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### DATES TO REMEMBER

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 AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE CONFERENCE CALL
MARCH 1-5, 2014	NACo <b>LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE</b> , WASHINGTON HILTON, WASHINGTON, D.C.
MARCH 11, 2014	<b>OHIO COUNCIL OF COUNTY OFFICIALS LEGISLATIVE RECEPTION</b> , STATEHOUSE, COLUMBUS
MARCH 12, 2014	<b>FUNDING WATER AND WASTEWATER PROJECTS – A 2<sup>ND</sup> WEDNESDAY WEBINAR</b>
MARCH 24, 2014	CCAO JOBS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE AND TAXATION & FINANCE COMMITTEES CONFERENCE CALL
MARCH 28, 2014	CORSA RENEWAL MEETING, EMBASSY SUITES - AIRPORT, COLUMBUS
APRIL 2014	<b>NATIONAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT MONTH</b>
MAY 15-16, 2014	<b>OHIO COURTHOUSES SYMPOSIUM</b> , DOWNTOWN COLUMBUS

### ASSOCIATION NEWS

#### FUNDING WATER & WASTEWATER PROJECTS

Join CCAO for a one-hour webinar on “Funding Water and Wastewater Projects” – part of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday Webinar Series - on March 12 at 9:30 a.m. Topics will include: Background and purpose of the Ohio Water Development Authority (OWDA), Key features of OWDA’s loans, other OWDA funding programs, Water Pollution Control Loan Fund, Drinking Water Assistance Fund, and Other public funding programs.

To register for this exceptional educational opportunity, please click on this link: <https://www3.gotomeeting.com/register/835659718>. 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 complete schedule of 2014 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday Seminars.

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

This is a reminder that all county commissioners, county executives 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, February 21. 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](mailto:kathydillon@ccao.org) on or before February 17 if you will be attending the meeting. Also, please feel free to contact Kathy should you have any additional questions.

#### OCCO LEGISLATIVE RECEPTION – MARCH 11

The Ohio Council of County Officials (OCCO) invites all county commissioners, county executives, and county council members to a Legislative Reception to be held on March 11, 2014 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the Statehouse Atrium. Representatives from the other OCCO member organizations will be in attendance as well as many members of the 130<sup>th</sup> Ohio General Assembly. Statewide office holders have also been invited.

OCCO strives to unite the associations representing Ohio's county elected officials and judges in order to promote sound, efficient, and fiscally responsible government. It serves as a forum to provide information about issues of importance to county elected officials and allows the members the opportunity to work on legislative issues of mutual concern.

Please RSVP your attendance by March 3, 2014 to Mary Panaggio at (614) 723-2008 or [mpanaggio@ralaw.com](mailto:mpanaggio@ralaw.com). [Read more...](#)

#### **STATE ACTIVITIES**

#### \$16 MILLION AVAILABLE TO COMMUNITIES FOR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS

The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) [Office of Local Programs](#) is providing \$16 million in funding to local communities for transportation improvements throughout Ohio. ODOT is spending the next few months working with local communities to address funding needs for two specialized transportation programs: a small city program, and a local bridge replacement program.

Approximately, \$8 million will go to smaller municipalities as part of the [Small City Program](#), which provides federal funds to cities with populations from 5,000 to 24,999. This money can be used for any roadway or safety project.

The [Municipal Bridge Program](#) will award \$8 million for structurally deficient bridges carrying vehicular traffic. Local governmental entities, Regional Transportation Authorities, Transit Agencies, and Natural Resource or Public Land Agencies are eligible to apply for funding. [Read more...](#)

#### PUBLIC RECORDS LAW TRAINING

The Ohio Public Records "Sunshine" Laws Certification Training is provided by the offices of the Attorney General (OAG) and the Auditor of State (AOS). Ohio Revised Code sections 109.43(B) and 149.43(E)(1)

require that all statewide or local officials receive three hours of public records training for each term of office. The session will include discussion on the Ohio Public Records Act and the Ohio Open Meetings Act.

The training received must be certified by the Ohio Attorney General. Proof that training has been completed must include documentation that either the Attorney General's office or the Auditor of State's office provided the training the elected official received. It is expected that attendees who successfully complete the training will receive a certificate that will serve as proof of training. The Attorney General will have a list of those entities that have been certified to provide this training.

If the elected official so chooses, the law allows a designee to be appointed to receive the training on the elected official's behalf. The designee must be an employee in the public office and there must be evidence of the designation. If there is more than one elected official in the public office, the designee should be the designee of all of the elected officials within the office. The AOS will require documentation that the elected official or his/her designee successfully completed three hours of public records training for each term of office. If an elected official chooses to use a designee, the designee must be an employee in the public office and there must be documentation of the designation.

Click on the following links for training schedules: [Ohio Attorney General](#) – (614) 466-4986 or [Auditor of State](#) – (614) 466-3402.

[Chapter 128 – Public Records and Records Commissioners](#) of the *County Commissioners Handbook* also discusses public records law training.

#### AOS BULLETIN CLARIFIES BOND PREMIUM ISSUE

Local governments and school districts have experienced historically low interest costs on their bond and note issues since 2008. However, investors have been less willing to purchase bonds and notes with low stated interest rates. The solution has been for public entities to offer higher (i.e., above market rate) stated interest rates on the bonds and notes they issue in exchange for payment of a "premium" (i.e., an amount in excess of the principal or "face" amount of the bonds or notes) by the purchasers. This practice poses an important legal question: must the premium be applied to the bond retirement fund, or may it be applied to the project fund? The answer is generally that it must be applied to the bond retirement fund, and the AOS will issue findings for adjustment when public notices apply bond and note premiums they receive to project funds instead of bond retirement funds for notes issued on and after July 1, 2014. [Click here](#) to read the bulletin.

