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- JULY 11-14, 2014 **NACo ANNUAL CONFERENCE & EXPOSITION**, ORLEANS PARISH (NEW ORLEANS), LOUISIANA
- JULY 12, 2014 OHIO CAUCUS RECEPTION (*AT THE NACo ANNUAL CONFERENCE*), HILTON NEW ORLEANS RIVERSIDE, ORLEANS PARISH (NEW ORLEANS), LOUISIANA
- JULY 15, 2014 **THREE UNEXPECTED RESULTS OF A PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE PROGRAM – A WEBINAR FOR CORSA MEMBER COUNTIES**
- JULY 15, 2014 OHIO NATIONAL GUARD REGIONAL INTER-SERVICE FAMILY ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE MEETING – **REGION 5**, HANCOCK CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN RED CROSS, HANCOCK COUNTY (FINDLAY)
- JULY 16, 2014 OHIO NATIONAL GUARD REGIONAL INTER-SERVICE FAMILY ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE MEETING – **REGION 2**, CAMP SHERMAN ARMORY, ROSS COUNTY (CHILLICOTHE)
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- JULY 22, 2014 OHIO NATIONAL GUARD REGIONAL INTER-SERVICE FAMILY ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE MEETING – **REGION 4**, WRIGHT STATE UNIVERSITY, MONTGOMERY COUNTY (DAYTON)
- JULY 24, 2014 OHIO NATIONAL GUARD REGIONAL INTER-SERVICE FAMILY ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE MEETING - **REGION 1**, VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION OF SUMMIT COUNTY, SUMMIT COUNTY (AKRON)
- AUGUST 13, 2014 **ROADS, BRIDGES & OTHER SEXY THINGS: UPDATE OF THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION – A CCAO 2ND WEDNESDAY WEBINAR**
- DECEMBER 7-9, 2014 CCAO/CEAO ANNUAL WINTER CONFERENCE & TRADE SHOW, GREATER COLUMBUS CONVENTION CENTER, COLUMBUS


ASSOCIATION NEWS

THREE UNEXPECTED RESULTS OF A PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE PROGRAM

The County Risk Sharing Authority (CORSA) and program partner, FacilityDude, are pleased to offer a one-hour webinar, titled “Three Unexpected Results of a Preventive Maintenance Program”, on July 15, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. for commissioners, facility managers, and/or loss control coordinators of **CORSA member counties**. Learn about the impact of preventive maintenance on risk reduction and also get a chance to see the introduction of FacilityDude Preventive Maintenance templates. This webinar will discuss how small actions can produce big results in helping you reduce risk, extend asset life, and save operational costs. **Webinar participation is limited to the first 100 to sign-on to the webinar that morning.** For additional information regarding the webinar topic, please contact John Brownlee, CORSA Risk Manager, at (419) 428-2189 or jbrownlee@ccao.org. CORSA member counties: [click here](#) to register.



ROADS, BRIDGES & OTHER SEXY THINGS: UPDATE OF THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION PROGRAMS – A 2nd WEDNESDAY WEBINAR

 CCAO is pleased to offer a one-hour webinar on “Roads, Bridges and Other Sexy Things: Update of Ohio Public Works Commission Programs” to be held on August 13, 2014 at 9:30 a.m. This webinar is part of the monthly CCAO 2nd Wednesday webinar series. The Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) was created initially in 1987 to administer the State Capital Improvement Program (SCIP), which was soon joined by the Local Transportation Improvement Program (LTIP). These programs, which run concurrently, are solicited, scored and selected by the 19 District Integrating Committees according to each district’s schedule. In 2000, the OPWC became responsible for the administration of the Clean Ohio Conservation Green Space Program in which applications are solicited, scored, and selected by the 19 Natural Resource Assistance Councils (NRACs). Topics to be addressed at the webinar include:

- State Capital Improvement Program (SCIP),
- Renewal of the SCIP,
- Local Transportation Improvement Program (LTIP), and
- Clean Ohio Program.

