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### DATES TO REMEMBER

MAY 8, 2013	CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT REFORM – CCAO 2 <sup>ND</sup> WEDNESDAY WEBINAR
MAY 15, 2013	CCAO SMALL COUNTY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, CONFERENCE CALL
MAY 15, 2013	CCAO METROPOLITAN & REGIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, CONFERENCE CALL
MAY 16, 2013	CCAO GENERAL GOVERNMENT & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS
MAY 17, 2013	CCAO TAXATION & FINANCE COMMITTEE, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS
MAY 22-24, 2013	NACo WESTERN INTERSTATE REGION CONFERENCE, COCONINO COUNTY (FLAGSTAFF), ARIZONA
JUNE 6, 2013	CCAO BOARD OF DIRECTORS, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS
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
JULY 20, 2013	CCAO CAUCUS RECEPTION ( <i>HELD DURING THE NACo COUNTY SOLUTIONS &amp; MARKETPLACE</i> ), FORT WORTH CONVENTION CENTER, TARRANT COUNTY (FORT WORTH), TEXAS

### ASSOCIATION NEWS

#### CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT REFORM WEBINAR ON MAY 8

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.

To register for this exceptional educational opportunity, please click on this link: <https://www3.gotomeeting.com/register/435111246>. If for any reason 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](mailto: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](mailto:bcole@ccao.org)

### CCAO SUMMER SEMINAR TO BE HELD JUNE 7; ONLINE REGISTRATION OPEN

CCAO invites all county commissioners, county executives and county council members, affiliates and guests to the [CCAO Summer Seminar](#) to be held Friday, June 7, 2013 at the Quest Conference Center, 8405 Pulsar Place, in Columbus. These affiliate organizations will be meeting at the Summer Seminar: County Administrators Association, County Commissioners Clerks and Engineers Administrative Professionals Association, and Ohio County Dog Wardens Association.

Registration for the one-day seminar will open at 7:30 a.m. with sessions beginning at 8:30 a.m. and ending at 3:00 p.m. There will be one registration fee for all attendees that will include conference registration, seminars, continental breakfast, beverage breaks, and lunch.

CCAO is pleased to announce that Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine will be speaking at the General Session. The educational seminar topics to be held in the morning include:

- What's Trending on the HR Help Line?
- Best Practices: Learn from Your Peers
- Practical Steps for Managing Your Benefits Plan in 2013
- Return to On-Site Jail Inspections
- Communicating with the Media and Your Constituency-Best Practices and Things to Avoid

[Click here](#) to view the complete agenda.

Conference Registration: CCAO encourages you to [register online](#) by May 24, 2013. REGISTRATIONS WILL NOT BE TAKEN OVER THE PHONE. For registration information please contact Ali Redmond, CCAO Accountant, at (614) 221-5627, (888) 757-1904, fax (614) 221-6986, or [onlinereg@ccao.org](mailto:onlinereg@ccao.org) RETURN REGISTRATION FORMS TO CCAO, 209 EAST STATE STREET, COLUMBUS, OH 43215.

Room Reservations: If you would like to arrive the evening before the seminar, a block of rooms has been reserved at the **Fairfield Inn & Suites Columbus/Polaris**, 9000 Worthington Road, Columbus, OH 43082. Cutoff date: **May 24, 2013**. Please make reservations by calling (614) 568-0770 and mention CCAO for the discounted rate or click on one of these links: room rate - [\\$112 standard king \(one bed\)](#) or [\\$112 standard queen \(two beds\)](#)

### CCAO TAXATION & FINANCE COMMITTEE TO MEET MAY 17

Daniel Troy, Lake County Commissioner and Chair of the CCAO Taxation and Finance Committee, has scheduled a meeting of the committee on Friday, May 17 at 10:00 a.m. in the CCAO Offices, 209 East State Street, in Columbus. Issues for consideration and discussion include:

