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### DATES TO REMEMBER

JANUARY 16, 2014	JOINT MEETING OF THE CCAO GENERAL GOVERNMENT & OPERATIONS AND JUSTICE & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEES, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS
JANUARY 17, 2014	CCAO BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS
JANUARY 31, 2014	CEBCO BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS
FEBRUARY 12, 2014	HOW TO RUN A SUCCESSFUL LEVY CAMPAIGN – A CCAO 2 <sup>ND</sup> WEDNESDAY WEBINAR
FEBRUARY 14, 2014	CORSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS
MARCH 1-5, 2014	NACo <b>LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE</b> , WASHINGTON HILTON & TOWERS, WASHINGTON, D.C.
APRIL 2014	NATIONAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT MONTH
MAY 15-16, 2014	OHIO COURTHOUSES SYMPOSIUM, DOWNTOWN COLUMBUS
MAY 21 - 23, 2014	NACo <b>WESTERN INTERSTATE REGION CONFERENCE</b> , ANCHORAGE BOROUGH (ANCHORAGE), AK
JULY 11-14, 2014	NACo <b>COUNTY SOLUTIONS AND IDEA MARKETPLACE</b> , MORIAL CONVENTION CENTER, ORLEANS PARISH (NEW ORLEANS), LOUISIANA

### ASSOCIATION NEWS

#### WAGING SUCCESSFUL BALLOT ISSUE CAMPAIGNS

CCAO is pleased to offer a one-hour 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday webinar on “Waging Successful Ballot Issue Campaigns” on February 12, 2014 at 9:30 a.m. At a time of tight budgets and declining tax resources for certain county purposes, county officials may be asked to seek voter support for tax levies in order to cover the cost of county funded services in a variety of areas. Learn from experienced professionals how to address issues related to the timing of any proposed tax levy, the process for proposing a levy, communication strategies, the value of campaign research, fundraising, identifying core constituencies, get out the vote efforts, and how to wage a winning campaign.

To register for this exceptional educational opportunity, please click on this link: <https://www3.gotomeeting.com/register/398656222> 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](mailto:ajones@ccao.org) and provide her with your name, title, and email address. Space is limited for this webinar, so register early. 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). [Read more...](#)

[Click here](#) for a schedule of 2014 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday Seminars. Mark your calendar and plan to participate!

## 2014 CCAO ROSTER UPDATES

Yes, it's that time again...time to update information for the *2014 CCAO Roster*! Thanks to the 28 counties that have updated their information! The accuracy of the data in the *Roster* is of utmost importance. Please update the information after reorganization of the Board of County Commissioners.

Commissioners that want to update their photos should e-mail them in a high resolution, jpg format. If you send an actual photo, please write the name of the person and their county on the back of the photo. Please do not staple, fax, or send photos from the newspaper, because the reproduction quality is poor. All information and photos should be returned to CCAO by January 20, 2012. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Jane Neiman, CCAO Public Relations Associate, at (614) 220-7979, (888) 757-1904, or [mjneiman@ccao.org](mailto:mjneiman@ccao.org).

## OHIO COURTHOUSES SYMPOSIUM

County courthouses are prominent public buildings in our county seats. They serve as the center for political and commercial life and are important anchors in the heart of our Ohio communities. Fifty-five of Ohio's county courthouses are listed on the National Register of Historic Places and many of the other courthouses are just as significant. However, each public building comes with challenges to meet public needs, what are the solutions and techniques making these buildings viable for another 100 years and how will they be funded?



CCAO, the Ohio Historical Society, the Supreme Court of Ohio, and Heritage Ohio are working together to host a special "[Ohio Courthouses Symposium](#)" on May 15-16, 2014 to celebrate Ohio's majestic historic county courthouses and to share best practices for the caretakers of our state's courthouses that are in need of restoration and repairs. Mark your calendars and plan to attend. Registration information will be available in March.

