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TREASURY NOTES

Summer 2019

Dear Fellow County Treasurers,

It has been an honor and pleasure to serve as your President this year. All I can say is it has been a fast and furious year, and the time has just flown by!!! I know that Kelli and Region 11 have a marvelous conference planned in Tyler. It has been a wonderful year, and as it comes to a close, I will be handing the gavel to Tracy Soldan, Kerr County, as your President for 2019-2020! Congratulations Tracy!!

This was a legislative year. Our lobbyist, Jason McElvaney, TAC Liaison Aurora Flores and Delores Ortega-Carter worked very hard to accomplish our goal. On January 15, 2019, Senator Lucio a great friend and loyal supporter of CTAT, filed SB 354. Governor Greg Abbott signed SB 354, written by Senator Lucio, on May 31st! The bill went into effect immediately. Thank you so much to Jason, Aurora, and Delores for all that you did to make SB 354 happen. Thank you also to all of the CTAT Executive Board members Tracy, Mitzi, Jennifer, and Gayla who made the trip to Austin for the hearings. Thank you also to Linda Douglass who also attended several hearings.



There was also legislation being worked on by Cindy Yeatts Brown and Diana Spieker regarding the core duties of the Treasurers. They did a fantastic job working with the County Auditors to come up with language that would work for everyone. But, in the end the County Auditors would not agree with the language. It is my hope that this organization will continue working on a solution that will work for everyone to define the core duties of the treasurers. I want to thank Cindy and Dianna for putting so much time and effort into this endeavor.

Since 2018 was an election year, we saw again many of our "seasoned" treasurers leave office to move on to greener pastures. I want to thank each and every one of you for your impact on CTAT, and wish you well in all that you do. In January we welcomed over 70 new treasurers into our CTAT family, and as my year as your President comes to a close I encourage each and every one of you to become involved in this great organization.

Again, I want to thank you for the honor and privilege of serving as your President. If there is anything I can do for you, please don't hesitate to contact me. Thank you so much for standing united with me to "Make CTAT The Best It Can Be".

Take care and God Bless!!

Jan Hartl
Wilson County Treasurer
CTAT President 2018-2019

COUNTY TREASURERS' ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS

2018-2019 OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Executive Board

Jan Wilson	President	Hartl
Tracy Soldan	President-Elect	Kerr
Mtizi Baker	1 st Vice President	Midland
Donna Early	2 nd Vice President	Cass
Jennifer Henderson	Treasurer	Schleicher
Gayla Hawkins	Secretary	Grayson
Cheryl Chambers	Immediate Past President	Ellis

Appointments

Britney Richey	Historian	Hays
Teresa Kassell	Treasury Notes Editor	Llano
Cindy Yeatts Brown	TAC Representative	Denton
Renee Couch	Parliamentarian	Comal
Dianna Spieker	Research Liaison	Tom Green

Sector Directors

Sector 1 (Regions 1-4)	Cleopatra Anderson	Ector
Sector 2 (Regions 5-8)	Katherine Hudson	Wise
Sector 3 (Regions 9-12)	Mary Horton	Jackson
Sector 4 (At Large)	Romeo Salinas	Zapata

