



TREASURY NOTES

Fall 2017

COUNTY TREASURERS' ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS 2016-2017 OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Executive Board

Tim Funchess	President	Jefferson
Cheryl Chambers	President-Elect	Ellis
Jan Hartl	1 st Vice President	Wilson
Shawn Walston	2 nd Vice President	Concho
Tracy Soldan	Secretary	Kerr
Mitzi Baker	Treasurer	Midland
Renee Couch	Immediate Past President	Comal

Appointments

Renee Couch	Historian/Treasurer Notes Editor	Comal
Cindy Yeatts Browns	TAC Representative	Denton
Bob Hampton	Parliamentarian	Wichita
Dianna Spieker	Research Liaison	Tom Green

Sector Directors

Sector 1 (Regions 1-4)	Leann Jennings	Potter
Sector 2 (Regions 5-8)	Kathy Davis	Hood
Sector 3 (Regions 9-12)	Lori Rangel-Pompa	Caldwell
Sector 4 (At Large)	Norma G. Garcia	Hidalgo

Region Directors

Region 1	Glenna Canada	Randall	2014
Region 2	Michael Lord, Jr.	Gaines	2012
Region 3	Carolyn Huelster	Irion	2014
Region 4	Barry McCallister	Pecos	2012
Region 5	Kim Gibby	Jack	2014
Region 6	Ann Strube	Runnels	2015
Region 7	Teresa Kassell	Llano	2016
Region 8	Priscilla A. Cantu	Kleberg	2014
Region 9	Teri Pruitt	Van Zandt	2011
Region 10	Terri Williams	Polk	2015
Region 11	Melinda "Lyndy" Krause	Lee	2014
Region 12	Mary Horton	Jackson	2011

45th Annual County Treasurers' Continuing Education Seminar was held in April at the beautiful Hyatt Regency Lost Pines Resort and Spa. Thank you to the Education Committee for the great line up of speakers.











2017 TEXAS OUTSTANDING COUNTY TREASURER - FINALIST
Region 6 Shawn Walston
Concho County

Shawn Walston has been the Concho County Treasurer for the last 2 terms and was appointed for the unexpired term. Shawn currently receives and deposits all county revenues. Acts as chief liaison between the county and depository banks. Prepares and disburses payroll. Disburses funds upon the order of the Commissioners Court. Records receipts and expenditures and reconciles bank statements.

Designated as the county's investment officer and required to submit regular reports on county finance to the members of the Commissioners Court. She is the county's human resources officer, employee benefits coordinator, risk manager and insurance coordinator. She has implemented mandatory direct deposits, a debt management program, and a Health and Wellness Program alongside Texas Association of Counties in her tenure. She also has some audit responsibilities as she is a county without an Auditor.

She is a member of County Investment Academy, she has served on the CTAT Board as Education Chair currently and in the past, and is currently serving as your Second Vice President and formerly as your Secretary.



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Region 7 Renee Couch

Comal County



On behalf of Region 7 County Treasurer's Association, it is with pride we nominate the Honorable Renee L. Couch of Comal County. Renee has served as County Treasurer for almost 10 years and has served on the CTAT Board for 9 of those years. Renee was nominated to the CTAT Executive Board in 2011 and is currently serving as Past President.

When Renee was first elected as Treasurer, she became active on the CTAT Education Committee and Legislative Committee. Most important to Renee is promoting the Professionalism and Protection of County Treasurers. She feels the best way to accomplish this is thru knowledge by ensuring all members of CTAT receive quality education and mentoring, as well as necessary legislative oversight. As 2nd Vice President and President, Renee was instrumental in updating the CTAT Bylaws with unanimous membership approval.

Renee currently serves as Vice President on the Texas Association of Counties Board. She is a graduate of County Investment Academy (formerly CIO) class of 2008 and is a TAC Leadership Alumni class of 2010. She was most recently appointed to serve as a member of the County Investment Academy Board.

Renee is also involved with her community. She has served as President of United Way of Comal County, President of the Crisis Center of Comal County, Board Member of 100 Club of Comal County, Board Member of Canyon Athletic Booster Club, Board Member of New Braunfels Republican Women, Member of Elks Lodge #2279, Member of Greater New Braunfels Chamber of Commerce, and Member of New Braunfels Historic Landmark Commission.

Her dedication to the livelihood of County Treasurers is shown in her example and encouragement for Treasurers to be involved in CTAT, their Region, their home County, the state level, and their community.

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Region 8 Priscilla Alaniz Cantu

Kleberg County



Priscilla Alaniz Cantu has devoted most of her adult life working for County Government and is quickly approaching her 23rd year with Kleberg County. She began working with the Sheriff's Department where she spent 12 years and then was appointed as Treasurer in October 2006, after winning the election, to finish the unexpired term of Rachel S. Alaniz. Rachel Alaniz, Priscilla's mother, passed away December 20, 2004 following a 4 year battle to cancer. In January 2007, Priscilla began her first term as an elected official. She ran unopposed in 2010 and in 2014. Priscilla is currently in her 3rd term as County Treasurer.

