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DECEMBER 8-10, 2013	CCAO/CEAO ANNUAL WINTER CONFERENCE, GREATER COLUMBUS CONVENTION CENTER, FRANKLIN COUNTY (COLUMBUS) (HEADQUARTERS HOTEL: HYATT REGENCY)

ASSOCIATION NEWS

LARRY LONG RETIREMENT RECEPTION – DECEMBER 8

CCAO, CORSA and CEBCO will be hosting a reception to celebrate and thank Larry L. Long for his service to CCAO from 1974 to 2013. The reception will be held during the CCAO/CEAO Annual Winter Conference on Sunday, December 8 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Hyatt Regency Columbus, 350 North High Street – 3rd floor Ballroom, in downtown Columbus. Invitations were distributed this week. There is no charge to attend the reception. Parking is on your own. **NO GIFTS PLEASE.**

To help us plan for the reception, please **RSVP your attendance** to LarryRetires@ccao.org or to Amanda Jones at (614) 221-7985 or (888) 757-1904 by **November 22, 2013**. If you are unable to attend, please feel free to send congratulatory notes to Larry Long, c/o CCAO, 209 East State Street, Columbus, OH 43215.



CCAO/CEAO ANNUAL WINTER CONFERENCE ONLINE REGISTRATION OPEN

Join CCAO/CEAO for our 133rd Annual Winter Conference to be held on December 8-10, 2013 at the Greater

Columbus Convention Center (GCCC), 400 North High Street, in downtown Columbus. All meetings and the trade show will be held at the Greater Columbus Convention Center. Registration materials were emailed to county commissioners, county engineers and their staff, CCAO/CEAO affiliate members, and vendors this week. CCAO/CEAO encourages all attendees to [register for the conference online](#) – it's easy and fast! You will be invoiced for your conference registration.

The headquarters hotel will be the [Hyatt Regency Columbus](#), which is connected to the GCCC. The Sunday night reception, hospitality suites, and a block of hotel rooms are at the Hyatt. Additional blocks of hotel rooms have been held at the [Drury Inn](#) (Drury group access code – 2180938) Click on the hotel reservation links above or see the hotel reservation information on the conference registration form.

A draft agenda and registration materials have been posted at [www.ccao.org](#) Click on the article on the front page.

REMINDER: ALL MEMBERS WELCOME TO ATTEND CCAO BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

This is a reminder that all county commissioners, county executive and county council members are welcome and invited to attend the CCAO Board of Directors meetings. The next CCAO Board of Directors Meeting will be held on Friday, November 15, 2013. In order to include everyone who plans to attend in the lunch count, please RSVP Kathy Dillon, Office Manager & Boards' Liaison, at kathydillon@ccao.org on or before November 11 if you will be attending the meeting. Also, please feel free to contact Kathy Dillon should you have any additional questions.

OHIO ATTORNEY GENERAL'S LOCAL GOVERNMENT COLLECTION SERVICES PROGRAM – 2ND WEDNESDAY WEBINAR

CCAO is pleased to offer a one-hour webinar explaining the procedure for local governments to use the Local Government Collection Services program offered by the Ohio Attorney General's office to collect debts due county governments. The webinar is scheduled for Wednesday, November 13, 2013 from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. No need to travel – attend the webinar at your computer. The webinar will include:

- How local governments may certify debt to the OAG through a fully automated data file layout provided by the OAG
- How to initiate a memorandum of understanding with local entities to outline the services to be provided and the expectations of both parties
- How the program is funded through a 10% collection fee by the OAG that can be passed along to the debtor
- How the program permits an offset of a debtor's state tax refunds and lottery winnings
- Information on payment processing through credit card, checks, the internet, and a 24 hour interactive phone response system
- Online monitoring and review of accounts through interactive software made available to local entities

Webinar participants may pose questions to the presenters who will respond during and after the presentation. To take advantage of this exceptional educational opportunity, please click on this link: <https://www3.gotomeeting.com/register/634574846> If for any reason you experience difficulty in connecting to the link and you wish to register for the webinar, please email Amanda Jones, CCAO Administrative Assistant, at ajones@ccao.org and provide her with your email address.

There is no charge to attend. Space is limited for this webinar, so register early. If you have questions about the program, contact Brad Cole, Managing Director of Research, at bcole@ccao.org. [Read more...](#)

VOTING PROCEDURES FOR ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

In preparation for the Annual Business Meeting, counties are reminded that the CCAO Bylaws require each member county to designate an Official Representative and Alternate when voting at the Annual Meeting of the Association.

The designation of the Official Representative and Alternate for a county organized under the statutory form of county government is by resolution of the board of county commissioners. In the case of a county organized as a charter county, the elected executive designates, by a letter signed by the executive, the Official Representative and an Alternate. Please note in designating the Official Representative and Alternate, a member county may only name a county commissioner, elected executive, or a member of county council.

