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- OCTOBER 28, 2014 OHIO NATIONAL GUARD REGIONAL INTER-SERVICE FAMILY ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE MEETING – **REGION 4**, AMERICAN LEGION POST, SHELBY COUNTY (SIDNEY)
- OCTOBER 29, 2014 CCAOSC NATURAL GAS PROGRAM BOARD OF PARTICIPANTS MEETING, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS
- DECEMBER 7-9, 2014 CCAO/CEAO ANNUAL WINTER CONFERENCE & TRADE SHOW, GREATER COLUMBUS CONVENTION CENTER, COLUMBUS
- FEBRUARY 21-25, 2014 **NACo LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE**, MARRIOTT WARDMAN PARK HOTEL, WASHINGTON, DC

ASSOCIATION NEWS

THE FUTURE OF ELECTIONS WEBINAR – OCT 8

CCAO is pleased to offer a one-hour “The Future of Elections” webinar on October 8 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.

Webinar participants 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 wish to register for the webinar, please email [Amanda Jones](mailto:ajones@ccao.org), 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](mailto:bcole@ccao.org), CCAO Managing Director of Research, at bcole@ccao.org. [Read more...](#)

LOCAL PROPERTY TAXES HANDBOOK CHAPTER UPDATED

This week, Chapter 14 – Local Property Taxes of the *County Commissioners Handbook* was published on the CCAO website. This chapter addresses a number of topics about local property taxes including the history of property taxes, constitutional provisions, types of taxes, levies, collection and payment of taxes, glossary of terminology, and the calculation of inside millage rates.

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](mailto:bcole@ccao.org), CCAO Managing Director of Research, at (614) 220-7981 or (888) 757-1904.

2015 COUNTY HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

AFFILIATE NEWS

DOG LAWS & LEGISLATION SEMINAR - OCT 9 & 10

Montgomery County is hosting a Dog Laws and Legislation Seminar on Thursday, October 9 and Friday, October 10 at Sinclair Community College, 444 W Third Street - Building 12, in Dayton. The Thursday session will be in Room 116 and the Friday session will be in Room 131.

Topics include: Legislative Initiatives, Requirements of Dog Owners, Investigating Dog-Related Offenses, Municipal Ordinances and Procedures, and Court Practices and Procedures. [Click here](#) for more information.

This seminar is free of charge and will include breakfast both days and lunch on Thursday; however, it DOES NOT provide CLE or CEU hours. Dress is business casual. If you would like to register for this seminar, please email [Kathy Gambill](mailto:kathy.gambill@ccao.org) at 937-225-5750.

STATE ACTIVITIES

U.S. SUPREME COURT GRANTS OHIO'S REQUEST TO STAY EARLY VOTING

The U.S. Supreme Court on Monday granted the state's request to stay a lower court order that would have required Ohio to begin early voting on Tuesday, September 30. The stay means that early voting will instead start Tuesday, October 7, the day after the state's voter registration deadline. The Supreme Court order effectively allowed [SB 238](#) to take effect. SB 238, which passed earlier this year, eliminated the so-called "Golden Week" and authorized the secretary of state to set a statewide early in-person voting schedule with more limited evening and weekend hours.

In response to the Supreme Court order, the Ohio Secretary of State issued [Directive 2014-30](#) which reinstated his original directive setting the 28-day early in-person voting schedule including hours on two Saturdays and a Sunday.

The high court's 5-4 order marks a major victory for the state, who appealed a decision by U.S. District Judge Peter Economus, of the Southern District of Ohio, that overturned controversial restrictions on early in-person voting. An appeals court last week upheld that ruling.

If you have questions, please contact CCAO Managing Director of Policy [Cheryl Subler](#) or Senior Policy Analyst [John Leutz](#) at (614) 221-5627.

PUBLIC EMPLOYERS TO RECEIVE \$126 MILLION FROM BWC BILLION BACK PROPOSAL

The Bureau of Workers' Compensation (BWC) approved a plan this week to return an estimated \$126 million to 3,800 public employer taxing districts, of which counties are expected to receive over \$18.6 million. Under [Another Billion Back](#) plan, BWC will return \$1 billion to Ohio private employers and local governments, as well as build on last year's \$15 million investment in safety intervention grants and create several initiatives to enhance the safety, health and wellness of Ohio's workforce.

[Click here](#) for tables that detail the distribution of the \$126 million to public employer taxing districts. The first table shows the estimated total amount being distributed to all of the public entities in each county. The second table shows the total amount being distributed state-wide to each type of public entity. The final table shows a county-by-county breakdown for each type of public entity. Please note the amounts are estimates.

