



DATES TO REMEMBER

- AUGUST 17, 2015 [CCAO BUDGET BRIEFING & OSU EXTENSION UPDATE](#)
WOOD COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, WOOD
COUNTY (BOWLING GREEN)
- AUGUST 20, 2015 [CCAO BUDGET BRIEFING & OSU EXTENSION UPDATE](#)
WARREN COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, WARREN
COUNTY (LEBANON)
- AUGUST 27, 2015 [CCAO BUDGET BRIEFING & OSU EXTENSION UPDATE](#)
CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS
- AUGUST 28, 2015 **CORSA ANNUAL MEETING**
DOUBLE TREE COLUMBUS/WORTHINGTON, COLUMBUS
- AUGUST 28, 2015 [CCAO WATER QUALITY TASK FORCE MEETING](#)
WRIGHT STATE UNIVERSITY LAKE CAMPUS, MERCER
COUNTY (CELINA)
- SEPTEMBER 1, 2015 [CORSA CYBER SECURITY SEMINAR](#)
HOWARD JOHNSON INN, ALLEN COUNTY (LIMA)
- SEPTEMBER 8, 2015 [CORSA CYBER SECURITY SEMINAR](#)
THE GALAXY RESTAURANT, MEDINA COUNTY
(WADSWORTH)
- SEPTEMBER 9, 2015 [A NEW WAY TO WORK: AN UPDATE ON THE
COMPREHENSIVE CASE MANAGEMENT & EMPLOYMENT
PROGRAM](#)
A CCAO SECOND WEDNESDAY WEBINAR
- SEPTEMBER 10-11, 2015 **CORSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS RETREAT**
SAWMILL CREEK RESORT, ERIE COUNTY (HURON)
- SEPTEMBER 15, 2015 [CORSA CYBER SECURITY SEMINAR](#)
HOLIDAY INN ROBERTS CENTRE, CLINTON COUNTY
(WILMINGTON)

- SEPTEMBER 17, 2015 JOINT ELECTIONS COMMITTEE
 CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS

- SEPTEMBER 17, 2015 CCAO GENERAL GOVERNMENT & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
 CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS

- SEPTEMBER 18, 2015 CCAO BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
 CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS

- SEPTEMBER 30, 2015 [CORSA CYBER SECURITY SEMINAR](#)
 MUSKINGUM COUNTY WELCOME CENTER, MUSKINGUM
 COUNTY (ZANESVILLE)

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

ASSOCIATION NEWS

CCAO Budget Briefings – Still Time to Register

This week, CCAO held Budget Briefings and OSU Extension Updates in Wayne and Hocking counties with over 75 county commissioners, their chief staff members, and OSU Extension in attendance. There is still time to register for one of the next three [budget briefings](#) and updates to be held in Wood and Warren counties and at the CCAO office.



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.

OSU Extension and the College of Food, Agriculture and Environmental Sciences will join CCAO for these meetings sharing program, staffing, and organizational updates.

Mark your calendars and plan to attend one of the next three CCAO Budget Briefings. The same agenda will be presented at each location. The sessions begin promptly at 9:00 a.m. and end at 2:30 p.m. Lunch will be provided. **There is no charge to attend. Pre-registration is necessary.**

AGENDA

- 9:00 a.m. Registration/Coffee
- 9:15 a.m. Welcome
- 9:30 a.m. OSU Extension Update
- 9:45 a.m. CCAO Comments

10:00 a.m. CCAO Budget Overview
11:45 a.m. Lunch
12:30 p.m. CCAO Budget Overview (Continued)
2:30 p.m. Adjourn

DATES AND LOCATIONS

Click on a date below to register online for one of the last three briefings!

- [August 17](#) - Wood County Administration Building, One Courthouse Square, Wood County (Bowling Green)
- [August 20](#) - Warren County Administration Building, 406 Justice Drive, Warren County (Lebanon)
- [August 27](#) - CCAO Offices, 209 E State Street, Franklin County (Columbus)

If you have to cancel your registration for any reason, please contact [Amanda Jones](#), CCAO Program Assistant, at (614) 220-7985, (888) 757-1904, and fax (614) 221-6986.

CORSA Regional Cyber Security Seminars to be Held in September

CORSA and the CORSA Cyber Security Risk Management Panel are hosting regional one-day seminars during the month of September. Registration begins at 8:45 a.m. and the seminar concludes at 3:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided.

