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DATES TO REMEMBER

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 APPOINTED

The CCAO Board of Directors approved the appointment of a five member nominating committee at the June 13, 2014 CCAO Board of Directors meeting. The Committee, appointed by CCAO President Nick Kostandaras, will be chaired by CCAO Past President Gary Lee, Union County Commissioner. Other members include:

1. David Dhume, Madison County Commissioner
2. Debbie Lieberman, Montgomery County Commissioner
3. Kerry Metzger, Tuscarawas County Commissioner
4. Daniel Troy, Lake County Commissioner

It is the responsibility of the committee to recommend a slate of officers and board members to be elected at the Annual Business Meeting on Monday morning, December 8, 2014, during the CCAO/CEAO Winter Conference. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor. The committee will be nominating candidates for the offices of president, first vice president, second vice president, secretary and treasurer. In addition, seven members will be nominated to serve on the Board of Directors for two-year terms. The Nominating Committee will also fill any vacancies that may exist where members elected to a two-year term will not be returning to office or where a member forfeits office for non-attendance.

The Nominating Committee is also governed by a Board resolution adopted 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. In addition, in order to be eligible to be nominated as an officer, an individual 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.

The seven members whose terms to the Board expire this year include: Gary Bauer, Huron County Commissioner; Pat Geissman, Medina County Commissioner; Pete Gerken, Lucas County Commissioner; Mike Halleck, Columbiana County Commissioner; Ed Humphrey, Clermont County Commissioner; Doug Weisenaue, Crawford Commissioner; and Tom Wheaton, Carroll County Commissioner.

The nine members appointed by President Nick Kostandaras whose one-year term to the Board expires at the end of this year include: Mike Crabtree, Scioto County Commissioner; Julie Ehemann, Shelby County Commissioner; Greg Hartmann, Hamilton County Commissioner; Ted Kalo, Lorain County Commissioner; Kathleen Chandler, Portage County Commissioner; Glenn Miller, Henry County Commissioner; Joe Moroski, Ashtabula County Commissioner; Todd Sands, Muskingum County Commissioner; and Tom Whiston, Morrow County Commissioner.

The CCAO Bylaws also provides the six most recent past presidents who still hold the office of county commissioner, elected executive, or member of the legislative authority of any charter county or any county organized under an alternative form of county government and who elect to serve as a member, a seat on the Board of Directors. In 2015 those individuals will include: Nick Kostandaras, Summit County Council Member; Gary Lee, Union County Commissioner; Deborah Lieberman, Montgomery County Commissioner; David Dhume, Madison County Commissioner; Paula Brooks, Franklin County Commissioner; and Kerry Metzger, Tuscarawas County Commissioner.

The Committee must make its recommendations no later than November 14. The report will then be published in the County Information and Data Service and an individual copy of the report will be sent to each commissioner.

On September 19, CCAO sent to all county commissioners, council members and executives, a CCAO Officer/Board Member Request Form. A CCAO Nominating Candidate Questionnaire was also included. Both forms must be returned no later than October 30 to the committee chair: Gary Lee, Union County Commissioner, 233 W. Sixth Street, Marysville, OH 43040-1526 or you may email your form to lrayl@co.union.oh.us.

In addition, mail a copy to CCAO, 209 E. State Street, Columbus, OH 43215, in an envelope marked: NOMINATING COMMITTEE – ATTENTION: KATHY DILLON or you may email your form to kathydillon@ccao.org.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Gary Lee at (937) 243-7838 or CCAO Executive Director Suzanne Dulaney at (614) 221-5627. [Click here](#) for a copy of the memo, form and questionnaire.

VOTING PROCEDURES FOR ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

The CCAO Bylaws requires that each member county designate an Official Representative and Alternate when voting at the Annual Meeting or any special meeting of the Association.

The designation of the Official Representative and Alternate for a county organized under the statutory form of county government is by resolution of the board of county commissioners. In the case of a county organized as

a charter county, the elected executive designates, by a letter signed by the executive, the Official Representative and an Alternate. Please note in designating the Official Representative and Alternate, a member county may only name a county commissioner, elected executive, or a member of county council.

