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DATES TO REMEMBER

JUNE 28, 2013	CCAO REGIONAL LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING – SENATE DISTRICT 17 – OLD CANAL SMOKEHOUSE, ROSS COUNTY (CHILLICOTHE)
JUNE 28, 2013	CCAO AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS
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
DECEMBER 8-10, 2013	CCAO/CEAO ANNUAL WINTER CONFERENCE, GREATER COLUMBUS CONVENTION CENTER, COLUMBUS (HEADQUARTERS HOTEL: HYATT REGENCY)

ASSOCIATION NEWS

CCAO REGIONAL LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING TO BE HELD IN ROSS COUNTY

CCAO has been hosting Regional Legislative Briefings for the members of the new 130th General Assembly since the beginning of the year. The purpose of these meetings was 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 were organized by State Senate Districts and the House Districts contained within them. Commissioners, county executives and county council members received [registration form](#) information. Mark your calendar and plan to attend the next briefing!

- June 28 - Senate District 17 – Old Canal Smokehouse, 94 East Water Street, Chillicothe @ 11:30 am

For more information please contact Josh Hahn, CCAO Senior Policy Analyst, at (614) 220-7982 or jhahn@ccao.org

CCAO AGRICULTURE & RURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

CCAO Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee Chair Chris Abbuhl, Tuscarawas County Commissioner, has scheduled a committee meeting for Friday, June 28th, at 10:00 a.m. at the CCAO offices. Denise Franz King, Executive Director of the Office of Farmland Preservation within the Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA), will

be joining the committee for the meeting. Franz King will be discussing the Local Ag Easement Purchase Program, local approval and certified local sponsor process, and other farmland preservation updates. In addition, policy staff will be updating commissioners on potential ag nutrient management legislation and the latest on the state budget.

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

IN MEMORIUM

GERALD NEPTUNE

Former Morrow County Commissioner Gerald Neptune died on June 3, 2013. He served as county commissioner from 1991 to 1994. CCAO extends heartfelt sympathy to the Neptune Family.

STATE ACTIVITIES

ETHICS COMMISSION: FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Can a public official or employee have a private job? Yes, within limits. The Ohio Ethics Law does not prohibit public officials and employees from engaging in private outside employment or business activities provided that no conflict of interest exists or if the public servant is able to withdraw from consideration of matters that affect the private entity.

Further, there must be no misuse of the public office or employment. For example, the public servant cannot use public time, facilities, personnel, or resources in conducting private business; he cannot use his official title on private business cards or other written materials; he cannot use his relationship with other public servants to secure a favorable decision or action regarding his private interests; he cannot discuss, deliberate, or vote on any matter involving his private business; and he cannot use his public position or authority in any other way to secure a benefit for his outside employer or private business. For more information, see Advisory Opinions [96-004](#) and [2008-02](#).

OPERS INFORMATION

Linked to this issue of CIDS is the May 2013 issue of OPERSource, the newsletter containing legislative and key information. This issue includes articles on an independent actuary report on OPERS' death benefit fund and OPERS education on health care. [Read more...](#)

FEDERAL ACTIVITIES

HOUSE TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE RELEASES FY2014 FUNDING BILL; CUTS CDBG BY \$1.4 BILLION

On June 18, the House Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations (T-HUD) Subcommittee release the draft FY2014 appropriations bill. The bill includes \$1.6 billion for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program for FY2014, which would be a \$1.4 billion cut from the FY2013 level. CDBG is currently funded \$3.07 billion for FY2013, which includes the sequestration cut.

CDBG has been drastically reduced in recent years, having been cut by nearly 25 percent (or \$1 billion) since FY2010. The Obama Administration's FY2014 budget proposed a \$280 million cut to CDBG (down to \$2.78 billion). The House T-HUD appropriations subcommittee proposed level is well below the Administration's

proposal. The House T-HUD appropriations subcommittee passed the \$44.1 billion appropriations bill by voice vote. The full appropriations committee mark-up is scheduled for next **Thursday, June 27, 2013**.