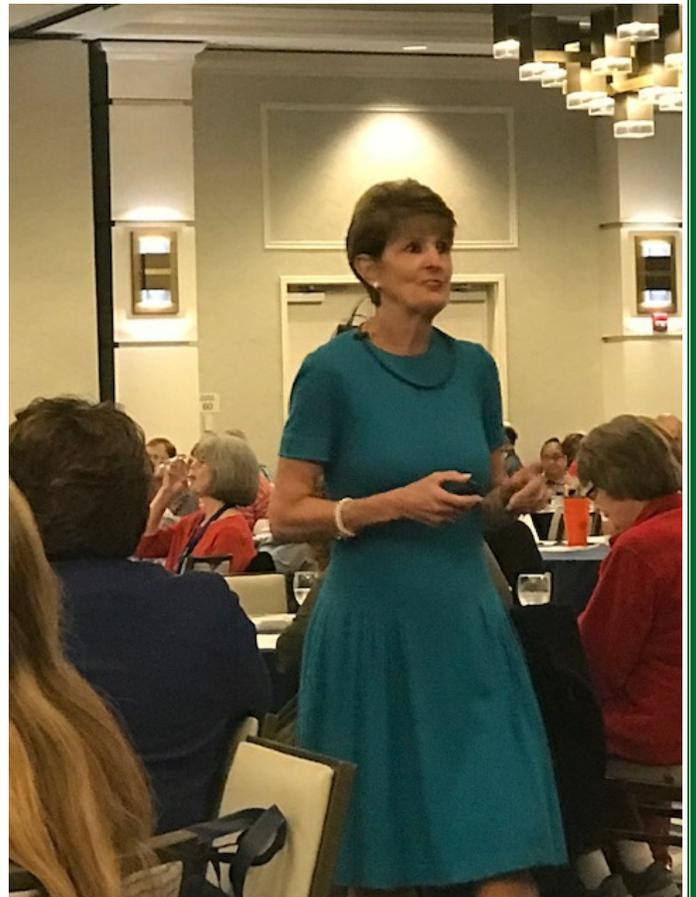
Region Directors

Region 1	Pam Cox	Moore	2018
Region 2	Ida Tyler	Hale	2018
Region 3	Rhea McGinnis	Sterling	2018
Region 4	Sonia Murphy	Pecos	2019
Region 5	Patricia Vieth	Archer	2018
Region 6	Rhonda Burkhardt	Hill	2017
Region 7	Linda Douglass	Guadalupe	2018
Region 8	David Betancourt	Cameron	2018
Region 9	Terrie Neuville	Marion	2018
Region 10	Terri Williams	Polk	2015
Region 11	Laura Taylor-Davis	Brazos	2018
Region 12	Bryan Haevischer	Austin	2018

47th Annual County Treasurers' Continuing Education Seminar
April 15-18, 2019
Sheraton Austin Hotel at the Capitol

The conference was called to order and announcements made by CTAT president, Jan Hartl. The conference was composed of a variety of educational topics including “cyber fraud”, “managing investments”, “open records request”, “legislative update” and many more topics that were a great resource for newly elected and seasoned treasurers. A big thank you to Deanna and Nino for making the conference run smoothly.





Congratulations to the 2019 Outstanding County Treasurer Award Nominees



- Region 1 – Leann Jennings, Potter County**
Region 2 – Michael Lord, Jr. Gaines County
Region 3 – Jennifer Henderson, Schleicher County
Region 4 – Zulema Estrello Rodriguez, Reeves County
Region 5 – Jenny Barnwell, Parker County
Region 6 – Rhonda Burkhart, Hill County
Region 7 – Linda Douglass, Guadalupe County
Region 8 – Priscilla Alaniz Cantu, Kleberg County
Region 9 – Donna Early, Cass County
Region 10 – Kelli White, Smith County
Region 11 – Melinda “Lyndy” Krause, Lee County
Region 12 – Donna Thornton, Wharton County

Congratulations to the 2019 Outstanding County Treasurer Award Finalists



2019 Outstanding County Treasurer Finalist – Region 1 – Leann Jennings Potter County Treasurer



The Honorable Leann Jennings was first appointed to the position of Potter County Treasurer in 2003 and then elected to the position after running against an opponent in 2005. Leann just celebrated her 16th anniversary and is now beginning her sixth term as the Potter County Treasurer.

While in office, Leann has diligently worked to establish and maintain a cohesive and productive relationship with every Potter County elected official, and with county employees, taxpayers and all Potter County Commissioners. Leann has made it her personal mission to ensure for county residents that Potter County is a great place to live and raise their families. She firmly believes the Treasurer's Office should be viewed a viable and strong part of the governing body. One of Leann's most accomplished achievements was met when the Potter County rainy

day fund grew from a \$400,000 fund in 2003 to a \$12 million fund today. She is a Certified Investment Officer, has served the County Treasurers' Association of Texas (CTAT) as Sector 1 Director, functioned as Region 1 Director (which includes all 26 counties in the Texas panhandle), been a member of various CTAT committees, and is currently serving on the Constitution and Bylaws, Public Relations and Treasurers' Scholarship committees. In 2015, Leann, serving as Region 1 Director, invited and hosted all the Texas County Treasurers to Amarillo for the annual CTAT conference.