A memo explaining the process along with a sample Designation of Official Representative and Alternate Resolution and a sample letter for County Executives can be found on the home page (front) of the CCAO website at www.ccao.org. If you have not already done so, please send a copy of your resolution or letter designating your Official Representative and Alternate to Kathy Dillon, CCAO, 209 East State Street, Columbus, OH 43215 or at kathydillon@ccao.org so that we may maintain a record of the names in our files for voting purposes. Should you have any questions or want to confirm that we have received a copy of your resolution or letter, please contact Kathy Dillon at (888) 757-1904 or at kathydillon@ccao.org. [Click here](#) for a copy of the Voting Procedures Memo and Official Representative and Alternate Form.

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...](#)

ANIMAL CONTROL HANDBOOK CHAPTER UPDATED

This week, Chapter 127 – Animal Control of the *County Commissioners Handbook* was published on the CCAO website. This chapter addresses a number of topics concerning dogs, including options for administration of Ohio’s dog laws; registration of dogs and kennels; establishment and modification of registration and other fees; penalties for late registration; transfer of dogs; funding and eligible uses for the dog and kennel fund; animal claims; the impounding, disposition, or humane destruction of dogs; dangerous and vicious dogs; contracts with municipalities; rabies quarantines and required vaccinations; and, relationships with humane societies.

Chapter 127 can be found on the CCAO website at www.ccao.org. Click on the Handbook button on the first page or [click here](#) for a direct link to the chapter. If you have any questions about the chapter, contact Brad Cole, CCAO Managing Director of Research, at (614) 220-7981, (888) 757-1904 or bcole@ccao.org

FARM SCIENCE REVIEW OSU VICE PRESIDENT'S LUNCHEON



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This week more than 30 county commissioners and well over 700 agricultural and civic leaders gather together for the 2014 Vice President's Luncheon at the 52nd Annual Farm Science Review held at the Molly Caren Agricultural Center in Madison County.

[Lt. Governor Mary Taylor](#) was the keynote speaker along with The Ohio State University [President Dr. Michael Drake](#). OSU Vice President and Dean of the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Science [Bruce McPheron](#) announced its new water quality initiative "Field to Faucet".

Farm Science Review is one of the premier agricultural education and trade shows in the nation. The Review offers an excellent opportunity to showcase the best that Ohio agriculture has to offer.

STAFF NEWS

CCAO WELCOMES OUR NEW CLAIMS TECHNICIAN

Judy Swain joined the CCAO family as a CORSA claims technician on Monday, September 15. Judy comes to us with several years of experience in the insurance field. Most recently, she was employed by Brower Insurance as a claims specialist. Prior to that, she was employed as a salvage specialist with Motorists Insurance and was a total claims adjuster with State Auto. She has obtained the AIC (Associate in Claims) Designation and is presently working toward her SCLA (Senior Claim Law Associate) Designation. Please join us with a warm CCAO welcome to Judy. Judy can be reached at (614) 220-0636 or jswain@ccao.org.

STATE ACTIVITIES

HUSTED ISSUES EARLY VOTING SCHEDULE DIRECTIVE; FILES APPEAL WITH APPEALS COURT

Last Friday, Secretary of State Jon Husted issued [Directive 2014-28](#) listing the new schedule developed by his office to make sure counties are ready for the earlier voting schedule as handed down by U.S. District Court Judge Peter Economus. Unless the appeals court hands down another ruling, three things will be changing for Ohio voters:

1. Golden Week – when residents can register to vote and cast an early ballot – will begin on September 30.
2. County polling locations will be open the two Saturdays and Sundays before the election and the Monday before Election Day.
3. Polling locations will remain open until 7:00 p.m. on weeknights the two weeks before the election.

In addition, Judge Economus' ruling allowed individual counties to add to the mandated hours.

