



Treasury Notes

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Connecting Deeply, Leading Boldly

Leadership is often measured by the position we hold, but its true strength is found in the relationships we build along the way.

Recently, I reflected on two photographs taken years apart. In the first, I am pictured with then, State Senator Alex Padilla while I served on the Dallas City Council.

The second, more than a few years later, I am standing with U.S. Senator Alex Padilla (California) while serving as County Treasurer.

While our careers took different paths and our responsibilities evolved, one thing remained constant; the connection and mutual respect we built over time. Those relationships do not end when a title changes or when opportunities lead us in different directions. In many ways, they become even more valuable.

Strong relationships help us navigate challenges, share ideas, and support one another in advancing local, state, and national initiatives. They remind us that leadership is not a solo journey, but a collective effort built on trust, collaboration, and a shared commitment to public service.

Whether in government, business, or community organization, we should invest in connecting deeply with others and leading boldly with purpose. The relationships we cultivate today may become the partnerships that help shape tomorrow's success.

The lesson is simple; positions may change, but meaningful connections can last a lifetime.





TEXAS OUTSTANDING COUNTY TREASURER NOMINEES



Pictured L to R: Darla Welch– Yoakum County, Vikki Calloway– Glasscock County, Liz Tovar– Zavala County, Leigh Ann McCoy– Hood County, Karrie Crownover– Burnet County, Elsa Colmenero– Hudspeth County, Brittini Turner– Hunt County, Leann Monk– Tyler County, Lyndy Krause– Lee County, Bill Rickert– Fort Bend County

AND THE FINALISTS ARE...

Karrie Crownover, Burnet County, Region 7



Karrie Crownover has been in county government since October 2003, beginning her journey in the county clerk's office before being elected as County Treasurer in March of 2010, being sworn to office January 1, 2011. Karrie completed the County Investment Officer training in 2011, and is the designated Investment Officer for Burnet County. She has served on multiple committees within her county including the HR Committee, Sick Leave Pool Committee, Employee Great Fund Committee, and also serves on the Bail Bond Board. In December of 2012, Karrie successfully moved payroll back to the Treasurer's office after it was moved to HR in 2010. Karrie was re-elected unopposed to serve her fifth term in office in March, 2026. As Burnet County Treasurer, Karrie strives to keep the core duties of the office within, while maintaining a friendly, professional, efficient environment.

Karrie proudly served on the CTAT executive board and progressed up the board to serve as President in 2023-2024. She has served on multiple committees including Legislative, Fund-raising, Public Relations, By-Laws, Resource Guide, Resolutions and is the current chair of the Nominating Committee and Endowment Trust Board of Trustees. Karrie looks forward to continuing to serve on committees within CTAT.

She is involved in her region and has served as Region 7 Director, Region Vice President and Region President, and helped her region host the Fall Conferences in 2012 in San Marcos, and in 2021 in Boerne. Karrie is very honored to be apart of Region 7, and hopes to have influenced others the way that Region 7 along with other treasurers within CTAT have influenced her in service and leadership.

Leigh Ann McCoy, Hood County, Region 6



It has been my pleasure to serve as the Hood County Treasurer since 2019. January 1, 2027, will be my third term in office. I take pride in my position and how much the office has accomplished. I have worked lawfully to fulfil the duties of the County Treasurer, as well as broaden the investment portfolio and streamline the payroll process. I have opened lines of communication with other county offices, which I feel is of great value to the business of county government. The main goal for me is to make sure the county's money is properly being taken care of. My favorite duty of the office is payroll. I enjoy taking pride in making sure every person is paid timely and correctly. Every duty in this position is about TRUST. We are the watchdog of the county money, and I take that very seriously. The county money should always be handled with honesty, accuracy, and care. I intend to do so as long as I am the County Treasurer!

