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DATES TO REMEMBER

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| APRIL 2014 | NATIONAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT MONTH (see article under <i>County Activities</i>) |
| APRIL 23, 2014 | CCAO JOBS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE CONFERENCE CALL |
| APRIL 23, 2014 | CCAO AD HOC COMMITTEE ON COUNTY RESPONSE TO ADDICTION & MENTAL HEALTH, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS |
| APRIL 24, 2014 | CCAO GENERAL GOVERNMENT & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE CONFERENCE CALL |
| APRIL 25, 2014 | CCAO BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS |
| APRIL 25, 2014 | CCC/EAPA REGIONAL MEETING, WOOD COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, WOOD COUNTY (BOWLING GREEN) |
| APRIL 29, 2014 | OHIO NATIONAL GUARD REGIONAL INTER-SERVICE FAMILY ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE MEETING - REGION 3, WOODLAWN COMMUNITY CENTER, HAMILTON COUNTY (CINCINNATI) |
| APRIL 29, 2014 | OHIO NATIONAL GUARD REGIONAL INTER-SERVICE FAMILY ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE MEETING - REGION 4, AMERICAN LEGION POST #217, SHELBY COUNTY (SIDNEY) |
| MAY 9, 2014 | PROJECT DELIVERY MODELS & BIDDING FOR PUBLIC CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS IN OHIO, THE CONFERENCE CENTER AT OCLC, FRANKLIN COUNTY (DUBLIN) |
| MAY 14, 2014 | OHIO'S MEDICAID EXPANSION: IMPLEMENTATION STATUS REPORT – A CCAO 2nd WEDNESDAY WEBINAR |
| MAY 15-16, 2014 | OHIO COURTHOUSES SYMPOSIUM, DOWNTOWN COLUMBUS |
| JULY 11-14, 2014 | NACo ANNUAL CONFERENCE & EXPOSITION, ORLEANS PARISH (NEW ORLEANS), LOUISIANA |
| DECEMBER 6-8, 2014 | CCAO/CEAO ANNUAL WINTER CONFERENCE, GREATER COLUMBUS CONVENTION CENTER, COLUMBUS |

ASSOCIATION NEWS

OHIO'S MEDICAID EXPANSION: IMPLEMENTATION STATUS REPORT WEBINAR – MAY 14

CCAO is pleased to offer a one-hour “Ohio’s Medicaid Expansion: Implementation Status Report” webinar on May 14 at 9:30 a.m. Topics will include:

- Enrollment: How is enrollment tracking as compared with estimates? If different from the estimates, what explains the differences?
- How is the enrollment process impacting County Departments of Job and Family Services offices? What kind of volume are individual counties experiencing? Is the demand creating challenges for the counties?
- What are the remaining information technology hurdles?
- What has been the fiscal impact to date at the state and county level?
- Access – Are individuals encountering access issues and, if so, what are those access issues?
- Next steps: Discussion of any future implementation details impacting counties on the horizon or additional policy changes resulting from Medicaid Expansion under consideration.

The speakers will be Greg Moody, Director of the Office of Health Transformation, and Joel Potts, Executive Director of the Ohio Job & Family Services Directors Association (OJFSDA).

To register for this exceptional educational opportunity, please click on this link: <https://www3.gotomeeting.com/register/487486470> 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. **Webinar participation on May 14 is limited to the first 100 to sign-on to the webinar that morning.** For additional information regarding the topic for this webinar, please contact Brad Cole, CCAO Managing Director of Research at bcole@ccao.org. [Read more...](#)

OHIO COUNTY COURTHOUSES SYMPOSIUM TO BE HELD IN COLUMBUS MAY 15 AND 16; CHIEF JUSTICE O’CONNOR TO GIVE REMARKS AT OPENING RECEPTION



OHIO COUNTY COURTHOUSES SYMPOSIUM

The Ohio Historical Society, County Commissioners Association of Ohio (CCAO), Heritage Ohio, the Supreme Court of Ohio, and both the Ohio and Columbus Chapters of the American Institute of Architects will host a symposium on Ohio County courthouses on May 15 and 16 in downtown Columbus. The symposium will address the value of historic courthouses and how to overcome the challenges of funding and maintaining county courthouses in the 21st century.

“Sixty-nine of Ohio’s county courthouses are listed on the National Register of Historic Places and many others hold historical significance in their communities,” said Suzanne Dulaney, executive director of the County Commissioners Association of Ohio. “The symposium will celebrate the economic and symbolic community value of our historic courthouses and address ways to overcome the challenges of funding and maintaining them into the future.”

