GEO and jump on the bus at one of four boarding stops: Urbana, Bellefontaine, Wapakoneta, or the first Tour stop at Cooper Farms. For those joining the bus in Urbana, Bellefontaine, or Wapakoneta there will be a boxed lunch available for the cost of \$10.

RSVPs will be required for this bus tour and the boxed lunches. Please RSVP by Tuesday, October 2, to Emily Sautter at 216-789-5248 or Emily@greenenergyohio.org and indicate your bus boarding location and if you require a vegetarian lunch.

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 iguy@naco.org

ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINIONS

SYLLABUS

2012-031

1. R.C. 307.87(A) authorizes a county contracting authority to solicit bids for a contract pertaining to a public improvement project described in R.C. 307.862(G) through an electronic bidding system, provided the county contracting authority complies with all other statutory notice requirements.
2. Pursuant to R.C. 307.87(B) and R.C. 307.88(A), a county contracting authority may receive bids and bid guaranties for a contract pertaining to a public improvement project described in R.C. 307.862(G) through an electronic bidding system, provided (1) bidders and the county contracting authority comply with R.C. Chapters 304 and 1306; (2) bid guaranties are filed in the form of a bond or letter of credit; and (3) the county contracting authority permits a person to access the bidding information described in R.C. 307.87(B)(1) other than through the electronic bidding system and file a bid and bid guaranty in paper form.

CLASSIFIEDS

Title /For More Information. . .	Employer/Application Deadline
Executive Director	Center for Local Government (CLG) October 1, 2012 or until position is filled
Human Resources Manager	Belmont County Commissioners October 5, 2012
Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator III	Fairfield County Commissioners October 9, 2012
Planning and Development Director	Hamilton County Commissioners October 12, 2012
Economic Development Director	Fairfield County Commissioners October 19, 2012
Finance Director	Butler County Commissioners Applications accepted until position is filled