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DATES TO REMEMBER

MARCH 2-6, 2013	NACo LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE, WASHINGTON HILTON & TOWERS, WASHINGTON, D.C.
MARCH 8, 2013	CCAO LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING – SENATE DISTRICTS 21, 23, 24 & 25 - CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING (MULTIPURPOSE ROOM), CUYAHOGA COUNTY (CLEVELAND)
MARCH 11, 2013	CCAO LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING – SENATE DISTRICTS 18, 32, & 33 – SPREAD EAGLE INN, COLUMBIANA COUNTY (HANOVERTON)
MARCH 13, 2013	CCAO 2 ND WEDNESDAY SEMINAR – STATE BUDGET: HOW IT AFFECTS COUNTIES, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS
MARCH 14, 2013	CCAO GENERAL GOVERNMENT & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS
MARCH 15, 2013	CCAO BOARD OF DIRECTORS, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS
MARCH 22, 2013	CCC/EAPA REGIONAL TRAINING, HURON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB & FAMILY SERVICES, HURON COUNTY (NORWALK)
MARCH 25, 2013	NW DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS & ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION QUARTERLY MEETING, CHAMPAIGN COUNTY COMMUNITY CENTER, CHAMPAIGN COUNTY (URBANA)
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MARCH 25, 2013	CCAO LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING – SENATE DISTRICTS 27 & 28 – JOHN S. KNIGHT CENTER, SUMMIT COUNTY (AKRON)
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MARCH 26, 2013	CCAO JUSTICE & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS
APRIL 2013	NATIONAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT MONTH
APRIL 5, 2013	CCAO LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING – SENATE DISTRICTS 13, 22 & 27 – BERRY'S RESTAURANT, HURON COUNTY (NORWALK)

- APRIL 5, 2013** **CCAO LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING – SENATE DISTRICT 19 – BUN’S RESTAURANT, DELAWARE COUNTY (DELAWARE)**
- APRIL 8, 2013** **CCAO LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING – SENATE DISTRICT 12 – LA PIAZZA, AUGLAIZE COUNTY (NEW BREMEN)**
- APRIL 8, 2013** **CCAO LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING – SENATE DISTRICT 29 – CANTON CLUB, STARK COUNTY (CANTON)**
- MAY 22-24, 2013** **NACo WESTERN INTERSTATE REGION CONFERENCE, COCONINO COUNTY (FLAGSTAFF), ARIZONA**

ASSOCIATION NEWS

MEMBERS INVITED TO ATTEND CCAO BOARD OF DIRECTORS’ MEETING

All county commissioners, county executives and county council members are invited to attend CCAO Board of Directors’ Meetings. CCAO Board Meetings are typically held the third Friday of each month. Please note that Board Meetings are not held every month. A board meeting notice will appear in CIDS two and then again one week prior to all Board Meetings. The next CCAO Board of Directors’ Meeting will be held on Friday, March 15. Lunch is served during the Board Meeting. So that we may have an accurate lunch count, non-board members and guests should please RSVP to Kathy Dillon, Office Manager & Boards’ Liaison at kathydillon@ccao.org on or before March 12 if you will be attending the meeting. Also, please feel free to contact Kathy Dillon should you have any additional questions.

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.

STATE BUDGET: HOW IT AFFECTS COUNTIES – MARCH 13 – CCAO 2ND WEDNESDAY SEMINAR

CCAO encourages commissioners, county executives, county council members, other county officials, and staff to attend the first 2013 CCAO 2nd 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 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. Program details are attached to this issue of CIDS. 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. 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 2nd Wednesday Seminars. Information about each webinar will be published in CIDS and on our website at www.ccao.org

For more information, please contact:

- Programs: Brad Cole, Managing Director of Research, at (614) 220-7981 or bcole@ccao.org
- Registration: Tanya McComas, Administrative Assistant, at (614) 221-5627 or tmccomas@ccao.org

CCAO REGIONAL LEGISLATIVE BRIEFINGS

CCAO will be hosting Regional Legislative Briefings for the members of the new 130th 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](#). 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.

- March 8 Senate Districts 21, 23, 24 & 25 – Cuyahoga County Administration Bldg (Multipurpose 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 the 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 Districts 3, 15 & 16 – Time & Location TBA *

TBA Senate Districts 7, 8 & 9 - Time & Location TBA *
Senate District 10 - Time & Location TBA *
Senate District 17 – Time & Location TBA (Briefing was cancelled on Feb 22)*
Senate District 27 & 29 - Time & Location TBA *

*Please note: Check updates in CIDS and on the front page of 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

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

APRIL 26, 2013 - WOOD COUNTY

Location to-be-announced
Sandy Long, Wood County Commissioners, (419) 354-9100 or 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

SEPTEMBER 13, 2013 - FRANKLIN COUNTY

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

OCTOBER 25, 2013 - CARROLL COUNTY

Location to-be-announced
Sonja Leggett, Carroll County Commissioners, (330) 627-4869 or 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 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. 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

IN MEMORIAM

D. RUSSELL "RUSS" FORSYTHE

Former Logan County Commissioner D. Russell "Russ" Forsythe passed away on Monday, February 25. Russ was a farmer and the owner-operator of Forsythe Agri Service. He was a trustee for Richland Township for nine years, served two terms as a Logan County Commissioner from 1995-2002 and also served on the Belle Center School Board. He graduated from Belle Center High School where he held his State Farmer degree and was affiliated with other agriculture organizations. CCAO extends heartfelt sympathy to the Forsythe family. Express condolences at www.eichholtzfuneralhome.com.

