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DATES TO REMEMBER

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 19, 2014	CCAO SMALL COUNTY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, CONFERENCE CALL
FEBRUARY 20, 2014	CCAO GENERAL GOVERNMENT AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS
FEBRUARY 21, 2014	CCAO 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.
MARCH 28, 2014	CORSA RENEWAL MEETING, EMBASSY SUITES, COLUMBUS AIRPORT
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

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

FOOD ASSISTANCE EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING – SHARED SERVICES FUNDING

The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) has identified an additional \$750,000 in state administrative funding to support new county collaborations and shared service ideas that serve the required Food Assistance Employment and Training participants. The funding can be matched at 50% on the local level.

To receive this funding, there must be a newly identified shared service or collaboration between two or more county agencies or a county agency and a public or non-profit organization. County agencies can be a part of more than one shared service or collaboration. This funding will be allocated to the first ten collaborations received via email that identify a new shared service model. Each approved plan will be allocated \$150,000, which consists of fifty percent state funds and fifty percent federal funds. Each County JFS director has received a copy of Family Assistance Letter #129 and the application. Application deadline: February 14, 2014. For more information, please contact Matthew Cunningham at (614) 644-1296 or matthew.cunningham@jfs.ohio.gov

SURFACE WATER IMPROVEMENT FUND GRANT INFORMATION SESSIONS

The Ohio EPA is conducting several Surface Water Improvement Fund (SWIF) grant information sessions in February. Sessions will begin at 10:30 a.m. and will last approximately 90 minutes. There will be time for questions about the grant process.

- **February 10** - Ohio EPA NE District Office, 2110 East Aurora Road, Twinsburg - (330) 963-1200
- **February 13** - Ohio EPA SW District Office, 401 East Fifth Street, Dayton - (937) 285-6357
- **February 19** - Ohio EPA NW District Office, 347 North Dunbridge Road, Bowling Green - (419) 352-8461
- **February 20** - Ohio EPA SE District Office, 2195 Front Street, Logan - (740) 385-8501
- **February 25** - Ohio EPA Central Office, 50 West Town Street, 6th Floor, Columbus - (614) 644-2001

For more information, contact Russ Gibson, NPS Program Manager, at (614) 644-2020 or Martha Spurbeck, Grants Administrator, at (614) 644-2869. [Read more...](#)

OHIO STATEHOOD DAY – FEBRUARY 27

Ohio's first constitution was approved by Congress, and then signed by President Thomas Jefferson on

February 19, 1803. By then, the January elections had been held and the mild-mannered doctor and legislator Edward Tiffin – Thomas Worthington’s brother-in-law – elected governor. Official "state" business was conducted for the first time on March 1, 1803, when Tiffin and members of the first Ohio General Assembly convened in Chillicothe.

In commemoration of Ohio’s founding, the Ohio Historical Society and its partners invite you to join a broad coalition of history advocates for its annual Statehood Day event. The state’s birthday serves as an appropriate time each year for history advocates to come together (on or near March 1) to help showcase the importance of Ohio’s history and how history, historic preservation and the organizations that help provide access to Ohio’s rich history benefit the Buckeye State.

Statehood Day 2014 will be held at the Ohio Statehouse on Thursday, February 27. This year's Statehood Day event features Erin Moriarty, an Ohio native and veteran reporter from CBS News, as the keynote luncheon speaker. [Register and read more...](#)

FEDERAL ACTIVITIES

PROGRESS FOR COUNTIES IN HOUSE FARM BILL

House and Senate negotiators helped counties and their residents by finalizing an agreement on a five-year farm bill on January 27. The bipartisan conference report contained several provisions championed by NACo, including extending the [Payment In Lieu of Taxes \(PILT\)](#) program in FY 2014. On Wednesday, the U.S. House of Representatives approved the measure 251-166 with solid backing from the Republican leadership team. In addition to progress around PILT funds, which are payments to local governments to help offset losses in property taxes, the conference report included several NACo priorities on a broad range of programs that assist counties in the development of rural water-wastewater infrastructure, community facilities, broadband expansion, nutrition assistance, renewable energy, local and regional food systems, support for new farmers and business development initiatives. [Click here](#) for more information on the key elements of the farm bill that impact counties.

S.1926 PASSES: FEDERAL FLOOD INSURANCE PREMIUMS DELAYED

The Senate approved the [Homeowners Flood Insurance Affordability Act of 2013 \(S. 1926\)](#), which passed by a 67-32 vote, that would delay for four years implementation of flood insurance premiums until after the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) completes its affordability study and Congress can act on those recommendations. For information on how this legislation would impact counties, [click here](#) to read NACo's legislative presentation on Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012 (BW-12), signed into law in July of 2012, which aimed to make FEMA's [National Flood Insurance Program \(NFIP\)](#) more financially stable by reflecting true flood risks in communities.

Coastal and inland counties are concerned about the impact rapidly high insurance premiums will have on their residents, businesses and local economies. According to the Government Accountability Office (GAO), properties in 2,930 counties had subsidized policies as of June 2012. Many low-lying areas contain lower income and/or middle income resident and business properties, which cannot absorb high insurance premiums.

If you have any questions, please contact David Brooks, Managing Director, County Risk Sharing Authority (CORSA), at (614) 220-7988 or dbrooks@ccao.org

COUNTY PRIORITIES PART OF PRESIDENT'S STATE OF THE UNION ADDRESS; TRANSPORTATION, INFRASTRUCTURE, ECONOMIC ISSUES CITED

America's county officials were encouraged by some issues President Obama raised in his State of the Union address including transportation and water infrastructure, economic development, healthcare and immigration reform. Of particular interest to counties is transportation infrastructure funding. Counties play a critical role in our nation's infrastructure, investing more than \$106 billion each year in public works infrastructure. Counties own 45 percent of America's roadways and 228,000 bridges, and are involved in the funding and ownership of nearly one-third of airports and around 30 percent of transit systems. Specifically, the president called on Congress to pass a new surface transportation law for federal highway, transit and safety programs and the Water Resources Development Act, both NACo priorities. [Read more...](#)

NACo ACTIVITIES

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

PRACTICES FOR IMPROVING POPULATION HEALTH

Improving your population's health is critical to creating and sustaining healthy and resilient counties. But what are some of the best practices for improving population health? Join NACo at 2:00 p.m. on February 13, 2014 for a webinar to discuss how counties are maximizing their resources to achieve better health, better care, and lower costs. [Register now...](#)

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
Senior Manager/Sanitary Engineer Dept.	Greene County Open until filled