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My Fellow Treasurers:

I would like to welcome you to the 67th County Treasurers' Association of Texas Annual Conference in Wichita Falls, Texas.

I would like to thank all the Region 5 Treasurers, and everyone else involved with the preparations of this annual conference. I'd like to give a special thank you to Deanna Auert, TAC Education and Conference coordinator, who hit the ground running when given this task. A great big "Thank You" goes out to our vendors and sponsors for their continued support. The quality of our conference is greatly enhanced by the contributions of our vendors. I hope that all my colleagues will remember to thank those that support CTAT when making vendor decisions in their respective counties. Please, spend a little time with our vendors and show them your appreciation.

It has indeed been a pleasure and a privilege to have had the opportunity to serve as CTAT President for 2014-2015. I look forward to another great year under the leadership of our incoming president, Renee Couch, Comal County Treasurer.

This past legislative 2015 session was considered a positive one for our association and I would like to thank all those of the legislative committee and the legislative task force for making it a successful one. I would especially like to thank Jason McElvaney, our lobbyist, for going above and beyond our expectations. And, of course, Judge Bill Alshire, Attorney, for providing us the legal advice and assistance when it came to CTAT legal matters.

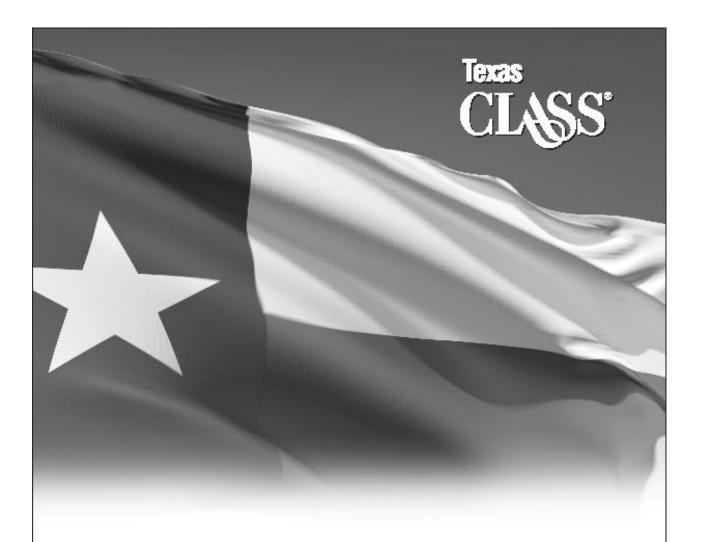
Enjoy the conference and I look forward to visiting with each of you during our stay here in Wichita Falls. And, please make plans to attend the 2016 CTAT Annual Conference in the Rio Grande Valley being hosted by my region...where two cultures meet and the native tongue is Spanglish! ;)

Sincerely,

David A. Betancourt Cameron County Treasurer, Region 8 CTAT President 2014-2015



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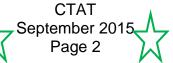
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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

During the 84th Legislative Session there were certain bills that were being tracked by our Legislative Liaisons and by the CTAT Task Force were following very closely. A huge THANK YOU to Jason McElvaney and the Task Force for all the great work they did on behalf of CTAT on tracking all the legislation bills.

SB 435 by Senator Eddie Lucio – This was the County Treasurer's Association bill for the 84th Legislative session which would allow the county treasurer to administer the oath of office to their deputy treasurer's so they can carry out the duties of the office. It also allows any newly elected treasurer authorization to complete the necessary instruction once they are elected or appointed to the office instead of after they have taken the office.

Signed by Governor on May 22, 2015 and became effective on September 1, 2015

HB 870 by Representative Wayne Smith – this bill was originally related to all municipal financial officers and county treasurers that would change their continuing education requirements in their second year of holding office from 10 hours to 5 hours.

This bill was sent to the Governor on May 30, 2015, but County Treasurers are not included.

SB 463 by Senator Joan Huffman – was related to TCDRS restructuring their fund accounts to follow the GASB reporting rules and requirements.

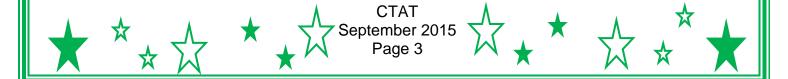
Signed by the Governor on June 1, 2015

HB 1397 by Representative Matt Shaheenn – which would restructure the TCDRS Board of Trustees. It would only allow county commissioners or county judges eligible to serve on the board; all other county elected officials would not be allowed to serve on the board.

The bill died because it was left pending in the House Pensions Committee.

HB 4209 by Representative Giovanni Capriglione – the bill relates to investment of public funds. It involves investment strategies for the Public Funds Investment Act with rules by the federal SEC that would limit investment opportunities outside the Texas Pools.