The BWC said it will begin issuing checks in October that equate to 60% of premiums paid by public employers covering the January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012 policy year. The give-back was made possible by the surge in BWC's investment returns, which rose by 8.9% over the last three years, including a 13.3% jump in 2014.

LET'S TALK TRANSIT: HELP SHAPE LONG-TERM STRATEGY

Join the Ohio Department of Transportation at one of five regional meetings to help shape a long-term strategy for the needs of Ohio's riders today and in the future. Trends show there is a definite rise in the need for convenient, affordable public transportation to jobs, medical appointments, shopping and recreational activities. From light rail and bus service in large cities to rural van services, the Ohio Statewide Transit Needs Study has examined existing transit needs and drafted recommendations for better addressing them. All meetings are open to the public. Attend one of the following meetings:

- **October 21, 2:00-4:00 p.m.**
Greater Cleveland Transit Authority - Board Room, 1240 W. 6th Street, Cleveland

- **October 22, 2:00-4:00 p.m.**
Hancock Family Center, 1800 N. Blanchard Street, Findlay
- **October 23, 2:00-4:00 p.m.**
Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission – Scioto Room, 111 Liberty Street, Columbus
- **October 30, 2:00-4:00 p.m.**
Athens Community Center, 701 E. State Street, Athens
- **October 31, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon**
OhioMeansJobs Building, 300 E. Silver Street, Lebanon

All meeting materials will be available online starting October 21 at www.TransitNeedsStudy.ohio.gov. Comments will be accepted through November 14, 2014. Email questions or comments to Transit.Needs@dot.state.oh.us.

OHIO MINIMUM WAGE TO INCREASE ON JANUARY 1

Ohio's minimum wage is scheduled to increase on January 1, 2015 to \$8.10 per hour for non-tipped employees and \$4.05 for tipped employees, plus tips. The increased minimum wage will apply to employees of businesses with annual gross receipts of more than \$297,000 per year. The current 2014 Ohio minimum wage is \$7.95 per hour for non-tipped employees and \$3.98 for tipped employees, plus tips.

The [Constitutional Amendment](#) passed by Ohio voters in November 2006 states that Ohio's minimum wage will increase in January 1 of each year by the rate of inflation. The state minimum wage is tied to the Consumer Price Index for urban earners and clerical workers for the 12-month period prior to September.

Information about Ohio's minimum wage is available [online](#).

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.



- **October 7 – Richland County (Mansfield) - [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 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Richland Chapter of the American Red Cross, 39 North Park, in Mansfield.
- **October 8 – Franklin County (Columbus) – [Region 6](#)** (Delaware, Franklin, Knox, Licking, Madison & Union counties). **Time and location:** 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at the OSU 4-H Youth Development Building, 2201 Fred Taylor Road, in Columbus.
- **October 15 – Morgan County (McConnelsville) – [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 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Clarence E. Miller Armory, 4497 Hawk Drive, in McConnelsville.
- **October 21 – Hamilton County (Cincinnati) – [Region 3](#)** (Adams, Brown, Butler, Clermont, Clinton, Fayette, Hamilton, Highland, and Warren counties). Time and location: 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Woodlawn Community Center, 10050 Woodlawn Blvd., in Cincinnati.
- **October 23 – Cuyahoga County (Garfield Heights) – [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 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the New Horizons Computer Learning Center of Cleveland, 1 Infinity Corporate Centre Drive - Suite 250, in Garfield Heights.

- **October 28 – Shelby County (Sidney) – [Region 4](#)** (*Auglaize, Champaign, Clark, Darke, Greene, Logan, Mercer, Miami, Montgomery, Preble, and Shelby counties*). Time and location: 6:30 p.m. 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 or (888) 757-1904.

OHIO ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINION 2014-036

MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGES & EMPLOYEES CAN CONTRIBUTE TO THEIR HEALTH INSURANCE COSTS

The Ohio Attorney General this week issued an [opinion](#) finding that municipal court judges and employees are not automatically entitled to receive health insurance coverage at no cost to them.

This opinion supports what we generally believe to be the current practice for counties that operate a municipal court. Counties are providing the same health insurance coverage to the judges and employees of the court that is provided to all other county employees. In many instances the provisions of the health insurance plan include an employee contribution or premium payment for the insurance. [Read more...](#)

NACo ACTIVITIES

RECOMMENDED PIPELINE SAFETY PRACTICES FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FACT SHEET PUBLISHED

As communities develop and expand, new businesses and housing developments are affecting the nation's existing pipeline infrastructure. These changes have implications for the more than 183,000 miles of hazardous liquid pipelines and more than 299,000 miles of natural gas transmission pipelines that move energy throughout the U.S. every day. Since county governments maintain a number of public facilities and make local land use and development decisions, it is important for county leaders be aware of how these responsibilities impact existing pipeline infrastructure.