## CCAO DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN REPRESENTATIVE AND TERRITORY MAP

Linked to this article is an updated [representatives and territory map](#) for the CCAO Deferred Compensation Plan. Please contact your representative with any questions about the plan. [Read more...](#)

## APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES FOR 2014

CCAO President Nick Kostandaras, Summit County Council Member, encourages your active participation on our Standing Committees during 2014. The challenges counties will be facing in 2014 will be significant. Our Standing Committees will be tasked with addressing various public policy proposals and developing

recommendations for the 2014-2015 CCAO Legislative Platform. Your active participation and input are vital to the process. Standing Committees have three primary purposes:

1. To serve as an information resource to members by providing a forum to discuss issues of importance to members.
2. To review pending legislation and make recommendations to the Board of Directors on these legislative proposals.
3. To assist the staff on legislative issues pending in the General Assembly by providing guidance to staff, providing ideas on how to improve legislation, and by communicating with Members of the General Assembly on specific legislative proposals.

Please note that we will be retaining the Standing Committee membership from 2013. Thus, if you were a member of a particular Standing Committee last year, you WILL automatically stay on that Committee for 2014, and need NOT submit a form for 2014. If you are not on a Standing Committee and would like to serve, please submit your top three committees in rank order. We make every effort to accommodate your request in the order you indicate, and we generally do not appoint anyone to more than two committees. The Standing Committee Request Forms are due by January 25, 2014. [Read more...](#)

### CCAO GENERAL GOVERNMENT & OPERATIONS AND JUSTICE & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING – JANUARY 16

There will be a joint meeting of the CCAO General Government & Operations and the Justice & Public Safety Committees on Thursday, January 16 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the CCAO Offices in Columbus. The CCAO General Government & Operations Committee is chaired by Franklin County Commissioner John O’Grady and the Justice & Public Safety Committee is chaired by Clermont County Commissioner Bob Proud. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss the following topics:

1. County Sheriff serving as the EMA Director
2. Ohio Department of Public Safety proposed Safe Ohio Teams
3. HB 236 (Becker) – to allow public employees to carry concealed at work

### **CCAO STAFF NEWS**

#### CCAO WELCOMES TIM MANGOLD – CCAO INTERN FOR MONTH OF JANUARY

The CCAO staff welcomes Tim Mangold, who is an intern for the month of January. Tim currently is a senior at Miami University, majoring in public administration with a minor in naval science. In addition, he holds the position of Midshipman Company Commander (CO) with the U.S. Navy Reserve Officer Training Corps. Following graduation in May, Tim plans to attend flight school in Florida.

CCAO is keeping Tim busy compiling a document about grant opportunities for counties and assisting the policy team with various projects. Tim is interested in learning more about performance-based systems and evaluations along with organizational theory relating to public service motivation.



## STATE ACTIVITIES



### KASICH LAUNCHES PUBLIC AWARENESS CAMPAIGN TO STOP HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Thursday, Governor John Kasich kicked off a new public awareness campaign to ramp-up Ohio's ongoing fight against human trafficking, the illegal trade of people for commercial sex or forced labor exploitation that enslaves approximately 1,000 Ohioans every year. The new campaign, led by the Ohio Human Trafficking Task Force, gives Ohioans new resources for how they can personally help combat the problem by reporting suspicious activity. It also is aimed at connecting with trafficking victims themselves, with outreach materials in places where they are likely to see them, such as public transit sites and highway rest areas.

The campaign was unveiled at Ohio's 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Human Trafficking Awareness Day, hosted by State Representative Teresa Fedor (Dist. 45-Toledo). Key details of the campaign include:

- To educate the public on how to recognize the signs of human trafficking;
- To promote the appropriate method for reporting human trafficking situations;
- To direct victims of human trafficking to available services and treatment, helping them to regain control of their lives.

For more information, to the campaign website at [www.HumanTrafficking.Ohio.Gov](http://www.HumanTrafficking.Ohio.Gov)

### START TALKING! BUILDING A DRUG-FREE FUTURE TO COMBAT YOUTH DRUG ABUSE

Drug abuse is a public health epidemic across the nation, and Ohio is not immune. In 2011, drug overdoses were the leading cause of accidental deaths in our state, with one Ohioan dying from a drug overdose every five hours. No community or family is immune from drug abuse.



This week, Governor John Kasich and First Lady Karen Kasich announced the launch of *Start Talking!*, a new initiative that seeks to prevent Ohio's children from abusing drugs by encouraging families to talk about the growing issue in the state. This new initiative is inspired by research suggesting youth are less likely to use drugs when parents talk about substance use and abuse.

The Start Talking effort will bring together four programs designed to interact with adults and youth.

