DATES TO REMEMBER

APRIL 2015  NATIONAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT MONTH

MAY 1, 2015  SELECTING PROJECT DELIVERY MODELS & BIDDING FOR PUBLIC CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS IN OHIO, THE CONFERENCE CENTER AT OCLC, DUBLIN

MAY 4, 2015  CCAO TAXATION & FINANCE COMMITTEE WEBINAR

MAY 7-8, 2015  CEBCO BOARD OF DIRECTORS RETREAT, CHERRY VALLEY LODGE, LICKING COUNTY (NEWARK)

MAY 13, 2015  SOCIAL MEDIA CHALLENGES FOR PUBLIC EMPLOYERS, A CCAO SECOND WEDNESDAY WEBINAR

MAY 13, 2015  CCAOSC WORKERS’ COMP GROUP RETRO PLAN SAFETY TRAINING, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS

MAY 20-22, 2015  NACo WESTERN INTERSTATE REGION CONFERENCE, KAUAI COUNTY (HI)

JUNE 24-25, 2015  COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SYMPOSIUM, HYATT REGENCY, COLUMBUS

JULY 10-13, 2015  NACo ANNUAL CONFERENCE, MECKLENBURG COUNTY, CHARLOTTE CONVENTION CENTER, CHARLOTTE, NC

DECEMBER 6-8, 2015  CCAO/CEAO ANNUAL WINTER CONFERENCE, GREATER COLUMBUS CONVENTION CENTER, COLUMBUS

ASSOCIATION NEWS

COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SYMPOSIUM – REGISTRATION OPEN

CCA0 is hosting a unique economic development training experience. County commissioners, county executives and county council members are asked to extend an invitation to some of their economic development partners (approximately 4 or 5, but if you would like to invite more, we can make accommodations) to join them and attend a County Economic Development Symposium on June 24-25, 2015, at the Hyatt Regency, 350 North High Street, Columbus.

Our planning committee asks you to consider inviting some of your key economic
development team members such as: local business leaders, key economic development partners (i.e., port authorities, planning commissions, sanitary engineers, OSU Extension, etc.), mayors, higher education leaders, chamber of commerce members, workforce development partners, county engineers, treasurers, recorders, or school superintendent/ESC/JVS.

The kick-off reception will be held on Thursday, June 24 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Symposium sessions begin on Friday, June 25 at 8:30 a.m. and end at 5:00 p.m.

Keynote Speakers

- **Jeff Finkle**, International Economic Development Council
- **Kenny McDonald**, Chief Economic Officer, Columbus 2020
- **Mark Partridge**, C. William Swank Chair of Rural-Urban Policy and Professor in the Agriculture, Environment and Development Economic Department, The Ohio State University

Sessions

- What Do I Need to Know about My Community?
- What Do I Do with the Information?
- Economic Gardening
- Land Banks
- Structural Models for Economic Development
- Energy as an Economic Development Strategy
- Water and Sewer: Leveraging Grants and Loans
- Water and Sewer: Shared Resources
- Broadband
- Roads and Bridges
- Incentives
- Workforce Development
- Working with State Partners
- Military and Aerospace

**Online registration** is open! **Attendance is limited to the first 300 to register.** Registration fee (includes Wednesday kick-off reception (hor d’oeuvres) and Thursday continental breakfast, breaks and lunch): $100 (by June 10), $125 (after June 10) and $150 (at the door, provided space is available.) Register soon – the planning committee is expecting a sell-out crowd!

HOTEL RESERVATIONS: Make your room reservations at the Hyatt Regency Columbus by May 27 to get the discounted room rate of $139/single or $149/double. [Click here](#) or call (800) 463-1234 for reservations.

Contact **Mary Jane Neiman**, CCAO Public Relations Associate, for symposium and sponsorship information at (614) 220-7979 or (888) 757-1904. [Read more...](#)

**CCAO TAXATION & FINANCE COMMITTEE WEBINAR - MAY 4**

The CCAO Taxation and Finance Committee extends an invitation to all county commissioners, county executives, county council members, and county auditors to attend a webinar on Monday, May 4 from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. on 1) [Ohio Checkbook.com](http://OhioCheckbook.com) recently announced by Ohio Treasurer Josh Mandel and 2) county permissive sales and use tax data listing active vendors for each county, collections by county, by number of reporting entities, and by industrial classification. The Treasurer of State’s Office has graciously agreed to host this webinar from their offices for the convenience of CCAO and the Ohio Department of Taxation. Any participants who have issue the day of the event can call Frank Kohstall at (614) 915-2215. [Read more...](#)
To sign up for this educational opportunity please log-in with the instructions below. To ensure a timely meeting please log-In at least 10 minutes prior to the start.