These seminars will have information that is pertinent to elected officials, IT staff, loss control staff, and anyone who is interested in cyber security issues. Seminar topics:

- Navigating the Cyber Security Battlefield
- How to Better Protect Ourselves from Hackers
- Social Engineering
- Panel discussion about cyber issues in counties



Seminar Dates and Locations

September 1 – Howard Johnson Inn, 1920 Roschman Avenue, Allen County (Lima)

September 8 – The Galaxy Restaurant, 201 Park Centre Drive, Medina County (Wadsworth)

September 15 – Holiday Inn Roberts Center, 123 Gano Road, Clinton County (Wilmington)

September 30 – Muskingum County Welcome Center, 205 N. Fifth Street, Muskingum County (Zanesville)

Registration fee: no cost to CORSA members and agents; non-CORSA members - \$25. If you have any questions, please contact [Sherry Barbosky](#), CORSA Underwriting Manager, at (614) 220-7995, or [Jim Hale](#), CORSA Risk Control Consultant, at (614) 246-1630. [Read more...](#)

A New Way to Work: An Update on the Comprehensive Case Management & Employment Program

CCAO is pleased to offer a one-hour “A New Way to Work: An Update on the Comprehensive Case Management and Employment Program” webinar on September 9 at 9:30 a.m. Ohio’s new state operating budget establishes a statewide framework that is designed to transform the network of human service and workforce programs to find a “New Way to Work” for Ohioans in poverty, focusing on with 16- to 24-year-olds, where early intervention can have the greatest impact. This is to be accomplished by aligning Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) monies, with the goal of ensuring that the strengths of local workforce and human services systems are leveraged in a way that focuses on people, not programs.

Douglas Lumpkin, deputy director of the Office of Human Services Innovation (OHSI), will provide an update on the Comprehensive Case Management and Employment Program recently signed into law and specifically address:

- Implementation timeline
- County plan requirements
- Designation of a lead agency
- Fiscal update
- Populations served

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.

Interactive participation on September 9 is limited to the first 100 to sign-on to the webinar that morning. If you cannot sign-on, you can listen to the webinar via phone by calling the number listed on your webinar confirmation. A copy of the presentation will be emailed to all registrants prior to the seminar.

For additional information regarding the topic for this webinar, please contact [Brad Cole](#), CCAO Managing Director of Research. [Read more...](#)

STATE ACTIVITIES

SOS Removes Fracking Charter Proposals from Ballot in Athens, Fulton and Medina Counties

Ohio Secretary of State Jon Husted on Thursday ruled on protests filed with his office that questioned the validity of county charter ballot proposals in Athens, Fulton and Medina counties. In all three counties, the Secretary upheld the protests by invalidating the charter proposals and certifying that they would not receive a place on the November 3, 2015 General Election ballot. CCAO filed an amicus brief as in interested party.

As part of his decision, the Secretary found that the proposed provisions in each of the charters relating to oil and gas exploration represented an attempt to circumvent state law in a manner the courts have already found to be in violation of the Ohio Constitution.

Under the Ohio Revised Code, the Secretary, in his role as the chief elections officer, is required to determine the validity of both the proposal and the petitions submitted and rule on whether or not the petition should qualify for the ballot. Furthermore, the Secretary insisted that the proposed ballot initiatives fail to properly establish an “alternative form of county government” as prescribed by Section 301 and 302 of the Ohio Revised Code.

“Having carefully reviewed the law, court decisions and the materials submitted in connection with the protests, I find that the... petitions violate... provisions of statutory and Ohio constitutional law,” wrote the Secretary. [Read more...](#)

[Click here](#) for a copy of the Secretary’s decision that has been sent to the Athens, Fulton and Medina Commissioners and Board of Elections members.

OAG Extends Deadline for Rock Salt Settlement Claims to August 21

Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine has extended the deadline that Ohio public entities will have to submit claims for funding available through the Attorney General’s \$11.5 million settlement with Cargill and Morton Salt over past rock salt prices. The deadline to submit a claim was August 7 and has been extended two weeks until August 21.



“We’ve had a great response from public purchasers throughout Ohio and we’re continuing to receive claims,” Attorney General DeWine said. “Because this funding is money that otherwise would not have been returned to Ohio communities, we want to make sure that every community has the opportunity to receive its fair share.”

Approximately \$6.8 million of the settlement is available for local governments that bought rock salt from Cargill or Morton Salt between July 1, 2008, and June 30, 2011. Entities must submit a claim in order to receive funds, and claims can be submitted on the [Ohio Attorney General’s website](#). (Entities that already submitted a claim do not need to resubmit their claims.)

To date, the Ohio Attorney General’s Office has received more than 770 claims from cities, county engineers, and other public entities throughout Ohio. A list of those entities is [available here](#).

Attorney General DeWine’s settlement with Cargill and Morton Salt resolved a 2012 lawsuit alleging that the companies divided up the Ohio rock salt market and agreed not to compete with each other for public bids during a period ending in 2010.

