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### DATES TO REMEMBER

MARCH 24, 2014	<b>CCAO TAXATION &amp; FINANCE AND JOBS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT &amp; INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEES CONFERENCE CALL</b>
MARCH 28, 2014	<b>CORSA RENEWAL MEETING, EMBASSY SUITES - AIRPORT, COLUMBUS</b>
MARCH 31, 2014	<b>NW DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS &amp; ENGINEERS QUARTERLY MEETING, BUCYRUS COMMUNITY HOSPITAL, CRAWFORD COUNTY (BUCYRUS)</b>
APRIL 2014	<b>NATIONAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT MONTH</b> (see article under County Activities)
APRIL 1, 2014	<b>CCAO AGRICULTURE &amp; RURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS</b>
APRIL 3, 2014	<b>CCAO SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON SOLID WASTE, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS</b>
APRIL 9, 2014	<b>FAMILY &amp; MEDICAL LEAVE ACT – A SECOND WEDNESDAY WEBINAR</b>
APRIL 11, 2014	<b>CEBCO ANNUAL MEETING, DOUBLETREE COLUMBUS-WORTHINGTON, WORTHINGTON</b>
APRIL 25, 2014	<b>CCC/EAPA REGIONAL MEETING, WOOD COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, WOOD COUNTY (BOWLING GREEN)</b>
MAY 15-16, 2014	<b>OHIO COURTHOUSES SYMPOSIUM, DOWNTOWN COLUMBUS</b>
JULY 11-14, 2014	<b>NACo ANNUAL CONFERENCE &amp; EXPOSITION, ORLEANS PARISH (NEW ORLEANS), LOUISIANA</b>
DECEMBER 6-8, 2014	<b>CCAO/CEAO ANNUAL WINTER CONFERENCE, GREATER COLUMBUS CONVENTION CENTER, COLUMBUS</b>

### ASSOCIATION NEWS

#### CCAO SUPPORTS STATE ISSUE 1

Today, the CCAO Board of Directors voted unanimously to support State Issue 1 and join the bi-partisan Strong Ohio Communities campaign. On May 6, voters will decide whether to approve Issue 1, renewal of the State Capital Improvements Program, which has helped local communities all



over Ohio complete 11,500 road, bridge, sewer, and other infrastructure projects in all 88 counties. First approved in 1987, the program has twice been renewed by voters overwhelmingly, in 1995 and 2005.

Facts about State Issue 1:

- 27 years of success helping local governments with 11,500 local road, bridge, sewer, water, and solid waste projects
- No increase in taxes – funds to repay Issue 1 are already built into planning for future state budgets
- Issue 1 provides jobs and improves the job climate and quality of life for all Ohioans
- Strong tradition of bipartisan support

CCAO will be sending more information to counties next week.

#### CCAO AGRICULTURE & RURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE – APRIL 1

Tuscarawas County Commissioner Chris Abbuhl, chair of the CCAO Agriculture & Rural Affairs Committee, has scheduled a meeting on Tuesday, April 1, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. at the CCAO Offices, 209 East State Street, in Columbus. Speakers will be present to discuss the MBR provision on manure management, the Soil & Water Study Committee, and an update on S.B. 150. Lunch will be served during this meeting. Please RSVP your attendance on or before March 25 to Amanda Jones, CCAO Program Assistant, at (614) 220-7985, (888) 757-1904 or [ajones@ccao.org](mailto:ajones@ccao.org).

#### CCAO SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON SOLID WASTE – APRIL 3

John Bayliss, Logan County Commissioner and chair of the CCAO Special Committee on Solid Waste, announces that the committee will be meeting on Thursday, April 3, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. at the CCAO Offices, 209 East State Street, in Columbus. The purpose of this meeting is to consider a proposal from the Ohio EPA regarding proposed revisions to Ohio's solid waste law and related statutes. The meeting will consist of a presentation to the committee by representatives from the Ohio EPA followed by a discussion by committee members regarding CCAO's proposed position on the Ohio EPA proposal. Since the meeting will be over the lunch hour, lunch will be available beginning at 12:00 noon. Please RSVP your attendance on or before March 28 to Amanda Jones, CCAO Program Assistant, at (614) 220-7985, (888) 757-1904 or [ajones@ccao.org](mailto:ajones@ccao.org).

