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### DATES TO REMEMBER

JULY 22, 2014	OHIO NATIONAL GUARD REGIONAL INTER-SERVICE FAMILY ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE MEETING – <b>REGION 3</b> , WOODLAWN COMMUNITY CENTER, HAMILTON COUNTY (CINCINNATI)
JULY 22, 2014	OHIO NATIONAL GUARD REGIONAL INTER-SERVICE FAMILY ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE MEETING – <b>REGION 4</b> , WRIGHT STATE UNIVERSITY, MONTGOMERY COUNTY (DAYTON)
JULY 24, 2014	OHIO NATIONAL GUARD REGIONAL INTER-SERVICE FAMILY ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE MEETING - <b>REGION 1</b> , VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION OF SUMMIT COUNTY, SUMMIT COUNTY (AKRON)
AUGUST 5, 2014	CCAOSC NATURAL GAS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CONFERENCE CALL
AUGUST 13, 2014	<b>ROADS, BRIDGES &amp; OTHER SEXY THINGS: UPDATE OF THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION</b> – A CCAO 2 <sup>ND</sup> WEDNESDAY WEBINAR
DECEMBER 7-9, 2014	CCAO/CEAO ANNUAL WINTER CONFERENCE & TRADE SHOW, GREATER COLUMBUS CONVENTION CENTER, COLUMBUS

### ASSOCIATION NEWS

#### JOINT PETITION DITCH HEARINGS CAB PUBLISHED THIS WEEK

County Advisory Bulletin (CAB) [2014-02](#) discusses S.B. 155 (effective July 10, 2014) that authorizes a joint board of county commissioners to conduct hearings regarding existing joint county ditch improvements by video conference or teleconference. The act, supported by CCAO and the Ohio Newspaper Association, allows county commissioners to hold routine ditch improvement meetings without traveling outside their counties. CCAO believes this will provide citizens greater access to these proceedings by removing the time and expense of travel to remote public hearings.

#### CCAOSC NATURAL GAS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CONFERENCE CALL

Lenny Eliason, Athens County Commissioner and CCAOSC Natural Gas Program President, has scheduled a conference call for the program executive committee on August 5, 2014 at 3:00 p.m. Please note this is an important meeting and a quorum is necessary for the approval of natural gas suppliers. Executive Committee

members have received the agenda. Please RSVP your attendance to Amanda Jones, CCAO Program Assistant, at (614) 220-7985 or [ajones@ccao.org](mailto:ajones@ccao.org) by July 29.

ROADS, BRIDGES & OTHER SEXY THINGS: UPDATE OF THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION PROGRAMS – A 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:bcole@ccao.org). [Read more...](#)

**IN MEMORIAM**

JERRY CARLIER

Former Clermont County Commissioner Jerry Carlier passed away on July 4, 2014. Carlier served one term as county commissioner from 1980 to 1984. In addition, he served 20 years as a Stonelick Township Trustee before and after his term as Clermont County Commissioner. Prior to his election as commissioner, he worked many years in various positions for Cincinnati Bell. CCAO extends sympathy to the Carlier family. [Click here](#) to leave a note of sympathy for the Carlier family.

**STATE ACTIVITIES**

TANF STATE PLAN REVIEW

The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) is seeking comments on its Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) state plan from both local governments and private sector organizations – part of the federal requirements to continue receiving those funds. Per federal regulations, the plan is to:

- Provide a historical overview of Ohio’s TANF programs;

- Explain the operational procedures and state-county governance structure for Ohio’s TANF programs;
- Explain how Medicaid, child care, food assistance and transportation services provide support to Ohio Works First families; and
- Describe how Ohio will address additional provisions required by federal law and outline the waivers for which ODJFS will continue to apply.

[Click here](#) to review and comment on the plan. Deadline for comments: August 25, 2014. Comments will be taken into consideration prior to finalizing the state plan. ODJFS will then submit the TANF State Plan to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), which must determine the plan complete before TANF funds are released to the state.

