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DATES TO REMEMBER

JUNE 6, 2013	CCAO BOARD OF DIRECTORS, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS
JUNE 7, 2013	CCAO SUMMER SEMINAR, QUEST BUSINESS CENTER, COLUMBUS
JUNE 12, 2013	CONVENTION & VISITORS' BUREAUS—PROMOTING TOURISM IN OHIO – CCAO 2 ND WEDNESDAY WEBINAR
JUNE 19-21, 2013	NACo LARGE URBAN COUNTY CAUCUS (LUCC) ANNUAL MEETING, 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 & MARKETPLACE</i>), FORT WORTH CONVENTION CENTER, TARRANT COUNTY (FORT WORTH), TEXAS

ASSOCIATION NEWS

PROCESS AND TIMELINE FOR NEW CCAO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ANNOUNCED

The CCAO Executive Committee has announced a process that will result in the selection of the new CCAO Executive Director. Earlier this year Larry Long announced his intention to retire at the end of the year. At the last meeting of the CCAO Board, members of the Board were urged to suggest any candidates for the position to Kathy Dillon, CCAO's Office Manager and Boards Liaison.

This week the CCAO Executive Committee met and established a preliminary timeline and process. CCAO members are also invited to be an integral part of this process by recommending potential candidates they believe the Executive Committee should consider. Such recommendations should be submitted to Kathy Dillon, CCAO Office Manager and Boards Liaison, by email, kathydillon@ccao.org no later than the close of business on May 22, 2013.

CCAO has retained the services of Don Vermillion, former Montgomery County Administrator and presently with the University of Dayton, to assist the Executive Committee with the search for the new Executive Director. Under the tentative timeline established by the Executive Committee, the prospective field of

candidates would be narrowed in early June and interviews would commence around the middle of June. The Executive Committee then hopes to make its recommendation to the CCAO Board in early July, with the new Executive Director assuming the position in August.

CCAO SUMMER SEMINAR TO BE HELD JUNE 7; REGISTER BY MAY 24

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 following four educational seminar topics will be held in the morning:

- What's Trending on the HR Help Line?
- Best Practices: Learn from Your Peers
- Practical Steps for Managing Your Benefits Plan in 2013
- Jail Inspections: Proposed Standards and the Risk Management Perspective

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

Conference Registration: CCAO encourages you to [register online](#) by **May 24, 2013 to save money.** 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 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 \(two beds\)](#)

2013-14 NACo BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOMINATIONS

NACo's County Solutions and Idea Marketplace (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 by **May 29, 2013**.

IN MEMORIAM

EDWIN M. DYER

Former Brown County Commissioner Edwin M. Dyer (94) died on April 18, 2013. He spent most of his life farming, managing a dairy herd, working with wood, and being involved in politics. Edwin was a Brown County Commissioner from 1972-1983 and a former Scott Township Trustee. He served on the Brown County Fair Board and was a 4-H advisor for many years. Dyer was honored to be a citizen of Brown County and during his years as commissioner, he was proud of his accomplishment of restoring the historic Brown County Court House after an arsonist set fire to a judge's robe in 1977 and a large bit of it burned. The Brown County Courthouse Reconstruction Association raised donated funds to renovate the building, which was rededicated in 1986. [Click here](#) to send online condolences to the family.

STATE ACTIVITIES

LOCAL GOVERNMENT INNOVATION FUND PROGRAM LOAN APPLICATIONS DUE JUNE 10

The Local Government Innovation Fund (LGIF) offers communities financial assistance to create more efficient and effective service delivery within their area. Projects are expected to facilitate improved business environments and promote community attraction with their plan for efficiency, collaboration, or shared services. Communities will be able to save money and provide more effective services to their constituents with assistance from this program.

The Round 6 Local Government Innovation Fund Program Loan Application is now available on the [Ohio Development Services Agency](#) website. The application form can be downloaded under 'Application Materials' on the left-hand side of the site. Application materials should be downloaded to the online submission site which can be found on the Local Government Innovation Fund website. Once the application is complete, use the online submission form to upload the application and supporting materials. Supporting materials should be combined into one document for submission. Applicants are required to submit both an application and the online submission form. All applications are due to the Office of Redevelopment by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, June 10, 2013. Please contact Nicole Bent in the Office of Redevelopment at (614) 995-2292 or lqif@development.ohio.gov with any questions.