#### FAMILY & MEDICAL LEAVE ACT WEBINAR

CCAO is pleased to offer a one-hour 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday webinar on the "Family and Medical Leave Act" on April 9, 2014 at 9:30 a.m. Marc Fishel, Esq. of Fishel Hass Kim Albrecht LLP will discuss the following topics relating to the FMLA: determining a serious health condition, rules concerning coordination of paid leave with FMLA, abuse of FMLA, eligibility requirements, rules for military related leave, and medical certification.

Participants in the webinar may pose questions to the presenters who will respond during and after the power point presentation. To register for this exceptional educational opportunity, please click on this link: <https://www3.gotomeeting.com/register/662000454>. If you experience difficulty in connecting to the link 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 email address. Space is limited for this webinar, so register early. If you have questions regarding registering for the webinar, please contact Amanda at the email address listed above. 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...](#)

## STAFF NEWS

### MEAD JOINS THE CCAO STAFF



CCAO is pleased to announce that Brian K. Mead will join the staff as a policy analyst specializing in public records, ethics, open meetings, agriculture, environment, energy, animal control, and general government. He will be the liaison to the CCAO Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee.

Brian comes to CCAO with more than 15 years of experience holding various positions within state and local government. Most recently, he was a legislative liaison in the Policy Division for Auditor of State Dave Yost. Other positions held by Brian while at the AOS office include director of regional liaisons in the Administrative Division and as the greater Columbus regional liaison. He has also been a training coordinator for the Montgomery County Board of Elections.

A Hardin County (Kenton) native, Brian grew up on a small hobby farm and was active in 4-H and Future Farmers of America. Brian was a Boy Scout and became an Eagle Scout. While attending The Ohio State University, Brian was speaker of the OSU student government and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture.

Brian lives in Licking County (Johnstown) and is married to Jessica (Pocs) Mead. They have a 6-year old son, Evan, and a 3-year old daughter, Addison. Last year, Brian coached his son's soccer team.

Please join the staff with a warm welcome for Brian as he joins the CCAO family! Beginning Monday, March 24 you can reach him in the office at (614) 220-7982, (888) 757-1904 or [bmead@ccao.org](mailto:bmead@ccao.org)

## IN MEMORIUM

### DONALD REESE

Former Allen County Commissioner Donald Reese passed away on March 14, 2014. An Allen County native, Don graduated from Central High School and Bowling Green State University with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration. He served his country in the U.S. Army Finance Corps in Japan from 1954 to 1956. Over the years, he served his community on the PTA, Allen East School Board, local and national Jaycees, and was active in his church. Don was an Allen County Commissioner from 1985 to 1996 and served on the CCAO Board of Directors. On the state level, Don was appointed by the Governor to serve on the Solid Waste Advisory Council. [Click here](#) to leave an online condolence for the family of Don Reese.

### HOWARD WATKINS, JR.

Howard Watkins, Jr., former Hardin County Commissioner passed away on March 7, 2014. A life-long resident of Hardin County, Howard graduated from Kenton Senior High School. At The Ohio State University, Howard enlisted in Army ROTC and served in active duty in the U.S. Army after he received his Bachelor of Science in Animal Science degree. Howard served as a Hardin County Commissioner from 1985 to 1992, as a Pleasant Township Trustee from 1980 to 1982, and on the Kenton County School Board for 12 years. He was a member many fraternal organizations and was active in 4-H and his church. Howard received the Hardin County Citizen of the Year award and was inducted into the Hardin County Agriculture Hall of Fame. [Click here](#) to leave an online condolence for the family of Howard Watkins.

