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DATES TO REMEMBER

DECEMBER 9-11, 2012

CCAO/CEAO WINTER CONFERENCE, GREATER COLUMBUS CONVENTION CENTER, COLUMBUS

FEBRUARY 10-12, 2013

CCAO COMMISSIONERS' TRAINING SEMINAR, DEER CREEK RESORT & CONFERENCE CENTER, PICKAWAY COUNTY (MT. STERLING) (FLYER ATTACHED)

MARCH 2-6, 2013

NACo LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE, WASHINGTON HILTON & TOWERS, WASHINGTON, D.C. (REGISTRATION OPENS ON NOVEMBER 27)

ASSOCIATION NEWS

COMMISSIONERS NOT RETURNING TO OFFICE TO BE RECOGNIZED AT WINTER CONFERENCE

CCAO sincerely appreciates the time and service dedicated to serving county government by county officials. In honor of your service to CCAO and Ohio county government, commissioners that will not be returning to office in January 2013 will receive a plaque and be recognized at the Conference. Each out-going commissioner will receive a letter with details about this recognition next week.

In addition, commissioner-elects are welcome to register and attend the entire Conference. Registration and travel expenses associated with attending this conference may be reimbursed by the county even though the commissioner-elect has not yet taken office. However, before such costs can be paid by the county these expenses must be approved in advance by the current Board of County Commissioners pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 325.20. For more information, please contact Mary Jane Neiman, CCAO Public Relations Associate, at (614) 220-7979, (888) 757-1904 or mjneiman@ccao.org

CCAO TO HOST SESSION FOR NEWLY ELECTED COMMISSIONERS AT WINTER CONFERENCE

During the CCAO/CEAO Winter Conference, CCAO will be hosting a "Welcome & Briefing for Newly Elected Commissioners" on Sunday, December 9, from 2:30 - 4:30 p.m. at the Greater Columbus Convention Center. Commissioner-elects and a guest are invited to join us at a reception following the session. There will be no charge to attend this session.

In addition, commissioner-elects are welcome to register and attend the Conference. If contacted by your commissioner-elects about attending the Conference they will need to submit travel expenses in advance in writing to the current board of county commissioners for approval. If a majority of the members of the board approves the request, such expenses shall be paid from the moneys appropriated to such office for traveling

expenses. Under Ohio Revised Code 325.20, except as otherwise provided by law, no elected county officer shall attend, at county expense, any association meeting or convention conducted pursuant to section 901.10 of the Revised Code, unless authorized by the board of county commissioners.

CAB 2012-09: DANGEROUS AND VICIOUS DOG LAW UPDATE

On May 22, 2012, HB 14, the Dangerous and Vicious Dog Law, became effective. [County Advisory Bulletin \(CAB\) 2012-09](#) highlights changes in the law regarding the defining of “nuisance,” “dangerous,” or “vicious” dogs; the process by which owners, keepers, or harborers (or “owner(s)”) of dogs may appeal such a designation; the requirement of owners of a “dangerous” dog to obtain a dangerous dog registration; the prohibition of certain felons from owning dogs under certain conditions; and, changes in the penalties involving ownership of “nuisance,” “dangerous,” or “vicious” dogs. For more information on this CAB, please contact Josh Hahn, CCAO Senior Policy Analyst, (614) 220-7982, (888) 757-1904 or jhahn@ccao.org.

CCAO/CEAO ANNUAL WINTER CONFERENCE

Join CCAO/CEAO for our 132ND Annual Winter Conference to be held on December 9-11, 2012 at the Greater Columbus Convention Center (GCCC), 400 North High Street, in downtown Columbus. Registration materials were emailed to county commissioners, county engineers and their staff, CCAO/CEAO affiliate members, and vendors today. For the first time, you have the opportunity to [register for the conference online](#).

Another change is the hotel room blocks. The headquarters hotel will be the new [Hilton Downtown Hotel](#), which is connected to the GCCC via an enclosed walkway. The Sunday night reception, hospitality suites, and a block of hotel rooms are at the Hilton. Additional blocks of hotel rooms have been held at the [Drury Inn](#) (Drury group access code – 2151385) and the [Hampton Inn & Suites](#). Click on the hotel reservation links above or see the hotel reservation information on the conference registration form.