- Update on status of legislative issues falling within the purview of the Taxation and Finance Committee
- SB 52 (Coley) – to permit property tax complaints to be initiated only by the property owner

- HB 118 1(Roegner) – to revise the ballot language requirements for bond issues
- HB 138 (McClain) – to make changes to the law governing the State Board of Tax Appeals
- Update on issues related to the Local Government Fund

Lunch will be served during the meeting. In order to assure an accurate lunch count, please contact Tanya McComas at (614) 221-5627, (888) 757-1904 or [tmccomas@ccao.org](mailto:tmccomas@ccao.org) by May 15 if you cannot attend the meeting.

### 2013-14 NACo BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOMINATIONS

NACo's Annual Conference is rapidly approaching and one of the most important events is the election of officers and Board of Directors members. State associations are asked to nominate representatives to serve on the NACo Board of Directors. The NACo Nominating Committee will review the nominations and prepare a report to be presented at the Annual Business Meeting to be held on Monday afternoon, July 22 in Tarrant County (Fort Worth), TX. The one-year term on the NACo Board of Directors begins the last day of the current annual conference and ends the last day of the next annual conference.

CCAO is entitled to two representatives on the NACo Board of Directors. Currently, the positions are filled by Commissioners Daniel Troy (Lake) and Gary Lee (Union).

Commissioners interested in serving on the NACo Board of Directors should submit a letter of interest to Larry Long, CCAO Executive Director, via fax (614) 221-6986 or [llong@ccao.org](mailto:llong@ccao.org) by **May 29, 2013**.

### **AFFILIATE ACTIVITIES**

#### CCC/EAPA REGIONAL TRAINING SCHEDULED IN WARREN COUNTY

The County Commissioners Clerks and Engineers Administrative Professionals Association (CCC/EAPA) will be holding a regional training session on Friday, May 10, 2013 at the Warren County Engineer's Office, 210 West Main Street, in Lebanon. To RSVP your attendance, please contact Sharon Lawhorn, Warren County Engineer, (513) 685-3305 or [sharon.lawhorn@co.warren.oh.us](mailto:sharon.lawhorn@co.warren.oh.us)

All the county commissioners' and engineers' office support staff members are encouraged to attend. 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)

### **STATE ACTIVITIES**

#### KASICH CALLS FOR \$1 BILLION WORKERS' COMP REBATE TO PUBLIC & PRIVATE EMPLOYERS

This week, Governor John R. Kasich proposed a \$1 billion rebate for all 210,000 customers of the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation (BWC)—both public and private employers—as well as tripling investments in worker safety grants and lowering all rates by modernizing workers' comp operations. The \$1.9 billion

proposal is made possible by larger-than-expected fund balances at BWC generated by strong investment management.

Details of the proposal include:

- \$1 billion in rebates to approximately 210,000 private and public sector employers. The rebates would equal about 56 percent of employers' most recent annual premium and would be provided by check from BWC;
- Tripling Ohio's Safety and Wellness Grant program from \$5 million to \$15 million. Ohio's safety grant program has proven effective. In companies receiving grants, claims frequency has decreased 66 percent and claims costs per full time employee has decreased 86 percent. The effort would be coupled with a new safety education campaign for employers and workers;
- Lowering rates 2 percent for private employers and 4 percent for public employers by modernizing BWC's payment system. Customers would pay in advance of their coverage periods instead of after them, as they do now. Under the current outdated system, some customers don't pay their bills for coverage they have already received, which drives up costs for other customers. The new prospective payment system helps prevent that kind of fraud and keep costs lower. Additionally, customers would now have more flexible payment options, including new monthly or annual billing options. Under the proposal, BWC would issue another \$900 million credit to employers to offset transition costs.

All three elements of the proposal would be funded from BWC's net assets, which have grown to \$8.3 billion and are far in excess of the target funding ratio of assets to liabilities established by the BWC board in 2008. Note: The proposal will not be final until the BWC Board takes action – possibly this month or at the June Board Meeting. CCAO is in touch with the BWC and will keep counties informed.

