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DATES TO REMEMBER

APRIL 2013

NATIONAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT MONTH

APRIL 15, 2013

CCAO LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING – SENATE DISTRICTS 7, 8, 9 – COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, HAMILTON COUNTY (CINCINNATI)

APRIL 18, 2013

CCAO GENERAL GOVERNMENT & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS

APRIL 19, 2013

CCAO BOARD OF DIRECTORS, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS

APRIL 26, 2013

CCC/EAPA REGIONAL TRAINING, WOOD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, WOOD COUNTY (BOWLING GREEN)

APRIL 26, 2013

CCAO LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING – SENATE DISTRICTS 3, 15, 16 – DEMPSEY’S RESTAURANT, FRANKLIN COUNTY (COLUMBUS)

APRIL 30, 2013

OHIO COUNCIL OF COUNTY OFFICIALS (OCCO) RECEPTION, STATEHOUSE MUSEUM (CRYPT), COLUMBUS

MAY 22-24, 2013

NACo WESTERN INTERSTATE REGION CONFERENCE, COCONINO COUNTY (FLAGSTAFF), ARIZONA

JUNE 7, 2013

CCAO SUMMER SEMINAR, QUEST BUSINESS CENTER, COLUMBUS

JUNE 28, 2013

CCAO LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING – SENATE DISTRICT 17 – OLD CANAL SMOKEHOUSE, ROSS COUNTY (CHILLICOTHE)

JULY 19-22, 2013

NACo COUNTY SOLUTIONS & MARKETPLACE (ANNUAL CONFERENCE), TARRANT COUNTY (FORT WORTH), TEXAS

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, April 19. Michael Sheline, Assistant Section Chief for the Crime Victim Services Section and Ursel McElroy, Deputy

Director of Education and Policy for the Crime Victim Services Section, from the Attorney General's Office will be present during the Board Meeting and will address the Board. Lunch is served during the Board Meeting. So that we may have an accurate lunch count, non-board members and guests should please RSVP Amanda Jones, Program Assistant, at ajones@ccao.org on or before April 12 if you plan on attending the board meeting. Also, please feel free to contact Amanda Jones should you have any additional questions.

CCAO REGIONAL LEGISLATIVE BRIEFINGS

CCAO is 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.

- April 15 Senate Districts 7, 8 & 9 – County Administration Building, 138 E. Court Street – Room 610, Cincinnati @ 12:00 pm
- April 26 Senate Districts 3, 15 & 16 – Dempsey's Restaurant, 346 S. High Street, Columbus @ 9:30 am
- June 28 Senate District 17 – Old Canal Smokehouse, 94 East Water Street, Chillicothe @ 11:30 am
- TBA Senate District 10 - 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

OCCO LEGISLATIVE RECEPTION; MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR APRIL 30

The Ohio Council of County Officials (OCCO) will be hosting a Legislative Reception on Tuesday, April 30 from 5:00 – 7:30 p.m. in the Statehouse Museum (formerly called the Crypt) in Columbus. More information will be available soon.

AFFILIATE ACTIVITIES

CCC/EAPA REGIONAL TRAINING SCHEDULED IN WOOD & WARREN COUNTIES

The County Commissioners Clerks and Engineers Administrative Professionals Association (CCC/EAPA) will be holding two more regional training sessions in the following counties:

APRIL 26, 2013 - WOOD COUNTY

Wood County Courthouse, 1 Courthouse Square, Bowling Green

Sandy Long, Wood County Commissioners, (419) 354-9100 or slong@co.wood.oh.us

MAY 10, 2013 - WARREN COUNTY

Warren County Engineer's Office, 210 W. Main Street, Lebanon

Sharon Lawhorn, Warren County Engineer, (513) 685-3305 or sharon.lawhorn@co.warren.oh.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

STATE ACTIVITIES

MARCH CASINO REVENUES UP OVER FEBRUARY

Ohio casino revenues continued their upward climb in recent months, as the state's four casinos pulled in a combined \$84.4 million in net funds during March.

With the addition of the Cincinnati gambling facility, which opened March 4, statewide adjusted gross revenue saw a large boost from February's \$55.5 million total. The new casino reported more than \$21 million in net revenue during its first full month of operation. Cleveland's Horseshoe Casino led the way raking in \$24.4 million in March for its third highest monthly total since opening in May 2012. Toledo's Hollywood Casino also saw its third highest monthly total with a reported \$17.8 million in net revenue. Columbus' Hollywood Casino, despite reducing the size of its slots floor, pulled-in its highest monthly revenue since opening last October, with \$20.9 million in March.

The Ohio Casino Control Commission suggested that the spike, in part, was due to March's five weekends, which tend to be busier days for casinos and noted that the gambling establishments are still too new for the commission to look at seasonal trends and compare them on a more reliable year-to-year basis.

FEDERAL ACTIVITIES

PRESERVING TAX-EXEMPT STATUS OF MUNI-BONDS REMAINS A TOP PRIORITY

As Congress prepares to return next week from a two-week recess, making a case for the importance of maintaining the tax-exempt status of municipal bonds remains a high priority. With the anticipated release of the President's FY2014 Budget on April 10, proposals like the 28 percent cap on tax expenditures – which could include the tax-exemption for municipal bond interest – remain a concern for county government.