The bill was placed on the General State Calendar on May 13th, but ended up dying because deadlines when bills needed to be heard. This bill will probably be filed in the 85th Legislative session. CTAT will have to address their concerns again.



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2015 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Congratulations to all of the CTAT scholarship winners! It is through fundraising at our Annual Conference and at our yearly Seminars that CTAT can award these scholarships.

In April at the Seminar CTAT raised approximately \$2,600.00.

There are five very deserving winners and each received \$1,000.00 scholarship.



Cara Lynn Huelster will be attending Texas A&M. She is the daughter of Rick & the Honorable Carolyn Huelster, Irion County Treasurer. She is studying to be a Physical Therapist

Jaremy Rodriguez who is the son of Robert & Cynthia Rodriguez & the grandson of the



Honorable Delia Perales - Webb County Treasuer. He will be attending St. Mary's University in San Antonio, Texas where his major is a Bachelors of Science in Biology with a minor in Chemistry. Then he is planning on attending medical school he wants to become a doctor.

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Caylee Davis the daughter of Jimmy & the Honorable Laura Taylor Davis – Treasurer of Brazos Count was accepted to Texas State University in the College of Fine Arts and Communication Dept. Her major is Photography. Photography is her passion and has been doing it for a while now.





Kinberlyn Faith Krause is the daughter of Curtis & the Honorable Melinda "Lindy" Krause Lee County Treasurer. She will be attending Texas A&M, where she will be studying Elementary Education to be a teacher. She would also like to be able to incorporate music into her teaching practice to help students learn.

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Dianna Spieker Tom Green County Treasurer Region 3

A Promise I made to myself was that when I could no longer benefit Tom Green County that would be time I would not run again. As the longest running Tom Green County Treasurer with 16 years in office, and 26 years within the County that time thankfully has not come yet.

One of the best parts of my job is being able to mentor new Treasurer's and my staff. Passing on knowledge and research through teaching classes, emails, or phone calls and knowing I have helped is a humbling awesome feeling. It is this vast knowledge that allows me to assist CT AT as the Research Liaison and getting laws passed that strengthens the integrity of County Government. I maintain contact with the State Legislature and keep up on current and pending laws affecting the County Treasurer's Office.

My Commissioners Court has entrusted me with many additional duties due to my positive attitude and management experience. This includes Justice & County Courts Compliance Office in 1999 and FEMA NIMS Point of Contact in 2011.

In an effort to breathe life into the Tom Green County Indigent Health Care Office I took over as Director in 2009, as well as creating the Tom Green County *Rx* Card that saves local residence money on expensive medications. This has led to a position on the Concho Valley MHMR Board since 2013 where I currently serve as the Secretary for the MHMR Board of Trustees.

This new perspective opened my eyes to the health problems being tackled in my county, and lead to the creation of a non-profit organization called "Foundation for Better Health" with the support of Shannon Medical Center in San Angelo. The foundation will provide assistance to help improve quality of life to area residents in need of mental or physical medical attention.

My father served in the US Air Force, so I had the pleasure of being raised in San Angelo, Texas and Mesagne, Italy. My mother served as church secretary and my brother serves as a Chaplain in the US Army. My pride and joy is my son Bo who works as a phlebotomist in Abilene, Texas and his new bride Ashley who works for DHSH, specializing in Alzheimer as a Social Services Surveyor. You can say that public service and compassion for fellow man runs in my family.

I earned a 2003 and 2004 Best Practice Award, and in 2006 received four commendations by the State Comptroller's Office. I am honored to have served as: Past President of the County Treasurer's Association 2004-2005; Legislative Task Force Chair for the County Treasurer's Association 2008-2012; Chairperson for the 7 Member Board of Trustees for Texas Class 2003 - 2012; Chairperson for the Concho Valley Community Action Agency 2003 -2009; General Board Member 2009- 2010; Charter Member of the Texas Association of Counties Leadership Board 2003 -Present; Member of the 1st Community Federal Credit Union Supervisory Committee 2005 - 2010; and a Board Member of the Texas Indigent Healthcare Association 2010-2012. This list only scratches the surface of what I do for my community.



Katherine Canova Hudson Wise County Treasurer Region 5

Katherine Hudson has devoted her entire adult life to working in a governmental environment. Katherine is approaching the 30th anniversary of her career with the Wise County Treasurer's Office. She began as a Deputy Treasurer and served in that capacity for 12 years. She was appointed as Treasurer in June of 1997 and then



began her first term as an Elected Official in January 1999. Katherine is currently in her 5th term.

