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DATES TO REMEMBER

JANUARY 31, 2014	CEBCO BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS
FEBRUARY 10, 2014	CCAO METROPOLITAN AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS CONFERENCE CALL
FEBRUARY 12, 2014	HOW TO RUN A SUCCESSFUL LEVY CAMPAIGN – A CCAO 2 ND WEDNESDAY WEBINAR
FEBRUARY 14, 2014	CORSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS
FEBRUARY 28, 2014	CCAO JUSTICE & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE CONFERENCE CALL
MARCH 1-5, 2014	NACo LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE , 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 WESTERN INTERSTATE REGION CONFERENCE , ANCHORAGE BOROUGH (ANCHORAGE), AK
JULY 11-14, 2014	NACo COUNTY SOLUTIONS AND IDEA MARKETPLACE , MORIAL CONVENTION CENTER, ORLEANS PARISH (NEW ORLEANS), LOUISIANA

ASSOCIATION NEWS

CAB 2014-01 INTER-COUNTY ADJUSTMENT OF CDJFS ALLOCATIONS PUBLISHED

An Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) change has authorized boards of county commissioners to delegate to their county job and family services director, or other appropriate designee, authority to approve inter-county adjustment agreements for county job and family services funding allocations. Such agreements may also be referred to as “inter-county transfers” of job and family services (JFS) allocations. County departments of job and family services receive over 50 different funding streams to operate an array of public assistance programs. Any county allocations left unspent once a fiscal year is closed out lapse back to the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) for use at the state level.

Given the technical nature of the various funding streams and their appropriate use thereof, the CCAO Health and Human Services Committee, and subsequently the CCAO Board of Directors, supported this rule change

around this process that would enable boards of county commissioners to delegate authority to approve inter-agency adjustments. County Advisory Bulletin 2014-01 Inter-County Adjustment of CDJFS Allocations was published this week. If you have any questions, please contact Laura Abu-Absi, CCAO Policy Analyst, at (614) 220-7996, (888) 757-1904 or labu-absi@ccao.org. [Read more...](#)

WAGING SUCCESSFUL BALLOT ISSUE CAMPAIGNS

CCAO is pleased to offer a one-hour 2nd 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 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. [Read more...](#)

[Click here](#) for a complete schedule of 2014 2nd Wednesday Seminars.

STATE ACTIVITIES

OHIO TURNPIKE MITIGATION PROGRAM – APPLICATIONS DUE JANUARY 31

The Ohio Department of Transportation, in coordination with the Ohio Turnpike and Infrastructure Commission, has developed a Turnpike Mitigation Program to minimize the impact to communities that are adversely affected by the Turnpike's presence. The Turnpike Mitigation Program will allocate approximately \$5 million per year, with no more than \$1 million awarded to a single project. Applications can be submitted through January 31, 2014 for projects to be built in fiscal years 2015 and 2016.

The Turnpike Mitigation Program will fund projects within one mile of the Ohio Turnpike for areas impacted by traffic or operations of the toll road. Projects may include bridge preservation, minor resurfacing, noise walls, drainage, and other infrastructure improvements required for public transportation systems.

Projects for the initial year of construction activity will be selected in the spring of 2014, with project oversight provided by ODOT District offices. [Click here](#) for application information. If you have any questions or need assistance with the online application, please contact James Gates at (614) 752-7468 or james.gates@dot.state.oh.us

2014 SURFACE WATER IMPROVEMENT FUND REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Ohio EPA is soliciting proposals for grants awarded from the 2014 Surface Water Improvement Fund (SWIF). Grants up to \$150,000 will be awarded for the implementation of projects that address nonpoint source pollution and/or storm water runoff and result in water quality improvements in Ohio's streams, rivers and lakes. Water quality improvement projects eligible for SWIF grant funding include: innovative storm water management projects; stream restoration and re-naturalization; riparian restoration; and wetland restoration

and protection. SWIF grants are awarded and completed within a 2-year period. "Shovel-ready" projects will receive higher consideration. Application deadline: close of business on April 11, 2014. [Read more...](#)

FEDERAL ACTIVITIES

NACo RELEASES ANALYSIS ON FY 2014 OMNIBUS SPENDING: HOW FEDERAL PROGRAMS IMPORTANT TO COUNTIES FARED

On January 16, Congress cleared a \$1.012 trillion FY 2014 omnibus spending bill (H.R. 3547) that will fund the federal government through the remainder of FY 2014. Congress will now send the measure to the White House for President Obama's signature, averting any threat of a government shutdown through September 30.