A memo explaining the process along with a sample Designation of Official Representative and Alternate Resolution and a sample letter for county executives can be found on the home page of the CCAO website at www.ccao.org. If you have not already done so, please send a copy of your resolution or letter designating your Official Representative and Alternate to Kathy Dillon, CCAO, 209 East State Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215 or at kathydillon@ccao.org so that we may maintain a record of the names in our files for voting purposes. Should you have any questions or to confirm that we have received a copy of your resolution or letter, please contact Kathy Dillon at (614) 220-7998, (888) 757-1904 or at kathydillon@ccao.org. [Read more...](#)

LAST CCAO BUDGET BRIEFING/OSU EXTENSION UPDATE – NOVEMBER 6

This week, CCAO Past President Deb Lieberman, Montgomery County Commissioner, and Tom Ariss, Warren County Commissioner, welcomed over 50 registrants to the Southwest Ohio CCAO Budget Briefing/OSU Extension Update held at the Warren County Administration Building, in Lebanon.

CCAO Executive Director Suzanne Dulaney and the Policy Team reviewed the impact of HB 59 - the state operating budget - on counties. HB 59 provides funding to Ohio's counties and, moreover, enacts a substantial tax reform package along with many other policy provisions. Items in HB 59 that impact county government, suggestions on how to implement certain provisions and insight into potential future legislative initiatives were discussed.

OSU Extension Director Keith Smith clarified how Extension's cooperative funding model helps Extension and its partners coordinate and enhance efforts to address local needs most effectively and efficiently. The OSU Discovery Themes of health and wellness, energy and environment, and food production and security – as well as the similar signature areas of the Ohio State College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences, are incorporated into Extension's work.

Register to attend the last CCAO Budget Briefing/OSU Extension Update for county commissioners, chief staff members and OSU Extension to be held on November 6, 2013 in the Wood County Commissioners Meeting Room, One Courthouse Square, in Wood County (Bowling Green). The session begins promptly at 9:00 a.m. and ends by 3:30 p.m. Lunch will be provided. There is no charge to attend. [Register now...](#)

STATE ACTIVITIES

BWC BOARD APPROVES RATE REDUCTION

The Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation Board of Directors this week approved a 1.6% average rate reduction for public employer taxing districts. When added to the 5% rate reductions adopted in 2012 and 2013 the bureau will collect an estimated \$68.3 million less than if the 2011 rates remained in place.

Even though the BWC Board passed an overall 2014 rate reduction for public employers, counties' base rate will go up 0.7% from \$1.43 to \$1.44 per \$100 of payroll. Schools are going up 5.9%, townships up 5.2%, villages up 2.1% and cities up 1.0%. Two important county manual classes are receiving reductions - PWRE (9438) is going down 11.4% and emergency/law enforcement volunteers (9439) is going down 11.6%. Counties pay both these rates, although on a very small amount of payroll. [Read more...](#)

OHIO MINIMUM WAGE SET TO INCREASE IN JANUARY 1, 2014

Ohio's minimum is scheduled to increase on January 1, 2014 to \$7.95 per hour for non-tipped employees and to \$3.98 per hour for tipped employees, plus tips. The increased minimum wage will apply to employees of businesses with annual gross receipts of more than \$292,000 per year. The current 2013 Ohio minimum wage is \$7.85 per hour for non-tipped employees and \$3.93 for tipped employees, plus tips. [Read more...](#)

The [Constitutional Amendment](#) passed by Ohio voters in November 2006 states that Ohio's minimum wage shall increase in January 1 of each year by the rate of inflation. The state minimum wage is tied to the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for urban wage earners and clerical workers for the 12 month period prior to September.

2014 COUNTY HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

HOLIDAY	LEGAL HOLIDAY
New Year's Day	January 1
Martin Luther King Day	January 20
President's Day	February 17
Memorial Day	May 26
Independence Day	July 4
Labor Day	September 1
Columbus Day	October 13
Veteran's Day	November 11
Thanksgiving Day	November 27
Christmas Day	December 25

FEDERAL ACTIVITIES



BROOKS APPOINTED TO TASK FORCE ON CLIMATE PREPAREDNESS AND RESILIENCE

Today, President Obama established a Task Force on Climate Preparedness and Resilience to advise the Administration on how the Federal Government can respond to the needs of communities nationwide that are dealing with the impacts of climate change. The Task Force members include state, local and tribal leaders from across the country who will use their first-hand experiences in building climate preparedness and

resilience in their communities to inform their recommendations to the Administration. Franklin County Commissioner Paula Brooks was one of two county officials from across the country to be appointed to the Task Force by the President. The Task Force shall terminate no later than six months after providing its recommendations.