**IMPORTANT TRAINING ON CHANGES TO REPORTING PENSION LIABILITIES**

As previously reported, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) approved a new reporting standard that will significantly change how governments will report pension liabilities. Effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2014, governmental entities will be required to report a “net pension liability” in their financial statements. Clearly, under [GASB 68](#) these amounts have the potential of being large and may impact a government’s GAAP basis net position. Auditor Yost has announced a “GASB 68 Forum” to be held on Tuesday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>. Join other government leaders at the Forum to learn of the impact of GASB 68 on Ohio governments, the Auditor of State’s proposal for mitigation and reporting issues. Due to the high-level of interest and limited space, registration is required. Walk-in registrants will not be accommodated. **Attendance will be high and may close out, so register ASAP.** [Register here...](#)



**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 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](mailto:mjneiman@ccao.org)

## OHIO ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINIONS

### ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINION REGARDING TUBERCULOSIS LEVIES & CLINIC GOVERNANCE

Attorney General Mike DeWine recently issued [Attorney General Opinion 2014-024](#) in response to questions from a county prosecutor around the governance and oversight of both tuberculosis (TB) clinics as well as county tuberculosis levies. We encourage counties with TB clinics and/or TB levies to review the opinion. Some counties with tuberculosis levies may be particularly interested in the final conclusion of the 15-page opinion, which states a county with a levy per ORC 5705.20 to support TB treatment or a TB clinic must first make a general fund appropriation to support those purposes before determining whether a levy in excess of the ten-mill is necessary. This is based on statute which indicates commissioners may levy a tax for the purpose of *supplementing* general fund appropriations for TB. [Read more...](#)

#### SYLLABUS: 2014-029

1. Whether personal email addresses that are contained in a public record are themselves public records is a fact-specific inquiry that must be determined on a case-by-case basis.
2. Personal email addresses that are contained in an email sent by a township fiscal officer that do not document the organization, functions, policies, decisions, procedures, operations, or other activities of the township do not constitute "records," as defined in R.C. 149.011(G), and are not required to be disclosed by R.C. 149.43.
3. To determine whether personal email addresses document the organization, functions, policies, decisions, procedures, operations, or other activities of the township, the township must determine whether disclosure of the email addresses would facilitate the public's ability to monitor the functions of the township in performing its statutory duties, and whether the township actually used the email addresses in making decisions or in performing its functions.

## FEDERAL ACTIVITIES

### STUDY SHOWS NEED FOR OHIO TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS

The National Economic Council and the President's Council of Economic Advisers issued a report this week finding that 15% of Ohio's 123,247 miles of public roads are in poor condition and 25% of the state's 27,015 bridges are structurally deficient or obsolete. By comparison, 14% of public roads in the U.S. are in poor condition and 10% of bridges are deficient. "[An Economic Analysis of Transportation Infrastructure Investment](#)" report supports President Obama's "[Grow America Act](#)" proposal to spend \$302 billion over four years to fund the national transportation system and warns that a funding lapse of the Highway Trust Fund, which will become insolvent in early August, puts active projects at risk. The study also estimates there are 22,308 jobs at risk in Ohio due to uncertainties about federal funding for transportation projects.

### HIGHWAY TRUST FUND STOPGAP FUNDING UPDATE

On July 15, the U.S. House of Representatives passed legislation to temporarily rescue the Highway Trust Fund. The U.S. Senate is expected to act on the legislation before the end of the month. This stopgap measure would raise about \$11 billion, enough to last through May 2015, by tapping tax receipts from corporate pension plans and diverting money meant to fix leaky underground storage tanks at old gas stations. The White House is supporting a plan to raise four years of highway funds by closing corporate tax loopholes, which is opposed by Republicans.

The federal gas tax of 18.4 cents per gallon provides the majority of the revenue for the Highway Trust Fund, which has not been raised since 1993. Bi-partisan legislation has been introduced to raise the federal gas tax

by 12 cents over the next two years and then index it to inflation, a plan that might prevent Congress from having to vote on raising it ever again. Raising the gas tax only fixes part of the problem since drivers are driving less and driving more energy efficient vehicles. Other ideas to fix the Housing Trust Fund range from ending the federal government's role in funding highway construction and turning it over to the states to taxing drivers based on the amount of miles they drive.