The symposium will open on Thursday, May 15 at 5 p.m., with a reception featuring Ohio Supreme Court Chief Justice Maureen O’Connor and a special sneak preview of “Justice Finds a Home,” a documentary that will air later this year on public television. Topics covered on Friday, May 16 include: courthouse renovation and preservation; addressing technology needs in historic buildings; administering a successful courthouse project; funding a renovation/preservation effort; and the economic value of courthouses.

“These beautiful courthouses are more than buildings. They are our heritage, and they symbolize our commitment to democratic government and the rule of law,” said Chief Justice Maureen O’Connor. “I am very happy that the Ohio Supreme Court was asked to support this important event.”

[Click here](#) for a detailed schedule and registration information. Register by April 24 to receive the early registration price.

STATE ISSUE 1 PROGRESS REPORT

On the weekly conference call, the Strong Ohio Communities Campaign shared that over 200 endorsements have been received. Thanks to all of you who have done resolutions and filled out individual endorsement forms. If you haven’t gotten to it yet, now is the time! The campaign has visited all of the major editorial boards in Ohio. The Blade and Dispatch have already expressed their support. Yard signs and brochures are out. If you don’t have them yet, contact your county coordinator. If you have any difficulties getting campaign materials, contact Mary Jane Neiman, CCAO Public Relations Associates, at (614) 220-7979, (888) 757-1904 or mjneiman@ccao.org and we’ll make sure you get what you need. To preview the signs and brochures, [click here](#).



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, April 25 at the CCAO Office, 209 East State Street, in Columbus. So that we may include everyone who plans to attend in the lunch count, please RSVP Kathy Dillon, Office Manager & Boards’ Liaison, at kathydillon@ccao.org on or before April 21. Also, please feel free to contact Kathy should you have any questions.

SURVEY ON COUNTY PUBLIC DATA ONLINE – DEADLINE EXTENDED TO APRIL 25

As you may recall, there is legislation being discussed about what county data should be made available online, in what format and to what extent. In order to better understand how Ohio government can make better use of public data, what barriers may exist, and the cost implications, the General Assembly requested a study be conducted. OSU has been charged with conducting a survey to gather data for the study. The results of this survey are important to legislation now being considered in the Ohio legislature and capturing your county’s perspective.

CCAO strongly encourages you to take the few minutes necessary to complete the survey to ensure that your county’s valuable perspective is heard as part of the study. The survey deadline has been extended to April 25, 2014. Your responses are anonymous. OSU will only report totals. No individual responses will be published. The survey will take between 5-14 minutes to complete. To complete the survey online, click on this survey link: https://glennschool.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_0AgG2IC5gJSyNpP

If you have any questions about the survey, please email David Landsbergen, Survey Director, John Glenn School of Public Affairs at The Ohio State University, at Landsbergen.1@osu.edu. [Read more...](#)

CCAO SERVICE CORPORATION NEWS

ADAMS COUNTY JAIL, COURTHOUSE & ANNEX GETS ENERGY RETROFIT

Adams County is utilizing the CCAO Service Corporation to modernize and improve its electrical and

mechanical systems in its courthouse, jail and annex. This means lower utility costs and improved comfort. The energy retrofit will affect lighting, heating, ventilation and air conditioning. According to Palmer Conservation Consulting (PCC), the company advising the county how to implement the retrofit, the building will have the necessary equipment to efficiently control light levels, temperatures, as well as fresh air and humidity. "The buildings will not only run more efficiently, but they'll be environmentally-friendly and visitors and workers will enjoy more comfortable surroundings," stated Earl Reid, Energy Project Consultant at PCC (Earl is the retired Lucas County Director of Facilities).

The company also examined the roof systems, windows, doors and exterior walls, but these areas are still in good condition.

Much of the equipment being replaced is out-of-date, meaning parts are obsolete and expensive to maintain. In 2012, the air conditioning unit alone required \$30,000 in repairs; it still could not keep up with the demand during the hot summer months. Sally Hayslip, Director of Facilities for Adams County said, "We hired PCC through the CCAO Service Corporation Program. They gave us an independent assessment which we used to design the changes. They gave us the confidence to make these changes ourselves in a cost effective fashion."

IN MEMORIUM

EDWARD SWIGER, SR

Former Jefferson County Commissioner Edward Swiger, Sr. passed away on Sunday morning, April 13, 2014. Ed served in the U.S. Navy on active duty during World War II, before playing professional baseball in the Philadelphia Phillies farm system. He went on to a successful business career, owning his own insurance agency and furniture company, before entering politics where he was elected to four consecutive terms from 1977 to 1992 as a Jefferson County Commissioner. CCAO extends sympathy to the Swiger Family. [Click here](#) for more information and to leave an online condolence.