Participants of 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/296432286>. 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 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...](#)

CCAO BIDS FAREWELL TO TOM STRUP

Tom Strup, Deputy Director of Operations, has resigned in order to accept a new opportunity as the Executive Director of the Schools of Ohio Risk Sharing Authority. Today is his last day at CCAO. Tom’s contributions to the strength of CCAO as an organization have been felt by everyone here. While we are very sorry that CCAO is losing his expertise, we are excited for him on a personal level at the opportunity that awaits him. Tom has helped to strengthen the



foundation of this organization in many ways that will benefit CCAO long after his departure. CCAO appreciates Tom and wish him well as he sets off on a new chapter in his professional career.

CCAO WELCOMES NEW COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR ANDREW JOHNSON

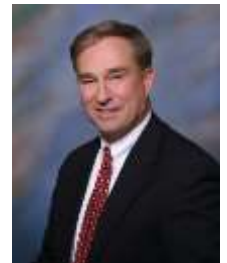


Andrew Johnson will join the CCAO family in the newly created position of communications coordinator on Wednesday, July 16. Andrew will be responsible for helping with coordination of external and internal communications, apply his desktop publishing skills to help create more visually appealing communications, establish our social media presence, and build our media relations to advance the strategic direction of CCAO. Andrew comes to CCAO with several years of experience in communications and marketing. He has held various positions within Ohio including, JPMorgan Chase Bank - Content Manager, CBCA Administrators, Inc. - Marketing Coordinator/Copywriter, Lutheran Social Services - Communications Coordinator, and Ohio University Public Relations - Information Assistant. Andrew is a graduate of Ohio University's E. W. Scripps School of Journalism and is a member of the Central Ohio Public Relations Society of America. Andrew can be contacted at (614) 220-7986 or ajohnson@ccao.org.

IN MEMORIUM

PAUL E. HELTZEL

Trumbull County Commissioner Paul E. Heltzel died on Monday, June 30, 2014. Paul was elected to three terms as county commissioner and served his county from 2005 until his death. He was instrumental in revamping the county's 911 system and strongly promoted and assisted with economic development issues. Heltzel had a Juris Doctor degree from the University of Notre Dame's School of Law, a Master in Business Administration in Finance from the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School, and a Bachelor of Science in Business Management from John Carroll University. Before being elected county commissioner, Heltzel was chief counsel of the county prosecutor's civil division, was special counsel to the Ohio Attorney General, and had a private practice. CCAO extends heartfelt sympathy to the Heltzel family. [Click here](#) to leave a note of sympathy for Paul's family.



JUANITA M. HUNN



CCAO was saddened to hear of the death of Juanita M. Hunn, a long-time friend of CCAO/CEAO, on June 29, 2014 after a short illness. A New Lebanon resident, Juanita lived within five miles of her birthplace her entire life. In 2006 Juanita retired as the Clerk of Montgomery County Commissioners where she was employed for 35 years. Juanita would take new employees under her wing and stress the importance and responsibility of their work for the Board of Commissioners. She was a past president of the County Commissioners Clerks and Engineers Administrative Professionals Association of Ohio (CCC/EAPA) and worked at the CCAO/CEAO Winter and Summer Conference registration desk for many years. Juanita remained active in her community and church her entire life. CCAO extends heartfelt sympathy to her daughters and family. [Click here](#) to leave a note of sympathy for Juanita's family.

STATE ACTIVITIES

AOS COMMENTS ON THE REAL BOTTOM LINE ON GASB 68

In the linked article, Auditor of State Dave Yost discusses the [General Accounting Standards Board \(GASB\) 68](#) proposal, to be implemented next year. GASB 68 requires governments that provide defined benefit pensions

to recognize their long-term obligation for pension benefits as a liability on their financial statements. Ohio is one of six states that treat pensions as a simple property right and an act of the Ohio General Assembly caps the amount a public employer must contribute to its pension obligation. The concern in Ohio is that the GASB 68 requirement for local governments to report this liability could dramatically distort the financial condition of a local government. Failing to comply with GASB 68 standards would result in modified audit opinions and mean that Ohio fails to follow national accounting standards. It is important to keep in mind that this new standard creates an accounting liability rather than a legal liability. In Ohio there are no legal means to enforce the unfunded liability of the pension system as against the public employer. [Read more...](#)