As of today, I am the current 1st Vice President of the County Treasurers' Association of Texas. As 1st Vice President, I am the chair of the Legislative and Public Relations Committees. I also serve on the Education, Fundraising, and New Treasurers' Orientation Committees. Proudly, I have been nominated for the third time by Region 6 as Outstanding County Treasurer. Outside of the Treasurers' Association, I have just completed one year as the Treasurer for Lake Granbury Kiwanis. I enjoy volunteering and helping wherever needed. I also love supporting the businesses and charities in the community. I think it is extremely important as a citizen and taxpayer of the community.

For my personal life, I have the honor of loving my high school sweetheart, Steve for 34 years. Steve spent eight years active duty in the Army and finished with the Reserves, retiring with 22 years. We have three adult children who are married. Two married their high school sweethearts also. Our son followed in his dad's footsteps and completed eight years with the Army. We have eight beautiful grandchildren that keep us insanely busy, but we love it.

I grew up with my mother owning a court record research business. Growing up, traveling in and out of the courthouses, I wanted so badly one day to be part of County Government. As an adult I spent many years helping my mother with her business. It gave me some insight into county functions. When we moved to Granbury, I was able to work for the District Clerk. She saw that I had more potential and encouraged me to run for the position of County Treasurer. I am so glad she did. I truly have enjoyed being the County Treasurer. I enjoy growing and learning all aspects of this position, even on hard days!

It is my honor to be trusted by my friends and citizens of Hood County, along with my fellow Treasurers. If I could express just one thing to other Treasurers, it would be "GO FOR IT! Do it scared! Do it when you don't know what you're doing! The best growth comes from vulnerability and willingness!"



Leann Monk, Tyler County, Region 10

Leann Monk took office as Tyler County Treasurer in 2019, becoming only the seventh woman since 1846 to hold the position in Tyler County. After running unopposed in the 2026 primary election, she will begin her third term at the start of next year.

On her first day on the job, she walked into an office that consisted of no staff and minimal resources, little more than a kitchen table and a wooden wardrobe in a small storage room next to the women's public restroom. Despite the limited setup, she was determined to restore both the integrity and relevance of the office.

During her first term, Leann successfully petitioned the Commissioners Court to reinstate the county's human resources and payroll functions back to the Treasurer's office. She also assumed the statutory responsibilities for managing the county's investments, implementing strategies aligned with the Public Funds Investment Act (PFIA). Under her leadership, the county's investment policy was updated, Tyler County held its first-ever investment committee meeting, and county funds were diversified beyond the traditional local depository. As a result of these changes, Tyler County's investment portfolio grew to more than \$20 million. Under Leann's leadership, the County investments continue to grow. She firmly believes and often quotes, "For every dollar we make in interest, that's one less dollar we have to ask the taxpayer to pay."

Leann believes it is equally important to educate the community about county government and the role of the Treasurer's office. In 2023, she launched a monthly outreach program titled "Coffee with the Treasurer," providing citizens with updates on county government and activities within the courthouse. She also hosts an annual Christmas at the Courthouse program, inviting fourth-grade students from school districts across Tyler County to visit the Courthouse. The program helps students understand how their local government works while fostering civic engagement at an early age. Additionally, Leann established County Government Day for local high school juniors and seniors. The students learn the roles of county offices and duties of their elected officials. Specifically, the treasurer's office educates students on the purpose and importance of the office and its role in protecting taxpayer funds.

Beyond her work in Tyler County, Leann has been honored to serve on the executive board of the County Treasurers' Association of Texas (CTAT). She advanced through the leadership ranks beginning as the Association's Treasurer. Her favorite role—and the one she is most proud of—was serving as First Vice President and Chair of the Legislative Committee during the 88th Legislative Session. During that time, Leann worked closely with the offices of Senator Robert Nichols and Representative Cecil Bell, Jr. to pass legislation recognizing April 8, 2025, as the first ever County Treasurer's Day at the Texas Capitol. Twenty-eight county treasurers attended the event, visiting legislative offices throughout the Capitol to advocate for the role and importance of the Treasurer's office. Perhaps the greatest success of the day was seeing treasurers from across Texas become more engaged in legislative issues and return home with a renewed commitment to advocate for their offices and the taxpayers they serve.

