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AUGUST 28, 2015

CORSA ANNUAL MEETING, DOUBLE TREE, COLUMBUS/WORTHINGTON

DECEMBER 6-8, 2015

CCAO/CEAO ANNUAL WINTER CONFERENCE, GREATER COLUMBUS CONVENTION CENTER, COLUMBUS



HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!

CIDS is being published a day early this week, because the CCAO office will be closed on Friday, July 3rd in observance of the July 4th holiday. Have a happy and safe holiday weekend!

ASSOCIATION NEWS

COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT HANDBOOK CHAPTER PUBLISHED ON CCAO WEBSITE

Handbook Chapter 78 – “Economic Development: Structures and Programs to Attract and Retain Jobs” has been created and published on the web. This comprehensive chapter on the structures and programs to attract and retain jobs includes information on:

- Legal and practical definitions of economic development
- Evolving role of economic development
- Establishment and funding county and joint county offices of economic development
- County Infrastructure programs
- Workforce development
- Tourism
- Recent history of state economic development agencies
- State economic development programs
- County linked deposit programs

The Handbook Chapter also includes useful information gathered by CCAO in the form of exhibits on the primary economic development entities for each of Ohio's counties, and a map and listing of the JobsOhio Regional Economic Development Network Partners. Tables summarize state and local economic and community development programs and State Business Service and Assistance Programs.

[Click here](#) to read Chapter 78 or click on the County Commissioners Handbook button on the front page of our website at www.ccao.org. If you have any questions about county economic development structures and programs, please contact [Brad Cole](#), Managing Director of Research, at (614) 220-7981 or (888) 757-1904.

CCAO HOLDS SUCCESSFUL COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SYMPOSIUM

Last week, CCAO hosted a [County Economic Development Symposium](#) on June 24-25, 2015, at the Hyatt Regency in Columbus. Sixty-four counties attended with some of their key economic development partners. CCAO was pleased that such a diverse audience attended the Symposium and learned more about economic development on the local, national and international levels. Presentations and handouts can be found at www.ccao.org/econ-dev-symposium.



SHAREOHIO.GOV - REDUCE AND RECOVER COSTS ON HEAVY EQUIPMENT NEEDS

CCAO is pleased to offer a one-hour "ShareOhio.gov: Reduce and Recover Costs on Heavy Equipment Needs" webinar on July 8 at 9:30 a.m. The webinar will focus on ShareOhio.gov, a one-stop shop to help communities share resources, save taxpayer dollars and better utilize equipment. Since its rollout a year ago, ShareOhio.gov has gained widespread interest by governments across Ohio and the country. Join us to discuss ways ShareOhio.gov can help your community reduce or recover costs in underutilized specialty resources. Speakers will be from the Auditor of State's Office.

There is no charge to attend the webinar. To register for this exceptional educational opportunity, please [click here](#). 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, and provide her with your name, title, and email address. Participation on July 8 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...](#)

CCAO BUDGET BRIEFINGS TO BE HELD IN AUGUST

The state operating budget traditionally impacts counties more than any other legislation enacted during a General Assembly, and this year was no different. HB 64 provides funding to Ohio's counties and, moreover, enacts many other policy provisions impacting counties.

Mark your calendars and plan to attend one of the five CCAO Budget Briefings for county commissioners, county executives and council members, and chief staff members to be held in August. The same agenda will be presented at each location. The sessions begin promptly at 9:00 a.m. and end at 3:30 p.m. There is no charge to attend. Online registration opens next week.

STATE ACTIVITIES

OAG FILES LAWSUIT CHALLENGING "WATERS OF THE U.S." REGULATIONS

Earlier this week, Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine filed a lawsuit against the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the U.S. EPA over the federal government's controversial new regulations defining "waters of

the United States (WOTUS),” which were published in the Federal Register. DeWine, who was joined in the lawsuit by Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette, filed the lawsuit in federal district court in Columbus.

Pursuant to the Clean Water Act, the federal government has regulatory control over “navigable waters,” which are defined as “waters of the United States, including territorial seas.” However, new rules promulgated by the U.S. Corps and U.S. EPA attempt to define “waters of the United States” to include almost every conceivable water tributary in the country and even adjacent dry land and dry creek beds, with little limit on federal jurisdiction. The new regulations have few exceptions, notably for trivial water bodies such as “puddles” and certain swimming pools.