MARY REED

CCAO extends heartfelt sympathy to Knox County Commissioner Roger Reed in the death of his wife, Kathy, on Tuesday, April 15. Kathy Reed was involved in a fatal two-vehicle crash in Mt. Vernon. A graduate of Fredericktown High School, Kathy was active in her church and community. She dearly loved her family and going to Church of God Camp in Warsaw, OH where she was known as "Grandma Kathy" by the youth. She was always looking to repurpose used items and give them to those most in need. Notes of sympathy may be sent to the Reed Family, 219 Taylor Street, Fredericktown, OH 43019 or sent [online](#).

OSU EXTENSION ACTIVITIES

CELEBRATING THE 100th ANNIVERSARY OF OSU EXTENSION

 **THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY** May 8th marks the 100th anniversary of the federal Smith-Lever Act, which created the USDA Cooperative Extension system and OSU Extension. Resolutions are pending in both the Ohio General Assembly and Congress recognizing this milestone; and boards of commissioners are encouraged to celebrate this event with a proclamation as well. Each county will be having some type of anniversary celebration during 2014. If you are not aware of what is happening in your county, contact your county Extension director or Gwen Wolford, Director, Government Relations, College of Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences-Suite 25, 2120 Fyffe Road, Columbus, OH 43210, (614) 563-1307, or wolford.1@osu.edu. [Click here](#) for draft resolution that can be edited.

COUNTY ACTIVITIES

APRIL IS NATIONAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT MONTH

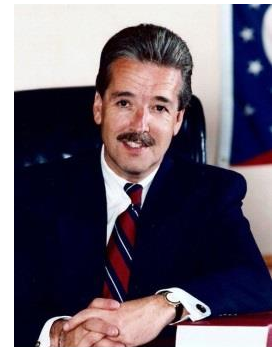


Since 1991, CCAO has encouraged counties to actively promote county government programs and services. National County Government Month (NCGM) is celebrated each April by the nation's counties to raise public awareness and understanding about the roles and responsibilities of county government. This year's theme, established by the National Association of Counties (NACo), is "Ready and Resilient Counties: Prepare. Respond. Thrive."

As a continuation of the recent year-long bicentennial celebration, Putnam County is invited groups of school children to tour the courthouse and meet the elected officials and learn about their county government. Share information about your NCGM activities with Mary Jane Neiman, CCAO Public Relations Associate, at mjneiman@ccao.org.

HALLECK REAPPOINTED TO COMMISSION ON DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Columbiana County Commissioner Michael Halleck has been reappointed by Chief Justice Maureen O'Connor as a member of the Commission on Dispute Resolution for a three-year term ending on December 31, 2016. The purpose of the Commission is to advise the Supreme Court and its staff on promotion of statewide rules and uniform standards concerning the use of dispute resolution in Ohio courts; development and delivery of dispute resolution education and professional development activities for judges, magistrates, court personnel, attorneys, and court-affiliated dispute resolution professionals; development and delivery of dispute resolution services for disputes arising among state, county, and local public officials throughout Ohio; and consideration of any other issues the commission deems necessary to assist the Supreme Court and its staff regarding the development and delivery of dispute resolution programs and services. [Read more...](#)



STATE ACTIVITIES

OHIO HOMELAND SECURITY RELEASES SAFER OHIO PHONE APP

Ohio Homeland Security has released the new "Safer Ohio Phone App", which includes the "See Something, Send Something" feature, to further engage the public in contributing to a safer Ohio. By using this app the general public is able to report suspicious information or activity and send photos to Ohio Homeland Security analysts. The application is available at no cost on both Android and Apple devices. [Click here](#) to view the app tutorial. [Read more...](#)

SOS ISSUES ELECTION ADVISORY

Secretary of State Jon Husted announced that as of April 11, 2014, 31,709 Ohioans have already voted absentee and 109,415 ballots have been requested since the start of early voting in the 2014 Primary Election as reported by county boards of elections. Absentee voting for military and overseas voters began on Saturday, March 22, 2014, and on Tuesday, April 1, 2014, for all other voters. Information included in the advisory: What's on the Ballot, Absentee Voting by Mail, In-Person Absentee Voting, Election Day Voting, Get Elections Updates and Ohio's Virtual Voting Sticker, Vote in Honor of a Veteran, and 2014 Primary County-by-County Absentee Voting Report. [Click here](#) to read the complete advisory.