Although Morton and Cargill admitted no wrongdoing, they agreed to pay \$11.5 million to resolve the state's case. While most of the settlement funds will be distributed among local public purchasers, additional payments will go to the Ohio Department of Transportation (the state's largest single rock salt purchaser), the Ohio Turnpike Commission, and, as required by law, the state's antitrust fund.

Ohio public entities that want to submit a claim or learn more about the claims process should visit www.OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov/RockSalt or contact the [Ohio Attorney General's Antitrust Section](#).

Connector Readiness: Transition to the OPERS Medicare Connector

In 2016, OPERS will introduce a Medicare Connector for Medicare retirees enrolled in Medicare Parts A and B. As a result, effective December 31, 2015, OPERS will no longer sponsor a group Medicare Advantage plan or Medicare D prescription plan for these retirees.

Instead, retirees will select a Medigap (Medicare Supplement) or Medicare Advantage plan and a Medicare D prescription drug plan on the individual Medicare market that best suits their personal needs, with individual coverage going into effect January 1, 2016. OPERS states that there are many affordable plans available on the individual market and the Medicare Connector, which will allow OPERS retirees access to more plan choices than ever before.



Not eligible for Medicare Part A? The Ohio legislature approved a provision that will allow participation in the OPERS Medicare Connector for OPERS retirees who do not qualify for premium-free Medicare Part A insurance. The Medicare Part A law will allow OPERS members who did not contribute to Medicare Part A during their careers to join the Connector.

Under the new plan, OPERS will reimburse the retirees' Medicare Part A premium as well as any applicable surcharges when the retiree enrolls in Medicare Part A and selects a plan through the OPERS Medicare Connector. These retirees would then receive an applicable allowance. OPERS also will reimburse a portion of the premium for retirees' spouses, as well as any applicable surcharges. [Read more...](#)

More information:

- Connector Readiness [Toolkit](#) and [Videos](#)
- Get Ready with OneExchange [Webinars](#) – webinars will be held three times per week through September
- Retirees can also view a [live recording of an actual in-person presentation](#)

Secretary of State Certifies Signatures for ResponsibleOhio Marijuana Constitutional Amendment

On Wednesday, Secretary of State Jon Husted certified that petitioners seeking to place a constitutional amendment on the November 2015 ballot have collected 44,185 additional, supplemental signatures. This number joins the 276,082 valid signatures the group submitted on June 30, 2015 for a total of 320,267 valid signatures. The petitioners, known as ResponsibleOhio, needed to gather 305,591 signatures in order to secure a place on the ballot, a number equal to 10 percent of the total votes cast for governor in the most recent gubernatorial election, 2014.

As part of the total number of signatures needed to place the measure on the ballot, petitioners are also required to have submitted signatures from at least 44 of Ohio's 88 counties, and within each of those counties, collected enough signatures equal to five percent of the total vote cast for governor in the most recent gubernatorial election, 2014. The petitioners met this requirement in their first signature submission, having collected enough signatures to meet the five percent threshold in 73 counties.

Having met the constitutional and legal requirements to place the matter before Ohio voters, the issue will appear on the ballot during the General Election held on November 3, 2015. The Ballot Board will meet on August 18 to approve the ballot language that voters will consider this fall. [Read more...](#)

Lake Erie License Plate Proceeds Fund Projects to Benefit the Watershed

The Ohio Lake Erie Commission (OLEC) awarded three grants through Ohio's Lake Erie Protection Fund to Heidelberg University, The Ohio State University and Cleveland State University. The fund was established to help finance research and projects aimed at protecting, preserving and restoring Lake Erie and its watershed. The fund is supported by Ohioans through tax-deductible donations or purchase of a Lake Erie license plate displaying the Marblehead Lighthouse or the Lake Erie life preserver. [Read more...](#)

All proceeds from the sale of Lake Erie license plates are used to fund grants to benefit Ohio's Great Lake. OLEC was established to preserve Lake Erie's natural resources, protect the quality of its waters and ecosystem and promote economic development in the region. For more information on the Lake Erie Protection Fund or to read about past grant projects, visit <http://lakeerie.ohio.gov/>.



FEDERAL ACTIVITIES

Latta Drinking Water Protection Legislation Signed into Law

U.S. Representative [Bob Latta](#) (Dist. 5-Bowling Green) praised President Barack Obama's signing of [H.R. 212 - Drinking Water Protection Act](#) this week. Authored and introduced by Latta, the law amends the Safe Drinking Water Act to address algal toxins. The bill was co-sponsored by Ohio Representatives [David Joyce](#) (Dist. 14-Painesville) and [Marcy Kaptur](#) (Dist. 9-Toledo).



