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### DATES TO REMEMBER

FEBRUARY 25, 2013	CCAO LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING - SENATE DISTRICTS 1 – RED PIG INN, PUTNAM COUNTY (OTTAWA)
FEBRUARY 25, 2013	CCAO LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING - SENATE DISTRICTS 2 & 11 – BASS PRO SHOP, WOOD COUNTY (ROSSFORD)
FEBRUARY 25, 2013	CCAO LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING - SENATE DISTRICT 30 (INCLUDES HD 94) – ABRIO’S VERA CUCINA, ATHENS COUNTY (ATHENS)
MARCH 2-6, 2013	NACo LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE, WASHINGTON HILTON & TOWERS, WASHINGTON, D.C.
MARCH 13, 2013	CCAO 2 <sup>ND</sup> WEDNESDAY SEMINAR – STATE BUDGET: HOW IT AFFECTS COUNTIES, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS
MARCH 25, 2013	NW DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS & ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION QUARTERLY MEETING, CHAMPAIGN COUNTY
APRIL 2013	NATIONAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT MONTH
MAY 22-24, 2013	NACo WESTERN INTERSTATE REGION CONFERENCE, COCONINO COUNTY (FLAGSTAFF), ARIZONA

### ASSOCIATION NEWS

#### CAB 2013-01: ALLOCATING THE COST OF PROPERTY & LIABILITY INSURANCE TO FUNDS IN THE COUNTY TREASURY

[County Advisory Bulletin \(CAB\) 2013-01](#) - “Allocating the Cost of Property and Liability Insurance to Funds in the County Treasury” discusses the practice of charging the costs of property and liability insurance costs to special revenue funds and other non-general revenue funds in the county treasury. Two recent developments make this CAB very timely. First, on November 27, 2012, the Ohio Supreme Court, in the case of *Stockberger v. Henry (Slip Opinion No. 2012-Ohio-5392)* issued its opinion concerning the constitutionality of using motor vehicle license and gas tax monies to pay for insurance-related costs. Second, the Legislature enacted Am. Sub. SB 114 (effective March 22, 2013) that provides additional clarification concerning allocating the cost of insurance or self-insurance, addresses the issue of joint self-insurance pool deductibles, and provides new authority for the collection of allocated costs and deductibles by members of joint self-insurance pools.

NW OHIO COMMISSIONERS & ENGINEERS QUARTERLY MEETING TO MEET IN CHAMPAIGN COUNTY ON MARCH 25

Champaign County Commissioners Bob Corbett, David Faulkner and Steven Hess and County Engineer Steven McCrall will host the next Northwest Ohio Commissioners and Engineers Quarterly Meeting on Monday, March 25 at the Champaign County Community Center, 1512 South US Highway 68, in Urbana. Registration begins at 12:30 p.m. and ends at 5:30 p.m.

Tours begin at 1:00 p.m. of the following locations:

- Tour A: [Bundy Baking Museum](#) (no charge)
- Tour B: [Ohio Caverns](#) – West Liberty (\$15 charge)  
[Champaign County Engineer Facility](#)
- Tour C: [Champaign County Historical Society](#) – East Lawn Avenue, Urbana (no charge)  
[Aviation Museum](#) – Urbana (no charge)

The business meeting begins at 4:30 p.m. followed by the social hour and dinner.

Registration fee: \$5.00. Reservation deadline: March 15, 2013. Cancellation deadline: March 20, 2013. For more information, please contact Mary Collier, Clerk, Champaign County Commissioners, 1512 South US Highway 68 – Suite A100, Urbana, OH 43078, (937) 484-1614.

The 2013 NW District Commissioners and Engineers Association officers are President – John Love, Putnam County Commissioner; Vice President – Chris Long, Hancock County Engineer; and Secretary/Treasurer – Mark Zimmerman, Seneca County Engineer.