## COUNTY ACTIVITIES

### NATIONAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT MONTH



Since 1991, CCAO has encouraged counties to actively promote county government programs and services. National County Government Month (NCGM) is celebrated each April by the nation's counties to raise public awareness and understanding about the roles and responsibilities of county government.

This year's theme, established by the National Association of Counties (NACo), is "Ready and Resilient Counties: Prepare. Respond. Thrive." Counties may focus on how they prepare and respond to natural disasters and emergencies or any situation that the counties may face, such as economic recovery or public health and safety challenges.

*Your county may establish another theme to celebrate NCGM.* The ultimate goal is to celebrate NCGM and host a variety of community outreach events and activities to include:

- lead county facility tours,
- recognize county employees and volunteers,
- distribute information about county programs and services,
- sponsor student essay or art contests,
- meet with business and community leaders, and
- adopt resolutions.

Resources prepared by NACo to help you plan NCGM:

Plan: [2014 NCGM planning booklet](#)  
[Sample Proclamation](#)

Teach: Tell community and county residents [Why Counties Matter](#)  
Reach teachers and school-age children with [County Government Works](#)

Advertise: [NCGM poster](#)  
["Ready and Resilient" poster](#)  
[County Government Month logo 1](#)  
[County Government Month logo 2](#)

Send information about your NCGM activities to Mary Jane Neiman, CCAO Public Relations Associate, at [mjneiman@ccao.org](mailto:mjneiman@ccao.org).

## STATE ACTIVITIES

### REGIONAL INTER-SERVICE FAMILY ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE MEETING – APRIL 9

The Ohio National Guard invites county commissioners and social service agency personnel from Region 6 (Delaware, Franklin, Knox, Licking, Madison, and Union counties) to the quarterly Regional Inter-Service Family Assistance Committees (RISFAC) meeting. The next meeting will be held on April 9, 2014 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at the 4-H Youth Development Building, on the campus of The Ohio State University, 2201 Fred Taylor Drive, in Columbus.



The purpose of RISFAC is to connect military families with regional community resources and volunteer support. These meetings help build relationships between area military leaders and civilians who are interested in supporting the 17,000 soldiers and airmen who serve in the Ohio National Guard. This is the best way to learn about the needs of military families in your area and serve as an Ohio National Guard Ambassador. An Ambassador is someone who shares the Ohio National Guard story and supports the readiness and well-being of service members and their families through their actions. No action is too small.

RSVP your attendance prior to the meeting by contacting Family Assistance Center Specialists Syreeta Long at (614) 336-7358 or (800) 589-9914 (option 6) or [syreeta.d.long.ctr@mail.mil](mailto:syreeta.d.long.ctr@mail.mil) or Heather Smith at [heather.d.smith106.ctr@mail.mil](mailto:heather.d.smith106.ctr@mail.mil).

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY PROGRAM GRANT & TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

The Local Government Efficiency Program (LGEP), sponsored by the Development Services Agency (DSA), is offering grants, training, and support to local political subdivisions to learn and apply Lean strategies to innovate, provide better service and save money. Using Lean methods State agencies in Ohio have made thousands of improvements to better serve customers by cutting red tape, removing inefficiencies, improving customer service, and achieving measurable results. Lean methods provide an alternative path to navigating tough budget pressures and demands on public agencies.

Grant funding of up to \$100,000 is available to local governments for Lean improvement projects using Lean Six Sigma tools and methodologies. Grants can be applied for and will be reviewed on a quarterly basis.

LeanOhio Boot Camp training is an intensive exposure to the hands-on use of Lean methodologies and tools applied to public-sector processes. This one-week standardized, public-sector focused training was developed by LeanOhio. Scholarships are available through LGEP.

Support will be available through a public/private network that mentors, coaches and provides experience for public sector employees learning and using Lean tools and strategies.