WORKERS' COMP BILLING SYSTEM UPDATE; SIGN-UP DEADLINES CHANGING, ADDITIONAL SAVINGS COMING

The Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation (BWC) is changing the way it bills for workers' compensation coverage. For decades, the agency has billed for employer premiums after-the-fact. It will begin billing in advance for coverage starting January 1, 2016 for public employers. This change will align BWC with standard industry billing practices. The current billing process remains in effect, so don't forget to pay your remaining premiums by September 2, 2014. [Click here](#) for more information from BWC.

SCIOTO COUNTY RELEASED FROM FISCAL EMERGENCY

Auditor of State Dave Yost released Scioto County from fiscal emergency on June 30, 2014 during the final meeting of their financial planning and supervision commission. "Today is the culmination of five years of hard work," Auditor Yost said. "Not without sacrifice, leadership dug in its heels to bring a brighter financial future to Scioto County." Scioto County was placed in fiscal emergency on August 19, 2009 due to significant deficit fund balances in two funds totaling \$765,296. To be released from fiscal emergency, Scioto County met the following criteria:

- Adopted and implemented an effective financial accounting and reporting system;
- Corrected or eliminated all of the fiscal emergency conditions and no new conditions have occurred, and it appears that, based on its five-year forecast, Scioto County will remain out of fiscal emergency during the forecast period;
- Met the major objectives of the financial recovery plan; and
- Prepared a five-year forecast in accordance with standards issued by the Auditor of State, and the opinion expressed by the Auditor of State is "non-adverse." [Read more...](#)

THE VOICE OF ETHICS: SPECIAL INVESTIGATION ISSUE

The latest issue of "The Voice of Ethics", published bi-monthly by the [Ohio Ethics Commission](#), focuses on investigations. One of the statutory duties of the Ohio Ethics Commission is to investigate alleged violations of the Ohio Ethics Law. Of the 185 cases investigated last year, 12% of the cases involved county government. The ethics law was created to promote ethics in public service which strengthens the public's confidence that government business is conducted with impartiality and integrity. Violations of the law, therefore, are not only potentially criminal actions, but also a betrayal of the public's trust. [Read more...](#)

LAWYERS WIN \$195,556 IN SECRET MEETINGS CASE

Clearcreek Township taxpayers will wind up footing the legal bill for trustees holding illegal secret meetings. Warren County Common Pleas Judge James Flannery has awarded attorneys Chris Finney and Curt Hartman \$196,556 in hourly fees and expenses for winning their case against the township. Clearcreek Administrator

Dennis Pickett said the township's insurance coverage was exhausted by the time the case went to trial, so the money will have to be paid out of the general fund. [Read more...](#)

OHIO EPA DEPARTMENT OF AIR POLLUTION CONTROL RULE REVISIONS – INPUT REQUESTED

- **Title V Permitting Program Rules**

Ohio EPA is requesting stakeholder input on potential amendments to [Ohio Administrative Code \(OAC\) Chapter 3745-77](#), "Title V Permitting Program." The rules in this chapter contain the requirements for the permitting of major sources of air pollution under Title V of the Clean Air Act. Instructions for providing comments and where to submit them are provided in the [Stakeholder Input Request](#).

- **Statewide Motor Vehicle Anti-Tampering Program Rules**

Ohio EPA is requesting stakeholder input on potential amendments to [Ohio Administrative Code \(OAC\) Chapter 3745-80](#), "Statewide Vehicle Anti-Tampering Program." The rules in this chapter describe and prohibit acts of tampering with vehicle pollution control devices and provide procedures for training anti-tampering inspectors. Instructions for providing comments and where to submit them are provided in the [Stakeholder Input Request](#).

Prior to generating draft rule language, Ohio EPA is asking for input/suggestions on these rules from potentially affected parties. The Division of Air Pollution Control (DAPC) will be accepting written comments on these potential changes through Wednesday, **July 30, 2014**. Send comments to Paul Braun, Ohio EPA Division of Air Pollution Control, 50 West Town Street - Suite 700, P.O. Box 1049, Columbus, OH 43216-1049, (614) 644-3134 or paul.braun@epa.state.oh.us.

