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DATES TO REMEMBER

SEPTEMBER 17, 2014	CCAO SMALL COUNTIES AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS
SEPTEMBER 18, 2014	CCAO GENERAL GOVERNMENT & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE , CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS
SEPTEMBER 19, 2014	CCAO BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, FRANKLIN PARK CONSERVATORY & BOTANICAL GARDENS, COLUMBUS
SEPTEMBER 22, 2014	CCAO JOBS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEETING, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS
SEPTEMBER 26, 2014	CCAO HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS
SEPTEMBER 26, 2014	CCAO JUSTICE & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS
SEPTEMBER 30, 2014	CCAO TAXATION & FINANCE COMMITTEE , CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS
OCTOBER 8, 2014	THE FUTURE OF ELECTIONS , CCAO 2 ND WEDNESDAY WEBINAR
DECEMBER 7-9, 2014	CCAO/CEAO ANNUAL WINTER CONFERENCE & TRADE SHOW, GREATER COLUMBUS CONVENTION CENTER, COLUMBUS

ASSOCIATION NEWS

CCAO NOMINATING COMMITTEE TO FILL OFFICES OF PRESIDENT, 1st & 2ND VICE PRESIDENT, SECRETARY & TREASURER

Earlier this year Dennis Stapleton, Delaware County Commissioner and CCAO 1st Vice President, announced he would not be seeking the office of CCAO President in 2015. In order to be eligible to be elected as an officer of CCAO, a commissioner/county executive or council member must be an active member of the Association (currently serve on the CCAO Board) and must have served a term of at least one year on the Board of Directors. In addition, the CCAO Bylaws require that the office of President not be occupied in any two consecutive years by a commissioner/county executive or council member who is a member of the same political party. Given the fact that the current President, Nick Kostandaras, is a Democrat; only a Republican may be nominated for the office of President; only a Democrat may be nominated for the office of 1st Vice President; and only a Republican may be nominated for the office of 2nd Vice President.

Please also note the CCAO Board of Directors adopted a resolution in 2011 that limits the number of consecutive years a person can serve as either Treasurer (not more than three consecutive years) or Secretary (not more than one consecutive year). Also, persons serving in the offices of Treasurer and Secretary must be of different political parties.

On September 19, CCAO will send a memo explaining the process and a CCAO Officer/Board Member Request Form & Questionnaire to all county commissioners, county executives and county council members. Those interested in serving on the Board, either as an officer and/or as a Board member, must return their completed forms on or before October 30. The memo and forms will also be available on CCAO'S website at www.ccao.org on September 19. For additional information please contact Kathy Dillon, CCAO Office Manager and Boards Liaison, at kathydillon@ccao.org or at (888) 757-1904.

THE FUTURE OF ELECTIONS

CCAO is pleased to offer a one-hour "The Future of Elections" webinar on October 8, 2014 at 9:30 a.m. Continuing changes in federal and state election laws, recent court decisions, new directives from the Secretary of State, and the application of new technology to conduct elections provides county officials with a growing list of challenges as they attempt to keep up with the evolving world of elections in Ohio.

CCAO is fortunate to have two election officials with a wealth of practical experience running elections in two different sized counties, as well as the executive director of the Ohio Association of Election Officials to share their collective wisdom with commissioners, county election officials and others as speakers. Topics to be addressed include: Voting Machine Purchases, Electronic Poll Books, Changes in Election Law, and a Preview of the Next General Assembly.

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](#). 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 ATTENDS NW DISTRICT MEETING

The CCAO staff on September 10 joined a number of county commissioners, engineers and other officials at the NW District Commissioners and Engineers Quarterly Meeting at the 180th Fighter Wing Air National Guard in Fulton County (Swanton). Senator Randy Gardner attended and spoke at the event, hosted by the Fulton County Offices of the Commissioners & Engineer.

CCAO Policy Director Cheryl Subler and Policy Analyst Brian Mead also gave brief legislative updates, touching on possible pay raise legislation and water quality concerns. In addition, CEBCO Managing Director Doug Foust talked about the program's upcoming renewal and wellness initiatives. Much discussion occurred about the skyrocketing price of road salt, mentioned in the [Aug. 22 edition](#) of CIDS. Engineers talked about the challenge of absorbing the hit in cost and how it could impact future road and bridge work.