OHIO FORECLOSURES STILL AT CRISIS LEVEL

Ohio foreclosures remain at crisis levels, with 70,469 new filings in 2012, according to the annual foreclosure report, "[Home Insecurity 2013: Foreclosures and Housing in Ohio](#)" released Monday by [Policy Matters Ohio](#). The study, based on Ohio Supreme Court data, found that the number of new foreclosure filings dropped only slightly from 2011, by about 1.5 percent, while the number of filings in 2012 remained more than four times higher than it was in the mid-1990s. Ohio filings peaked in 2009 at 89,061.

Cuyahoga County continues to lead Ohio with 11,427 new foreclosure filings – a slight decrease from 2011. Smaller counties saw the largest one-year increases, with new filings jumping 41 percent in Adams County, 38 percent in Noble County, and 22 percent in Madison County. [Click here](#) for an interactive map of Ohio with county-level foreclosure data.

A recent survey found that 8.5 percent of Ohio mortgages are in foreclosure or severely delinquent, while approximately one-in-three are "under water," with debt exceeding current value. The loan-to-value ratio in

Ohio is more than 76 percent, meaning that Ohio mortgage holders, in total, have less than 25 percent ownership of their homes.

Policy Matters Ohio is a nonprofit, nonpartisan research institute with offices in Cleveland and Columbus. For more information about this report, contact David Rothstein, Policy Matters Ohio Project Director, at (216) 361-9801 or drothstein@policymattersohio.org.

2013 OHIO AGRICULTURE WOMEN OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Ohio First Lady Karen Kasich and Ohio Agriculture Director David Daniels announced they are accepting nominations for the 2013 Ohio Agriculture Women of the Year Awards. The award program is administered through the Ohio Department of Agriculture and the Office of the First Lady.

Nominations must be submitted by June 21st and will be reviewed by a diverse committee of industry leaders. Winners will be selected on the basis of their outstanding contributions to Ohio agriculture, leadership and advocacy in the agricultural community and significant impact on the agriculture industry as a whole. [Click here](#) for nomination materials.

OPERSOURCE DISCUSSES PENSION CHANGES

OPERSource - your Source for Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS) information - is a regular publication that answers questions regarding OPERS and public pensions. The current edition includes details on the recent decision to delay implementation of some of the changes to the OPERS retiree health care plan as well as a story highlighting OPERS' opposition to recently introduced federal legislation that would impose additional requirements on public pensions. [Read more...](#)

FEDERAL ACTIVITIES

FARM BILL MOVING THIS WEEK IN SENATE & HOUSE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEES

The Agriculture Committee leadership of both the Senate and the House announced that they will move the Farm Bill through their committees this week. Senate and House leaders have also promised to give the bill floor time by this summer, representing a key shift in posture in the House.

The draft bills that the Senate and House Agriculture Committee leaders have released include many of the same provisions that were included in last year's Senate Committee-passed and House-passed bills, respectively. It is expected that both Committees will vote to pass the bill out of committee, at which time each bill will head to the floor of its respective chamber for further debate. Senate Democrats continue to say that they are aiming to bring the bill for debate on the Senate floor before Memorial Day. The House GOP leadership has included debate of the 2013 Farm Bill in its summer schedule, possibly before July 4. [Read more...](#)

NEW JCT REPORT OFFERS SUGGESTIONS FOR FEDERAL TAX REFORM

On May 6, the Joint Committee on Taxation (JCT) released the [Tax Reform Working Group Report](#). The report serves as a summary of present tax law, and of suggestions for tax reform that were submitted to the Ways and Means Committee tax reform working groups. The working groups were divided into eleven tax reform areas, including Energy and Financial Services.