During her first year in office, Priscilla was very active with her Region and immediately began serving as the Region 8 director and held that position for 4 years. She then served as Vice-President for Region 8 for a few years and is currently serving as Region director. She has served on the Legislative committee and on the Scholarship committee for CTAT. Priscilla has kept all the core duties of the County Treasurer in her office and always maintains an open door policy. She is also responsible for most of the Human Resource issues for Kleberg County. She has managed to implement several technological updates after starting her first term to bring the County Treasurers' office more up to date.

Priscilla is a lifelong resident of Kleberg County. She has volunteered many hours to several different causes in her community. She started working local County, City, and School elections at the age of 18 alongside her mother and continued that for 18 years until she was on the ballot in 2006. She is an active member of St. Gertrude Catholic Church where she has devoted volunteer time for Church Festivals and to St. Gertrude Catholic School when her children were in attendance. Priscilla and her daughters managed to be the first place family for 8 years running during the annual St. Gertrude School Fall fundraiser raising over one thousand dollars each year. She also has helped Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church where she grew up. She has helped coach T-ball, volunteered with Girl Scout activities, H. M. King High Cheer Booster Club, Middle School cheer, Student Council activities, and countless other activities her girls were active in. She was also a very active committee member for the Kleberg/Bishop Relay for Life in honor of her mother.

Priscilla received an Associate's Degree from Del Mar College in Law Enforcement in May of 2000. In December of 2004, she earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Criminology with a minor in Sociology from Texas A&M University-Kingsville. She has two daughters, Aleida Rose Cantu and Andrea Raquel Cantu, and is also a grandmother.

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Region 10 Kelli R. White

Smith County



Kelli White has served as the Smith County Treasurer for 12 years. She has been with Smith County for a total of 17 years, serving as Assistant Treasurer for her first 5 years. Kelli was appointed Treasurer by the Commissioners' Court in 2005 and ran unopposed in 2006, 2010 and 2014.

Kelli received her Bachelor's degree from Stephen F. Austin University while working for the Accounting Office for Wal-Mart. Kelli became a certified County Investment Officer in 2004 and since taking office in 2005, has computerized all the County's investments and tracking. She is most proud of her accomplishments at streamlining the

County's check request policies and investment reporting. During Kelli's tenure as Treasurer Smith County has gone 100% direct deposit. Kelli has also implemented stricter signature/pick-up policies regarding Accounts Payable checks including reimbursement checks.

Kelli served as President of Region 10 of CTAT from 2007 to 2010. In 2008 she was appointed to the Executive Board of CTAT and also chaired the Education Committee. After serving two years as Treasurer for CTAT she progressed up the ladder of the Executive Board, serving as CTAT President from 2013-2014.

Kelli has served on the CTAT Annual Conference Advisory Committee, the Education Committee, the Texas Outstanding County Treasurer Committee and the Nominating Committee. Kelli also served as the host of the 2011 CTAT Annual Conference in Tyler.

In 2013 Kelli was appointed to the Texas Association of Counties' Risk Management Pool Board and is currently serving in her second three-year term as a member of the Board.

2017 TEXAS OUTSTANDING COUNTY TREASURER - FINALIST

Region 11 Melinda "Lyndy" Krause

Lee County



Lyndy has been the Lee County Treasurer since 2003. She was hired as the Chief Deputy Treasurer in 1996. She has kept all of the core duties of the County Treasurer in the treasurer's office in Lee County. This includes payroll, accounts payables and receivables. In a small county of less than 20,000 in population, the treasurer's office wears many hats. She handles all of the Human Resource responsibilities including all payroll, insurances, workers compensation, wellness coordination, safety meetings and drug testing. So basically anything that involves the employees or money, she is responsible for. She is blessed to have a great relationship with her County Commissioners and other elected officials. She has upgraded many tasks during her tenure and has kept her department up to modern technology and anything that will save the county time and money. She strives to keep the Treasurer's position a necessary department and try to help other fellow treasurer's with their tasks in order to keep their office running efficiently also. She feels that her greatest professional accomplishment in serving as an elected official and that her fellow constituents trust her to take care of and manage their tax payer dollars. Lyndy attends every Commissioner's Court to

make sure that if anything will involve her office that the task will be completed as soon as possible and efficiently. She is very involved with Region 11 and has served as Secretary/Treasurer since 2004 and was elected as their Regional Director in 2014. She has served as CTAT Education Chairman or Assistant Chairman many times and helped with the transition phase of moving from VG Young to Texas Association of Counties.

She has served on the Law Enforcement Advisory Board at the Texas Association of Counties since 2011. She says that it has been quite an educational experience to serve on this board. She enjoys being able to give input on what is going on within the county law enforcement educational needs within our State.

Lyndy received the "Making a Difference" award from Texas Association of Counties in 2010. She was honored to have received this award. She was told that she was given this award because of the working relationship that she shares with her fellow elected officials and employees. She handles all the Workers Comp in her county and really cares about her employees and making sure that they are taken care of and aren't falling through the system. She is very involved with her community. Giddings has 4 Lions Clubs and she is a member and a board member of the Giddings New Horizons Lions (ladies only) Club. They have many events throughout the year. She has also served on the Board for the Lee County Fair Association for their annual fair. She loves to volunteer for the Blue Santa program every year along with her children as a gift wrapper. She enjoys being part of such a wonderful community and giving organizations.