## **FEDERAL ACTIVITIES**

### MARKETPLACE FAIRNESS ACT ONE STEP CLOSER TO SENATE PASSAGE

On April 25, the U.S. Senate voted (63-30) to end debate on the Marketplace Fairness Act. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV) announced that a deal had been reached that includes a vote on a manager's amendment that delays the implementation of the legislation for six months and a final vote on the bill's passage. Both votes will take place on Monday, May 6 when the Senate returns from a week-long recess.

Progress on the bill had stalled for days as opponents blocked efforts to move amendments to the bill. The agreement essentially ends their attempts to keep the bill from moving forward.

Reach out to Senators Brown and Portman and urge them to support the Marketplace Fairness Act and vote for final passage on May 6.

For NACo's policy brief on remote sales, [click here](#). To view NACo's press release on the Marketplace Fairness, [click here](#). For more information, please contact Mike Belarmino, NACo Associate Legislative Director, at (202) 942-4254 or [mbelarmino@naco.org](mailto:mbelarmino@naco.org)

## **NACo ACTIVITIES**

### 2013 COUNTY SOLUTIONS & MARKETPLACE

The 2013 County Solutions and Marketplace is the new name for the Annual Conference of the National Association of Counties! The Conference will be held July 19-22, 2013 at the Fort Worth Convention Center in Tarrant County (Fort Worth), Texas. The Conference has been reduced to a 4-day program with additional opportunities for you to engage with your peers from across the U.S.! To those who have attended the NACo

Annual Conference before – please note the change in programming. [Click here](#) for the new and improved schedule!

Register online to save \$25 off the conference registration fee. Register by June 7 to get the early bird discount! [Click here](#) to register and make your hotel reservations.

CCAO will be hosting a reception on Saturday, July 20 from 5:00-6:30 p.m. at the Fort Worth Convention Center. Please be prompt and arrive by 5:00 p.m., because the following four candidates that are running for NACo 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President will address the caucus:

- [Allan Angel](#), Commissioner, Kent County (Dover), Delaware
- [Stan Batmon](#), Commissioner, St. Clair County (Pell City), Alabama
- [Sallie Clark](#), Commissioner, El Paso County (Colorado Springs), Colorado
- [Tim Josi](#), Commissioner, Tillamook (Tillamook), Oregon

The election for the NACo 2013-14 Officers will take place on Monday, July 22. Information about the NACo Credentials Process (voting process) will be sent to all presidents of the Board of County Commissioners and County Executives in May. If you have any questions about the credentials process, please contact Mary Jane Neiman, CCAO Public Relations Associate, at (614) 220-7979, (888) 757-1904 or [mjneiman@ccao.org](mailto:mjneiman@ccao.org)

## **EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES**

### REGIONAL FOOD SYSTEMS WEBINAR

County and regional leaders are integrating food systems into economic development plans. These efforts are reinvigorating rural economies to foster economic development connected to local, agricultural economies. Join NACo on Thursday, May 9, 2013 from 2:00 to 3:15 p.m. for a “Regional Food Systems” webinar to learn about national trends and hear from HUD Sustainable Communities grantees. For more information, please contact Stephanie Osborn, NACo Director of Strategic Initiatives, at (202) 942-4235 or [sosborn@naco.org](mailto:sosborn@naco.org) [Click here](#) to register.

### SELECTING PROJECT DELIVERY MODELS AND BIDDING FOR PUBLIC CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS IN OHIO

Learn about the new project delivery models available to public owners and the competitive bidding process for public projects at the “Selecting Project Delivery Models and Bidding for Public Construction Contracts in Ohio” workshop on Friday, May 17, 2013 at The Conference Center at OCLC, 6600 Kilgour Place, in Dublin. This workshop is being presented by Bricker & Eckler LLP.