On Monday, Secretary Husted filed a brief with the 6th Circuit Court of Appeals, appealing a recent ruling by Judge Economus on the principle that all voters should have the same opportunities to vote, no matter where they live. "Before this lawsuit was filed, Ohio was a national leader in voter access. After this case is decided,

Ohio will still be a national leader in voter access, not only in the number of days and hours for early in-person voting, but because I have sent all voters an absentee ballot application, allowing them to vote without ever having to leave home,” stated Husted. “Though I have complied with the recent ruling by Judge Economus, I must appeal his decision because in allowing counties to set their own schedules, he has once again opened the door to having a patchwork of rules across the state, which is in direct conflict with his previous rulings that insisted upon treating all voters equally.”

PREPARING FOR LANDING: OHIO AIRPORTS FOCUS STUDY RESULTS



The Ohio Airports Focus Study is now taxiing to the finish line. ODOT has scheduled the last four public meetings between September 22 and 29 to share the findings and draft recommendations to improve Ohio's statewide aviation system. Attend an informational meeting and find out why our airports are a significant contributor to the continued growth of Ohio's economy and how we plan to keep it that way! Parking is free at all locations.

- **Monday, September 22, 2:00-4:00 PM**
Zane State College, EPIC Building - Room 608, 9900 Brick Church Road, Cambridge
- **Tuesday, September 23, 2:00-4:00 PM**
Delaware Community Center YMCA, Community Room, 1121 South Houk Road, Delaware
- **Wednesday, September 24, 2:00-4:00 PM**
Findlay Inn and Conference Center, Hancock Room, 200 East Main Cross Street, Findlay
- **Monday, September 29, 2:00-4:00 PM**
Brecksville Community Center, Conference Rooms ABC, 1 Community Drive, Brecksville

See draft findings and recommendations for your local general aviation airport at www.AirportsFocusStudy.ohio.gov. Email your questions to Focus.Study@dot.state.oh.us

FEDERAL ACTIVITIES

CHILD CARE & DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT ACT PASSES HOUSE

On Monday, the U.S. House of Representatives passed bi-partisan [S.1086](#) – the Child Care & Development Block Grant Act – to overhaul child care for low-income families. The House quickly took the bill up under suspension of the rules because they recognized the importance of passing legislation this year and the growing national consensus around early education.

The bill would enable low-income families to receive assistance in the form of vouchers, which they can use at a child care facility of their choice, including religious institutions. Included in the bill were mandatory background checks for child care center staff, better health and safety requirements, and more information for parents about their child care options.

USDA DESIGNATES 7 COUNTIES IN OHIO AS PRIMARY NATURAL DISASTER AREAS

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has designated seven counties in Ohio as primary natural disaster areas due to damages and losses caused by a freeze that occurred from January 2, 2014, through April 17, 2014. Those counties are: Ashtabula, Geauga, Jackson, Lake, Lorain, Portage, and Summit. In addition, farmers and ranchers in the following contiguous counties also qualify for natural disaster assistance: Ashland, Cuyahoga, Erie, Gallia, Huron, Lawrence, Mahoning, Medina, Pike, Ross, Scioto, Stark, Trumbull, Vinton, and Wayne.

All counties listed above were designated natural disaster areas on September 13, 2014, making all qualified farm operators in the designated areas eligible for low interest emergency (EM) loans from USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA), provided eligibility requirements are met. Farmers in eligible counties have eight months from the date of the declaration to apply for loans to help cover part of their actual losses. FSA will consider each loan application on its own merits, taking into account the extent of losses, security available and repayment ability. FSA has a variety of programs, in addition to the EM loan program, to help eligible farmers recover from adversity. [Read more...](#)

NACo ESTABLISHES PILT ACTION CENTER; FUNDING IN JEOPARDY

This week, the National Association of Counties (NACo) briefed over 40 members of Congress and officials from the U.S. Department of the Interior and the U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service about the importance of the federal Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) program and to urge full funding for the program.