Besides serving Potter County, Leann is actively involved in her family as well. She raised three beautiful daughters in Amarillo, and they all found their passions and calling in life through her guidance. The oldest is an educator; the middle is an electrical engineer; and the youngest is a Southwest Airlines flight attendant. As much as she loves her daughters, her two granddaughters and two grandsons are what makes her world go around. In fact, both of her granddaughters have benefited from CTAT scholarships. One holds a master's degree from Texas Tech University, while the other was just accepted into graduate school at West Texas A&M University.

2019 Outstanding County Treasurer Finalist – Region 3 – Jennifer Henderson Schleicher County



Jennifer Henderson is in her fifth year as Schleicher County Treasurer. From 2005–2006, she also served as Deputy Tax Assessor/Collector and then was recruited to work for a local oilfield services company. She also served on the County Appraisal Review Board for three years, resigning before the birth of her first child, Beau. Her daughter Ella was born in November 2014, and Jennifer won her election as Schleicher County Treasurer the next day.

Jennifer's office handles accounts payables, accounts receivable, payroll, investments, human resources, risk management, wellness and internet/server management. Since becoming Treasurer, she has obtained membership in the Texas Association of Counties' (TAC) County Investment Academy and has grown Schleicher County's investment portfolio from local bank accounts and CDs to Government Investment Pools, Brokered CDs and T-Notes. She has participated in TAC's Leadership 254 program and served as CTAT Sector Director. Jennifer is currently serving on the Executive Board of CTAT and as Co-Chair

of the Education Committee. She also serves as one of two Treasurers on TAC's Unfunded Mandate Survey Committee, representing Counties without Auditors, and is an active member of TAC's Core Legislative Committee.

She was awarded TAC's Iris Stagner Award in 2018 for her work as wellness coordinator.

Jennifer is very proud of the Eldorado Service Center, which she co-founded with Schleicher County Sheriff David Doran in late 2016. The ESC, which began as a program to serve daily hot meals to seniors and the home-bound, now has grown also includes a food pantry program and provides a home for many services: WIC, Veterans Counseling, Drug and Alcohol Counseling, the Salvation Army, the Laura Bush Foundation and others. The Board of the ESC is currently pursuing ownership of the building they are leasing and hopes to continue to grow to serve the needs of the community.

Jennifer's greatest loves are her family, singing, helping others and pretty dresses.

2019 Outstanding County Treasurer Finalist – Region 7 – Linda Douglass Guadalupe County



On behalf of the County Treasurers Association of Region 7, it is with great pride we nominate the accomplishments of the Honorable Linda J. Douglass of Guadalupe County. Linda Douglass began her career in 1981 in the Guadalupe County Treasurer's Office as the Employee Benefits Coordinator and Payroll Clerk.

She served on the Seguin Independent School District as a trustee prior to being elected County Treasurer in 2002, and took office Jan. 1, 2003, when she became the first minority elected to a countywide position in Guadalupe County's history. Currently, she is serving in her fifth term as Guadalupe County Treasurer.

She attained her CIO designation (currently County Investment Academy) in 2002 and was recently recognized and honored by the Texas Association of Counties (TAC) for 15 years as a Certified Investment Officer. As the designated Investment Officer for Guadalupe County, Linda manages an investment portfolio totaling more than \$45 million.

The current Investment Policy for Guadalupe County was developed and created through which Linda was recognized and awarded the Certificate of Distinction by the Municipal Treasurers Association of the United States. Linda oversees many facets of the Treasurer's Office, including revenues, bank depository, receipting, receivables, investments, payroll, jury payments, bank statements and unclaimed property. She serves on the County's Bail Bond Board and assists with the Child Protective Services and Child Welfare boards.

Presently, she serves on the Texas Association of Counties (TAC) Leadership Foundation Board of Directors and is also an Alumni of the Texas Association of Counties Leadership Foundation Class of 2007. Linda served two years as Treasurer of the County Treasurers Association of Texas Executive Board. She still remains very active in the County Treasurers Association of Texas and currently serves on the CTAT Constitution and Bylaws Committee, Legislative Committee, Nominating Committee and Chairman of the Audit Committee. She is also Region 7 Director for the County Treasurers Association of Texas, where she's served as past President, Vice President and Treasurer for the Region.

