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APRIL 2013

NATIONAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT MONTH

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MAY 1, 2013

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MAY 8, 2013

CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT REFORM – CCAO 2ND WEDNESDAY WEBINAR

MAY 22-24, 2013

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JUNE 7, 2013

CCAO SUMMER SEMINAR, QUEST BUSINESS CENTER, COLUMBUS

JUNE 19-21, 2013

NACo LARGE URBAN COUNTY CAUCUS (LUCC) CONFERENCE, FRANKLIN COUNTY (COLUMBUS)

JUNE 28, 2013

CCAO REGIONAL 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

OCCO LEGISLATIVE RECEPTION - APRIL 30

The Ohio Council of County Officials (OCCO) invites all county commissioners, county executives and county council members to a Legislative Reception on Tuesday, April 30 from 5:00 – 7:30 p.m. in the Statehouse Museum (formerly called the Crypt) in Columbus. This reception is an excellent opportunity to meet with your members in the General Assembly to discuss issues of importance. OCCO has invited all members of the General Assembly. There is no charge to attend the reception.



OCCO is an organization that strives to unite in a joint effort, the various associations representing county elected officials and judges in order to promote sound, efficient, and fiscally responsible government. It serves as a forum to provide information about issues of importance to county elected officials and allows the members the opportunity to work on legislative issues of mutual concern.

RSVP your attendance by April 23rd to Dianna Moore at (740) 670-5302 or recorder@lcounty.com

CCAO HOSTS SERBIAN DELEGATION

Tuesday, April 16th was a big day at CCAO. The Association hosted five members of the Serbian Parliament, a U.S. State Department representative stationed at the U.S. Embassy in Belgrade and a State Department interpreter along with their host from the Columbus International Visitors Council. Palmer McNeal, the former Franklin County Auditor and a member of the Council's Board, asked CCAO to make a presentation to the delegation on county and local government in Ohio.



CCAO explained the basic structure of local government in Ohio and the relationship of counties to the state. The Serbians were very interested in how the relationship with the state works. They were interested in the functions of county government and the number of elected officials in Ohio when we discussed the number of other local governments we have in Ohio. They were also interested in both how our property tax system works and how counties may enact permissive sales taxes.

CCAO was represented by Executive Director Larry Long, President Gary Lee, Union County Commissioner and also Union County Commissioners Steve Stolte and Charles Hall. The commissioners told the Serbians what it is like to be a commissioner in Ohio and also about their personal backgrounds and what they did before they became commissioners. [Click here](#) to read the complete blog.

CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT REFORM – A CCAO 2ND WEDNESDAY WEBINAR

CCAO is pleased to offer a one-hour "[Construction Contract Reform](#)" webinar on May 8, 2013 at 9:30 a.m. explaining some of the key changes that have been made to Ohio's public improvement law that provide county officials with new options for designing and constructing public improvements. The last state budget amended Ohio's public improvement law to authorize county officials to use single prime contracting,

construction manager at risk and design build as alternatives to multiple prime contracting which had generally been required of public owners since 1877.

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CCAO JUSTICE & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE CONFERENCE CALL

CCAO Justice and Public Safety Committee Chair Bob Proud, Clermont County Commissioner, has scheduled a conference call on Friday, April 26 at 1:30 p.m. to discuss the draft report from the consultant to the ESINext Steering Committee regarding the report due to the General Assembly assessing the State's 9-1-1 system and its movement to a Next Generation 9-1-1 system. This initial report, with significant further activities anticipated to be undertaken during the rest of this year, provides a road map for Ohio's progressive steps through a multi-year process that, when completed, should lead Ohio to a successful implementation of a Next Generation 9-1-1 system. Clermont County Commissioner Ed Humphrey and CCAO Senior Policy Analyst John Leutz who are members of the ESINet Steering Committee will be on the conference call to take questions and respond to comments. **The conference call is not limited to committee members. All commissioners, county executives and county council members are welcome and encouraged to participate in this discussion.**

Conference call directions were sent to all committee members, county executives and county council members. If you have questions about participating in the conference call, please contact Amanda Jones, Program Assistant, at (614) 220-7985, (888) 757-1904 or ajones@ccao.org

CCAO AGRICULTURE & RURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

CCAO Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee Chair Chris Abbuhl, Tuscarawas County Commissioner, has scheduled a committee meeting on Wednesday, May 1, at 10:00 a.m. Karl Gebhardt, Chief of the Soil & Water Division within the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) will be joining the committee for the meeting. Gebhardt will be discussing the ODNR's and Soil and Water Conservation Districts' (SWCD) efforts on Ag nutrient abatement efforts, efforts to engage county commissioners in establishing Ag nutrient abatement as a priority, and an update on SWCD funding going forward. In addition, policy staff will be updating commissioners on recent wind turbine project activity.