In the big picture, Ohio receives a very small portion of PILT funding, but it's very important funding from the federal government. Even though counties are not able to collect property taxes on federal land, county governments must still provide essential services for their residents and those who visit these public lands each year. Such services include road and bridge maintenance, law enforcement, search and rescue, emergency medical, fire protection, solid waste disposal, and environmental compliance.

NACo has launched a comprehensive [PILT Action Center](#) to assist county leaders in advocating for full funding for this priority program. Some of the information you will find includes: new individual county PILT profiles, draft letter to Congress on PILT, sample Op-Ed on PILT, and comprehensive PILT program overview. If you have any questions or comments, please contact NACo's Legislative Director Deborah Cox at (202) 942-4286 or dcox@naco.org.

WRRDA OPENS RFP FOR WATER RESOURCE PROJECTS

The [Water Resources Reform and Development Act of 2014](#) (WRRDA) became law on June 10. The law authorizes projects and programs under the purview of the [U.S. Army Corps of Engineers](#) (the Corps) and provides policy and administrative direction for the Corps' activities.

A key provision in WRRDA, under Section 7001, requires the Corps to solicit proposals from its local and regional stakeholders for water resources studies or project modifications to be conducted in partnership with the Corps. Section 7001 provides an excellent opportunity to shape the future of the Corps by identifying beneficial and necessary water resources projects to be developed through federal or non-federal cost sharing.

The Corps is currently requesting proposals from non-federal interests — such as county commissioners/executives and their staffs — for proposed feasibility studies and proposed modifications to authorized water resources development projects. [Click here](#) to read the notice in the Federal Register. The request is open until December 3. Once proposals are collected, the Corps will publish an annual report to Congress listing the proposed projects. **The report is intended to be the sole list of water resources projects to be considered for authorization in future legislation.** [Read more...](#)

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

USING JUVENILE JUSTICE RECEIVING CENTERS TO IMPROVE SAFETY & OUTCOMES

“Receiving Centers” for juveniles who are arrested or picked up by law enforcement officers for status or misdemeanor offenses offer a number of benefits to counties. These centers allow officers to drop off youth and quickly return to their duties in the community, provide a secure environment for juveniles and can identify

underlying causes of delinquent or problem behavior. Join NACo on Thursday, September 25, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. to learn about receiving centers in Calcasieu Parish (LA), and Tulsa County (OK). For more information, please contact Kathy Rowings, Justice Associate, NACo County Solutions and Innovation, at (202) 942-4279 or krowings@naco.org. [Register now...](#)

THE INFRASTRUCTURE PUZZLE

Join the [Eastern Ohio Development Alliance](#) for a half-day seminar on September 26, 2014 to learn how critical infrastructure can be funded to ensure Eastern Ohio has the sites ready for energy intensive companies. It's estimated the \$3.6 trillion is needed to upgrade America's infrastructure by 2020. The seminar will be held at the Kent State University at Tuscarawas, Science and Advanced Technology Building, 330 University Drive NE, in New Philadelphia. Topics to be discussed include Infrastructure Funding from State and Federal Government, Investment Banking and Infrastructure Funding, and Public Finance and Local Government Financing Approaches.

Events start at 8:00 a.m. and conclude after a late morning panel discussion. Registration fee: \$15 per person. To register to www.tusc.kent.edu/bcs/index.com or call Cindi Supers at Kent State University Tuscarawas at (330) 308-7434. [Read more...](#)

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
Assistant Prosecuting Attorney – Civil Division	Knox County September 26, 2014
Clerical Specialist 2	Clark County September 29, 2014
Social Services Worker	Fairfield County September 29, 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
Quality Control Reviewer	Clark County October 1, 2014
County Home Administrator	Wood County October 3, 2014
Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Supervisor	Fulton County October 3, 2014
Transportation Planner/GIS Coordinator	Ohio Mid-Eastern Government Association October 15, 2014
Engineer	Geauga County Until position is filled
Children Services Administrator	Licking County Until position is filled