Senators and Representatives need to hear the message that tax-exempt municipal bonds are a critical tool for county government to finance public capital improvements and public infrastructure projects that are essential to creating jobs, sustaining economic growth and improving the quality of life in local communities across the country.

Some progress, however, is being made among Members of Congress even though the work is far from over. At a recent national conference for state treasurers, House Majority Leader Eric Cantor (R-Va.) expressed his

support for maintaining the tax-exemption for municipal bonds and stated that any changes now would hinder needed improvements to our existing infrastructure. Additionally, this week Sen. Begich (D-Alaska) is expected to send a letter to the President that was circulated among Democratic Senators expressing concern over the impact any changes to tax-exempt municipal bonds would have on state and local governments and infrastructure development.

Finally, Reps. Terry (R-Neb.) and Neal (D-Mass.) continue to seek cosponsors to their resolution on municipal bonds in the U.S. House of Representatives. The resolution (H.Res.112) celebrates the history of municipal bonds and recognizes their contribution to economic growth. 16 Representatives have already joined to date. If your members would like to sign on, have their staff contact either A.T. Johnston in Rep. Terry's office (at.johnston@mail.house.gov or (202) 225-4155) or Kara Getz in Rep. Neal's office (kara.getz@mail.house.gov or (202) 225-5601).

NATIONAL UNEMPLOYMENT EDGES DOWN TO 7.6%

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics on Friday reported the national unemployment rate dropped from 7.7% to 7.6% in March.

The country added nonfarm payroll of 88,000, with jobs growing in professional and business services and in health care while declining in the retail sector, according to the bureau.

The White House said the data shows further evidence that the national economy is continuing to recover but more work needs to be done.

"It is critical that we continue the policies that are helping to build an economy that creates jobs and works for the middle class as we dig our way out of the deep hole that was caused by the severe recession that began in December 2007," Council of Economic Advisers Chairman Alan Krueger said in a release.

"The economy has now added private sector jobs every month for 37 straight months, and a total of nearly 6.5 million jobs have been added over that period.... It is important to bear in mind that the March household and payroll surveys are the first monthly surveys to look at employment since the beginning of sequestration. While the recovery was gaining traction before sequestration took effect, these arbitrary and unnecessary cuts to government services will be a headwind in the months to come and will cut key investments in the Nation's future competitiveness."

NACo ACTIVITIES

NATIONAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT MONTH HELD IN APRIL

[National County Government Month \(NCGM\)](#) is celebrated each April by the nation's counties to raise public awareness and understanding about the roles and responsibilities of county government. The 2013 NCGM theme is Smart Justice. Counties participate in NCGM by hosting a variety community outreach events and activities. These include tours of county facilities, recognition ceremonies for county employees and volunteers, distribution of information about county programs and services, sponsoring student essay contests, meetings with business and community leaders, and adoption of resolutions.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

CIVIL SERVICE LAW & DISCIPLINE SEMINAR

Downes Fishel Hass Kim LLP will be holding a comprehensive two-day "Civil Service Law & Discipline

Seminar” on April 24-25, 2013 at Indiana Wesleyan University, 9286 Schulze Drive, in Butler County (West Chester). Day one of the seminar is all about civil service law and day two focuses on managing the discipline process. Courses have been approved for CLE and PHR credits. [Click here](#) for detailed program information.

Registration fee: \$150 for one-day or \$250 for two-days. Lunch will be provided. RSVP by contacting Cassie Uditis at (614) 221-1216 or cuditis@downesfishel.com

OPERS WEBINARS: MEMBERSHIP DETERMINATION PROCESS

Recent statutory changes affect prior, current, and future individuals hired as independent contractors, or other classifications for which no retirement contributions were or will be made to the Ohio Public Employee Retirement System (OPERS). Effective January 7, 2013, OPERS public employers are required to provide notifications within pre-determined time frames to individuals who have not had, or will not have OPERS retirement contributions withheld from their earnings.

OPERS has scheduled a webinar that overviews the employer’s obligation under the new statutory requirements. Those attending will also learn about the membership determination process, including how to complete required forms, the guidelines used for determination and the appeal process.

The same webinar has been scheduled at various times throughout 2013 to reach the most attendees. [Click here](#) for a complete schedule. Need help? Please call (800) 263-6317 if you have any issues with registration or joining the Webinar on the day of the event.

ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINION

SYLLABUS

2013-010

When the legislative authority of a municipal corporation levies a hotel lodging excise tax pursuant to R.C. 5739.09(B)(1) and later a board of county commissioners levies a hotel lodging excise tax pursuant to R.C. 5739.09(A)(1) in those areas of the county not subject to the municipal corporation hotel lodging excise tax, if that municipal corporation later annexes territory of that county, that newly annexed territory will be subject to the municipal corporation hotel lodging excise tax and not the county hotel lodging excise tax.

CLASSIFIEDS

| Title /For More Information. . . | Employer/Application Deadline |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| Assistant Director | May 2, 2013 Wood County JFS |
| Director of Office of Management & Budget/Central Accounting Services | Open Until Filled Portage County |