STATE ACTIVITIES

ETHICS COMMISSION ANNOUNCES ONLINE FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE FILING

The Ohio Ethics Commission announced that public officials and employees who are required to file annual financial disclosure statements now have the option to file electronically.

"Financial disclosure helps public officials and employees avoid conflicts of interest," said Executive Director Paul M. Nick. "The Commission is pleased to further assist our filers by offering choices for submitting the form."

A financial disclosure statement is a statement of personal financial interests which certain public officials must annually file. The form includes information such as sources of income, sources of gifts, debtors, creditors, and investments. Approximately 11,000 public officials and employees are required to file disclosure statements each year.

Until this year, the form could only be submitted to the Ethics Commission in paper format. With the new online filing systems, filers can now choose to file in paper format or electronically through the Ethic's Commission website at <http://ethics.ohio.gov/disclosure/file.shtml>. Statutorily-mandated filing fees also can be submitted online with the form.

SECRETARY OF STATE HUSTED ANNOUNCES ADJUSTED CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION LIMITS

Secretary of State Jon Husted announced the 2013 Adjusted Campaign Contribution Limits for Ohio. The updated limits took effect on Monday, February 25, 2013. In accordance with [R.C. 3517.104](#), campaign contribution limits are adjusted for inflation in each odd numbered year by the Ohio Secretary of State's office. Adjustments are based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for All Urban Consumers and certified by the Auditor of State.

Per the statutory formula, current contribution limits were multiplied by the five and three-tenths percent (5.3%) increase in the Consumer Price Index from 2010 to 2012 and the product was then added to the existing contribution limits. The limits will remain in effect until February of 2015, when the next adjustment is scheduled. The numbers are no longer rounded due to changes made in House Bill 1 of the 126th General Assembly, Special Session.

The [“2013 Adjusted Campaign Contribution Limits”](#) report contains a detailed explanation of the procedures used in adjusting the contribution limits, a breakdown of all campaign contribution limits, and a [reference chart containing the adjusted contribution limits](#).

TANF SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

The Ohio Department of Job & Family Services, Office of Family Assistance announced the availability of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) funding to support a TANF Summer Youth Employment Program for 2013. The Office of Family Assistance is offering an opportunity for county departments of job and family services to establish a 2013 TANF Summer Youth Employment Program.

These dollars will enable county agencies to establish programs allowing low income TANF-eligible Ohio youth to gain valuable work experience while earning a paycheck to help meet basic needs. Summer employment programs offer the opportunity for youth to development a work history and have a current reference from an employer.

[Family Assistance Letter #123](#) governs the 2013 TANF Summer Youth Employment Program and supersedes all previous letters. All counties that intend to operate a TANF Summer Youth Employment Program must inform Matthew Cunningham, Office of Family Assistance, at matthew.cunningham@ifs.ohio.gov by Friday March 15, 2013 to qualify for participation and ensure equitable distribution of funds.

TRANSITION TO NEXT GENERATION 9-1-1 SERVICES UPDATE

The Statewide Emergency Services Internet Protocol Network (ESINet) Steering Committee informed CCAO that ALL counties have submitted information about the readiness of the State’s IP Network and local 9-1-1 programs to support the transition to Next Generation 9-1-1 services. Failure to complete the surveys would have resulted in the suspension of disbursements from the Wireless 9-1-1 Government Assistance Fund to the county as of February 15, 2013.

If you have any questions, please contact Jeff Smith, Spatial Data Infrastructure Manager, Ohio Geographically Referenced Information Program, Office of Information Technology, at (614) 466-8862 or jeff.smith@ohio.gov

VETERANS SERVICES UNVEILS EXHIBITS HONORING THE MILITARY

The Ohio Department of Veterans Services is conducting a ceremony at 1:30 p.m. Monday, March 4 in the Women’s Room of the Ohio Statehouse to celebrate the unveiling of two exhibits in the Statehouse Museum Gallery: a historical perspective on Ohio’s Military Women, and a tribute to the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame. Lieutenant Governor Mary Taylor will be speaking at the ceremony. For more information, please contact Patrick Finical, Advisory Committee Secretary, Ohio Department of Veterans Services, at (614) 644-0898.

FEDERAL ACTIVITIES

COUNTIES OPPOSE MOVE TO CAP TAX-EXEMPT MUNICIPAL BONDS

The National Association of Counties (NACo), the U.S. Conference of Mayors (USCM) and the National League of Cities (NLC) Wednesday called on Congress and the Administration to reject any proposals to hamstring the financing of local infrastructure projects by changing the tax-exempt status of municipal bonds. Municipal bonds provide a low-cost and efficient way for cities and counties to finance much of America’s critical infrastructure, including schools, hospitals, airports, water and sewer systems, and roads and bridges.

