



DATES TO REMEMBER

- OCTOBER 21, 2015 **COUNTY LAND BANKS: ARE THEY A GOOD FIT FOR US?**
A CCAO SECOND WEDNESDAY WEBINAR
(WEBINAR TOPIC AND DATE HAVE CHANGED)
- OCTOBER 22, 2015 **CCAO TAXATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**
CONFERENCE CALL
- OCTOBER 28, 2015 **CCAOSC ENERGY COMMITTEE ANNUAL MEETING**
CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS
- NOVEMBER 4, 2015 **CCAO SMALL COUNTY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**
CONFERENCE CALL
- NOVEMBER 11, 2015 **VETERANS' DAY**
- NOVEMBER 12, 2015 **REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS UNDER THE ADA**
A CCAO SECOND WEDNESDAY WEBINAR
(DATE CHANGED IN REMEMBRANCE OF VETERANS' DAY)
- NOVEMBER 13, 2015 **CCAO BOARD OF DIRECTORS**
CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS
- NOVEMBER 17, 2015 **CCAO/CEBCO AFFORDABLE CARE ACT REPORTING AND
UPDATE WEBINAR**
- NOVEMBER 20, 2015 **CEBCO BOARD OF DIRECTORS**
CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS
- NOVEMBER 20, 2015 **CORSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS**
CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS
- NOVEMBER 26, 2015 **THANKSGIVING DAY**
- DECEMBER 6-8, 2015 **CCAO/CEAO ANNUAL WINTER CONFERENCE**
GREATER COLUMBUS CONVENTION CENTER
COLUMBUS

ASSOCIATION NEWS

CCAO/CEAO Winter Conference – registration open

Join CCAO/CEAO for our Annual Winter Conference to be held on December 6-8 at the Greater Columbus Convention Center (GCCC), 400 North High Street, in downtown Columbus. All meetings and the trade show will be held at the Greater Columbus Convention Center. Registration materials were emailed to county commissioners, county engineers and their staff, CCAO/CEAO affiliate members, and vendors this week. CCAO/CEAO encourages all attendees to [register online](#).



The conference is designed to help county officials and staff share ideas, gain knowledge and develop new and effective ways to deliver county services. CCAO/CEAO is building on last year's success and incorporating your feedback to host a productive conference. Mark your calendar and plan to attend!

[Click here](#) to see “what’s new” at the conference!

The headquarters hotel will be the [Hyatt Regency Columbus](#), which is connected to the GCCC. The Sunday night reception, hospitality suites, and a block of hotel rooms are at the Hyatt. An additional block of hotel rooms has been held at the [Drury Inn](#) (Drury group access code – 2209512). Click on the hotel reservation links above or see the hotel information on the conference registration form.

County Land Banks: Are They a Good Fit for Us? – CCAO 2nd Wednesday Webinar

CCAO is pleased to offer a one-hour “County Land Banks: Are They a Good Fit for Us?” webinar on Oct. 21 at 9:30 a.m. Emerging in response to the foreclosure crisis, land banks serve as a way to strategically acquire properties, return them to productive use, reduce blight, increase property values and improve the quality of life for residents. Effective Sept. 29, 2015, the state budget permits any county to establish a land reutilization corporation, also known as a land bank. Prior to this change, land banks were required to have a population of at least 60,000. This webinar will provide basic information about how to form and operate a successful land bank and if the fit is right for your county. Topics include:

- What is a county land bank?
- 10 reasons you need a land bank
- Reasons not to create a land bank
- How to operate a county land bank

Registration: Webinar participants may pose questions during and after the presentation. To register for this exceptional educational opportunity, please click on this link:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/762577653357402370>

There is no charge to attend the webinar. If you experience difficulty in connecting to the link above and you wish to register for the webinar, please email [Amanda Jones](mailto:Amanda.Jones@ccao.org), CCAO Program Assistant, and provide her with your name, title, county or organization, and email address.

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

ACA reporting deadlines: are you ready?

With 2016 approaching, employers have new responsibilities resulting from the Affordable Care Act (ACA). New reporting obligations – both to your employees and to the federal government – are looming. CCAO/CEBCO have scheduled this webinar to review these requirements in response to requests from several counties. *All counties are invited to participate in this webinar.*

Join CCAO/CEBCO for a webinar on “Affordable Care Act Reporting and Update” on Tuesday, November 17 at 9:30 a.m. to hear Marc Fishel of Fishel Hass Kim Albrecht LLC provide expert analysis and insight regarding the latest developments about the ACA. Topics include: reporting requirements, the Excise (“Cadillac”) Tax and how you can manage your program to reduce the impact.

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For additional information regarding the topic for this webinar, please contact [Doug Foust](mailto:Doug.Foust@ccao.org), CCAO Managing Director of Health and Wellness, at (614) 221-5627 or (888) 757-1904.

CCAOSC launches new Solar Savings Initiative

After receiving careful review from the CCAO Service Corporation (CCAOSC) Energy Executive Committee and the CCAOSC Advisory Board, we are pleased to announce the start of our new Solar Savings Initiative. This initiative is the result of working with our energy consultants at Palmer Energy to carefully study under what circumstances solar can help counties save on their electric bills. While historically we have advised some counties against entering into solar agreements, several factors have since changed in the market. These factors include declining installation costs, improved technology and the rising cost of electricity.



The fact pattern under which savings are possible for counties involves facilities that consume large quantities of electricity that are surrounded by available land. Specifically, a facility having annual electric use in excess of 500,000 kilowatt-hours and/or monthly peak demands of 200 kilowatts or more. These facilities must have land in the direct vicinity of the facility in order to feed the solar generation into the facility’s meter.