1. [Parents360 Rx](#) - part of a national community education program with demonstrated increased substance abuse knowledge among adults
2. [KNOW!](#) - a drug prevention program focusing on parents and guardians of middle school students
3. [Five Minutes for Life](#) - led by the Ohio Highway Patrol and the Ohio National Guard and partners with the Ohio High School Athletic Association
4. [Building Youth Resiliency](#) - encourages positive behavioral health. Building Youth Resiliency is a grant program. The Request for Applications (RFA) deadline: February 3, 2014. Deadline for application submission: February 14, 2014. Awardees must be ready to implement programs by September 2014. Click on the link above for more information.

For more information, go to the *Start Talking!* Website at <http://www.starttalking.ohio.gov/>

## UPDATE ON GOVERNMENTAL ACCOUNTING STANDARDS BOARD STANDARDS APPLICABLE TO PUBLIC PENSIONS

In June 2012, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) issued two new standards that change the future accounting and financial reporting requirements for public pensions. [GASB 67](#) (financial reporting for pension plans) is effective for OPERS for calendar year 2014. [GASB 68](#) (accounting and financial reporting for pension applicable to OPERS covered employers) is effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2014.

Linked to CIDS this week is the December 2013 edition of *OPERSource*, the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System newsletter which focuses on the upcoming accounting changes due to the new standards adopted by GASB for public pensions. The *OPERSource* newsletter also includes an update about the recent federal budget agreement which does not include any provisions regarding mandatory Social Security coverage for Ohio's public employees. The newsletter also reports that the Ohio General Assembly approved House Concurrent Resolution 19 affirming the opposition of the legislature to mandatory Social Security coverage for Ohio's public employees. [Read more...](#)

If you have questions concerning regarding the implementation of GASB 67 and GASB 68, please contact OPERS at [gasboutreach@opers.org](mailto:gasboutreach@opers.org)

## **FEDERAL ACTIVITIES**

### 2013 HURRICANE SANDY COASTAL RESILIENCY COMPETITIVE GRANTS PROGRAM RFP

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation has issued an RFP for U.S. Department of Interior funds to support coastal resiliency efforts in 12 states and the District of Columbia that were affected by Hurricane Sandy. More than \$100 million in funding is being provided by DOI to support the Competitive Grants Program. Ohio is one of 12 states that is eligible. There are a number of different types of grants available, ranging from planning and design to habitat restoration and green infrastructure.

Ohio counties that experienced storm damage or were otherwise adversely impacted by Hurricane Sandy may wish to review the request for proposals and consider applying for one of the following types of funding opportunities:

- Project Planning and Design
- Coastal Resiliency Assessments
- Restoration and Resiliency Projects
- Green Infrastructure
- Community Coastal Resiliency Planning

NACo is contemplating partnering with other organizations on a proposal to support community capacity-building in GIS and mapping analysis under the coastal Resiliency Assessments category. If your county is considering applying for a grant, or if you have already applied for a grant, you are encouraged to contact Kathy Nothstine, NACo Program Director, at (202) 661-8807 or [KNothstine@naco.org](mailto:KNothstine@naco.org). Grant application deadline: Friday, January 31, 2014. A copy of the RFP is available at the following link: <http://www.nfwf.org/hurricanesandy/Pages/2013rfp.aspx>

### FY2014 PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES (PILT) PAYMENTS IN JEOPARDY

This week, the National Association of Counties (NACo) delivered a letter to House and Senate appropriators signed by more than 750 county officials and 15 state associations of counties urging them to fully support the



[Payment in Lieu of Taxes \(PILT\) program](#) for FY14. Currently, the House and Senate Appropriations Committees are working to finalize a final Fiscal Year (FY) 2014 spending measure. Counties are hopeful that the final measure will include full appropriations for the Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) program. [Forty-five Ohio counties](#) receive \$554,833 in PILT funds for 360,202 acres of land. [Read more...](#)

## **NACo ACTIVITIES**

### NACo 2014 LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE



Save the date and plan to attend NACo's Legislative Conference to be held March 1-5, 2014 at the Washington Hilton, in Washington, DC. Educational sessions focus on legislative issues that impact counties. Hear from nationally-known speakers and leaders in the federal arena for viewpoints on today's issues facing our nation. Register online for a reduced registration rate! [Read more...](#)

## **EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES**

### NATURAL GAS UTILIZATION BY OHIO AGRICULTURE

Thanks to shale development, oil and natural gas markets have decoupled in the U.S. and gas has been consistently inexpensive during the last five years. Join the Ohio State Subsurface Energy Resource Center (SERC) and OSU Extension for a one-day workshop on "[Natural Gas Utilization by Ohio Agriculture](#)" on Tuesday, January 14, 2014 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Nationwide & Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center, 2201 Fred Taylor Drive, in Columbus.