CCAO 2<sup>ND</sup> WEDNESDAY SEMINARS START IN MARCH; STATE BUDGET – MARCH 13

CCAO encourages commissioners, county executives, county council members, other county officials, and staff to attend the first 2013 CCAO 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday Seminar Series on “State Budget: How It Affects Counties” on March 13 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the CCAO offices, 209 East State Street, in Columbus.

The state budget proposes significant changes in Ohio’s tax structure, including reductions in personal income taxes as well as state and local sales tax rates. The state budget also broadens the sales tax base to include services that are currently exempt from the sales tax and proposes increases in certain severance taxes in response to Ohio’s boom in the shale oil and gas industry. Ohio’s permissive county sales and use tax law is proposed to be changed in significant ways. Learn directly from Tax Commissioner Joe Testa and other key individuals within the Kasich Administration the objectives of the Administration in proposing this budget, the important programmatic changes being proposed, and some of the key provisions that will impact county government.

The seminar is free and parking is available in the lot adjacent to the CCAO office. Coffee will be served during the morning and lunch will be on your own. To register contact Tanya McComas, CCAO Administrative Assistant, at [tmccomas@ccao.org](mailto:tmccomas@ccao.org). Please include the name and title of those attending and the county, agency or company they represent.

In an effort to reach more county officials and staff, CCAO is moving to a webinar format for the rest of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday Seminars. Information about each webinar will be published in CIDS and on our website at [www.ccao.org](http://www.ccao.org)

Mark your calendars for these 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday Webinars:

- April 10 – Energy Conservation Projects: Pitfalls and Windfalls – Things You Need to Know
- May 8 – Construction Contract Reform
- June 12 – Convention & Visitor Bureaus: Promoting Tourism in Ohio
- July – No Program
- August 14 – Medicaid Expansion: What Does it Mean to Counties?
- September 11 – Demographic Trends for Ohio
- October 9 – Use of Social Media by County Government
- November 13 – Attorney General Debt Collection Program
- December – No Program

For more information, please contact:

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Registration: Tanya McComas, Administrative Assistant, at (614) 221-5627 or [tmccomas@ccao.org](mailto:tmccomas@ccao.org)

### CCAO REGIONAL LEGISLATIVE BRIEFINGS

CCAO will be hosting Regional Legislative Briefings for the members of the new 130<sup>th</sup> General Assembly. The purpose of the meetings is to provide legislators, county commissioners, county executives and county council members with an opportunity to discuss legislative issues affecting county government on a regional basis. The Briefings are organized by State Senate Districts and the House Districts contained within them. Commissioners, county executives and county council members received information including a [briefing schedule](#) with times and locations for meetings, a draft press release, and a [registration form](#) by email and regular mail. Invitations to the members of the General Assembly were sent by CCAO, but members are encouraged to contact your legislators to personally invite them to your Regional Legislative Briefing.

- February 25 Senate District 1 – Red Pig Inn, 1470 N. Perry, Ottawa @ 9:00 a.m.  
Senate Districts 2 & 11 – Bass Pro Shop, 10000 Bass Pro Blvd., Rossford @ 11:30 a.m.  
Senate District 30 (*includes House District 94*) – Abrio’s Vera Cucina, 859 E. State St., Athens @ 11:30 a.m.
- March 1 Senate Districts 20 & 31 – Eagle Sticks, 2655 Maysville Pike, Zanesville @ 11:30 a.m.
- March 8 Senate Districts 21, 23, 24 & 25 – Cuyahoga County Administration Building (Multi Purpose Room), 1219 Ontario Street, Cleveland @ 9:30 a.m.
- March 11 Senate Districts 18, 32 & 33 – Spread Eagle Inn, 10150 Plymouth St., Hanoverton @ 11:30 a.m.  
(Note: This briefing was rescheduled and location changed from March 8 to March 11.)
- March 25 Senate Districts 4, 5 & 6 – Madison Lakes Learning Conference Center, 581 Olive Rd., Dayton @ 11:30 a.m.  
Senate Districts 27 & 28 – John S. Knight Center 77 E. Mill St., - Akron @ 11:30 a.m.  
Senate District 30 (*includes House Districts 95 & 96*) – Undo’s Italian Restaurant, St. Clairsville @ 11:30 a.m.
- April 5 Senate Districts 13, 22 & 27 – Berry’s Restaurant, 15 W. Main, Norwalk @ 11:30 a.m.  
Senate District 19 – Bun’s Restaurant, 6 W. Winter St., Delaware @ 11:30 a.m.
- April 8 Senate District 12 – La Piazza, 17 W. Monroe St., New Bremen @ 11:30 a.m.  
Senate District 27 & 29 – Canton Club, 101 Central Plaza South, Floor 12, Canton @ 9:00 a.m.