Linda was recently nominated to appear in the Texas Association of Counties (TAC) County Magazine under *Voices of County Government*.

Community involvement is very important to her as well. She has served as Vice President and Treasurer of the Guadalupe County Republican Women, Guadalupe County Mental Health–Mental Retardation Board, Seguin Youth Mentoring Program, Guadalupe Valley Electric Cooperative Board, Youth Volleyball Coach, Seguin Independent School District Trustee, and church secretary and usher.

2019 Outstanding County Treasurer Finalist – Region 10 – Kelli White Smith County



Kelli White has served as the Smith County Treasurer for 14 years. She has been with Smith County for a total of 19 years, serving as Assistant Treasurer for her first five years. Kelli was appointed Treasurer by the Commissioners' Court in 2005 and ran unopposed in 2006, 2010, 2014 and 2018.

Kelli received her bachelor's degree from Stephen F. Austin University while working for the Accounting Office for Walmart. Kelli became a certified County Investment Officer in 2004 and, since taking office in 2005, she has computerized all the county's investments and tracking activity. 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. She is currently serving on the Life Membership Committee and the Legislative Committee as a member of the Legislative Task Force. Kelli served as the host of the 2011 CTAT Annual Conference in Tyler and will also be hosting this year's CTAT Annual Conference in Tyler.

In 2013 Kelli was appointed to the Texas Association of Counties' (TAC) Risk Management Pool Board and was elected Vice-Chair in 2018. She served two consecutive three-year terms as a member of the TAC RMP Board, which is the maximum allowed before rotating off the Board.

Congratulations to the CTAT Scholarship Recipients

- 1. Hanna Nicole Gonzalez, --Texas Tech University**
Daughter of Jodi Gonzalez
Treasurer Doria Thomason, Dickens County
- 2. Tobias J. Davis – Texas State University**
Son of Laura Tylor Davis
Treasurer Laura Taylor Davis – Brazos County
- 3. Brie'Anna Vick – Southern Arkansas University**
Daughter of Thomas and Brandi Vick
Treasurer Brandi Vick – Upshur County
- 4. Ethan Parsons – Oklahoma State University**
Son of Thad and Elizabeth Parsons
Treasurer Doris Parsons – Sherman County
- 5. Benjamin Joseph Bezner – Oklahoma State University**
Son of Mitchel and Ashley Bezner
Grandson of Retired Treasurer Wanda Wagners
Treasurer Lynn French Hansford – Dallam County
- 6. Delanie Brown –Texas A&M University/College Station**
Daughter of Bill and Cindy Brown
Treasurer Cindy Brown – Denton County
- 7. Leah Couch – Texas A&M University/ College Station**
Daughter of Eric and Renee Couch
Treasurer Renee Couch – Comal County
- 8. Alexandria R. Salina – Texas State University**
Daughter of Ramon and Cynthia Salinas
Treasurer Cynthia Salinas, Kenedy County
- 9. Kayla Jo Early – University of Minnesota, Crackston**
Daughter of Patrick and Rhonda Early
Treasurer Donna Early, Cass County



Thank you to Sponsors and Vendors

CTAT would like to thank all the conference sponsors and vendors for their continued support of our organizations. Without your continued support we would not have such a successful conference. Also, a big thank you to all the CTAT members that took time to visit with vendors during the breaks





Tracey Marshall, Iowa's Cass County Treasurer was recognized for being selected to serve as president of the National Association of County Collectors, Treasurers and Finance Officers



CTAT would like to thank Aurora Flores, Legislative Manager with Texas Association of Counties, for all the hard work put in during the 86th Legislative Session!!



Don't Forget to Register for September Conference

71st Annual County Treasurers' Association of Texas Conference begins on Monday, Sept. 9 at the Holiday Inn Tyler-South Broadway.

Registration is open [online](#).

Region 10 has a great conference planned with many special events you won't want to miss. Kick off the conference by networking with fellow treasurers at the Welcome Reception. Play your cards right at Casino Night in the Tyler Rose Garden on Tuesday night. Join us for the silent auction and Installation of Officers Banquet on Wednesday evening.