#### 2014 OHIO SENIOR CITIZENS HALL OF FAME

The Ohio Department of Aging is accepting nominations for outstanding individuals to be inducted into the 2014 Ohio Senior Citizens Hall of Fame. Individuals and organizations interested in nominating a neighbor, colleague, family member or friend may visit [www.aging.ohio.gov/news/halloffame/](http://www.aging.ohio.gov/news/halloffame/) for more information, to submit a nomination, or download the nomination form. Nominations are accepted year round.

Nominees for the Ohio Senior Citizens Hall of Fame must be age 60 or older and be native-born Ohioans or residents of the state for at least 10 years. Posthumous nominations will be accepted. The nominee (or a representative of the nominee if he or she is unable) must consent to the nomination. Nominees will be evaluated on the impact of their current contributions, or a continuation of contributions begun before age 60.

## **FEDERAL ACTIVITIES**

### **CONGRESS PASSES DEBT CEILING LEGISLATION; PRESIDENT EXPECTED TO SIGN**

The threat of putting the full faith and credit of the United States at risk due to reaching the federal debt ceiling has been taken off the table for another year. On Tuesday, debt ceiling legislation was passed by the U.S. House of Representatives. Speaker Boehner allowed a vote on a “clean” debt ceiling increase with no conditions attached, which suspends the nation's borrowing limit through March 15, 2015. The bill was approved, 221-201. Prior to the vote, House Republican leaders proposed a number of conditions to link to the debt vote, but there wouldn't have been enough support to pass the bill. The Senate avoided the threat of filibuster and voted it out on Wednesday along party lines. President Obama has promised to sign the bill. In the absence of such a deal, U.S. Treasury Secretary Jack Lew had informed Congress that the Department would have needed to start taking “extraordinary measures” at the end of the month due to no longer having the authority to issue bonds necessary to pay the government's financial obligations.

### **"MADE IN RURAL AMERICA" INITIATIVE**

Last Friday, President Obama signed the final farm bill, [H.R. 2642](#). At the signing, the President unveiled a new initiative, "[Made in Rural America](#)." This initiative will commit to bringing together federal resources to help rural businesses and leaders take advantage of new investment opportunities and access new customers and markets abroad. NACo will be coordinating this export initiative with the White House Rural Council, U.S. Department of Commerce, the Small Business Administration, the Export-Import Bank, and the Office of the United States Trade Representatives, the Delta Regional Authority, and the Appalachian Regional Commission. [Read more...](#)

## **EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES**

### **MODELS FOR CHANGE - SYSTEMS REFORM IN JUVENILE JUSTICE**

The MacArthur Foundation is a dedicated leader in advancing juvenile justice reform across the country, primarily through its Models for Change initiative. Models for Change promotes greater use of evidence-based practices, improving aftercare and mental health services, increasing community-based alternatives to incarceration and reducing racial and ethnic disparities.

This webinar will provide an overview of why juveniles should be treated differently in the justice system and how Models for Change can help your county improve public safety and support kids, even while faced with tight budgets and tough fiscal decisions. Join NACo on February 20, 2014 from 2:00-3:15 p.m. for the first in a four-part series that will highlight how the Models for Change juvenile justice system reform initiative has supported counties and states in reforming how they treat kids who have committed crimes. [Register here...](#)

### **HELPING SMALL COMMUNITIES MEET THEIR WATER & WASTEWATER SYSTEM NEEDS**

The Small Communities Environmental Infrastructure Group (SCEIG), a consortium of state and federal agencies and organizations that provide loan/grant funding and technical assistance, recorded an informational webinar for Ohio's small communities on December 3, 2013. This interactive webinar was presented on behalf of the SCEIG by the staff of the Rural Community Assistance Partnership (RCAP) and was hosted by the Rural Community Assistance Corporation.

The webinar recording includes funding and technical assistance options for local governments to improve their water and wastewater infrastructure projects, specifically for communities with populations under 5,000;

and also includes questions and answers from the session. Information about accessing the webinar recording is included in the Ohio Water Development Authority's newsletter [linked here](#).

### 2014 OHIO ETHICS LAW WEBINARS

The Ohio Ethics Commission presents monthly one-hour webinars to provide convenient and helpful training opportunities. The 2014 webinars were designed for those who are new to the Ohio Ethics Law and return learners providing a more in-depth discussion of specific provisions of the law. These webinars are presented by the Ohio Ethics Commission and are supported by the Ohio Department of Taxation. Webinar topics include: overview of the law, nepotism, post-employment, sale to own agency, and gifts. [Register here...](#)

### **ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINION**

#### [SYLLABUS - 2014-004](#)

A person may not serve within the same county as a county commissioner and education specialist for the soil and water conservation district.

### **CLASSIFIEDS**

<b>Title /For More Information. . .</b>	<b>Employer/Application Deadline</b>
<a href="#">Registered Dietician/Dietary Manager</a>	Open until filled Williams County
<a href="#">Design Engineer</a>	Geauga County Open until filled
<a href="#">Senior Manager/Sanitary Engineer Dept.</a>	Greene County Open until filled
<a href="#">HR Director</a>	Portage County Open until filled