To RSVP or if you have questions regarding the committee meeting, please contact Amanda Jones, CCAO Program Assistant, at (614) 220-7985, (888) 757-1904 or ajones@ccao.org

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 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. In addition, commissioners scheduled to attend this briefing 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

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

PIEPER APPOINTED TO THE OHIO ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR THE AGING

Governor Kasich has appointed Paulding County Commissioner Fred Pieper to the Ohio Advisory Council for the Aging. The advisory council includes twelve governor-appointed members plus four from the legislature and directors of the state departments of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, Health and Job and Family Services. Authorized by ORC 173.3, the advisory council reviews plans, budgets and issues that impact older Ohioans and advocates specific administrative and legislative actions. The advisory council generally meets in person or by conference call on the fourth Tuesday in January, March, May, July, September, and November. Pieper’s term began April 15, 2013 and ends on November 21, 2015.



SURFACE WATER IMPROVEMENT FUND GRANT – BUCKEYE LAKE WATERSHED

The Environmental Protection Agency will accept Surface Water Improvement Fund grant applications through April 30. The funding to benefit the Buckeye Lake watershed is supplemental for the ongoing [Nutrient Reduction Project](#) there. Grants of up to \$50,000 will be awarded to design and install several nutrient reduction projects and storm water management projects to maintain and protect the lake.

Nonpoint source pollution from storm water runoff is a cause of aquatic life use impairments in the watershed. Nutrients such as nitrogen and phosphorus move off the land and into the lake, and locally implemented demonstration projects, best management practices and alternatives to traditional storm water management can improve water quality, according to Ohio EPA.

Eligible applicants include local governments, soil and water districts, parks and park districts, and other nonprofit conservation organizations with land management responsibilities. Projects should be ready for construction this summer and completed within 18 months of grant receipt and include a public awareness and outreach component.

FEDERAL ACTIVITIES

NACo RELEASES PRESENTATION ON THE PRESIDENT'S FY 2014 BUDGET

The National Association of Counties (NACo) has released a presentation on the President's FY2014 budget request. The presentation includes a summary of the President's budget as well as an in-depth look at federal programs important to counties. [NACo's presentation](#) highlights issues including:

- Tax-exempt municipal bonds
- Medicaid
- Transportation and Infrastructure programs
- CDBG and other HUD programs
- Justice programs
- Homeland Security/FEMA programs
- Social services programs
- Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) and Secure Rural Schools (SRS) programs
- Workforce programs

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

FRONT-END JUSTICE REFORM WEBINAR

How can counties safely reduce jail populations and save county taxpayer dollars? Join NACo on Thursday, April 25, 2013 at 2:00 to 3:15 p.m. for a webinar on "Front-End Justice Reform: The Role of Risk Assessments in Cost-Saving Justice Reform" to learn how counties have successfully developed and implemented risk assessment instruments in the pretrial decision-making process and how risk assessments have made positive impacts on their justice systems. Find out how your county can create and validate a risk assessment instrument tailored to your jurisdiction's needs and discover some best practices counties have used to overcome common implementation barriers. For more information, contact Meghan Levine, NACo County Solutions and Innovation Associate, at (202) 942-4279 or mlevine@naco.org. [Click here](#) to register.

2013 OPIATE CONFERENCE

The Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities, in partnership with the Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services and the Ohio Rehabilitation Services Commission, will present Ohio's 2013 Opiate Conference – "Turning the Tide Together." 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. The Conference will be held at the Hyatt Regency, 350 North High Street, in Columbus. 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.

The Conference has already been approved to offer certain types of continuing education credits for physicians, nurses, counselors, social workers, chemical dependency counselors, and psychologists. [Click here](#) for more information.

ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINION

SYLLABUS

2013-011

For purposes of R.C. 325.14, the appointment of a person to fill a vacancy in the office of county engineer constitutes "the commencement of [a] new term of office," so that the appointee may elect to engage or not to engage in the private practice of engineering or surveying and such election does not violate Article II, Section 20 of the Ohio Constitution.

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



Second Wednesday's

May 8, 2013

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This webinar will include an explanation of the requirements for contracting with design professionals as well as information on the options now available to counties for constructing public improvements.

CCAO is pleased to have Jack Rosati, Esquire, Partner and Chair, Construction Law Group, Bricker and Eckler, LLP, and Mike Shadoan, Registered Architect and Warren County Facilities Management Director, to share their collective expertise on construction contract reform. The webinar will include information on:

- How to hire qualified design professionals and prepare contracts that lead to successful projects.
- How and when to use construction manager at risk, design build, and single prime contracting for your construction contract work.
- Learn directly from a county facility director who has experience with the design build form of contracting.

Participants in the webinar may pose questions to the presenters who will respond during and after the power point presentation. To register for this exceptional educational opportunity, please click on this link: <https://www3.gotomeeting.com/register/435111246> If you experience difficulty in connecting to the link above and you wish to register for the webinar, please email Amanda Jones, CCAO Program Assistant, at ajones@ccao.org and provide her with your email address. Space is limited for this webinar, so register early. If you have questions regarding registering for the webinar, please contact Amanda at the email address listed above. For additional information regarding the topic for this webinar, please contact Brad Cole, CCAO Managing Director of Research at bcole@ccao.org

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