Guests were also treated to a presentation from the 180th Fighter Wing regarding their mission and how they achieve it. Sadly, the tour of the base was cancelled because of rain and will be rescheduled in the near future. Thanks to the wonderful hosts in Fulton County and the NW District Commissioners and Engineers for a great event.

CCAO JOINS TWITTER

CCAO will launch its official Twitter account on Monday, September 15. Follow us at “OHCounties” for information affecting county government, including policy updates, service programs’ offerings and organization news, as well as stories about what’s happening in Ohio’s counties. In addition, if you have information about your county you would like to share with CCAO, please include “@OHCounties” in your tweet. If you are not on Twitter and want to share information or if you have questions about Twitter, please contact Communications Coordinator Andrew Johnson at ajohnson@ccao.org.

COUNTY ACTIVITIES

CLEVELAND FOUNDATION COMMISSIONS STUDY TO ASSESS SKILLS GAP IN CLEVELAND AND CUYAHOGA COUNTY

Taking a closer look at the skills gap and developing new educational and economic development strategies, the Cleveland Foundation commissioned a study from FutureWorks, a national consulting group. The goal of the study was to gain a better understanding of the Cleveland and Cuyahoga County job market, wages and potential employees with the skills to fill them. As a result of this study, the Foundation hopes to develop new strategies to help grow Greater Cleveland’s economy. [Click here](#) for a copy of “Building Opportunities for Cleveland Residents: Aligning Demand and Supply of Professional and Technical Education.” [Read more...](#)

STATE ACTIVITIES

NEW AREA CODE OVERLAY FOR 740 AREA CODE BEGINS ON SEPT. 20

Over the past decade, the importance of technology in everyday life has increased the demand for phone numbers tremendously. Multiple phone lines are required for homes, cell phones, and Internet access. Businesses also require more phone lines and fax machines. Other technologies, such as pay-at-the-pump gas stations and automatic teller machines (ATMs), each requiring phone numbers, have become common conveniences.

To ensure a continuing supply of telephone numbers, the new 220 area code overlay will be added to the 740 area code region. Instead of dividing the 740 area code region into two regions, regulators have adopted an “overlay” plan that allows for two area codes (740 and 220) in the 740 region and eventually requiring the dialing of 10 numbers even when making local calls. The overlay plan is less disruptive for residential and business customers in the 740 area code, which covers a significant portion of southeastern Ohio and parts of central Ohio. The new 220 area code will serve the same region currently served by the existing 740 area code.

How to dial calls within the 220/740 area code – All calls in the 220/740 area code will need to be dialed using the area code + telephone number or 1 + area code + telephone number.

When will the change begin? –

- A six-month transition period begins on **September 20, 2014**. New dialing procedures should be used with all calls placed within the 740 area code. If you forget and just dial seven digits, your call will still be completed.
- Beginning **March 21, 2015**, you must use the dialing procedures, as described above for all calls. After this date your calls will not be completed and you will be instructed to hang up and dial again.
- Beginning **April 22, 2015**, new telephone lines or services will be assigned using the new 220 area code.

[Click here](#) for an area code map. [Read more...](#)

EARLY VOTING UPDATE

House Minority Leader Tracy Heard (Dist. 16-Columbus) urged Attorney General Mike DeWine to help the caucus intervene separately in a contentious early voting lawsuit after the office asked a federal appeals court to expedite its review of the case. Representative Heard asked the Republican Attorney General to represent Democratic legislators who want to intervene on behalf of the plaintiffs in the *NAACP v. Husted* case.

"Our Republican colleagues have been granted intervention as a full party with counsel provided by your office to the 'Ohio General Assembly'," she said in a letter. "However, the interests of House Democratic members - to protect the early voting opportunities that the district court has ordered - diverge from those of the majority party and are not represented by the 'Ohio General Assembly' as a party to the lawsuit." Heard alternatively suggested the AG's office could help approve outside counsel if the AG's office is unable to represent House Democrats in the case.

"The Ohio Attorney General's Office will respond to the representative's letter in due course. However, the attorney general has no legal authority to appoint special counsel to represent either the majority or minority caucuses in the legislature," DeWine spokesman Dan Tierney said.