For more information:

- [Establish a LGEP grant or scholarship account](#)
- [Scholarship and grant information](#)
- [LGEP program information](#)
- [Training information](#) and [schedule](#)

## OHFA BOARD APPROVES \$6 MILLION FOR NEW COMMUNITIES

The [Ohio Housing Finance Authority Board](#) approved more than \$6 million in funding to develop four communities. Franklin, Hamilton, Jefferson, and Lucas counties will be home to the new communities that are funded in part through a \$1.3 million [Housing Development Assistance Program](#) (HDAP) award that will provide flexible, low-interest financing for affordable housing developments. Additionally, \$1 million from the Housing Development Loan program will provide financial assistance for the development and rehabilitation of affordable housing and another \$1 million through the Recycled-Tax Credit Assistance Program.

- Franklin County - More than \$3.4 million will also go to the Van Buren Shelter in Columbus, which will serve as a 358-bed shelter for single adults who experiencing homelessness for the first time as well as overflow capacity when all shelters are full.
- Hamilton County - Losantiville Apartments in Cincinnati is expected to receive to acquire and rehabilitate 14 historic buildings that will be turned into townhomes for families.

- Jefferson County - Lighthouse Haven in Steubenville will receive \$750,000 to build two single-story buildings with one to three-bedroom units for individuals and families that are homeless or have a household member suffering with mental illness or substance abuse issues.
- Lucas County - Commons at Garden Lake in Toledo is set to receive \$1.6 million to construct a 75-unit permanent supportive housing community for homeless and disabled veterans.

## **NACo ACTIVITIES**

### 11<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL ARTS & CULTURE AWARD PROGRAM

The NACo Arts and Culture Commission is pleased to announce that applications are being accepted for the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual County Arts and Culture Program. This award is designed to recognize county governments for their efforts in enriching American cultural and intellectual life, promoting life-long learning and protecting of national heritage by supporting local museums and other cultural institutions, supporting historic preservation, helping children succeed in school, work, and life through the arts education and supporting America's nonprofit arts organizations.

Both ongoing programs and one-time projects are eligible for the award, but must have become operational after January 1, 2009 and have measurable results; and county officials and/or staff, as part of their official duties, must have played a significant role in developing and implementing the program or project. Criteria for selection: demonstrated community impact, innovation, community/county partnership, leadership, and transferability.

Cuyahoga and Franklin counties are past recipients of an Arts and Culture Award.

For more information:

- [Program Brochure](#)
- [Online Application](#)
- Contact Dan Gillison, NACo Director of County Solutions and Innovation, at (202) 942-4278 or [dgillison@naco.org](mailto:dgillison@naco.org)

### 2014 ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS PROGRAM

The National Association of Counties (NACo) Achievement Awards Program is a non-competitive program that recognizes innovative county government programs in a variety of categories. Applications are based on their own merits according to the criteria outlined in the application. Outstanding programs from each category may be selected as the Best of Category. If the program has won an award in the past, that program is not eligible for another award unless the program has made substantial and significant changes since the previous award was received.

For 2014 applications, all programs must have become operational after January 1, 2009, county officials and/or staff must have played a significant role in developing and implementing the program as part of their official duties, all steps in the application process must be followed, all application fees must be paid in full, and the program must meet the criteria outlined in the application. Application deadline: April 4, 2014 at 11:59 p.m. For more information on the Achievement Awards program, please contact Yael Lazarus, NACo Professional Development, Education, and Training division at (202) 661-8819 or [ylazarus@naco.org](mailto:ylazarus@naco.org) [Click here](#) for application information.

## **EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES**

### OHIO SAFETY CONGRESS & EXPO 2014

The Ohio Safety Congress & Expo 2014 (OSC14) is the largest regional safety and health conference in the nation bringing in more than 6,000 attendees annually. In addition to the 225 exhibitors showcasing their latest safety innovations, products and services, there are 170 educational sessions offered on a variety of the hottest topics in the industry. Sessions are led by experts in their respective fields and all sessions offer continuing education credits. The conference is free!