When Katherine began with Wise County, the Treasurer's office was completely operated through manual processes. During her tenure, the payroll duties and a Human Resources department have been added to the responsibilities of the office. During the 1st decade of the 21st century, the County experienced a tremendous amount of growth. The County staff exploded from approximately 200 employees to its current 430 plus employees. During this time, Katherine introduced the first electronic time recording system along with bringing the County into the changing technological times to more automated banking applications. Currently, her office is in the process of implementing a new and improved time recording system.

Katherine has contributed her time and knowledge in a professional capacity. She has been a member of CTAT since 1997 and has been honored to serve the CTAT as the Sector Director, Regional Director, Treasurer, Secretary, 2nd Vice President, 1st Vice President and as President in 2009-2010.

Katherine is a life-long resident of Wise County. She has enthusiastically given of her time to many civic and charitable organizations. She is a member of the Decatur, Chico and Bridgeport Chamber of Commerce organizations and served for over a decade as a board member of the Bridgeport Chamber Board of Directors. She is the current president of the Bridgeport Riding Club, where she has been a member since 1998 and has served as president since 2005. Katherine is a founding member of the Bridgeport PRCA. Other organizations that she has given her time to include the Bridgeport Band and Softball Booster Clubs, Decatur Lions Club, BHS Project Graduation, Trinity Care Center, United Way of Wise County, and she has been a sponsor of the CASA SK of Wise County.

Katherine is married to another life-long resident of Wise County, Kenny Hudson. Kenny is employed by Eagle Labs of Bridgeport and also serves as a member of the Bridgeport Volunteer Fire Department. Together they have six children: Heather (26), Kristin (25), Quinton (24), Klayton (23), Brady (22), and Kennedy (20). Katherine also added another title to her name. She is the proud "Yammy" of ElliMae (2), Koger, (1) Kaygen (5 months) and Vivian (1 month).

Katherine is very proud that she can honestly say that she has always strived to serve with integrity and to be the very "Best that I can be!" in her service to the citizens of Wise County.









Renee Couch Comal County Treasurer Region 7

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 8 years and has served on the CTAT Board for 7 of those years. Renee was nominated to the CTAT Executive Board in 2011 and is currently serving as President-Elect.

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 necessary legislative oversight. As 2"d Vice President, Renee was instrumental in updating the CTAT Bylaws with unanimous membership approval.

Renee currently serves on the Texas Association of Counties Board as the CTAT representative. She is a graduate of County Investment Academy (formerly CIO) class of 2008 and is a TAC Leadership Alumni class of 2010.

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, and their community.

It's hard to fail, but it is worse never to have tried to succeed.

- Theodore Roosevelt



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Kelli White **Smith County Treasurer** Region 10

Kelli White has served as the Smith County Treasurer for 10 years. She has been with Smith County for a total of 15 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 Bachelors 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 and is currently serving as Immediate Past President for CTAT.

Kelli is also currently serving on the CTAT Annual Conference Advisory Committee, the Education 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 third year as a member of the Board.

The purpose of life is a life of purpose.

- Robert Byrne





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Melinda "Lyndy" Krause Lee County Treasurer Region 11

I have been the Lee County Treasurer since 2003. I was hired as the Chief Deputy Treasurer in 1996. I have kept all of the core duties of the County Treasurer in the treasurer's office in Lee County. This includes payroll, accounts payable and receivable. In a small county of less than 20,000 in population, the treasurer's office wears many hats. I handle all of the Human Resource responsibilities including insurance, workers

compensation, safety meetings and drug testing. So basically anything that involves the employees or money, I am responsible for. I am blessed to have a great relationship with all of my County Commissioners and other elected officials. I have implemented Direct Deposit and have kept my department up to modern technology and anything that will save the county time and money. I strive to keep the Treasurer's position a necessary department and try to help fellow treasurer's with their tasks in order to keep their office running efficiently also.

I am very involved with Region 11 and I have served as Secretary/Treasurer since 2004 and was elected Regional Director in 2014. I have served as CTAT Education Chairman or Assistant Chairman since 2011 and helped with the transition phase of moving from VG Young to Texas Association of Counties. It has been a great decision for our Association and I think that we will be glad that we did it in the future. TAC is really taking care of us and saving us money while doing it too!

I received the "Making a Difference" award from Texas Association of Counties in 2010. I was honored to have received this award. I was told I was given this award because of the working relationship that I share with my fellow elected officials and employees. I handle all the Workers Comp in my County and I really care about our employees and making sure that they are taken care of and aren't falling through the system.

I was chosen to serve on the Law Enforcement Advisory Board back in 2011. It has been quite an educational experience to serve on this board. I have enjoyed being able to put insight on what is going on within our County Educational needs within the State.