1. Please join my meeting. [https://www.gotomeeting.com/join/510218597](https://www.gotomeeting.com/join/510218597)
2. Use your microphone and speakers (VoIP) - a headset is recommended. Or, call in using your telephone.

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**SOCIAL MEDIA CHALLENGES FOR PUBLIC EMPLOYERS**

CCAO is pleased to offer a one-hour “Social Media Challenges for Public Employers” webinar on May 13 at 9:30 a.m. The session, presented by Jonathan Downes, an attorney with Zashin and Rich, will include case studies, the discipline of employees and the possible exposure for employers and the following points:

- Core principles to avoid social media liability,
- How to control public record requests of social media,
- New privacy laws on personal accounts,
- Using a friends list without liability,
- Hidden traps of personal blogs,
- Workplace speech not protected under the First Amendment,
- New legal rulings that change the way you send texts,
- Identifying the trip-wires for personal liability, and
- Avoiding liability from social media on personal devices.

Participants in the webinar may pose questions to the presenters who will respond during and after the power point presentation. [Click here](#) to register for this exceptional educational opportunity. There is no charge to attend the webinar.

If you experience difficulty in connecting to the link above and wish to register for the webinar, please email Amanda Jones, CCAO Program Assistant, 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. [Read more...](#)

**2015 ROSTER UPDATES & CORRECTION**

CCAO extends a warm welcome to our two newest county commissioners that have been appointed to the unexpired terms of Thomas Wheaton, former Carroll County Commissioner, and David Hartley, former Clark County Commissioner, who retired at the end of February.

**Thomas R. White** (D), Carroll County Commissioner  
130 North Star Street NW, Carrollton, OH  44615  
H.Ph. (330) 627-7183 - B.Ph. (330) 627-4869 - twhite@carrollcountyohio.us

**David Herier** (D), Clark County Commissioner  
601 Westchester Park Drive, Springfield, OH  45504  
H.Ph. (937) 505-1033 - B.Ph. (937) 521-2005 - dherier@clarkcountyohio.gov
**Roster correction:** CCAO apologizes for printing an incorrect political party affiliation in the 2015 CCAO Roster for newly elected Scioto County Commissioner Bryan K. Davis (R). Commissioner Davis is a Republican – he is not a Democrat as was mistakenly published in the Roster. Please note this correction in your copy of the Roster.

**OCCO LEGISLATIVE RECEPTION CELEBRATES NATIONAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT MONTH**

Over 275 county officials and members of the Ohio General Assembly celebrated National County Government Month by attending the Ohio Council of County Officials (OCCO) Legislative Reception on Tuesday, April 21 at the Statehouse Atrium in Columbus. OCCO thanks the Ohio Judicial Conference for sponsoring the annual event this year.

**AFFILIATE NEWS**

**FACILITY MANAGERS & LOSS CONTROL ASSOCIATIONS TO MEET JUNE 19**

The County Facilities Managers Association and the County Loss Control Coordinators Association will meet together in Lake County (Painesville) on Friday, June 19. The meeting will be held at the Lake County Utilities Training Center located, 1981 Blasé Nemeth Road, in Painesville Township. The meeting will start at 9:00 a.m. and should last until about 3:00 p.m.

The morning session will have a representative from The Garland Company give a presentation on what to be looking for on a roof inspection, preventive maintenance plans and materials for different roof applications. Lake County’s chief building inspector will be speaking about electrical safety, what maintenance and electrical technicians need to know and new laws or procedures that have gone into effect recently. In the afternoon a representative from OSU Extension will give a presentation on the application of herbicides and pesticides, type of licensing needed and the rules and regulations associated with the license.

Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP your attendance by June 5 to County Facility Manager President Chuck Klco, Buildings and Grounds Superintendent, Lake County Commissioners at (440) 350-2577.