The report does not contain any tax reform recommendations from JCT or Ways and Means members, but is intended to serve as a current overview of the tax code and of previous reform proposals, and as a summary of

the submissions from various stakeholders regarding their views on tax reform. The Committee is expected to explore the details of the report over the coming weeks. On April 12, NACo submitted joint comments with other local government organizations to the tax reform working groups. To view the comments, [click here](#).

TAX REFORM WEBSITE LAUNCHED

On May 9, the top two lawmakers responsible for overhauling the tax code announced a new website where the general public can submit reform suggestions. The site, www.taxreform.gov was launched in conjunction with a Twitter handle, @simplertaxes.

House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Dave Camp (R-Mich.) and Senate Finance Committee Chairman Max Baucus (D-Mont.) launched the website based on the idea that the average taxpayer does not have a lobbyist or full access to the governmental bodies who work on tax reform. As such, the website is intended to act as a resource that will help lawmakers collect individual input from all over the country to add context and meaning to their efforts to reform the tax code.

CMS TO PROPOSE DSH CUT REGULATION SOON

The Administration plans to reveal “shortly” how they propose to target the \$500 million cut to county hospitals and others that serve a disproportionate share of uninsured and Medicaid patients. The acting director of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) promised that her agency will soon release a proposed methodology to implement reductions in state Medicaid disproportionate share hospital (DSH) allotments imposed by the Affordable Care Act (ACA). The ACA cuts over \$18 billion from DSH which was to offset coverage expansion through the exchanges and Medicaid. Hospitals in states that are not expanding Medicaid are concerned that the DSH cuts will be particularly onerous on them. The President’s FY2014 budget proposed delaying the 2014 cut and spreading the \$500 million over 2016 and 2017. The DSH regulation is currently under review at the White House Office of Management and Budget.

NACo ACTIVITIES

LANGSTON TO APPOINT LEADERSHIP TEAM FOR 2013-14

Linda Langston, Linn County (Iowa) Supervisor and NACo 1st Vice President, will have the privilege of making the following presidential leadership and committee appointments to her 2013-14 Leadership Team. Please note: Steering committee membership is not a part of this application process. The NACo president appoints only the steering committee leadership. CCAO is responsible for nominating the general steering committee members from Ohio. More information about the steering committee nomination process will be available next week.

- **Steering Committee Leadership** – The 11 steering committees will each have a leadership team consisting of a chair and appropriate number of vice-chairs, and subcommittee chairs and vice-chairs. Active members of the steering committees are given first preference. These appointments are for one year. **This does not include steering committee membership nominations. CCAO will process steering committee membership nominations in June. (See article below.)**
- **Caucus Leadership and Members** – These one-year appointments include the Rural Action Caucus (RAC) and Large Urban County Caucus (LUCC) Steering Committees chair, vice-chairs and members. Active members of the steering committees are given first preference.
- **At-Large Appointments to the NACo Board of Directors** – These ten one-year appointments add diversity to the board (i.e., urban, rural, gender, geography, and minority representation).

- **Standing Committees** – Four committees (i.e., Finance, Information Technology, Programs and Services, and Membership Committees)
- **Ad Hoc Committees** – Eight committees (i.e., Deferred Compensation Advisory Committee, NACo Financial Services Center Advisory Committee, Arts and Culture Commission, Green Government Advisory Board, Healthy Counties Advisory Board, International Economic Development Task Force, Veterans & Military Services Committee, and Cybersecurity Task Force.)

Complete the [Presidential Appointment Application](#) online. **Application deadline: June 5, 2013.** If you have any questions please contact Mary Jane Neiman, CCAO Public Relations Associate, at (614) 220-7979 or mjneiman@ccao.org

JOIN A 2013-14 NACo STEERING COMMITTEE

Now is the time to get active in the National Association of Counties (NACo) by joining a steering committee! If you have an interest in a specific issue, expertise on a certain topic, or concerns about the impact of federal legislative and policy decisions in your county, then you should consider joining one of NACo's policy steering committees.

NACo member counties serving on one of these committees enables you to become actively involved in NACo's policy process. The steering committees begin the NACo policy process by reviewing federal legislation and policy, and making recommendations on issues that impact counties.