Call for an assessment and further details between now and Nov. 6, 2015 to see if your particular location is a good fit.

Just like with our current natural gas and electric programs, CCAOSC and Palmer Energy will provide legal and technical assistance to help counties negotiate and enter into the best possible agreement with a solar developer selected through the RFP process.

[Click here](#) for additional information about our Solar Savings Initiative. If you are interested or have questions, please contact [Keith Blosser](#), Managing Director of Operations, at (614) 220-7978 or Palmer Energy Company's [Kirkland Mizerek](#) at (419) 349-5990.

STATE ACTIVITIES

Tri-State area collaborates to maximize growth in shale gas industry

In an effort to maximize growth in the shale gas region, Ohio has entered into a three-year [regional cooperation agreement](#) with West Virginia and Pennsylvania to collaborate on areas critical to the success of the growing industry. The agreement was signed at the Tri-State Shale Summit held in Morgantown, West Virginia.

As part of the new agreement, the three neighboring states within the Appalachian Basin will discuss ways to cooperate in marketing efforts to attract new businesses, strengthen workforce development programs, spur investments in expanding infrastructure and delivery of natural gas and liquids, and encourage its academic institutions to expand and collaborate on research.

Ohio's horizontal shale wells recently produced a record 10 million barrels of oil and 405 billion cubic feet of natural gas in the first half of this year. Production continues to rise as oil increased by more than 5.6 million barrels and gas by 250 billion cubic feet compared to the first half of 2014 – a 126 and 160 percent increase, respectively. [Read more...](#)

OAG launches cybersecurity awareness campaign

Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine is launching a cybersecurity awareness campaign to help protect Ohioans from identity theft and cyber fraud. This year, the OAG's Consumer Protection Section received a \$25,000 grant from the Sears Consumer Protection and Education Fund to build public awareness of cybersecurity. The grant-funded program includes cybersecurity messages that will be displayed in public transportation vehicles, mainly buses, in Cleveland, Dayton, Toledo, and Columbus (Ohio State), beginning in October.



Additionally, students at seven Ohio law schools have been trained to deliver cybersecurity presentations to communities. The presentation, called Cybersecurity Help, Information, and Protection Program (CHIPP), focuses on security and privacy. Groups seeking cybersecurity

resources or presentations should contact the Ohio Attorney General's Office by visiting www.OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov or by calling (800) 282-0515 and asking for the Consumer Education Unit. [Read more...](#)

FEDERAL ACTIVITIES

U.S. Court of Appeals delays WOTUS rule nationwide

On Oct. 9, the 6th Circuit of the U.S. Court of Appeals issued an order to temporarily delay the "Waters of the U.S." (WOTUS) rule. The order was in response to challenges brought by Ohio and 17 other states (Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, West Virginia and Wisconsin). This comes after an Aug. 27 court decision in the U.S. District Court of North Dakota to stay the rule in 13 states. Prior to the Court of Appeals ruling, however, the EPA was still legally allowed to implement the final rule in the remaining 37 states.

The suits filed by the states were among a multitude of lawsuits filed in separate district courts across the country. The state challenges were subsequently consolidated in the 6th Circuit. Two of the three Appeals Court judges held that the states bringing the challenges "have demonstrated a substantial possibility of success on the merits of their claims." In the coming weeks, the court must determine whether it has jurisdiction over the consolidated case. Until this is decided, the 6th Circuit Court determined that the rule should be temporarily delayed.

For more information, [click here](#) to visit NACo's online resource hub and action center.

DOL awards \$2 million to help dislocated Ohio coal workers

The U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) awarded a \$2 million National Dislocated Worker Grant to the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services for reemployment and training services to dislocated workers impacted by coal industry layoffs in Ohio. The grant is part of the [Partnership for Opportunity and Workforce and Economic Revitalization \(POWER\) Initiative](#) announced in March.

The grant's funds will provide training, work-based learning, and supportive services to dislocated coal miners and other dislocated workers impacted by mass layoffs in the coal industry. Training will help these workers prepare for in-demand jobs generated by the rapid expansion of the oil and gas industry in Ohio's Appalachian region. [Read more...](#)

EDUCATION

Legislative update on Congress and county priorities

With the end of the year quickly approaching, there are several serious issues that Congress must address including how to finalize the fiscal year 2016 appropriations process, how to proceed on a long-term surface transportation bill when the short term extension expires in October, and whether or not to raise the federal debt ceiling. The work that Congress must complete is further complicated by the recent dynamics in the U.S. House of Representatives and ongoing leadership uncertainty.



Join NACo on Tues., Oct. 20 at 3 p.m. to hear how county priorities have fared in the first session of the 114th Congress and the recent developments that could impact what counties can expect going into 2016, including:

- Fiscal year 2016 appropriations and budget outlook
- Surface transportation reauthorization
- Marketplace Fairness Act
- Tax reform and other initiatives impacting state and local tax authority
- Public lands issues
- Mental health reform and justice issues

[Register here...](#)

NACo to host next cyber security webinar

October is National Cyber Security Awareness Month (NCSAM). In collaboration with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, NACo will dedicate a webinar each week to a specific theme to bring awareness to cybersecurity and individual cyber hygiene. On Wednesday, Oct. 28 at 2 p.m., NACo will focus on cybersecurity awareness and education in schools at all levels, and how to build a cyber workforce that is ready to meet tomorrow's technology needs. [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>