NACo recently released the [Recommended Pipeline Safety Practices for Local Governments fact sheet](#) to introduce the Pipelines and Informed Planning Alliance's Baseline Recommended Practices that are specific to local governments and offers corresponding resources and suggestions to support implementation of each practice. [Read more...](#)

GRANTS

2015 RECYCLING & LITTER PREVENTION GRANT INFORMATIONAL MEETING - OCTOBER 31

The Ohio EPA will host an informational meeting on the 2015 Recycling & Litter Prevention Grant application process at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, October 31. The meeting will be held at the Ohio Department of Natural

Resources, 2045 Morse Road, Columbus, OH 43229, Assembly Center (Building E). There is no registration required; however, those attending are required to bring photo identification.

The following competitive grants provide opportunities for communities, local governments, businesses and nonprofit organizations to establish and implement recycling, recycling market development, litter prevention and scrap tire recycling programs.

- **Community Grant:** This funding allows Ohio communities to support and expand community recycling and litter prevention efforts.
- **Litter Management Grant:** This program accepts grant applications from Ohio communities and nonprofit organizations to support litter and tire amnesty collection projects.
- **Market Development Grant:** These funds are offered to Ohio businesses and nonprofit organizations that propose to create equipment infrastructure for successful markets of recyclable materials and related products.
- **Scrap Tire Grant:** This program provides financial assistance to Ohio's local entities to convert manufacturing operations to accept scrap tire material, expand tire processing operations, or utilize scrap tire material in civil engineering projects or manufactured products.

Grant application deadline: February 2, 2015. Grant awards will be announced in April 2015, with funding available in July 2015. Additional information can be found at www.recycleohio.gov or by contacting [Chet Chaney](#), Ohio EPA Grants Administrator, at (614) 728-0043.

FOOD INSECURITY NUTRITION INCENTIVE GRANT PROGRAM

The Food Insecurity Nutrition Incentive Grant Program will support projects to increase the purchase of fruits and vegetables among low-income consumers participating in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) by providing incentives at the point of purchase. The program will test strategies that could contribute to our understanding of how best to increase the purchase of fruits and vegetables by SNAP participants that would inform future efforts, and develop effective and efficient benefit redemption technologies. The grant program opened on September 29 and applications are due by December 15, 2014. [Click here](#) for more information.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE & THE INTERNET OF THINGS

The Internet underlies nearly every facet of our daily lives and is the foundation for much of the critical infrastructure that keeps our nation running. The systems that support electricity, financial services, transportation, and communications are increasingly interconnected. The Internet of Things - the ability of objects and devices to transfer data - is changing the way counties use technology. Join NACo for a webinar about "Critical Infrastructure and the Internet of Things" at 2:00 p.m. on October 15, 2014 that will highlight the importance of protecting critical infrastructure and properly securing all devices that are connected to the Internet. [Register here...](#)

SERB ACADEMY

The State Employment Relations Board (SERB) will host the SERB Academy on October 30-31 at the Crowne Plaza – Columbus North, 6500 Doubletree Ave, in Columbus. The Academy is the fastest way to get you up to speed on Ohio's Public Sector Collective Bargaining Law. Who should attend? Newcomers to public-sector collective bargaining, such as new managers or new employee organization officials, staff, and those who are

or will be working in positions where they need to know how Ohio's law governs labor relations in the public sector.

The Academy is an intensive two-day review of representation, dispute settlement, and unfair labor practice matters, covering the law, the administrative rules, and the day-to-day procedures of the agency. Presentations are by administrators and staff who speak from the perspective of daily experience. Materials are designed to give you easy access to the provisions of the law and the rules you need to consult. [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 to the online job posting and a deadline date. Email your classified ad to [Mary Jane Neiman](#), CCAO Public Relations Associate.

Title /For More Information. . .	Employer/Application Deadline
Executive Director – Department of JFS	Geauga County October 6, 2014
Social Services Worker 2	Clark County October 7, 2014
Budget Officer	Clark County October 13, 2014
Custodial Worker	Clark County October 13, 2014
Transportation Planner/GIS Coordinator	Ohio Mid-Eastern Government Association October 15, 2014
Eligibility/Referral Specialist	Clark County October 15, 2014
County Administrator	Medina County October 25, 2014
Engineer	Geauga County Until position is filled
Children Services Administrator	Licking County Until position is filled
Business Administrator	Clark County Until position is filled
Contract Development/Compliance Officer (2 positions available)	Clark County Until position is filled
Performance Analyst	Clark County Until position is filled
Assistant Operations Superintendent	Licking County Until position is filled