VOLUNTEERS LESSEN COST OF LITTER PICKUP

Each year, the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) spends \$4 million on litter pick-up – a preventable problem. That money could be used to pave roads, buy snowplow trucks or install guardrail or culverts. Statewide last year, ODOT spent \$4.3 million picking up 371,500 bags of trash. ODOT's more than 1,400 [Adopt-A-Highway](#) groups – at least one in each of Ohio's 88 counties – clean a two-mile section, or interchange, a minimum of four times a year for two years. On average, Adopt-A-Highway volunteers pick up 25,000 bags of trash, saving ODOT \$280,000.

ONG REGIONAL MEETINGS TO SUPPORT TROOPS & FAMILY

The Ohio National Guard (ONG) invites county commissioners and social service agency experts to the Regional Inter-Service Family Assistance Committees (RISFAC) meetings in your area. 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.



- **April 29 – Hamilton County (Cincinnati)** – [Region 3](#) (*Adams, Brown, Butler, Clermont, Clinton, Fayette, Hamilton, Highland, and Warren counties*). Time and location: 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at the Woodlawn Community Center, 10050 Woodlawn Blvd., in Cincinnati.
- **April 29 – Shelby County (Sidney)** – [Region 4](#) (*Auglaize, Champaign, Clark, Darke, Greene, Logan, Mercer, Miami, Montgomery, Preble, and Shelby counties*). Time and location: 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at the American Legion Post #217, 1265 Fourth Avenue, in Sidney.

Please, RSVP your attendance prior to the meeting by contacting the Family Assistance Center Specialist listed on the RISFAC regional websites linked above. In addition, confirm your attendance by contacting Mary Jane Neiman, CCAO Public Relations Associate, at (614) 220-7979, (888) 757-1904 or mjneiman@ccao.org

NACo ACTIVITIES

NACo ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND EXPOSITION - JULY 11–14

Register today for NACo's Annual Conference and Exposition taking place July 11–14, in Orleans Parish (New Orleans), Louisiana. The Annual Conference provides county officials with a great opportunity to vote on NACo's policies related to federal legislation and regulation; elect officers; network with colleagues; learn about innovative county programs; find out about issues impacting counties across the country; and view products and services from participating companies and exhibitors. The early registration deadline is May 30. [Read more...](#)



Mark your calendars for the **Ohio Caucus Reception** to be held on **Saturday, July 12 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Hilton New Orleans Riverside in the Belle Chase Room (3rd floor)**. Ohio will hear from the candidates running for NACo 2nd Vice President and discuss how Ohio will cast its vote in the annual election on Tuesday, July 14. For more information about the NACo Conference or Ohio reception, please contact Mary Jane Neiman, CCAO Public Relations Associate, at (614) 220-7979, (888) 757-1904 or mjneiman@ccao.org

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

YOUR COUNTY'S STREAMS AND RIVERS: A RIPARIAN LOOK AT IMPROVING WATER QUALITY

Obtain a deeper understanding of the water quality effects of erosion and scouring along stream and river banks at this NACo webinar on "Your County's Streams and Rivers: A Riparian Look at Improving Water Quality" on Wednesday, May 7, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. Learn methods for how to avoid these problems, hear the pros and cons of log-jams and methods to deal with them, and benefit from local stories about how to garner support for this work. [Register now...](#)

CLASSIFIEDS

CCAO ANNOUNCES JOB POSTING FOR COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR

The County Commissioners Association of Ohio (CCAO) is seeking a talented and energetic individual to serve as our Communications Coordinator. This individual will be responsible for coordinating internal and external communication initiatives. The successful candidate will possess a talent for designing visually appealing materials, creating and maintaining a dynamic social media presence, and have experience with media outreach.

CCAO is an equal opportunity employer. Salary is commensurate with experience. CCAO offers an excellent benefits package and is located in a pleasant office building in downtown Columbus with free on-site parking. Please send resume and cover letter to Amanda Jones at ajones@ccao.org on or before May 1, 2014. No calls, please. To view the complete job description, [click here](#).

| Title /For More Information. . . | Employer/Application Deadline |
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| Assistant EMS Director | Seneca County April 18, 2014 |
| Master Plans Examiner | Hamilton County April 28, 2014 |
| Design Engineer | Geauga County Open until filled |
| Senior Manager/Sanitary Engineer Dept. | Greene County Open until filled |