There is concern the overly-broad definition of “waters of the United States” could be used by the federal government to penalize landowners improperly. For example, the definition could be used to penalize a homeowner who remedies standing water on their property if it is within 1500 feet of even a normally dry stream bed.

Attorney General DeWine is asking the court to vacate the rule, enjoin the defendants from seeking to claim jurisdiction under the rule, and remand the matter so the agencies can propose new rules which are consistent with the U.S. Constitution and the Clean Water Act. The case, filed in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Ohio, Eastern Division is State of Ohio, et al v. United States Army Corps of Engineers, et al. [Click here](#) for a copy of the lawsuit.

GASB 68 INFORMATION NOW AVAILABLE



The data necessary for implementation of the GASB 68 standard affecting accrual basis employers is now available to employers. Earlier in June, an Employer Notice was sent by the Ohio Public Employee Retirement System (OPERS) with instructions on how to add the “Online GASB Report” role to users in your organization that need access to this information in order to comply with the new pension financial reporting standard. This information is needed for accrual basis employers to calculate their proportionate share of pension-related activity for disclosure on their financial statements, related notes and required supplementary information.

The new GASB standard becomes effective for accrual basis employers beginning with fiscal years ended June 30, 2015. OPERS is making the necessary information available for affected employers to comply. Under the new standard, employers are required to report a proportionate share of the retirement system’s net pension liability (or unfunded liability) on their financial statements, and other related activity, including pension expense for employers under a new methodology and extensive pension-related disclosures. The new pension standard impacts financial reporting only, not funding. The requirement to report the liability may represent a significant figure on employer financial statements, but does not affect the amount employers are required to fund under Ohio law.

Contact OPERS Employer Outreach with questions at (888) 400-0965 or via email at employeroutreach@opers.org. You can also contact OPERS Finance personnel with questions regarding the GASB 68 information via the “[OPERS GASB Inquiry](#)” on the [GASB project Web page](#).

OHIO FARMLAND PRESERVATION MEETINGS SCHEDULED

The Ohio Department of Agriculture [Office of Farmland Preservation](#) announced their fall meeting schedule:

September 9, 2015 – 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Farmland Preservation Technical Meeting and Local Sponsor Certification Presentation

Ohio Department of Agriculture, 8995 East Main Street, Bromfield Building - Auditorium A & B, Reynoldsburg. The purpose of the meeting is to review with local sponsors the Clean Ohio 2015 Local Agricultural Easement Purchase Program (LAEPP) and 2016 LAEPP Local Sponsor Certification application.



November 18, 2015 – 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Ohio Farmland Preservation Advisory Board

Ohio Department of Agriculture, 8995 East Main Street, Bromfield Building - Room 308, Reynoldsburg. The purpose of the meeting is to recommend local sponsor certifications and allocations for 2016, discuss the Clean Ohio 2016 Local Agricultural Easement Purchase Program and any other issues brought before the board.

December 2, 2015 – 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Farmland Preservation Certified Local Sponsor Training

Ohio Department of Agriculture, 8995 East Main Street, Plant Health Conference Room, Reynoldsburg. Local sponsors are invited to attend. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the Clean Ohio Local Agricultural Easement Purchase Program (LAEPP) with local sponsors and provide training on the 2016 LAEPP landowner application.

FEDERAL ACTIVITIES

ONLINE SALES TAX LEGISLATION INTRODUCED IN THE HOUSE

On June 16, the [Remote Transactions Parity Act \(RTPA\) \(H.R. 2775\)](#) was introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives. The bill's introduction injects new life into the decades-long debate on taxing the sale of goods over the Internet. RTPA, which would allow states and localities to collect taxes on online sales, received bipartisan support at introduction and currently has 19 cosponsors, including Ohio Representatives [Steve Stivers](#) (Dist. 15-Hilliard) and [David Joyce](#) (Dist. 14-Painesville).