## **NACo ACTIVITIES**

### ANNUAL CONFERENCE: 2014-15 NACo OFFICERS SWORN IN



*Photo by David Hathcox/NACo*

Over 2,600 elected and appointed officials participated in the 79<sup>th</sup> NACo Annual Conference held July 11-15, 2014 in Orleans Parish (New Orleans), LA. Workshop topics focused on key issues important to counties like transportation, resiliency, healthcare, criminal justice, workforce and economic development, healthcare, county administration, cybersecurity, and technology. The following officers were elected to serve during 2014-15: President - G. Rikki Hokama, Maui County (HI) Council Member; 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Sallie Clark, El Paso County (CO) Commissioner; and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Bryan Desloge, Leon County (FL) Commissioner, and Immediate

Past President – Linda Langston, Linn County (IA) Supervisor. Along with four members elected by regional caucuses, the officers also are members of the executive committee.

### THE ROAD AHEAD FOR COUNTIES: TRANSPORTATION CHALLENGES & OPPORTUNITIES

Counties play an essential role in America's transportation and infrastructure networks. Investing more than \$100 billion each year in roads, bridges, transit, water systems and other public facilities, counties facilitate everything from Americans' daily commutes to the shipping of goods around the globe. Counties are responsible for building and maintaining 45 percent of public roads and nearly 40 percent of bridges, and are involved in the operations of a third of the nation's transit systems and airports that connect residents, communities and businesses. Newly elected NACo President Rikki Hokama, Maui County (HI) Council Member, will focus on his Transportation and Infrastructure Initiative for his presidential platform. Hokama wants fellow county leaders to think about these topics during the coming year. [Read more](#) in a special edition of NACo's *County News*.

### SUSTAINABLE PORTS: STRATEGIES FOR PORT DEVELOPMENT & OPERATIONS

America's public ports are a powerhouse of economic activity and represent our nation's gateway to global trade. Ports serve as the point of intersection to the country's rivers, waterways and inland and deep water ports. The National Association of Counties (NACo) recently issued a brief, "[Sustainable Ports: Strategies for Port Development and Operations, A Guide for County Leaders](#)", that explores what steps counties can take to minimize their ports' environmental impact while remaining competitive in local and global commercial activities. The brief includes a case study about the environmental and infrastructure improvements of the [Port of Cleveland](#), one of the largest ports in the Great Lakes that handles 13 million tons of cargo, much of which is iron ore and limestone from other Great Lakes ports.



## **EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES**

### EFFECTIVE METHODS OF ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION WEBINAR

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...](#)

**STATE & LOCAL LEGAL CENTER: SUPREME COURT POLICE CASES WEBINAR**

The U.S. Supreme Court will decide numerous Fourth Amendment search cases and qualified immunity cases involving police officers this term. Cases to be discuss during the webinar: Fourth Amendment cases, qualified immunity cases; and police cases the court may accept next term. Join the State & Local Legal Center on July 23, 2014 at 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. for this webinar. [Register here...](#)

**OHIO EPA COMPLIANCE ASSISTANCE CONFERENCE**

This fall on September 23-24, the Ohio EPA is hosting the 8<sup>th</sup> 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...](#)

**CELEBRATING RECYCLING IN OHIO CONFERENCE**

Are you involved in recycling or solid waste in Ohio? Then you don’t want to miss the 2014 Association of Ohio Recyclers (AOR) and the Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA) Buckeye Chapter Conference. “Celebrating Recycling in Ohio” will be held October 20-21, 2014 at Maumee Bay Lodge and Conference Center, 1750 Park Road 2, in Oregon. The [conference agenda](#) outlines the conference session topics, speakers, and keynote addresses. Find conference details, sponsorship opportunities, Maumee Bay information, and registration form at [www.OhioRecycles.org](http://www.OhioRecycles.org).

**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](mailto:mjneiman@ccao.org).

<b>Title /For More Information. . .</b>	<b>Employer/Application Deadline</b>
<a href="#">Executive Director, Regional Planning Commission</a>	Seneca County - August 15, 2014
<a href="#">Transit Director</a>	Geauga County - Open until filled
<a href="#">Regional Planning Commissioner Director</a>	Logan-Union-Champaign Regional Planning - Open until filled
<a href="#">Transit Director</a>	Geauga County - Open until filled