Earlier this week, DeWine told the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit that the appeal by Secretary of State Jon Husted and Republican lawmakers' merits speedy consideration since the lower court overturned a law and directives on Ohio's early in-person voting schedule and ordered the state to start accepting absentee ballots by September 30. DeWine requested the court set a schedule of proceedings with final briefs due on September 23. On Wednesday, September 10 U.S. District Judge Peter Economus denied Husted/DeWine request to stay his decision on early voting.

Last week, Judge Economus ruled that [SB 238](#) and Husted's [2014-17](#) directive about voting hours was "unconstitutional and in violation of the Voting Rights Act of 1965." The ruling concludes and states that before 2016 the General Assembly is "charged with the responsibility of passing legislation consistent with this memorandum."

LOCAL GOVERNMENT INNOVATION COUNCIL ANNOUNCES AWARDS

The Ohio Development Services Agency awarded 15 grants and two loans totaling \$679,303 to assist efficiency and collaboration projects across the state.

The [Local Government Innovation Fund \(LGIF\)](#) offers communities financial assistance to create more efficient and effective service delivery. Projects are expected to facilitate improved business environments and promote community attraction with their plan for efficiency, collaboration, or shared services. Communities will be able to save money and provide more effective services to their constituents with assistance from this program.

The Local Government Innovation Fund consists of two programs, the Local Government Innovation Program (LGIP) and the Local Government Efficiency Program (LGEP). Together these programs assist communities with shared services and efficiency projects in all aspects of operations. [Click here](#) for a list of the recent grants and awards.

FEDERAL ACTIVITIES

BROWN TO INTRODUCE A BILL CREATING GRANT PROGRAM TO UPDATE OUTDATED SEWAGE SYSTEMS

U.S. Senator Sherrod Brown announced on Wednesday that he plans to introduce a bill that would create a grant program aimed at helping communities update older sewage treatment systems that during hard rains can dump sewage into rain runoff drains. Updating or replacing combined sewage overflow systems that can pollute drinking water could potentially cost \$63 billion.

The Federal government requires municipalities to renovate the systems, but few communities can afford such an expensive project. Some 73 Ohio communities have combined sewage overflow systems. Each year in the U.S. approximately 850 billion gallons of untreated wastewater and storm water are released through combined sewage overflow systems.

The bill would authorize \$1.8 billion over five years for a grant program (75-25 cost share) to help communities update the systems.

PORTMAN, BROWN & KAPTUR INTRODUCE BILL TO HELP ENSURE SAFE DRINKING WATER

This week, Ohio U.S. Senators Rob Portman and Sherrod Brown as well as Representative Marcy Kaptur (Dist. 9-Toledo) introduced legislation to help determine if Ohioans' drinking water is safe for consumption. The Safe and Secure Drinking Water Act will direct the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to publish a health advisory and submit reports on what level of microcystins in drinking water is expected to be safe for human consumption.

Microcystin is a byproduct of blooming algae in freshwater bodies. Despite requests that state and federal regulators set microcystins limits in drinking water, cities and water plant operators currently rely on the World Health Organization's suggestion of 1 part per billion or less. The EPA has been working on developing a federal limit for years, but has yet to issue one. This legislation would require them to act on interim measure, an advisory that would help inform and educate local and state officials, as EPA continues to work on a federal mandate. [Read more...](#)

NACo JOINS "WATER WORKS!" PRESS CONFERENCE TO STRESS THE IMPORTANCE OF INVESTING IN WATER INFRASTRUCTURE

On September 10, NACo President Riki Hokama, Maui County (HI) Council Member, participated in a bipartisan press conference on Capitol Hill urging renewed investment in our nation's water infrastructure. Hokama stressed the critical role of county governments in infrastructure. Not only do counties own the greatest share of America's roads and bridges, but they also own a wide variety of public infrastructure, including drinking water, wastewater and stormwater systems. In recent years, local governments and utilities have had an increased financial burden to maintain and expand these systems.

Representative Bob Gibbs (Dist. 7-Ashland) was one of three Members of Congress that participated in the press conference to reiterate his support for a long-term source of water infrastructure funding. Gibbs serves on the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee as well as the Agriculture Committee in the U.S. House of Representatives. He chairs the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, a subcommittee of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee.