Lyndy spends most of her free time with her family. She has been married for 27 years to her best friend, Curtis. They have two children which are both CTAT scholarship recipients. Her "Aggie" son, Parker, 24, is a Civil Engineer and works for Manhold Engineering in The Woodlands. He and his wife, Jessica are involved with Jessica's family business and are erecting an enormous wedding venue in Humble, Texas. In the future, Lyndy and her husband would like to help with the entertainment part of this venue. Lyndy also has a musically talented daughter, Kimberlyn, 20, who is a sophomore at Texas A&M University. She is seeking an Elementary School teaching degree and would like to incorporate her musical talents into her teaching methods. Lyndy spends a lot of her spare time with her elderly mother and the rest of her family. A few years ago Lyndy lost her father unexpectedly so she has made a new motto in life and it is "Spend every minute you can with the ones you love because they're only here for a short while."

69th Annual Treasurers' Conference – Last Minute Details

Region 9 cordially invites you to attend the 69th Annual County Treasurers' Association of Texas Conference Sept. 11-14 in Dallas.

The conference helps bring to you the most recent and relevant information to enhance your knowledge base and assist you in performing your duties. This is a great opportunity to get together with fellow treasurers from across the state. Region 9 has a great conference planned with many special events you won't want to miss out on.

The Galleria Mall is located just two miles from the hotel, and the hotel provides a complimentary shuttle service hourly during mall hours. Lots of good eating also awaits you, with over 180 restaurants located within three square miles of the hotel. The hotel also offers a complimentary hotel shuttle service within a three-mile radius, based upon availability.

Dallas/Addison Marriott Quorum Hotel by the Galleria

14901 Dallas Parkway
Dallas, TX 75254
(800) 228-9290

Parking: Complimentary Self-Parking

Attendees will receive the following continuing education credits:

- Treasurers and staff – 13 hours
- Public Funds Investment Act and County Investment Academy members – 5 hours

See the agenda and full event details [online](#).

Optional Special Events:

Tuesday, Sept. 12

Rockin' in the USA Luncheon | 12:20-1:30 p.m.

Hear Ye, Hear Ye Medieval Times Dinner & Tournament | 5:45-9 p.m.

King Carlos requests your presence as a guest of his castle to witness the pageantry and thrills of an authentic medieval tournament! Your experience begins as you enter our 11th-century, European-style castle. Serfs and wenches attend to your every need as you feast on a four-course dinner in true medieval, pre-silverware fashion. The arena quickly fills with the thunder of hooves and a spectacular display of equestrian skills and Medieval pageantry. The pace quickens as the Tournament of Games begins and the valiant knights on horseback face their competition in games of skill, such as the ring pierce, flag toss and javelin throw. The experience culminates as trumpeters summon the Knights of the Realm, for the Tournament Royale. Cheer your knight to victory as they battle in authentic jousting matches and dangerous sword fights.

Wednesday, Sept. 13

Red, White and You

Reception and Silent Auction | 6-7 p.m.

Installation Banquet | 7 p.m.

REMINDER Silent Auction Items Needed

DON'T FORGET to bring your silent auction item to the Reception on Wednesday, September 13th. It is through our members' support of our silent auction fundraisers at our Annual Conference and at our yearly Seminars, that CTAT is able to award scholarships.

Congratulations to the CTAT scholarship recipients announced in April!

- Leslie Marie Couch – Texas A & M University - Parents: Eric and Renee Couch
- Jeremy Schwertner – Tarleton State University –Parents: Mike and Jill Schwertner
- Katherine S. Bezner – Oklahoma State University –Parents: Mitchell and Ashley Bezner
- Makannah Blayne Moreland – Texas A & M University–Parents: Murray and Sarah Moreland; Grandmother: Vergie Moreland
- Hutton Parsons – Texas Tech University –Parents: Thad and Elizabeth Parsons
- Justin Soldan – Angelo State University –Parents: Jeff and Tracy Soldan

DATES TO REMEMBER

September 11-14 – 69th Annual County Treasurers' Association of Texas Conference

August 2-November 8 – TAC Regional Pool Workshops

November 30-December 1 – Texas Public Funds Investment Conference

January 31-February 2, 2018 – Healthy County Boot Camp

February 13-16, 2018 – Basics of County Investments Course

April 4-6, 2018 – County Management and Risk Conference

April 16-19, 2018 – 46th Annual County Treasurers' Continuing Education Seminar

June 27-29, 2018 – Conference of the County Investment Academy

August 29-31, 2018 – TAC Legislative Conference

September 17-20, 2018 – 70th Annual County Treasurers' Association Conference

Information on the locations of these meeting can be found on the TAC website www.county.org

CTAT Membership

Watch out for the email and on the listserv in early January for 2018 CTAT membership dues.

Welcome to the CTAT Family

Sonja Huckeba, Hood County Treasurer

Shannon Nutt, Winkler County Treasurer

Thoughts and prayers go out to our CTAT family and all the counties impacted by Hurricane Harvey.