During a roundtable at the National Press Club all three non-partisan organizations released a [report](#) to highlight the broad use of municipal bonds around the country. Municipal bonds are the country's most important source of financing for vital infrastructure and are used to finance everything from multibillion transportation projects to school expansions in communities large and small.

- To read the full report on municipal bonds released Wednesday, [click here](#)
- For additional NACo analysis on municipal bonds including data, trends, and info graphics, [click here](#)
- To view a video of NACo President Chris Rodgers (Commissioner, Douglas County, NE) discussing today's event, [click here](#)
- To view a NACo legislative policy brief on municipal bonds, [click here](#)
- To view the press release [click here](#)

PUBLIC WATER SYSTEMS RECEIVE NEW TOTAL COLIFORM REQUIREMENTS

On February 13, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced its new [Total Coliform Rule \(TCR\)](#) requirements for public water systems (PWSs). This would affect approximately 154,000 public water systems nationally.

Coliforms are indicators of bacterial contaminated waters. While the presence of total coliform bacteria may not be necessarily harmful, their presence indicates the potential contamination of other organisms to the drinking water supply. The TCR was last revised in 1989 and is the only microbial water regulation (NPDWR) that applies to all PWSs. PWSs will be required to meet maximum contaminant levels (MCL) for total coliforms, including fecal coliforms, as determined by regular monitoring.

EPA estimates the net annual incremental cost to comply is \$14 million. The 1989 TCR remains effective until March 31, 2016 and PWSs must comply with the new requirements by April 2016.

REPORT ON CUTS TO HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS DUE TO SEQUESTRATION

The Center on Budget and Policy Priorities (CBPP) has issued a revised report, "[Estimated Cuts in Federal Housing Assistance and Community Development Programs Due to Sequestration, 2013.](#)" which details state-by-state, estimated cuts for key housing assistance and community development programs under sequestration.

According to the report, non-defense discretionary programs, which include nearly all the housing assistance and community development programs, will be subject to funding reductions of 5.1 percent beginning March 1, unless Congress takes action to avoid sequestration. For the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, this means a \$153 million cut from the \$2.95 billion current level, for the HOME program it is a \$52 million cut from current \$1 billion funding level. Also, 113,000 families could lose their Section 8 housing vouchers due to sequestration.

TWO WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS INTRODUCED IN HOUSE

Last week, the House Democrats introduced the Workforce Investment Act of 2013 (H.R. 798), aimed at reauthorizing the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (WIA). The bill seeks to modernize the current system by promoting more effective coordination between business representatives, labor organizations, educational institutions, economic development agencies, and community-based organizations. The law authorizing WIA expired in 2003, yet WIA programs continue to be funded through the annual appropriations process. Local elected officials play a critical role in the administration of WIA, and local workforce development areas are

taking steps to address an increased demand for services in a rapidly changing economy. House Democrats introduced a similar measure in the 112th Congress (H.R. 4227) that was not considered by the committee.

In addition, the House Education and the Workforce Committee Republicans released a broad proposal to reform federal job training and employment assistance. The Supporting Knowledge and Investing in Lifelong Skills (SKILLS) Act, which will be formally introduced on February 25, consolidates federal job training programs and creates a Workforce Investment Fund to serve as the single source of funding. The bill is similar to the Workforce Investment Improvement Act of 2012 (H.R. 4297), a measure introduced by House Republicans in the 112th Congress. To view a copy of NACo’s policy brief on WIA Reauthorization, [click here](#).

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

2013 OPIATE CONFERENCE: TURNING THE TIDE TOGETHER

The Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities (OACBHA), in partnership with the Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services and the Ohio Rehabilitation Services Commission, is presenting Ohio’s “2013 Opiate Conference: Turning the Tide Together”. The conference will be held April 29-30, 2013 at the Hyatt Regency Columbus, 350 North High Street, in Columbus.

Attendees will have an opportunity to participate in one of three pre-conference workshops on the afternoon of April 29th as well as the full conference on April 30th. U.S. Senator Rob Portman and Chris Jones, a health scientist with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, will be the keynote speakers on April 30th. Ohio’s state and local leaders will share their efforts and plans to address Ohio’s opiate epidemic, while a cross-section of professionals dealing with the health, legal and community implications will share how they are working to address the issues. To learn more and to register for this year’s conference, [click here](#).

CLASSIFIEDS

Title /For More Information. . .	Employer/Application Deadline
Building Inspector	Butler County March 1, 2013
9-1-1 Communication Director	Delaware County March 1, 2013
Deputy Director	Delaware, Knox, Marion & Morrow Solid Waste District March 1, 2013
HR Director	Mahoning County Commissioners March 1, 2013
Development Director	City of Columbus March 5, 2013
Director of Utility Oversight	Hamilton County March 26, 2013
LSC Legislative Fellowship Program	Ohio General Assembly – Legislative Service Commission April 1, 2013