This program blends a traditional morning session of instruction with an interactive afternoon session during which attendees work in groups to experience the delivery model selection and competitive bidding process through a mock project, immediate feedback from the speakers, and questions and answers from the entire class.

CCAO is one of the workshop co-sponsors. Register by **May 10** for the discounted fee of \$199. For more workshop information, please contact Rebekah Richards, Bricker & Eckler, at (614) 227-4811, (800) 750-1525, [rrichards@bricker.com](mailto:rrichards@bricker.com) or [www.bricker.com/learning-events.aspx](http://www.bricker.com/learning-events.aspx)

## PLANNING & ZONING WORKSHOP

The American Planning Association (APA) Central Ohio Section is sponsoring a one-day “Planning and Zoning Workshop” on Friday, May 17 at COSI, 333 West Broad Street, in Columbus. The workshop focuses on the basics of planning and zoning as well as relevant planning topics for professional planners in and around Central Ohio. Sessions are designed for local officials, planning commission and board of zoning appeals members, community development professionals, professional planners, attorneys, architects, and other interested citizens. [Click here](#) for more information.

## 2013 COASTAL CLIMATE ADAPTATION & RESILIENCE WORKSHOP

The 2013 Coastal Climate Adaptation and Resilience Workshop will be held on Wednesday, June 19 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Owens Community College – Toledo Area Campus, 30335 Oregon Road – Audio/Visual Classroom Center, in Perrysburg. The workshop educational theme is to support climate and coastal resilience planning in the Western Lake Erie Basin. The workshop is oriented to planners, emergency managers, coastal managers, GIS specialists and other pertinent staff and stakeholders at the local, state, federal as well as the private and non-profit sector. [Click here](#) for more information or contact Heather Elmer at [heather.elmer@dnr.state.oh.us](mailto:heather.elmer@dnr.state.oh.us) or Patrick Robinson, Toledo Division of Environmental Services at (419) 936-3015 or [Patrick.robinson@uwex.edu](mailto:Patrick.robinson@uwex.edu)

## **ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINIONS**

### SYLLABUS

2013-013

1. Elected county appointing authorities are “county agencies” for purposes of R.C. 124.391.
2. R.C. 124.391 authorizes a board of county commissioners to establish different leave donation programs for individual county agencies.
3. Pursuant to R.C. 4117.10(A), the terms of a collective bargaining agreement authorizing a county employee to donate accrued but unused paid leave to another county employee prevail over conflicting rules of a leave donation program established by a board of county commissioners under R.C. 124.391.
4. A leave donation program established by a board of county commissioners under R.C. 124.391 may not permit a county employee to use donated leave to receive pay for an absence from work that occurred prior to the program’s implementation.
5. An elected county appointing authority may establish a leave donation program for its employees and the program may be more, but not less, generous than the leave donation program established by the board of county commissioners under R.C. 124.391 when the appointing authority is required to participate in the board’s program. (1987 Op. Att’y Gen. No. 87-029, overruled on the basis of statutory amendment.)
6. A board of county commissioners that establishes a leave donation program under R.C. 124.391 may determine whether an employee of a county agency may donate accrued but unused paid leave to an employee of another county agency.
7. An elected county appointing authority that establishes a leave donation program may permit an employee to donate accrued but unused paid leave to an employee of another county agency that has a leave donation program that permits the employee to accept and use the donated leave.

### SYLLABUS

2013-014

R.C. 309.09(A) requires a county prosecuting attorney to provide legal counsel and representation to a county sewer district established by a board of county commissioners under R.C. Chapter 6117.

**CLASSIFIEDS**

<b>Title /For More Information. . .</b>	<b>Employer/Application Deadline</b>
<b>Director</b>	May 24, 2013 Belmont County JFS
<b>Director of Office of Management &amp; Budget/Central Accounting Services</b>	Open Until Filled Portage County