**STATE ACTIVITIES**

**OEEF GRANT WRITING WORKSHOPS**

The Ohio Environmental Education Fund (OEEF) will host four grant-writing workshops around the state to help groups find funding for environmental projects and programs.
• **Grant Writing 101: Finding the Right Funder** is a half-day interactive workshop to help you identify foundations, corporations, and government grant programs, and how to approach difference kinds of grant makers.

• **Grant Writing 102: Writing a Winning Proposal** is a half-day interactive workshop to help you avoid common mistakes applicants make, and develop realistic objectives, activities and budgets. OEEF will be referred to during this session.

Workshops will be held on the following dates: **April 29** – Miami University, King Library – Room 303, in Oxford; **June 1** – C.H. McKenzie Agriculture Center, in Gallipolis; **June 25** – Erie County Services Complex, in Sandusky; and **November 3** – Frontier Power, in Coshocton. Additional workshops could be planned for 2015 – dates and locations to be announced. [Click here](#) for more information. Registration is required. Register with Dennis Clement at [dennis.clement@epa.ohio.gov](mailto:dennis.clement@epa.ohio.gov).

**NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR OHIO’S FIRST POET LAUREATE**

In 2014, the Ohio General Assembly created the position of Ohio Poet Laureate to foster the art of poetry, encourage literacy and learning, address central issues relating to the humanities and heritage, and encourage the reading and writing of poetry across the state. The Poet Laureate will be expected to undertake a significant cultural project, such as bringing poetry to underserved Ohioans, and will provide at least ten public readings or events annually in urban and rural settings throughout Ohio. The inaugural two-year term begins on January 1, 2016, and ends on December 31, 2017.

All nominations, including self-nominations, and submission materials must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on May 20, 2015. For more information on nomination requirements, please visit the [Ohio Arts Council website](http://www.artsnculture.gov) or [click here](#) to view a brief document detailing the position.

**FEDERAL ACTIVITIES**

**LABOR & EDUCATION DEPARTMENTS RELEASE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING ON WIOA**

The U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) and the U.S. Department of Education (ED) released a five part notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) for review governing implementation and administration of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA). DOL and ED are now accepting comments that are submitted through [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov). NACo is working on an initial review of the draft regulations to identify key issues and will provide further analysis. [Read more...](#)

**HHS PROPOSES RULE TO EXTEND MENTAL HEALTH PARITY TO MEDICAID & CHIP**

On April 6, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announced a proposed rule to apply the Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act of 2008 to Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). The federal law was meant to ensure that coverage for mental health and substance abuse treatment was on par with medical and surgical care. Through counties’ roles as employers and providers of behavioral health services, parity helps ensure Americans with mental illness and substance abuse conditions can access community-based services. [Read more...](#)

**MEDICARE ACCESS & CHIP REAUTHORIZATION ACT PASSES BOTH CHAMBERS**

On April 14, the U.S. Senate overwhelmingly voted to pass [H.R. 2, the Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015 (Public Law 114-10)](http://www.congress.gov/bill/114th-congress/house-bill/2/text), the "Doc Fix" bill, which will extend funding for multiple federal programs important to counties, including the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) and other
health care programs. The legislation passed the chamber by a vote of 92-8. The U.S. House of Representatives previously passed the bill on March 26 by a vote of 392-37 before adjourning for the spring recess. The measure now goes to the president's desk to be signed. Read more...

PORTMAN NAMED TO BUDGET CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Ohio Senator Rob Portman and others will join the House and Senate Budget Committee Chairmen who have begun laying the groundwork for House-Senate negotiations to reconcile the budget blueprints adopted in each chamber before the recess (H.Con.Res. 27 and S.Con.Res. 11). Producing a concurrent resolution that can attract enough votes to pass both chambers will be a challenge given the significant differences between them. While Congress was supposed to pass a concurrent budget resolution by April 15, this process often takes longer and in recent years has not happened at all.

The conference committee is charged with finding an agreement between the House and Senate FY 2016 budget resolutions. The committee is also charged with setting top-line defense and non-defense funding for FY 2016 and providing funding allocations for the appropriations subcommittees’ respective spending bills. The conference committee hopes to finish work on their budget by the end of April. Click here to download a PDF of the spreadsheet below detailing the House and Senate budget resolutions, as well as the congressional budget’s implications for counties. Read more...