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.



- **July 15 - Hancock County (Findlay) - [Region 5](#)** (*Allen, Crawford, Defiance, Erie, Fulton, Hancock, Hardin, Henry, Huron, Lucas, Marion, Morrow, Ottawa, Paulding, Putnam, Richland, Sandusky, Seneca, Van Wert, Williams, Wood, and Wyandot counties*). Time and location: 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at the Hancock Chapter of the American Red Cross Chapter, 125 Fair Street, in Findlay.
- **July 16 – Ross County (Chillicothe) – [Region 2](#)** (*Athens, Belmont, Fairfield, Gallia, Guernsey, Hocking, Jackson, Lawrence, Meigs, Monroe, Morgan, Muskingum, Noble, Perry, Pickaway, Pike, Ross, Scioto, Vinton, and Washington counties*). Time and location: 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. at the Camp Sherman Armory, 2154 Narrows Road, in Chillicothe.
- **July 22 – 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.
- **July 22 – Montgomery County (Dayton) – [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 Wright State University, Student Union Hall-Endeavor Room, 3640 Colonel Glenn Highway, Dayton
- **July 24 – Summit County (Akron) – [Region 1](#)** (*Ashland, Ashtabula, Carroll, Columbiana, Coshocton, Cuyahoga, Geauga, Harrison, Holmes, Jefferson, Lake, Lorain, Mahoning, Medina, Portage, Stark,*

Summit, Trumbull, Tuscarawas, and Wayne counties). Time and location: 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at the Veterans Service Commission of Summit County, 1060 East Waterloo Road, in Akron.

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

2014 LIFE ON LAKE ERIE PHOTO CONTEST - ENTRIES DUE JULY 31

Lake Erie enthusiasts who want to capture the essence of Lake Erie life can enter the Ohio Lake Erie Commission's (OLEC) "2014 Life on Lake Erie" photo contest. This year's contest will feature a new category highlighting our unique winter of 2014. All entries depicting Lake Erie scenes, people, and wildlife taken throughout the year are accepted! Amateur photographers, age 18 and older, may submit photographs taken between August 1, 2013 and July 31, 2014. Photos in and around the Lake Erie watershed can be submitted to the OLEC through July 31, 2014. Winning photographs will be displayed on the OLEC website at www.lakeerie.ohio.gov and on its Facebook photo gallery. [Read more...](#)

FEDERAL ACTIVITIES

PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES & WATERS OF THE US RULES FROM U.S. EPA – COUNTY ACTION NEEDED

The House Appropriations Committee released the fiscal year 2015 Interior and Environment Appropriations bill out of subcommittee on July 9. The full committee will take up the legislation on July 15. The legislation includes funding for the U.S. Department of the Interior, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), U.S. Forest Service, Indian Health Service, and various independent and related agencies. Two issues of interest to counties is the Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) and prohibiting the EPA from implementing the proposed "Waters of the U.S." rule. [Read more...](#)

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES URGED TO OPPOSE PERMANENT INTERNET TAX FREEDOM ACT (HR 3086) – COUNTY ACTION NEEDED

NACo encourages county officials to meet or write their House Representative and urge them to oppose H.R. 3086, the Permanent Internet Tax Freedom Act (PITFA). CCAO understands that this legislation was reported by the House Judiciary Committee on July 3 and was placed on the Union Calendar at that time. As of Thursday, July 10 this legislation was awaiting action on the House floor which could occur at any time. PITFA finds its roots in the Internet Tax Freedom Act (ITFA) which was first enacted in 1998 to help grow the internet industry. ITFA placed a temporary moratorium on state and local taxes on internet access and PITFA seeks to make this moratorium permanent. [Click here](#) to read NACo's policy brief on ITFA.