If you are already a member of a committee, you must reapply now, as appointees serve one-year terms. However, you can be reappointed to the same committee for consecutive years. This current nomination process covers appointments from August 2013 through July 2014. The NACo steering committees are listed below:

- [Agriculture & Rural Affairs](#)
- [Community & Economic Development](#)
- [Environment, Energy & Land Use](#)
- [Finance & Intergovernmental Affairs](#)
- [Health](#)
- [Human Services & Education](#)
- [Justice & Public Safety](#)
- [Labor & Employment](#)
- [Public Lands](#)
- [Telecommunications & Technology](#)
- [Transportation Steering Committee](#)

Steering committee applications must be submitted to CCAO – not NACo. Here are the important points to remember:

- Fill out and submit a [2013-14 NACo Steering Committee Nomination Form](#) to CCAO by Friday, **June 21, 2013**. Send your form to Mary Jane Neiman, CCAO Public Relations Associate, via email at mjneiman@ccao.org or fax at (614) 221-6986.
- Mark on the nomination form your first and second choices of steering committees
- Members of NACo affiliate organizations who want to serve on a steering committee should follow the same process.

CCAO/NACo makes every effort to accommodate nominees' first choice of steering committee assignments. Committee appointees serve for one-year and cannot transfer membership to another committee, or serve on

more than one steering committee, during that year. For more information, please contact Mary Jane Neiman, CCAO Public Relations Associate, at (614) 220-7979 or mjneiman@ccao.org

2013 COUNTY SOLUTIONS & IDEA MARKETPLACE

The 2013 County Solutions and Idea 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 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 programing. [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 2nd Vice President will address the caucus.

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

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

BROADBAND ADOPTION STRATEGIES WEBINAR

The National Association of Counties, National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors, and National League of Cities, in partnership with the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), will be hosting a webinar on May 20, 2013 from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. to hear highlights from the newly-released Broadband Adoption Toolkit produced by NTIA at the U.S. Department of Commerce. The Toolkit includes tips, strategies, and resources gathered from recipients of the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP), with important “how-to’s” regarding the design and implementation of successful broadband adoption programs. [Click here](#) for more information and webinar registration.

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 mangers, coastal mangers, 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 or Patrick Robinson, Toledo Division of Environmental Services at (419) 936-3015 or Patrick.robinson@uwex.edu

ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINION

SYLLABUS

2013-016

1. Article II, § 20 of the Ohio Constitution does not prohibit a board of county commissioners from

changing the amount of compensation that is paid to a county engineer for performing the duties of the county sanitary engineer. (1931 Op. Att’y Gen. No. 2864, vol. I, p. 90, overruled in part.)

2. A board of county commissioners is not authorized to structure an agreement with the county engineer under R.C. 315.14 such that the county engineer performs the duties of the county sanitary engineer as an independent contractor. (1956 Op. Att’y Gen. No. 6196, p. 26, overruled in part.)
3. A board of county commissioners is authorized to hire a registered professional engineer other than the county engineer to perform the duties of the county sanitary engineer. However, when the county sanitary engineer is a registered professional engineer other than the county engineer, R.C. 6117.01(C) requires that prior to the initial assignment of drainage facilities duties to the county sanitary engineer, a board of county commissioners first offers to enter into an agreement with the county engineer pursuant to R.C. 315.14 for assistance in the performance of those duties of the board pertaining to drainage facilities.
4. An agreement pursuant to R.C. 315.14 between a board of county commissioners and a county engineer is not required by the terms of R.C. 315.14 to be in writing. Depending upon the terms of the particular agreement, R.C. 1335.05, Ohio’s Statute of Frauds, may require the agreement to be evidenced by a document signed by the party to be charged to be enforceable in a court of law.

CLASSIFIEDS

Title /For More Information. . .	Employer/Application Deadline
Dog Warden	May 22, 2013 Mahoning County
Director	May 24, 2013 Belmont County JFS
EMA Director	May 28, 2013 Ashtabula County
Chief Building Official	May 31, 2013 Stark County