"The Drinking Water Protection Act, now signed into law by the President, is a major step in addressing the crisis Ohioans faced last year when microcystin contaminated public drinking water, leaving nearly 500,000 residents unable to safely use their water," he said. "As algal toxins continue to be a growing threat to public drinking water - not just in Ohio, but across the country - I authored this bill in order to begin addressing this problem," stated Latta.

Under the new law, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency must form a strategic plan within 90 days to assess and manage risks of algal toxins. [Read more...](#)

USDA Designates Indiana Counties and 8 Contiguous Ohio Counties as Natural Disaster Areas

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has designated 53 counties in Indiana as primary natural disaster areas due to damages and losses caused by excessive rain and flooding that occurred during the period of May 1, 2015 and continues. The following eight Ohio counties also qualify for natural disaster assistance because their counties are contiguous to Indiana: Butler, Darke, Defiance, Hamilton, Mercer, Paulding, Preble, and Van Wert.

All counties were designated natural disaster areas on August 12, 2015, 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. Additional information is also available online at <http://disaster.fsa.usda.gov>. [Read more...](#)

U.S. Census Bureau Releases Reports

This week, the U.S. Census Bureau released the following reports:



- **Commuting Report and County-to-County Commuting Flows Table Package**
[Who Drives to Work? Commuting by Automobile in the United States, 2013](#) looks at commuting by private vehicle. The report highlights differences in rates of automobile commuting by population characteristics such as age, race, ethnicity, place of birth and the types of communities in which workers live, based on data collected during the 2013 American Community Survey. Also released is a [county-to-county commuting flows table package](#) that looks at traveling to work between counties and the primary travel mode people use, based on American Community Survey data collected from 2006 to 2013.
- **OnTheMap Update**
The Census Bureau released version 6.4.1 of the [OnTheMap](#) application, which now contains 12 years of data (2002-2013). The 2013 statistics contain data for 48 states and the District of Columbia. Along with the release in OnTheMap, the 2013 data have been made available for [download](#) as data files. Additionally, OnTheMap for Emergency Management will be updated to reflect the 2013 data. Visit [census.gov](#) for more information on these updated data products and data tools.

EDUCATION

Building Community Support for Environmental Stewardship

Join the National Association of Counties, the National Fish and Wildfire Foundation and the Wildlife Habitat Council on August 18, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. for the Five Star and Urban Waters program webinar “Building Community Support for Environmental Stewardship.” Participants will learn from leaders of environmental restoration projects across the country that have successfully used media to the maximum benefit, explored intersections of recreational water uses and stewardship and worked with non-traditional partners on environmental projects.

Featured Speakers:

- Roald Hazelhoff, Director, Southern Environmental Center, Birmingham-Southern College
- Brittany Tate, Senior Grant Manager and Education Coordinator, Choctawhatchee Basin Alliance
- Brian Williams, Forest Restoration Manager, Trees Atlanta

[Register here...](#)

Stepping Up: Examining Treatment and Service Capacity and Identifying State and Local Policy and Funding Barriers

Join NACo on August 20, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. for the next webinar in the Stepping Up series to learn about strategies for examining treatment and service capacity and identifying state and local

policy and funding barriers to minimizing contact with the justice system and providing treatment and supports in the community. As the first of three webinars focused on Module 3 of Stepping Up, a national expert will provide an overview of the Sequential Intercept Model to identify criminal justice system intercept points (e.g., arrest, pretrial, reentry, etc.) where change can be made to reduce the number of people with mental illnesses in jails. Additionally, a county will share its process for assessing their capacity, opportunities and barriers to implementing policies to impact this population. The following two webinars in this module will provide more detail on the two areas that can have the most impact on reducing the number of people with mental illnesses in jails: law enforcement and diversion practices and connecting people to community-based services upon release. [Register here...](#)

Stepping Up: Effective Law Enforcement and Diversion Strategies

Join NACo on September 10, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. for the next webinar in the Stepping Up series to learn about key law enforcement and diversion strategies for reducing the number of people with mental illnesses in jails. As the second of three webinars focused on Module 3 of Stepping Up, county law enforcement and behavioral health practitioners will share law enforcement-focused policies, practices and programs they have established and the impact they have had on these numbers. Attendees are encouraged to first review the first webinar in this module before watching this one. The final webinar in this module will focus on effective strategies for connecting people to community-based services after their release from jails. [Register here...](#)

CLASSIFIEDS

CCAO publishes classified ads on our [website](#) free of charge as a service to counties. Ads will be published until the application deadline. 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.

<http://www.ccao.org/classified-ads>