Ten states were grandfathered and were allowed to continue imposing existing taxes on internet access services (typically a subscription fee). Of the ten (Hawaii, New Hampshire, New Mexico, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, Texas, Washington, Wisconsin, Tennessee), seven states including Ohio continue to collect a tax on internet access. The PITFA would not only make the moratorium permanent for all states but also removes the grandfathered states currently allowed to collect taxes on internet access. In June, the Congressional Budget Office reported that due to the removal of the grandfather clause, PITFA would impose an unfunded mandate on state and local governments. In the case of Ohio, the estimated revenue loss is \$65 million. [Read more...](#)

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2015 HISTORY FUND GRANTS



The Ohio History Connection Local History Office recently announced that applications for 2015 History Fund grants are now available. To apply, visit www.ohiohistory.org/historyfund and click on "History Fund Application." Applications are due by 11:59 p.m. on September 3, 2014. To assist you with the application process, there will be "History Fund Help" webinars on July 16 and August 6 from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. Both webinars will cover the same material; pick the one that is convenient for you to attend. The webinars are free, but registration is required by the Friday before the webinar you plan to attend. Register [here](#) for the webinar.

GRANTS TRAINING IN TOLEDO - AUGUST 18-19

Toledo-Lucas County Health Department and Grant Writing USA will present a two-day grants workshop in Toledo, August 18-19, 2014. This training is applicable to grant seekers across all disciplines, including county entities. The training is focused on learning how to find grants and write winning grant proposals. There is a cost to participants. [Click here](#) for full event details.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

STATE & LOCAL LEGAL CENTER: SUPREME COURT REVIEW CLE WEBINAR

Hear from attorneys who have argued many U.S. Supreme Court cases and a *New York Times* Supreme Court correspondent in a discussion of the most significant cases decided this term affecting state and local government. Some cases to be discussed include Michigan's affirmative action ban, warrantless searches of cell phones, speech "buffer-zones," and two Clean Air Act cases. This FREE webinar will be held on Friday, July 18, 2014 from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. and is co-sponsored by the International Municipal Lawyers Association and the State and Local Legal Center (SLLC). Continuing Legal Education (CLE) is available. For more information, please contact, Lisa Soronen, State and Local Legal Center, at (202) 434-4845 or lsoronen@sso.org. [Register now...](#)

EFFECTIVE METHODS OF ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

Local leaders are aligning their environmental restoration goals with environmental educational opportunities for area students and residents to improve community and organization capacity to protect, restore and enhance ecological conditions. Join NACo on July 22, 2014 at 2:00 to 3:15 p.m. to learn from environmental restoration project leaders and partners that have successfully integrated educational outcomes into their restoration efforts. [Register now...](#)

OHIO EPA COMPLIANCE ASSISTANCE CONFERENCE



This fall on September 23-24, the Ohio EPA is hosting the 8th Compliance Assistance Conference at the Crowne Plaza Columbus North, 6500 Doubletree Avenue, in Columbus. The objective of this conference is to provide information and contacts to help with environmental compliance responsibilities. A large part of the conference remains targeted to businesses and others who need to know the basics about environmental compliance. The agenda has been expanded to include advanced topics, such as Title V permits and reporting. Ohio EPA staff will be available to answer specific technical questions at an "Ask the Experts" session during the conference. Registration fee (includes continental breakfast and lunches on both days): \$135 for both days (no partial or one-day registration fee). [More information...](#)

CLASSIFIEDS

CCAO publishes classified ads on our website and in CIDS. Classified ads will be published free of charge as a service to counties. Ads will be published on the website until the application deadline and for several weeks in CIDS. When submitting your ad to CCAO, please provide a link, if possible, to the online job posting and an application deadline date. Email your classified ad to Mary Jane Neiman, CCAO Public Relations Associate, at mjneiman@ccao.org.

Title /For More Information. . .	Employer/Application Deadline
Solid Waste Coordinator	Medina County July 11, 2014
Human Resources Manager	Belmont County July 18, 2014
Facilities Manager	Stark County July 18, 2014
Assistant Finance Director	Erie County July 18, 2014
Executive Director, Regional Planning Commission	Seneca County August 15, 2014
Regional Planning Commissioner Director	Logan-Union-Champaign Regional Planning Open until filled
Transit Director	Geauga County Open until filled