TBA Senate Districts 7, 8 & 9 - Time & Location TBA \*  
Senate District 10 - Time & Location TBA \*  
Senate Districts 3, 15 & 16 – Time & Location TBA \*  
Senate District 17 – Time & Location TBA (Briefing was cancelled on Feb 22)\*

\*Please note: Check updates in CIDS and on the front page of [www.ccao.org](http://www.ccao.org) for details about briefings that are not finalized. In addition, commissioners, county executives and county council members scheduled to attend those briefings will receive additional information via email. For more information please contact Josh Hahn, CCAO Senior Policy Analyst, at (614) 220-7982 or [jhahn@ccao.org](mailto:jhahn@ccao.org)

## **CCAO AFFILIATE ACTIVITIES**

### CCC/EAPA REGIONAL TRAINING SCHEDULE

The County Commissioners Clerks and Engineers Administrative Professionals Association (CCC/EAPA) announces that five regional training sessions will be held in the following counties:

#### **MARCH 22, 2013 - HURON COUNTY**

Huron County Department of Job & Family Services, 185 Shady Lane Avenue, Norwalk  
Cheryl Nolan, Huron County Commissioners, (419) 668-3092 or [cnolan@hccommissioners.com](mailto:cnolan@hccommissioners.com)

#### **APRIL 26, 2013 - WOOD COUNTY**

Location to-be-announced  
Sandy Long, Wood County Commissioners, (419)354-9100 or [slong@co.wood.oh.us](mailto:slong@co.wood.oh.us)

#### **MAY 10, 2013 - WARREN COUNTY**

Location to-be-announced  
Sharon Lawhorn, Warren County Engineer, (513) 685-3305 or [sharon.lawhorn@co.warren.oh.us](mailto:sharon.lawhorn@co.warren.oh.us)

#### **SEPTEMBER 13, 2013 - FRANKLIN COUNTY**

CCAO Offices, 209 E. State Street, Columbus  
Lisa Hawkins, Ashtabula County Commissioners, (440) 576-3754 or [LLHawkins@ashtabulacounty.us](mailto:LLHawkins@ashtabulacounty.us)

#### **OCTOBER 25, 2013 - CARROLL COUNTY**

Location to-be-announced  
Sonja Leggett, Carroll County Commissioners, (330) 627-4869 or [sleggett@carrollcountyohio.us](mailto:sleggett@carrollcountyohio.us)

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.

Information about the CCC/EAPA is available at [www.ccc-eapa.org](http://www.ccc-eapa.org) and there is also a yahoo group that is a resource for questions and answers. You can sign up at [http://groups.yahoo.com/group/CCC\\_EAPA](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/CCC_EAPA). For more information, please contact 2012 CCC/EAPA President Lisa Hawkins, Clerk, Ashtabula County Commissioners, 25 West Jefferson Street, Ashtabula, OH 44047-1092, (440) 576-3754, Fax (440) 576-2344, or [LLHawkins@ashtabulacounty.us](mailto:LLHawkins@ashtabulacounty.us)

## **LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES**

### **LSC LEGISLATIVE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM**

The Ohio General Assembly, through the Ohio Legislative Service Commission (LSC), has sponsored a legislative fellowship program for over forty years. The LSC sponsors 23 - 24 paid thirteen-month legislative fellowship positions designed to provide college graduates with practical experience in the legislative process. This experience often leads to permanent employment opportunities in the legislature, state government, or related areas. [Click here](#) for more information.