There is no charge to attend to workshop. Lunch is included. Space is limited for this workshop. To register, contact Mike Kositzke, Project Coordinator of Ohio State's SERC, at (614) 688-1566 or [kositzke.2@osu.edu](mailto:kositzke.2@osu.edu)

### IDENTIFYING & PREVENTING HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN COUNTIES

Human trafficking occurs in counties large and small, rural and urban, but the signs of it are often missed due to lack of knowledge. Join NACo on Thursday, January 16, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. to learn about the Department of Homeland Security's Blue Campaign, which educates communities on indicators of human trafficking, how to use a victim-centered approach to combat trafficking and how to bring together law enforcement, social service agencies and other organizations in your county to address this issue. [Register here...](#)

### FIRSTNET & THE STATE & LOCAL IMPLEMENTATION GRANT PROGRAM - GET YOUR COUNTY INVOLVED!

Join NACo on Thursday, January 16, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. for the First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet) and the State and Local Implementation Grant Program (SLIGP) webinar. FirstNet is an independent authority within the U.S. Department of Commerce's National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) that is charged with building, operating and maintaining a nationwide, interoperable wireless broadband network for public safety.

Through the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012, Congress set aside valuable wireless spectrum and \$7 billion in spectrum auction proceeds to deploy the data network. The legislation also provides funding for a new \$118.15 million SLIGP, managed by NTIA, that will fund consultation and outreach activities by the states to plan for the nationwide network. [Register here...](#)

## GREEN GOODS: HOW TO CREATE SUSTAINABLE COUNTY PURCHASING AND PROCUREMENT PROGRAMS

As counties strive to reduce waste, conserve energy and lower operational costs, purchasing recycled and environmentally-friendly goods, materials and services can greatly contribute to meeting a county's financial and sustainability goals. Join NACo on Wednesday, January 22, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. to discuss how you can help your county develop an environmentally preferred purchasing program, navigate the myriad of product eco-labels and green purchasing guidelines and hear success stories from counties that have established sustainable purchasing and procurement programs. [Register now...](#)

## TECHNOLOGY FORECAST 2014: WHAT STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT TECHNOLOGY OFFICIALS CAN EXPECT

Join NACo on Thursday, January 23, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. for this popular annual event, the National Association of State Chief Information Officers (NASCIO) and the Public Technology Institute are coming together to provide a picture of what the technology priorities, issues and trends for state and local governments will be in 2014. Topics to be discussed: State of the States 2014 and What's In and What's Out for Cities and Counties. [Register now...](#)

## FARMLAND PRESERVATION SUMMIT

The 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Ohio Farmland Preservation Summit will be held on February 5, 2014 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Nationwide and Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center on the campus of The Ohio State University, 2201 Fred Taylor Drive, in Columbus. "Farmland Preservation: Focusing on Farmers" will focus on a variety of timely educational topics.

Registration fee: \$50 (includes continental breakfast and lunch). Registration deadline: January 31, 2014. For more information, please contact OSU Extension, Fairfield County, (740) 653-5419, [Hogan.1@osu.edu](mailto:Hogan.1@osu.edu) or <http://fairfield.osu.edu>. [Read more...](#)

## **ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINION**

### SYLLABUS - 2013-045

1. R.C. 307.86 does not require a county to use competitive bidding or competitive sealed proposals to acquire transportation services for the county department of job and family services when the county uses one of its own entities to provide those services to the department.
2. R.C. 307.86 does not require a county to use competitive bidding or competitive sealed proposals to acquire transportation services from its county transit board for the county department of job and family services.

## **CLASSIFIEDS**

<b>Title /For More Information. . .</b>	<b>Employer/Application Deadline</b>
<b>Budget Analyst 2</b>	Hamilton County January 21, 2014
<b>Registered Dietician/Dietary Manager</b>	Open until filled Williams County
<b>Resident Activity Director/Recreational Therapist</b>	Open until filled Williams County