The purpose of the Water Works! press event was to announce the findings of a newly released study - [The National Economics and Labor Impacts of the Water Utility Sector](#) - on how investment in water infrastructure grows local economies.

GRANTS

2014 REGIONAL INNOVATION STRATEGY PROGRAM COMPETITION

The U.S. Economic Development Administration's (EDA) Office of Innovation and Entrepreneurship (OIE) is leading the \$15 million 2014 Regional Innovation Strategy Program competition to spur innovation capacity-building activities in regions across the nation. Under this program, EDA is soliciting applications for three separate funding opportunities: i6 Challenge, Science and Research Park Development Grants, and Cluster Grants to support the development of Seed Capital Funds. [Click here](#) to view a program webinar. The program is authorized through the America COMPETES Reauthorization Act of 2010, and received a dedicated appropriation for the first time in FY 2014. Application deadline: November 3, 2014. [Read more...](#)

NACo ACTIVITIES

NEW ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITY: APPLY NOW TO HOST A COUNTY PROSPERITY SUMMIT

NACo has a new opportunity for rural and mid-size counties to host innovative economic development workshops, to be held in Winter/Spring 2014. NACo will work with your county or region to organize a [County Prosperity Summit](#) tailored to your county's specific needs. NACo will invite national experts to your community who will engage with local leaders to generate new and creative solutions for building and strengthening your local economy.

The goal of these summits is to help small and mid-size counties strategize innovative economic development approaches. The workshops will introduce counties to the [WealthWorks](#) framework, help counties build strategies to strengthen regional relationships, identify ways to deepen and sustain economic development activities and investigate strategies to infuse equitable development principles into local economic approaches.

The [County Prosperity Summit application](#) is open to counties with populations of 250,000 or less and to multi-county regions with a total population of 400,000 or less. The application deadline is October 3, 2014 at 5p.m. Additional questions can be directed to Kathy Nothstine, NACo Program Director for Community and Economic Development, at (202) 661-8807 or knothstine@naco.org

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

CARE COORDINATION: AN OPPORTUNITY TO HELP DRIVE CHANGE

Care coordination for vulnerable populations particularly those living with mental health and/or substance use disorders can be challenging. Join NACo for a webinar on "Care Coordination: An Opportunity to Help Drive Change" to be held on Thursday, September 18, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. to explore factors to consider when bringing together primary care providers, mental health and substance use treatment and/or social service agencies to develop processes to coordinate care. For more information, please contact Emmanuelle St. Jean, Health Program Manager, NACo County Solutions and Innovation Department at (202) 942-4267 at estjean@naco.org. [Register now...](#)

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 to the online job posting and a deadline date. Email your classified ad to Mary Jane Neiman, CCAO Public Relations Associate, at mjneiman@ccao.org.

CCAO ANNOUNCES EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY - MANAGING DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS

The County Commissioners Association of Ohio (CCAO) is seeking an experienced and qualified individual to serve as our Managing Director of Operations. This individual will perform complex professional responsibilities managing the CCAO Service Corporation, assist in the development and administration of the Association budget, assist the Executive Director in meeting the operational needs of the Association, oversee facility management, and related work as apparent or assigned. Qualifications include: Bachelor's Degree in Business, Office Management, or related field; 5 years or more of experience in any or all of the substantive areas listed above including at least 3 years of management experience.

CCAO is an equal opportunity employer. Salary is commensurate with experience. Please send resume and cover letter to Amanda Jones at ajones@ccao.org on or before September 26, 2014. To view the complete job description [CLICK HERE](#).

Title /For More Information. . .	Employer/Application Deadline
Solid Waste Coordinator	Auglaize County September 17, 2014
Staff Attorney	Fairfield County September 19, 2014
Wastewater Treatment Plant Manager	Lucas County September 19, 2014
Director of Human Resources	Lucas County September 19, 2014
Public Information Officer	Lucas County September 19, 2014
Social Worker	Fairfield County September 19, 2014
Assistant Prosecuting Attorney – Civil Division	Knox County September 26, 2014
Economic Development Director	Harrison County September 30, 2014
EMS Program Coordinator	Mercer County September 30, 2014
Assistant Operations Superintendent	Licking County October 1, 2014
Engineer	Geauga County Until position is filled