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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)**
- MARCH 2-6, 2013 **NACo LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE, WASHINGTON HILTON & TOWERS, WASHINGTON, D.C. (REGISTRATION OPENS ON NOVEMBER 27)**

ASSOCIATION NEWS

CCAO NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

CCAO President Deborah Lieberman (Montgomery) appointed the following commissioners to serve on the CCAO Nominating Committee: David Dhume (Madison) - Chair, Paula Brooks (Franklin), Olen Jackson (Morrow), Kerry Metzger (Tuscarawas), and Daniel Troy (Lake). The Committee met on November 16, 2012 to recommend a slate of CCAO officers and Board of Directors members. A copy of the report was sent to all Boards of County Commissioners and the Cuyahoga and Summit County Executives and County Councils this week. The report will be formally presented at the CCAO Business Meeting held during the CCAO/CEAO Annual Winter Conference on Monday, December 10, 2012. Nominations also will be accepted from the floor.

The Committee wishes to thank all members who submitted their names for consideration. The nomination process was difficult because 23 highly qualified and motivated individuals expressed interest in serving as an officer or board member. The Committee, however, was charged with recommending candidates for five officer positions and seven regular two-year Board seats, and two one-year unexpired terms. Finally, the 2013 president will make nine more appointments to the CCAO Board for next year. Should commissioners desire to be considered for such an appointment, please complete and return the form and questionnaire included in the mailing you received to Kathy Dillon, CCAO Office Manager and Boards Liaison, 209 East State Street, Columbus, OH 43215, fax (614) 221-6986 or kathydillon@ccao.org no later than December 7th. In the event you previously expressed an interest to the Nominating Committee for a position and were not selected, you need NOT submit your name again as the next president will automatically receive names previously submitted.

CCAO OFFICERS

- For President – Gary Lee, Union County Commissioner
- For 1st Vice – Nick Kostandaras, Summit County Council Member

For 2nd Vice President - Dennis Stapleton, Delaware County Commissioner
For Secretary – Kim Edwards, Ashland County Commissioner
For Treasurer – Doug Corcoran, Ross County Commissioner

PAST PRESIDENTS WHO HAVE ELECTED TO SERVE ON THE BOARD

Deborah Lieberman, Montgomery County Commissioner
David Dhume, Madison County Commissioner
Paula Brooks, Franklin County Commissioner
Kerry Metzger, Tuscarawas County Commissioner
Daniel Troy, Lake County Commissioner
Bob Corbett, Champaign County Commissioner

FOR TWO-YEAR TERMS ON BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Gary Bauer, Huron County Commissioner
Pat Geissman, Medina County Commissioner
Pete Gerken, Lucas County Commissioner
Mike Halleck, Columbiana County Commissioner
Ed Humphrey, Clermont County Commissioner
David Wesler, Preble County Commissioner
Tom Wheaton, Carroll County Commissioner

UNEXPIRED ONE-YEAR TERMS

Also nominated for one-year unexpired terms were Jeremy Shaffer, Highland County Commissioner, who was nominated for the unexpired term of Gary Lee (Union), who is running for CCAO President, and Doug Weisenauer, Crawford County Commissioner, who was nominated for the unexpired term of Rich Myers (Henry), who will not be returning to office in January.

CCAO/CEAO ANNUAL WINTER CONFERENCE: START YOUR DAY WITH LIGHT EXERCISES WITH FORMER OSU FOOTBALL PLAYER, DIMITRIOS STANLEY!

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 and Agenda: There is still time for county commissioners, county engineers and their staff, CCAO/CEAO affiliate members, and vendors to [register for the conference online](#). A revised agenda and registration materials have been posted at www.ccao.org Click on the article link on the front page.

Healthy Counties Work Together: CCAO/CEAO are committed to healthy counties! Join former OSU football player Demitrios Stanley, President and Fitness Instructor at Source Fitness, LLC, on Monday, December 10 from 6:30-7:00 a.m. and/or Tuesday, December 11 from 6:00-6:30 a.m. for light exercises. Don't be intimidated! You will not be expected to run any linebacker or wide receiver drills...unless you want to! Learn basic moves and stretching to improve your health with very little time.

Hotel Information: 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.

Spouse/Guest Luncheon & Program: 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.

COUNTY PERMISSIVE REAL PROPERTY AND MANUFACTURED HOME TRANSFER TAX HANDBOOK CHAPTER UPDATED

This week CCAO published revised *County Commissioners Handbook* Chapter 19 regarding County Permissive Real Property and Manufactured Home Transfer Taxes. Chapter 19 provides a detailed description of the real property and manufactured home transfer taxes, rate of the taxes, exemptions, enactment options, effective dates, public hearings and notice requirements, and procedures for removal of the taxes including referendum procedures. To review a copy go to www.ccao.org and click on the *Handbook* button. If you have any questions regarding this *Handbook* Chapter, please contact Brad Cole, CCAO Managing Director of Research at (614) 220-7981, (888) 757-1904 or bcole@ccao.org

OSU EXTENSION NEWS

REGIONAL MEETING TO ADDRESS DROUGHT ISSUES

Attached to this issue of CIDS is information about a “Regional Meeting to Address Drought Issues” to be held Tuesday, November 27 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Northwest State Community College, George Voinovich Auditorium, 22600 State Route 35, in Fulton County (Archbold). Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.

This meeting is being hosting by OSU Extension, Ohio Department of Agriculture, Northwest State Community College, and the Center for Innovative Food Technology and Ruralogic. Representatives from the U.S. Departments of Agriculture and Commerce, Small Business Administration, and the Federal Emergency Management Agency will be at the meeting.