This year's theme is "Finding Your Pathway to Safety". Whether you're a human resources professional, construction worker or small business owner, you can customize OSC14 to fit your needs. Pick and choose what's applicable to your county and make the Pathway to Safety that's best for you. OSC14 will be held March 25-27, 2014 at the Greater Columbus Convention Center, 400 North High Street, in Columbus. [Read more and register...](#)

### ASSESSING PIPELINE INFRASTRUCTURE AND SAFETY: A PRIMER FOR COUNTY GOVERNMENTS

Join NACo on Thursday, March 27, 2014 from 2:00-3:15 p.m. for a webinar that defines the challenges and opportunities related to pipeline safety in local communities, while detailing the roles county leaders can play in ensuring pipeline safety. The webinar will also highlight two local examples of counties that have incorporated pipeline safety measures into their zoning ordinances and outreach strategies. Additionally, the webinar will provide resources and tools that are helpful for counties interested in learning more about approaches to pipeline safety. [Register here...](#)

### PROJECT DELIVERY MODELS & BIDDING FOR PUBLIC CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS IN OHIO

Join Bricker & Eckler LLP for a full-day, interactive workshop to learn about the project delivery models available to public owners and the competitive bidding process for public projects. This program blends a traditional morning session of instruction with an interactive afternoon session during which attendees work in groups to experience the delivery model selection and competitive bidding process through a mock project, immediate feedback from the speakers, and questions and answers from the entire class. CCAO is a seminar co-sponsor.

The seminar will be held on Friday, May 9, 2014 at The Conference Center at OCLC, 6600 Kilgour Place, in Dublin. Registration fee: \$199 (by April 25 or for CCAO members) or \$239 (regular registration). For more information, please contact Traci Graham at (614) 227-4941, (800) 750-1525 or [tgraham@brickler.com](mailto:tgraham@brickler.com) or [click here](#) for more information.

## **ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINIONS**

### [SYLLABUS - 2014-011](#)

A person may serve simultaneously as a part-time assistant county prosecutor in one county where she exclusively prosecutes misdemeanor cases in county court and as a part-time assistant county prosecutor in another county, provided she does not represent or advise clients regarding matters that align her against the other county in which she works, and further provided she is not the final decision maker when deciding where to prosecute a case when prosecution is appropriate in either county.

[SYLLABUS - 2014-012](#)

The positions of member of the governing board of an educational service center and member of a board of education of a local school district that is served by the educational service center are incompatible.

[SYLLABUS - 2014-013](#)

A county may use tax revenue generated pursuant to R.C. 5705.19(U) to pay a portion of its share of the costs of establishing, equipping, furnishing, operating, and maintaining a countywide 9-1-1 system's public safety answering point, as set forth in the final plan implementing the countywide 9-1-1 system. The portion of the costs that is paid with tax revenue generated pursuant to R.C. 5705.19(U) must be attributable to expenses incurred by the public safety answering point in making ambulance service, emergency medical service, or both available throughout the county.

[SYLLABUS - 2014-014](#)

The positions of executive director of a county land reutilization corporation and member of a board of education of a city school district located within the same county are compatible.

**CLASSIFIEDS**

<b>Title /For More Information. . .</b>	<b>Employer/Application Deadline</b>
<b>Workforce Investment Board Administrator</b>	Clermont County April 3, 2014
<b>Regional Planning Director</b>	Ottawa County April 7, 2014
<b>Design Engineer</b>	Geauga County Open until filled
<b>Senior Manager/Sanitary Engineer Dept.</b>	Greene County Open until filled
<b>HR Director</b>	Portage County Open until filled
<b>Child Support Enforcement Program Administrator</b>	Clark County Open until filled (first reading of resumes on March 17, 2014)
<b>HR &amp; Support Services Deputy Director</b>	Stark County JFS Open until filled
<b>Fiscal Officer</b>	Cuyahoga County Open until filled
<b>Caseworker</b>	Clinton County JFS Open until filled