Leann considers it a privilege to serve the citizens of Tyler County and remains committed to ensuring that the Treasurer's office continues to operate with integrity, transparency, and strong stewardship of the public's money.

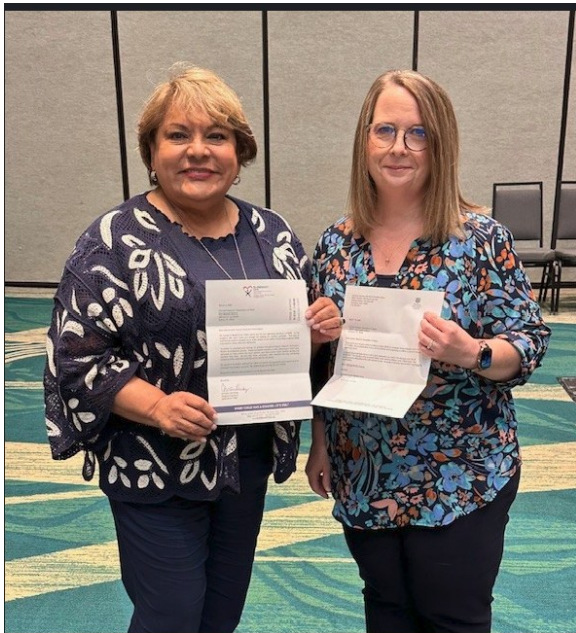
COUNTY TREASURER'S INVOLVED IN THEIR COMMUNITIES



Pictured from left to right are board members Tracy Anderson and Ginger Hawkins; Mr. Jackie Merket, owner of Merket Farm; and Abby Booker, Panola County Treasurer and Board Treasurer. The picture was taken during the Coalition's annual Beer and Wine Tasting fundraiser at Merket Farm, where Jackie was presented with a historical photo of his Christmas tree farm in appreciation of his continued support.



Falls County Treasurer Sheryl Pringle was honored to present \$500 scholarships to graduating seniors Tayvin Kluck and Jolcye Watkins on behalf of the First Methodist Church of Marlin, where she serves on the Board of Stewards.



Pauline Medrano, CTAT President and Dallas County Treasurer and Camey Boyer, CTAT Historian and Lamar County Treasurer accept thank you letters for CTAT Donations to Lampasas County Unit of the Salvation Army for \$206.00. They also accepted a thank you letter from Bluebonnet Casa for a donation of \$206.00. These proceeds were from the T-shirt fund raiser.



Region 1 Gathered for a luncheon and welcomed Zack Wilson, Executive Director of High Plains Food Bank, who shared the incredible work being done across our counties to alleviate hunger. This region proudly made a donation in support of their mission.

Our C.A.R.E.S Director, Daphne Tenorio is available to help us recognize and support our members during life's important moments. If you know of a member who is experiencing an illness, hospitalization, loss of a loved one, or another circumstance where a get-well card, condolence message, or expression of support would be appreciated, please contact:

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54th ANNUAL COUNTY TREASURERS' CONTINUING EDUCATION SEMINAR



State Senator Judith Zaffirini (D-Laredo) was the highlight of our conference in April.



State Senator Judith Zaffirini with her 21st District County Treasurers. Pictured L to R: Romero Salinas, Gloria Garcia, Jill Atkinson, Linda Douglas, Daphne Tenorio, Senator Zaffirini, Mary Perez, Raul Reyes, and Sylvia Lazo

Senator Zaffirini and TAC President Cindy Brown, Denton County Treasurer



Senator Zaffirini and CTAT President Pauline Medrano share a moment together



Pictured L to R: Brittini Tuner, Pauline Medrano, Leann Monk, Cristina Caballero, Communication Director—Linebarger, Leigh Ann McCoy, and Tambra Kile

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CTAT Board Meeting April 20, 2026.