## **STATE ACTIVITIES**

### **CCAO URGES SUPPORT FOR MEDICAID EXPANSION; COMMENTS ON OTHER PROVISIONS OF GOVERNOR'S BUDGET**

This week, CCAO Executive Director Larry Long and President Gary Lee, Union County Commissioner, attended Governor John Kasich's State of the State Address that was held in Allen County. In a press release, CCAO reaffirmed its support for the expansion of Medicaid as proposed by the Governor. See the complete story in this week's Statehouse Report and [click here](#) to read the press release.

## **FEDERAL ACTIVITIES**

### **MARCH 1 SEQUESTRATION DEADLINE LOOMS**

With broad spending cuts looming on March 1, the nation's counties are left wondering how deep the cuts will impact local government. The automatic, across the board spending cuts, known as the sequester that will begin March 1, trims \$85 billion a year through 2021. Half of that money would come from the Pentagon and half from non-defense programs. Congress has the power to delay, reduce, or cancel the cuts at any time, either before or after they take effect, and programs like Social Security, veterans' benefits, and student loans will be exempt.

According to National Association of Counties (NACo) the areas of major risk to counties:

- Medicaid cuts and cost shifts to states and counties
- Elimination or reductions in the benefit of tax exempt municipal bonds
- Elimination or reduction of state and local property, income, and sales tax deductions of federal income tax
- Sequestration: across the board cuts

The fiscal cliff deal left many tax provisions important to counties untouched. However, as lawmakers and the administration continue to search for additional revenue, tax code provisions, especially those important to counties may be targeted, such as:

- Tax-exempt municipal bonds, which have been a feature of the tax code since 1913
- Deduction for property, income and sales tax

If Congress does not act and sequestration goes into effect, many of the federal programs that are important to counties will face cuts including:

- Department of Justice programs: State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP), State & Local Law Enforcement, and Juvenile Justice
- Department of Transportation: Essential Air Service
- Federal Transportation Authority: Transit Capital Grants
- Federal Highway Administration: Federal-Aid Highways
- Health & Human Services: Substance Abuse & Mental Health, Child Care Discretionary, Older American/Aging Services, Social Service Block Grant (SSBG), Prevention & Public Health Fund, and TANF, SNAP, and Child Nutrition
- Payment-in-Lieu-of-Taxes (PILT)

[Click here](#) for more information. NACo is preparing a summary of information that will be released at the Legislative Conference to be held in Washington, DC on March 2-6, 2013.

### FMLA CHANGES EFFECTIVE MARCH 8, 2013

The U.S. Department of Labor issued a Final Rule implementing several important changes to the Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA). In 2008 the FMLA was amended to provide employees with family members serving in the Armed Forces, National Guard and Reserves with FMLA leave for reasons related to their family members' military service. In 2010 the FMLA was again amended, expanding the military-related leave protections.

Military families can find themselves facing great challenges. Caring for an injured service member, arranging for alternative childcare when a spouse is deployed to a foreign country, or attending arrival ceremonies when a loved one returns from a deployment may present family members with difficult decisions about time spent at work versus time spent with family. The FMLA helps to ease the burden that can come with needing time away from work when faced with such commitments.

In announcing this [Final Rule](#), the Department of Labor is taking steps toward protecting those families who have given so much of themselves to protect us. Provided that FMLA coverage and eligibility requirements are met, family members of current service members and veterans will now have far greater abilities to attend to personal matters and medical needs related to their family members' service.

### **GRANTS**

#### GRANTS.GOV

Grants.gov is your source to find and apply for federal grants. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services is the managing partner for Grants.gov. Learn more about Grants.gov and determine if you are eligible for grant opportunities offered on this site. Grants.gov was established as a governmental resource named the E-Grants Initiative, part of the President's 2002 Fiscal Year Management Agenda to improve government services to the public. For more information, [click here](#).