The nearly 1,600-page spending plan, which combines all 12 FY 2014 appropriations bills, provides an overall 2.6 percent increase in discretionary spending from the FY 2013 levels. Although spending was scheduled to fall to \$967 billion under the Budget Control Act (P.L. 112-25) which included the sequester, the omnibus adopts the new caps on defense and domestic discretionary spending set by last month's budget deal (P.L. 113-67), of \$520.5 billion and \$491.8 billion, respectively. [Read more...](#)

NATIONAL & STATE POPULATION ESTIMATES

The U.S. Census Bureau has released the National and State Population Estimates with Components of Change: July 1, 2013. Population estimates are available on American FactFinder. The estimates will include annual components of change (i.e., births, deaths, and migration) as well as monthly national estimates since the 2010 Census. [Read more...](#)

NACo ACTIVITIES

2014 NACo LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

Under the direction of NACo President Linda Langston, Linn County (IA) Supervisor, chairs of the 10 NACo Policy Steering Committees, Rural Action Caucus and Large Urban County Caucus met last week in Washington, D.C. to firm up strategies to effectively deliver the county message to Capitol Hill this year. Following the development of top federal priorities at the steering committee level, NACo's Board of Directors selected the following are NACo's key legislative priorities for 2014:

- [Protect the federal-state-local partnership for Medicaid,](#)
- [Support the key federal investments in programs that promote local job creation and economic growth,](#)
- [Protect county revenue and investment strategies,](#)
- [Support federal land revenue sharing and the payment in lieu of taxes \(PILT\) programs,](#)
- [Promote county priorities within immigration reform,](#)
- [Support rural development and the Farm Bill,](#)
- [Support county priorities in the reauthorization of the surface transportation bill \(MAP-21\),](#) and
- Oppose unfunded and underfunded mandates.

NACo 2014 LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE



Save the date and plan to attend NACo's 2014 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 rate on your registration! [Read more...](#)

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

STRATEGIES TO BOLSTER ECONOMIC RESILIENCE

Counties, regions and communities that can foresee, adapt and leverage changing economic conditions are best positioned to attract and grow new businesses, retain skilled workers and promote a high quality of life. As a result of constrained local budgets and economic uncertainties, counties must think creatively about their local and regional strengths and how to translate those assets into economic growth. To address this, NACo recently released a report, "[Strategies to Bolster Economic Resilience: County Leadership in Action](#)," to highlight how counties across the country are pursuing creative and innovative policies, partnerships and initiatives to create healthy, safe, vibrant and economically resilient communities. Join NACo at 2:00 p.m. on January 30, 2014 for a webinar that overviews the findings. [Register now...](#)

SERB ACADEMY

The State Employment Relations Board (SERB) will host their two-day Academy for newcomers to public-sector collective bargaining on March 31 to April 1, 2014 at the Crowne Plaza, 600 Metro Place North, in Dublin. The Academy is for new managers, new employee organization officials, staff, and members, and for people who are or will be working in positions where they need to know how Ohio's law governs labor relations in the public sector. Topics to be reviewed include representation, dispute settlement, and unfair labor practices matters, covering the law, the administrative rules, and the day-to-day procedures of the agency.

Registration fee: \$275 (includes all sessions, course materials, continental breakfast, and lunch). For more information, please contact Tammy Johnson at (614) 466-1126 or timothea.johnson@serb.state.oh.us. [Register here...](#)

APPALACHIAN OHIO STATE OF THE REGION CONFERENCE

The 3rd Annual Appalachian Ohio State of the Region Conference is scheduled for May 20, 2014 in the Walter Hall Rotunda located on the west green on the campus of Ohio University in Athens. This day-long conference will address the region's current status and opportunities in the manufacturing sector by bringing together national leaders and industry experts to discuss recent trends and developments.

There will be no charge for admission. Parking is free and lunch will be provided. This event is presented by the Ohio University Voinovich School of Leadership and Public Affairs through the support of the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA). For additional information, please contact Trenia Twyman, Management Services Coordinator, Voinovich School of Leadership and Public Affairs, Ohio University, at (740) 597-1460 or Twyman@ohio.edu

ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINION

SYLLABUS - 2014-001

1. Neither a county nor township is required to maintain an alley in a residential subdivision located in the unincorporated territory of the county when (1) the alley was not established as a public road by statutory appropriation and (2) no language in the subdivision's plat or other evidence indicates that the alley has been dedicated and accepted for use as a public road or established as a public way of travel by prescription.

2. Neither a county nor township is required to clear obstructions from an alley in a residential subdivision located in the unincorporated territory of the county when (1) the alley was not established as a public road by statutory appropriation and (2) no language in the subdivision's plat or other evidence indicates that the alley has been dedicated and accepted for use as a public road or established as a public way of travel by prescription.
3. Neither county nor township officials are required to prevent encroachments that adversely affect travel on an alley in a residential subdivision located in the unincorporated territory of the county when (1) the alley was not established as a public road by statutory appropriation and (2) no language in the subdivision's plat or other evidence indicates that the alley has been dedicated and accepted for use as a public road or established as a public way of travel by prescription.

CLASSIFIEDS

Title /For More Information. . .	Employer/Application Deadline
Registered Dietician/Dietary Manager	Open until filled Williams County
Resident Activity Director/Recreational Therapist	Open until filled Williams County
Design Engineer	Geauga County Open until filled