Contact our Ohio members of the House Appropriations Committee, Representatives David Joyce (Dist. 14-Painesville), Marcy Kaptur (Dist. 9-Toledo) and Tim Ryan (Dist. 13-Warren), and urge them not to make such a drastic cut to the CDBG program. Representatives Joyce and Ryan serve on the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Subcommittee. Specifically, let them know what projects CDBG has funded in your county and/or how a certain project would not have been possible without CDBG. Ask them to consider offering an amendment to increase funding for CDBG during the full appropriations committee mark-up on June 27.

The Community Development Block Grant program was enacted in 1974 to provide block grant funding for community development programs. The program assists urban, suburban, and rural communities to improve housing and living conditions, and expand economic opportunities for low- and moderate income persons. CDBG helps to create jobs through the expansion and retention of businesses, and counties use the flexibility of CDBG to partner with private and nonprofit sectors to address local community and economic development, housing, water, infrastructure and human service needs.

SENATE PASSES FARM BILL; ATTENTION SHIFTS TO HOUSE

On June 10, the Senate passed its \$955 billion five-year farm bill with substantial bipartisan support. The measure was approved by a 66-27 margin that included favorable votes from 18 Republicans. Attention now turns to the House, where lawmakers are cautiously optimistic that they will see floor debate on their \$940 billion version of a five-year farm bill in the coming weeks. [Read more...](#)

NACo ACTIVITIES

NACo ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS; 6 OHIO COUNTIES WIN AWARDS

Begun in 1970, the National Association of Counties (NACo) Achievement Award Program is a non-competitive program that recognizes counties and state associations for improving the organization, management, services and function of county government. For over 30 years the Achievement Award Program has not only honored counties and their employees, but has also provided all counties nationwide with an extensive collection of information on successful and innovative county programs.

County	Award
Clark	Clark County, Ohio Annual Report
Clermont	Recovery to Work - Horizons Program
Cuyahoga	Business Attraction and Anti-Poaching Protocol
Fairfield	Collaborative Grant Writing and Knowledge Transfer Initiative
Hamilton	Bar and Restaurant Recycling Program
Summit	Website Redesign - www.co.summit.oh.us

The Achievement Awards Program gives national recognition to county accomplishments, and has enabled NACo to build a storehouse of county success stories that can be passed on to other counties. Achievement Awards will be presented during the 78th Annual Conference held July 19-22, 2013 in Tarrant County (Fort Worth), Texas. Congratulations to Clark, Clermont, Cuyahoga, Fairfield, Hamilton, and Summit counties for earning a total of ten awards! [Read more...](#)

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

MUNICIPAL BONDS BUILD AMERICA

As Congress and the Administration contemplate reforming the U.S. tax code, the National Association of Counties (NACo) has released important new research which shows that changing the tax-exempt status of municipal bond interest is costly and risky to American investors, local taxpayers and counties. Join NACo for a webinar on Monday, June 24 at 2:00 p.m. to learn about the report and its findings and to receive a legislative update on the proposed changes within the context of overall tax reform. [Register here...](#)

NACo-COOPERATIVE EXTENSION PARTNERSHIP

Join NACo and Cooperative Extension colleagues on Wednesday, June 26 at 3:00 p.m. to understand contemporary Cooperative Extension, see how the NACo-Cooperative Extension partnership is implemented at state and local levels using Wisconsin as a model and learn about tools, resources and solutions to make counties count. [Register here...](#)

A COUNTY PRIMER ON SHALE ENERGY AND HYDRAULIC FRACTURING

Shale oil and gas development, and accompanying use of hydraulic fracturing techniques, is rapidly expanding. Join NACo for a webinar on Thursday, June 27 at 2:00 p.m. for an introduction to the technologies and processes of energy development, directly from the industry. Building on that overview, an environmental expert and an experienced county commissioner will provide perspectives on the delicate balance between environmental concerns, constituent opinions, and economic development opportunities. [Register here...](#)

CLASSIFIEDS

Title /For More Information. . .	Employer/Application Deadline
EMA Director	Open until most desirable candidate is found Ashtabula County
Social Service Worker II	June 28, 2013 Warren County
Director	July 8, 2013 Allen County JFS