### **EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES**

#### OHIO EPA'S COMPLIANCE ASSISTANCE CONFERENCE

To help Ohio keep on top of the environmental regulations, the Ohio EPA will host the "7th Compliance Assistance Conference" on May 21-22, 2013 at the Crowne Plaza Columbus North Hotel, 6500 Doubletree Avenue, in Columbus.

A large part of the conference remains targeted to businesses and others who need to know the basics about environmental compliance. However, we've also expanded the agenda to include advanced topics, such as Title V permits and reporting. If you have specific technical questions, we will also have staff available at an "Ask the Experts" session during the conference.

The two-day conference will cover a variety of environmental compliance-related topics, including:

- EPCRA, TRI and RMP Reporting
- Air Permitting Basics and Reporting
- Preparing for an Ohio EPA Inspection
- Hazardous Waste Requirements Overview
- Used Oil and SPCC Requirements
- Reporting When Things Go Wrong
- Solid Waste Basics and Recycling Opportunities
- NPDES Permits and Electronic (e-DMR) Reporting
- New Source Review (NSR) and Title V Permitting
- Ohio EPA's Enforcement Process and Expedited Enforcement Policy
- Storm Water and Wetland Requirements for Construction . . . and more!

To view the complete conference agenda and select your workshop sessions, visit Ohio EPA's 2013 Compliance Conference [website](#).

#### RCAP ANNOUNCES BOARD TRAINING SCHEDULE FOR SPRING 2013

Ohio RCAP, together with Ohio EPA's Division of Drinking and Groundwater, will be offering the Utility Management Training Series at locations across the state. All four courses - 1) Utility Management, 2) Financial Management, 3) Asset Management Budgeting and Rate Setting, and 4) Applied Asset Management using CUPSS - are scheduled for this spring. Registration is FREE. Each course is designed to introduce best practices for the organizational and fiscal management of small water and wastewater utilities. Attendees can receive Ohio EPA operator contact hours.

These seminars are open to anyone, but space is limited. To register, for classroom dates please use the [on-line Training Sign-up Form](#). [Click here](#) for additional information or contact Nadine Thompson at (800) 775-9767 or [nethompson@wsos.org](mailto:nethompson@wsos.org). Registrations must be received no later than one week prior to each seminar. Reminder and specific directions will be emailed one week prior to the scheduled date.

#### **ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINION**

##### SYLLABUS

2013-005

1. When a county that has a community mental health board and an alcohol and drug addiction services board establishes a board of alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health services ("ADAMH board"), the ADAMH board is a newly established board under R.C. 340.021(C).
2. In order to establish an ADAMH board under R.C. 340.021(C), a board of county commissioners must adopt a resolution establishing the board and comply with the requirements of R.C. 340.02 and R.C. 340.021(C)(1) regarding the composition and appointment of board members and all other matters related to the board.
3. Revenues from the 2008 and 2010 mental health tax levies for the Mahoning County Mental Health Board may be used to fund mental health and alcohol and drug addiction services provided by an

ADAMH board, so long as the expenditure is consistent with the authorizing tax statute and the tax levies" authorizing resolutions and ballot language.

4. The Mahoning County Board of Commissioners may designate as a replacement or renewal levy a proposed replacement or renewal of the 2008 and 2010 mental health tax levies for the "current expenses of the Mental Health Board" even though an ADAMH board has been established, so long as the levy questions are submitted in compliance with the requirements of R.C. 5705.192 and R.C. 5705.25 and the ballot language clearly explains the purpose of the levies.

**CLASSIFIEDS**

Title /For More Information. . .	Employer/Application Deadline
<b>Building Inspector</b>	Butler County March 1, 2013
<b>9-1-1 Communication Director</b>	Delaware County March 1, 2013
<b>Deputy Director</b>	Delaware, Knox, Marion & Morrow Solid Waste District March 1, 2013
<b>HR Director</b>	Mahoning County Commissioners March 1, 2013
<b>Development Director</b>	City of Columbus March 5, 2013