The **Spouse/Guest Luncheon & Program** will be held on Monday, December 10 from 11:30-2:00 p.m. at the new Hilton. The hotel features a stunning art collection comprised of over 150 original pieces by Central Ohio artists. The artwork is displayed in function space, guest rooms and public areas of the hotel. Connected to the Greater Columbus Convention Center by a stunning glass pedestrian sky bridge, the Hilton is a collaborative project made possible by Franklin County, City of Columbus, Franklin County Convention Facilities Authority, Hilton Worldwide, and community leaders.

A revised agenda and registration materials have been posted at www.ccao.org. Click on the article link on the front page.

STATE ACTIVITIES

WAR ERA STORY PROJECT

The Ohio Departments of Aging and Veterans Services have released the first contributions to the departments' joint War Era Story Project. From late May through August, 2012, the departments asked Ohioans to submit their memories from the start of World War II through the 1940s. Forty-six stories are included in this first release, with more stories planned to be released once per month until all submissions have been shared with the public. Read, download and print individual stories at www.aging.ohio.gov/news/storyprojects.

EMERGENCY SERVICES INTERNET PROTOCOL NETWORK STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

This first meeting of the Statewide Emergency Services Internet Protocol Network Steering Committee will be

held on Monday, November 19 at 11:30 a.m. at Riffe State Office Tower, 77 South High Street – Room 1918, in Columbus.

This Committee was established by HB 509 to report on the current funding model for Ohio's 9-1-1 systems by November 15, 2012. In addition, the Committee is to review and advise on the implementation, operation, and maintenance of a statewide emergency services internet protocol network that will support state and local governments Next Generation 9-1-1 and dispatch of emergency service providers. This is an opportunity for the Committee to address the need for a permanent funding source for supporting a 9-1-1 system and recommend continuation of some form of funding beyond the current 28 cents per month on cell phones which is set to expire at the end of 2012. Representing CCAO on the committee are John Leutz, CCAO Senior Policy Analyst, and Ed Humphrey, Clermont County Commissioner, for term expiring 12/31/13 and 12/31/16 respectively.

FEDERAL ACTIVITIES

SEQUESTRATION & THE 'FISCAL CLIFF' - PORTMAN BACKS STOPGAP MEASURES FOLLOWED BY SIX-MONTH PERIOD TO FULLY ADDRESS UNDERLYING PROBLEMS

The threat of sequestration, automatic across-the-board budget cuts, is a major factor propelling the federal government and the nation towards the 'fiscal cliff' in what some are calling a "Fedageddon" free fall to the bottom. If implemented, the country would see \$109.3 billion in automatic budget cuts in FY13, split evenly between defense and non-defense spending. Federal programs that are lifelines to many counties face significant reductions.

The deal struck in 2011 to increase the nation's debt ceiling — the Budget Control Act — included directions to find \$1.5 trillion in budget savings over 10 years. If the members of the Joint Select Committee on Budget Reduction — the Super Committee — were unable to agree on a path to achieve the reduction, then the law required across-the-board-cuts that would. House and Senate leaders believed such a draconian measure would spur the committee and Congress to reach an agreement. They didn't, and 18 months later Fedageddon looms. [Click here](#) for more information.

As the end-of-the-year fiscal cliff looms, the December 2010 "Moment of Truth" (MOT) report from co-chairs of the National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform, known as Simpson-Bowles, is once again getting attention. A bipartisan group of eight senators is trying fashion a comprehensive deficit-reduction plan and is considering Simpson-Bowles among other proposals. The report offered a comprehensive eight-year deficit-reduction plan for FY13–20 that included spending cuts, tax reform and congressional budget process changes. [Click here](#) for more information.

Senator Rob Portman said Thursday that he believes the best approach to dealing with the impending 'fiscal cliff' facing the nation is to immediately address the issue of expiring tax cuts while setting forth a six-month process to enact longer-term solutions to the federal government's financial problems. Portman, who served on the Super Committee, believes the President and Congress will come up with a short-term response to avert the so-called fiscal cliff at the end of the year, when a number of Bush-era tax cuts are slated to expire and billions in budget cuts impacting defense programs and other initiatives over the next decade are scheduled to begin. However, he said the immediate action should be coupled with a half-year schedule for action on a plan to shore up the federal tax code and entitlement programs such as Medicare. If the latter part of the equation fails, Portman said, the nation would inevitably face another financial crisis in short order.