GIBBS INTRODUCES "WATERS OF THE U.S." BILL; URGE YOUR MEMBERS OF CONGRESS TO SUPPORT H.R. 1732

Last week, the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure passed the Regulatory Integrity Protection Act of 2015 (H.R. 1732), which would require the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) to withdraw the proposed "waters of the U.S." rule within 30 days and to rewrite a new proposed rule after consultation with state and local governments. H.R. 1732 is expected to quickly move to the floor of the House for a vote. Counties are encouraged to contact their member of Congress and urge them to support this measure.

The bill was introduced on Monday, April 13 by House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Chairman Bill Shuster (R-PA) and Water Resources and Environment Subcommittee Chairman Bob Gibbs (R-OH) to address the proposed "waters of the U.S." rule. Since the proposal was unveiled in April, NACo has advocated for greater clarity and launched an online resource hub and action center. Read more...

JOYCE, GIBBS, RYAN & STIVERS SIGN LETTER TO SUPPORT MUNICIPAL BONDS

The bipartisan letter to House leadership in support of the tax exemption for municipal bond interest led by Reps. Dutch Ruppersberger (D-Md.) and Randy Hultgren (R-Ill.) closed with over 110 representatives signing the letter. Ohio Representatives David Joyce (Dist. 14-Painesville), Bob Gibbs (Dist. 7-Ashland), Tim Ryan (Dist. 13-Warren), and Steve Stivers (Dist. 15-Hilliard) signed the letter sent to Speaker of the House John Boehner (Dist. 8-West Chester) and House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi urging them to support municipal bonds and to oppose proposals that would cap or eliminate the tax exemption for municipal bond interest. Read more...

NACo ACTIVITIES

NEW NACo INITIATIVE TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WITH MENTAL ILLNESSES IN JAILS

Join NACo for a webinar on Thursday, April 30 at 2:00 p.m. to learn more about a new national initiative for counties, “Stepping Up: A National Initiative to Reduce the Number of People with Mental Illnesses in Jails”.

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This webinar will explain what the initiative is and the benefits to counties of signing on. Hear from fellow NACo members as they describe four Stepping Up launch events across the country that will highlight their accomplishments in reducing the numbers of people with mental illnesses in their jail, and how you can register to virtually attend these events. Register here...

NACo ANNUAL CONFERENCE & EXPOSITION – REGISTRATION IS OPEN

NACo’s 80th Annual Conference and Exposition will be held July 10-13 at the Charlotte Convention Center, in Mecklenburg County, (Charlotte) North Carolina. The Annual Conference provides county officials with a great opportunity to vote on NACo’s policies related to federal legislation and regulation; elect officers; network with colleagues; learn about innovative county programs; find out about issues impacting counties across the country; and view products and services from participating companies and exhibitors.

Registration is open. Register online to save $25! The largest hotel blocks are at the Westin Charlotte Hotel (headquarters) and the Hilton Charlotte City Center Hotel. Room blocks have been held at seven other downtown hotel properties. Downtown Charlotte is a very walkable city with many dining opportunities. NACo will be encouraging walking throughout the conference. Shuttle service will be available running on a 20-25 minute schedule with stops at multiple hotels. The discounted early bird registration deadline is May 29, but waiting until this date will not guarantee your hotel reservation at your first choice hotel. For more information and to register online, click here.

GRANTS

SECOND CHANCE ACT REENTRY GRANTS

The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) released a grant solicitation targeted at promoting safe and successful reentry for adults who have been incarcerated or detained. DOJ is seeking applications for Second Chance Act Two-Phase Adult Reentry Demonstration Program: Planning and Implementation. Applicants must register with Grants.gov prior to submitting an application. All applications are due to be submitted and in receipt of a successful validation message in Grants.gov by 11:59 p.m. on April 29, 2015. Read more...

2015 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR DAY OF SERVICE GRANTS

The Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) has available funding for the Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service. The funding will mobilize more Americans to observe the Martin Luther King Jr. federal holiday as a day of service in communities, to encourage those who serve on this holiday to make a long-term commitment to community service, and to bring people together to focus on service to others. Grant program priorities address one or more of the six CNCS Focus Areas: disaster services, economic opportunity, education, environmental stewardship, healthy futures, and veterans and military families. Priority consideration will be given to organizations that have disability inclusion plans to ensure people with disabilities are among those serving at their Martin Luther King Day of Service event. Application deadline: June 2, 2015. Successful applicants will be notified in July 2015. Click here for 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.

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