In June, the President launched a Climate Action Plan to cut carbon pollution, prepare communities for the impacts of climate change, and lead international efforts to address this global challenge. The Climate Action Plan recognizes that even as we act to curb the carbon pollution that is driving climate change, we must also improve our ability to prepare for the climate impacts we are already seeing across the country. Across America, states, cities, and communities are taking steps to protect themselves from extreme weather and other climate impacts by updating building codes, adjusting the way they manage natural resources, investing in more resilient infrastructure, and planning for rapid recovery from damages that nonetheless occur. [Read more...](#)

HOUSE LEADERSHIP NAMES FARM BILL CONFEREES: OHIO REPRESENTED BY BROWN AND FUDGE

On October 12, House leaders announced the members of their farm bill conference committee. The newly appointed House conferees will join their Senate counterparts, who were named prior to the August recess, to hash out the differences between the two chambers' farm bills. The House conferees include 17 Republicans and 12 Democrats, while the Senate's consists of 7 Democrats and 5 Republicans. Ohio is represented by U.S. Senator Sherrod Brown and U.S. Representative Marcia Fudge (Dist. 11-Warrensville Heights). [Read more...](#)

PRELIMINARY CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE CYBERSECURITY FRAMEWORK RELEASED

On October 22, the U.S. Department of Commerce's National Institute of Science and Technology (NIST) released its [preliminary cybersecurity framework](#), which aims to protect critical infrastructure such as power generation, transportation and telecommunications. The framework is a product of [Executive Order 13636](#) – Improving Critical Infrastructure Cybersecurity – issued by President Obama in February.

The preliminary framework outlines a set of steps that organizations can use to tailor their cybersecurity approach. It relies on existing standards and best practices that are developed, managed and updated by industry. [Read more...](#)

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

TOP GUN CONSTRUCTION CLAIMS SEMINAR

Join Bricker & Eckler LLP for the "Top Gun Construction Claims Seminar" to be held on Thursday, November 21, 2013 at The Conference Center at OCLC, 6600 Kilgour Place, in Franklin County (Dublin). Registration begins at 7:15 a.m. with sessions beginning at 7:45 a.m. and ending at 4:00 p.m. This seminar has been approved for 7.25 AIA Learning Units and 7.25 Supreme Court Continuing Legal Education credits. CCAO is a seminar co-sponsor. [Click here](#) for more program information.

Tuition: \$199 by November 7 or for members of a sponsoring organization, such as CCAO, or \$239 regular registration. Call for special pricing if two or more register from the same organization. For more information, please contact Bricker & Eckler LLP, Attn: Traci Graham, 100 South Third Street, Columbus, OH 43215, (800) 750-1525 (toll free) or (614) 227-4941 or tgraham@bricker.com. [Register here...](#)

GRANT WRITERS TRAINING

Grant Writing USA provides training to help improve grant writing skills and increase the odds for a successful grant application. The Cincinnati Police Academy is bringing them to Ohio for a two-day grants workshop in Cincinnati, on January 6-7, 2014. There are slots available for counties to send staff if you are interested. This training is for grant seekers across all disciplines. There is a cost to attend. [Click here](#) for full event details.

ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINION

SYLLABUS - 2013-035

1. A county may, but is not required to, use moneys from the general fund to pay for repairs to a vehicle hoist that is part of a county building used by the county engineer, provided the moneys are not required to be used for another purpose.
2. Pursuant to R.C. 315.12(A), a county may use state motor vehicle license tax revenues distributed to it under R.C. 4501.04 or state motor vehicle fuel excise tax revenues distributed to it under R.C. 5735.27(A) to pay for repairs to a vehicle hoist that is part of a county building used by the county engineer.
3. A county may, but is not required to, use moneys from the general fund to purchase a new vehicle hoist that will not be a permanent part of a building used by the county engineer, provided the moneys are not required to be used for another purpose.
4. Pursuant to R.C. 5549.01, a county may use state motor vehicle license tax revenues distributed to it under R.C. 4501.04 or state motor vehicle fuel excise tax revenues distributed to it under R.C. 5735.27(A) to purchase a new vehicle hoist that will not be a permanent part of a building used by the county engineer. (1920 Op. Att'y Gen. No. 1460, vol. 1, p. 802 and 1926 Op. Att'y Gen. No. 3092, p. 32, overruled. 1927 Op. Att'y Gen. No. 104, vol. I, p. 154; 1927 Op. Att'y Gen. No. 274, vol. 1, p. 475, syllabus, paragraph 2; and 1930 Op. Att'y Gen. No. 1540, vol. I, p. 289, syllabus, paragraph 1, overruled in part)

CLASSIFIEDS

Title /For More Information. . .	Employer/Application Deadline
JFS Director	November 13, 2013 Belmont County
Development Director	Open until filled Madison County
Fiscal Officer	Open until filled Cuyahoga County
Human Resources Director	Open until filled Greene County
Planner	Open until filled Trumbull County