NACo ACTIVITIES

RURAL ACTION CAUCUS SETS 2013 PRIORITIES

NACo's Rural Action Caucus (RAC) held their annual meeting last week for leaders in county, parish and borough government to discuss the needs and concerns of the rural Americans they represent. The following 2013 RAC priorities include:

- Relief from unfunded mandates;
- Reauthorization of the farm bill with a focus on rural development;
- Renewed focus on improving rural healthcare and substance abuse programs with a focus on rural veterans and youth;
- Implementation of the key rural provisions of the Surface Transportation Law (MAP-21), and
- Reauthorization of the Secure Rural Schools & Self Determination Act and PILT, which are critical to communities with public lands.

[Click here](#) for more information.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

SHARED SERVICES EXPO; CCAO TO BE A DISTANCE LEARNING SITE

Across Ohio, communities are utilizing shared services to improve their operations and reduce costs. The Shared Services Expo highlights successful shared services programs and provides practical advice to those interested in collaborative shared service projects.

The Shared Services Expo will be held on Tuesday, November 27, 2012 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Idea Center, 1375 Euclid Avenue, in Cleveland. The goal of the Expo is to increase the number of effective shared service programs by providing specific details about the best practices behind the real-world success stories. Keynote speakers will be former U.S. Senator and Cuyahoga County Commissioner George Voinovich, Cuyahoga County Executive Ed FitzGerald and Controlling Board President & Policy Advisor Randy Cole.

There are three ways to take advantage of this learning opportunity:

- 1) **Onsite Learning** - Preregistration is required for the onsite learning. Registration fee: \$50 (includes continental breakfast, box lunch and conference materials). Register at www.ideastream.org/education.
- 2) **Half-day Webinar at your site** – A half-day webinar option is available for a registration fee of \$75. You have the option of registering a site in your county for more registrants to attend for just one fee. Register at www.ideastream.org/education.
- 3) **Half-day Webinar at the CCAO Office** - CCAO has registered to be a webinar site. You can attend the Shared Services Expo FREE at the CCAO office. More details to follow.

2013 NACo LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE

Registration opens on Tuesday, November 27, 2012 for the [2013 NACo Legislative Conference](#), which is held on an annual basis in Washington, DC. The Conference will be held on March 2-6, 2013 at the Washington Hilton & Towers in Washington, D.C. This meeting brings over 2,000 elected and appointed county officials from across the country to focus on legislative issues facing county government. Attendees hear from key

Administration officials and members of Congress about educational opportunities addressing current and hot topic issues. A day of lobbying on Capitol Hill the last day rounds out the conference. The Opening General Session Speaker on Monday, March 4 will be Bob Woodward, Associate Editor of *The Washington Post* and Author of *The Price of Politics*.

ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINIONS

SYLLABUS

2012-039

The judges of a county court, in the reasonable exercise of their discretion, may use moneys in a special projects fund established under R.C. 1907.24(B)(1) to purchase trees, tree grates, bricks, sand, sod, and related materials that will be installed or placed upon public property by persons participating in a community service program, provided the program contributes to the efficient operation of the court. (2009 Op. Att'y Gen. No. 2009-001 (syllabus, paragraph 1), distinguished.)

CLASSIFIEDS

Title /For More Information. . .	Employer/Application Deadline
Facilities Manager	Fairfield County November 19, 2012
Director - Environmental Services	Hamilton County Commissioner November 23, 2012
HR Assistant Director	Greene County Commissioners November 30, 2012
Family & Children First Director	Greene County Commissioners November 30, 2012
Building and Zoning Administrator	Butler County Commissioners November 30, 2012
Economic Development Director	Henry County Commissioners November 30, 2012
Project Manager	Henry County Engineer December 21, 2012
Protective Services Program Administrator	Fairfield County JFS Position posted until filled



CCAO Commissioners' Training Seminar for New & Veteran County Commissioners

SAVE THE DATE!

- Date:** February 10-12, 2013
- Location:** Deer Creek Resort & Conference Center
2230 State Park Road #20
Mt. Sterling, OH 43143
- Registration:** \$110 per person. Registration materials & agenda to follow.
- Room Rate:** \$85 single/double. Call Deer Creek at 740.869.2020 for room reservations

Join your new & veteran colleagues on February 10-12, 2013 to learn about county government and your responsibilities as county officials. This seminar is hosted by the County Commissioners Association of Ohio. Mark your calendar and plan to attend!

Sessions begin late afternoon on February 10 and end at noon on February 12. Registration materials to follow. For more information, contact Mary Jane Neiman, CCAO Public Relations Associate, at 614.220.7979 or mjneiman@ccaoh.org