The event of free of charge, but pre-registration is required. RSVP to droughtmeeting.Ohio@gmail.com by November 19. Choose from the following breakout session:

- Track 1 – Community Development and Business Impacts;
- Track 2 – Livestock, Hay and Grazing Impacts; or
- Track 3 – Crop Agriculture Impacts.

Please review the attached flyer or call (614) 292-7875. An agenda will be emailed to you before the meeting. Please use the west entrance to campus and parking is available near the auditorium.

STATE ACTIVITIES

KASICH STICKS WITH PLAN TO LET FEDS RUN OHIO HEALTH EXCHANGE, WANTS OVERSIGHT OF INSURANCE REGULATION, MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY

After months of speculation, Governor John Kasich confirmed last Friday in a [letter to the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services](#) that Ohio has opted to allow the federal government to run its health care exchange, as mandated under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, but said the state will retain control over regulating the insurance industry and determining Medicaid eligibility. The announcement came hours after federal officials pushed back the deadline for governors to notify the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services about whether or not they would run a state-run health care exchange to mid-December.

Under the ACA states must establish health care exchanges where individuals and small businesses can purchase subsidized health insurance. The exchanges, which aim to allow consumers to make transparent comparisons of plan options based on price, benefits and quality, can be federally run, state-run, or can operate as a combination of the two. But, they must be in place by January 1, 2014. The Governor said although the state will go with a federally run model, it has decided to continue regulating its insurance market through the Ohio Department of Insurance (ODI) and determining Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Plan eligibility for residents through Ohio's Medicaid Director.

[According to ODI](#), the Kasich Administration's decision to move forward with the hybrid federal-state health exchange comes after studies conducted by Milliman Inc. and KPMG concluded: that states have little control over how exchanges operate; the exchanges are costly to set-up and run; the federal guidelines on the exchanges are unclear and restrictions on exchange and non-exchange health insurance will increase costs and reduce consumer choices. A [fact sheet from ODI](#) stated that the governor's decisions to maintain control of these two areas come partially from the impact the insurance industry has on Ohio's economy and the affect Medicaid has on the state's budget. Despite the control the state would have under a hybrid model, however, the ODI fact sheet suggests that HHS will be responsible for exchange implementation and will have the authority to ratify decisions related to state functions.

The Governor comments on this factor in his letter to HHS, saying "regardless of who runs the exchange, the end product is the same." He also stated that Ohio will take advantage of the recently extended deadline for submitting a blueprint application for the exchange and will inform the federal government of its plan in early 2013.

[Click here](#) for more information from the Governor's Office of Health Transformation about the Federal Health Insurance Exchange.

FEDERAL ACTIVITIES

NACo PRODUCES COMPLETE ELECTION ANALYSIS

After the most expensive election in U.S. history, President Obama was reelected to a second term. In the U.S. House of Representatives and U.S. Senate, Americans voted to maintain the status quo of split party control — a Democratic-led Senate and Republican-led House — even as more than 90 new faces will grace the halls of Congress. As the Administration and Congress now turn their attention to the critical issues facing our country, the outcome of the 2012 elections will have a significant impact on many of the decisions that will be made. [Click here](#) for NACo's comprehensive analysis on the election.

CONGRESS FACES FULL PLATE IN LAME DUCK SESSION

Last week, Congress came back for a lame duck session the week of November 12 with the daunting task of avoiding the so-called 'fiscal cliff' of automatic budget cuts (known as sequestration) and a slew of expiring tax cuts and other provisions. Some of these provisions include unemployment benefits, the payroll tax cut, the automatic rate decrease for Medicare providers, and the Alternative Minimum Tax patch. Both President Obama and House Speaker Boehner have expressed a willingness to compromise, but there are a lot of questions about whether they will be able to reach a comprehensive deal during the lame duck session. Time constraints are always an issue. Both sides are still quite far apart on their vision for deficit reduction. The divide was fairly evident last week at post-election press conferences for the President and Speaker Boehner where both sides laid early markers on spending and revenue. Even if the so-called "grand bargain" is reached, it's likely to look more like a grand blueprint, leaving the details of tax and entitlement reforms for next

year. This scenario could also include a delay on sequestration and a short-term extension of expiring provisions. Click here to review other pending issues for the lame duck.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

SHARED SERVICES EXPO; CCAO CANCELLED 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.

DUE TO TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES, CCAO WILL NOT BE A DISTANCE LEARNING SITE

There are two 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.

2013 NACo LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE

Registration opens next week 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*.

CLASSIFIEDS

Title /For More Information. . .	Employer/Application Deadline
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
Deputy Director	Geauga County Park District Position posted until filled
Children Services Program Administrator	Greene County JFS Position posted until filled

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Agriculture, Northwest State Community College, Center for
Innovative Food Technology and Ruralogic** Invite you to a
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U.S. Department of Commerce Small
Business Administration
Federal Emergency Management Agency

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9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Registration begins at 8:30 am

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**Northwest State Community College George
Voinovich Auditorium 22600 State Route 34
Archbold, Ohio 43502**

Please join us at this regional meeting to discuss the effects of the drought and the implications if it continues. Recognizing that recovery from drought can be a lengthy process, this event will be an opportunity to discuss its impact on producers, local communities and businesses and to discuss resources available to assist local recovery efforts.

The event is free of charge, though pre-event registration is required. Please RSVP to droughtmeeting.Ohio@gmail.com by **November 19**. Please include in your RSVP the breakout session you plan to attend, so we can plan for appropriate seating in the rooms.

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Keith Smith

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OSU Extension; and
Gist Chair in Extension Education and Leadership