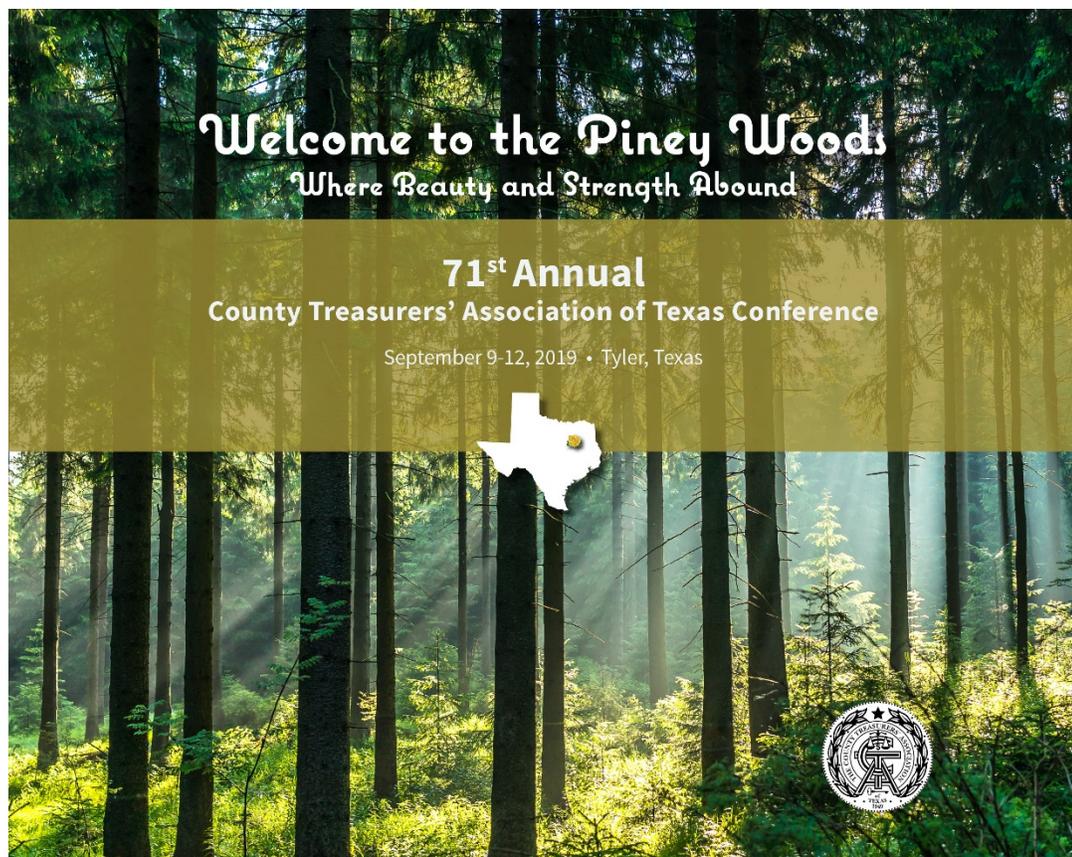
Holiday Inn Tyler-South Broadway

5701 South Broadway

Tyler, TX 75703

Complimentary self-parking available at the hotel.

See you soon!



REMINDER Silent Auction Items Needed

DON'T FORGET to bring your silent auction item to the Reception on Wednesday, Sept. 11. 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.

CTAT Membership

Thank you to all county treasurers' and staff for the payment of their annual dues.

DATES TO REMEMBER

September 4-6, 2019 – TAC Legislative Conference

**September 9-12, 2019 – 71st Annual County Treasurers' Association
Conference**

September 24-November 13, 2019 – TAC Regional Pool Workshops

November 7-8, 2019 – Texas Public Funds Investment Conference

February 12-14, 2020 – Healthy County Boot Camp

March 3-6, 2020 – Basics of County Investments Course

April 1-3, 2020 – County Management and Risk Conference

**April 20-23, 2020 – 48th Annual County Treasurers' Continuing Education
Seminar**

June 29-July 1, 2020 – Conference of the County Investment Academy

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



CTAT's Conference Backdrop
Thank you Mitzi! You did an excellent job!!