Similar to the Marketplace Fairness Act (MFA), the RTPA creates two paths for states to require remote sellers to collect sales taxes. The first path would be for states that are members of the Streamlined Sales and Use Tax Agreement (SSUTA). Because SSUTA member states must go through certain steps to simplify their tax laws before they become members of the Agreement, they would be able to impose sales tax collection requirements on remote sellers after the bill is enacted. For non-SSUTA members, they would be able to require collection if they implement certain tax law simplification requirements that are essentially the same requirements found in the MFA. There are some differences between the RTPA and the MFA worth noting; it remains unclear at this point how the differences between the two bills might be resolved. [Read more...](#)

OSU EXTENSION UPDATE

DAVIS NAMED INTERIM DIRECTOR OF OSU EXTENSION

Greg Davis has been tapped to serve as interim director of Ohio State University Extension. Now Extension's assistant director overseeing community development, Davis began his role Wednesday, July 1, as Director Keith Smith began his first day of retirement following 23 years as leader. OSU Extension is the outreach arm of the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences. [Read more...](#)



INNOVATION CHALLENGE

AMAZON LAUNCHES \$250,000 CLOUD COMPETITION FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Cloud provider Amazon Web Services (AWS) announced on June 25 its second City on a Cloud Innovation Challenge. The competition, which will accept entries until August 21, seeks to recognize eight leading government project ideas that could be made possible by the use of the AWS cloud. Winners will be awarded a total of \$250,000 in three categories. Competitors will be judged based on the impact of the idea, likelihood of long-term success, use of AWS and the potential for project expansion in other local governments. [Read more...](#)



NACo ACTIVITIES

NACo ANNUAL CONFERENCE & EXPOSITION; 4 CANDIDATES RUNNING FOR 2ND VP

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. For more information about the conference, [click here](#).

NACo 2nd VP Candidates: In recent weeks, four individuals have announced their candidacy for the office of NACo 2nd Vice President: [Liz Archuleta](#), Coconino County Supervisor (AZ); [Roy Brooks](#), Tarrant County Commissioner (TX); [Bill Cox](#), Rich County Commissioner (UT); and [Larry Johnson](#), DeKalb County Commissioner (GA).

Learn more about the candidates: To learn more about the candidates, plan to attend the NACo 2nd Vice President Candidate Forum on Sunday, July 12 from 1:45-2:30 p.m. at the Charlotte Convention Center in the Crowne Ballroom.



Ohio Caucus: Later that afternoon, please attend the Ohio Caucus Meeting at 4:00-5:00 p.m. in the Convention Center in Room 206A. All Ohio conference attendees are invited to attend CCAO's caucus to meet the candidates. It is important that the county delegate and alternate plan to attend so that CCAO knows how to cast your county's ballot.

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.

WELLNESS COORDINATOR

The County Employee Benefits Consortium (CEBCO) was created by the County Commissioners Association of Ohio (CCAO) to meet the needs of Ohio's counties in providing employee health and wellness benefits.

CEBCO seeks an additional Wellness Coordinator to support continued growth of the program.

Job responsibilities: Research, create and implement wellness programs for multiple counties. Compile and analyze medical data relevant to a wellness program. Design employee communication materials appropriate to county wellness programs. Develop and deliver health and wellness educational programs. Assist counties in creating their own programs relevant to their population.

Qualifications: College degree in related field with a preference for nursing or comparable clinical-based orientation. Experience in managing health and wellness programs. Valid Ohio Driver's License and ability to meet Ohio insurance licensure requirements.

CCAO/CEBCO offers an excellent benefits package and is located in the heart of downtown Columbus with free on-site parking. Please send resume and cover letter indicating salary requirements to [Amanda Jones](#), CCAO Program Assistant, on or before July 17, 2015. We are an equal opportunity employer.

Title /For More Information. . .	Employer/Application Deadline
Project Manager	Henry County July 31, 2015
Emergency Communications Supervisor	Warren County July 3, 2015
Emergency Communications Operator	Warren County July 3, 2015
Emergency Communications Call Taker	Warren County July 3, 2015
Chief Innovation Officer	Cuyahoga County Until position is filled
JFS Director	Delaware County Until position is filled
Economic Development Director	Delaware County Until position is filled
Eligibility Referral Specialist II	Holmes County Until position is filled
Chief Building Official	Lake County Until position is filled
Dog Warden	Licking County Until position is filled
Case Manager/Investigator Supervisor 2	Lorain County Until position is filled