I am very involved with my community. Giddings has 5 Lions Clubs and I am a member of the Lady Lions Club. We have all kinds of events all the time. I am also the Lee County Youth Fair Board Advisor for our Lee County Fair. That means I am in charge of 40 different youth. They are responsible for selling tickets and getting things cleaned and set up for the fair every year. I am also a Blue Santa gift wrapper volunteer. My children and I have been doing this for a very long time. It is such a wonderful and giving organization.

I spend most of my free time with my family. My family is my world! I have been married for almost 25 years to my best friend, Curtis. We have two children. Our son, Parker, 22, is a Civil Engineer Major at Texas A&M University and he will be getting married in April, 2016. We also have a beautiful daughter, Kimberlyn, 18, who is a Senior at Giddings High School. She and my husband have their own band and we spend a lot of time on the road going to their performances. We, as a family, lead the Praise Team band at church twice a month and we love every minute of it.















IT'S TIME TO VOTE!!!! 2015 Ballot Texas Outstanding County Treasurer



If you will not be attending the CTAT conference	ce in Wichita Falls, we still need you to vote for the
Texas Outstanding County Treasurer for 2015.	Please vote for only one of the following nominees:

Diana Spieker, Tom Green County	Renee Couch, Comal County
Katherine Hudson, Wise County	Kelli White, Smith County

Melinda "Lyndy" Krause, Lee County _____

Here are the ways that you can vote.

- 1. Vote in Person. Ballots and a ballot box will be available at the Registration Desk at the conference in Wichita Falls. Voting in person will end on Wednesday, September 16, 2015 at 4:30p.
- 2. Vote by email. Complete the attached ballot and send directly to Cindy Brown, Denton County, cindy.brown@dentoncounty.com (DO NOT VOTE ON LISTSERVE). Voting by email will end Friday, September 11, 2015, at 5p.
- 3. Vote by fax. Complete the attached ballot and fax to Cindy Brown, Denton County at 940.349.5057. Voting by fax will end Friday, September 11, 2015, at 5p.
- 4. Vote by mail. Complete the attached ballot and mail directly to Cindy Brown, Denton County Treasurer, 401 W. Hickory Suite 309, Denton, TX 76201-9030. Ballots must be received by Friday, September 11, 2015.

Rules for voting:

1. Only one vote per County

- 2. The Audit Committee will count all the votes anonymously once voting has ended on Wednesday, September 16, 2015 at 4:30p.
- 3. When voting in person, place your ballot in an envelope marked with your county name on the outside. Your ballot will be removed from the envelope and counted anonymously by the auditing committee.
- 4. If you vote by fax or e-mail, please list your county name on the ballot for auditing purposes and then your county name will be removed by the Chairman, Cindy Brown, before the ballot is sent to the auditing committee to be counted.
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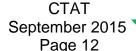


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For those of you who may not know, CTAT has a wonderful Resource Guide on the CTAT website www.ctatx.org. It has a lot of useful information on it such as Statutes Governing County Treasurers, Human Resources for counties that the Treasurers handle Human Resources, Legislative Updates, Depository Contracts, and the CTAT By-Laws. I encourage all the treasurers to check out this Resource Guide.

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-- James Lane Allen (1849-1925) American Author

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67th Annual County Treasurers' Continuing Education Seminar, September 14 - 17, 2015

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September 24 - 25, 2015 Public Funds Investment Act, Odessa

October 1 - 2, 2015 Public Funds Investment Act, Arlington

October 8 - 9, 2015 Public Funds Investment Act, McAllen

October 27 - 28, 2015 Public Funds Investment Act, Wichita Falls

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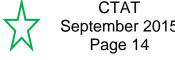
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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2015		
1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	SEMINAR REGISTRATION	
1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Committee Meetings	
3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	CTAT Board Meeting	
5:30 p.m.	Casino Night – Enjoy a trip across the border into Oklahoma for a fun night at the casino.	
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2015		
8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	REGISTRATION & INFORMATION DESK	
8:30 a.m. – 4:00 P.m.	General Sessions	
9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Visit the Exhibitors	
Noon – 1:00 p.m.	Luncheon honoring Outstanding Treasurer of the Year Nominees	
5:45 p.m.	Murder Mystery Dinner at Maskat Shrine Center	
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2015		
7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	REGISTRATION & INFORMATION DESK	
8:30 a.m. – 3:10 P.m.	General Sessions	
9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Visit with the Exhibitors	
Noon – 1 p.m.	Business Meeting and Luncheon	
6:30 p.m.	Installation Banquet and Silent Auction REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR SILENT AUCTION ITEM	
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2015		
8:00 a.m. – 11 a.m.	SEMINAR REGISTRATION	
8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	General Sessions	
11:30 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.	CTAT Board Meeting	

Begin doing what you want to do now. We are not living in eternity. We have only this moment, sparkling like a star in our hand -- and melting like a snowflake.

- Marie Beyon Ray

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