Pictured from L to R: Honorable Brittini Turner, CTAT Second Vice President, Hunt County, Honorable Leigh Ann McCoy, CTAT First Vice President, Hood County, Honorable Leann Monk, CTAT President Elect, Tyler County, Honorable Pauline Medrano, CTAT President, Dallas County, Honorable Oscar Ortiz, CTAT Secretary, Dimmit County, Honorable Tambra Kile, CTAT Treasurer, Ochiltree County.



Fundraiser—Liquor pull/cake walk was a HUGE success. Thank you to everyone who participated.



Valerie Williams—Somervell County Treasurer displaying her prize!



Fashionista, Incredibly intelligent Dianna Spieker, Tom Green County



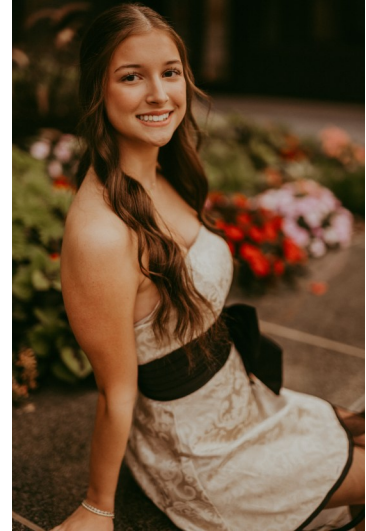
Region 6: Pictured L to R Laura Pospichal, Runnels County, Randi McFarlin, Coryell County, David Becktold, Brown County, Christina Dodrill, Eastland County, Kathy Blackwell, Johnson County, Jenifer Gierisch, Concho County, Lois VanBeck, San Saba County



Endowment Recipients

TEAGAN DUKE

- * Daughter of Tambra Kile, Ochiltree County Treasurer
- * Plans to attend Texas Tech in the fall and will be studying pre-nursing



ALIYAH SIVIK

- * Granddaughter of Terri Kitchens, Gray County Treasurer
- * Plans to study Youth Ministry at Heartland Baptist Bible College

PRESLEY SMITH

- * Granddaughter of Treasurer Wanda Smith, Donley County
- * Plans to become a dental hygienist at Amarillo College





TYLER MUTZ

- * Son of Treasurer Christina Mutz, Wilson County
- * Tyler is an engineering student at Texas A&M University

ADDISON FARROW

- * Daughter of Treasurer Jeana Farrow, Coleman County
- * Plans to study Psychology at University of North Texas
- * Awarded Salutatorian of her class.



County Treasurers' Association of Texas Scholarship Program

Each year the County Treasurers' Association of Texas will grant scholarships based upon recommendations made by the Endowment Trust Board of Trustees and presented to the CTAT Board of Directors, as governed by the Endowment Trust Fund guidelines.

Below are the requirements for applying for the County Treasurers' Association of Texas Scholarship(s).

Qualifications for Scholarships:

1. The deadline for submission will be April 1st.
2. Applicants must be the child, grandchild or student under the legal guardianship of an active CTAT or CTAT Alumni member.
3. Applicants must be a high school senior who has met the requirements for graduation from their respective high school or no older than age 25 at the time of application.
4. Applicants may be an entering freshman, continuing undergraduate or graduate students in an institution of higher education.
5. Applications must contain the following:
 - High School or higher education entities transcripts including GPA
 - Three recommendation letters from persons in a position to know and communicate their academic standing
 - A recent photograph, and
 - Completed CTAT Scholarship Application
6. Applicants may not reapply for the scholarship if they have been awarded in the past.

Dates to Remember

Conference of the Investment Academy	Georgetown, TX	Jun. 15-17, 2026
TAC Legislative Conference	Austin, TX	August 26-28, 2026
78th Annual CTAT Conference	Conroe, TX	Sept. 21-24, 2026
Texas Public Funds Investment Conference	Houston, TX	Nov. 5-6, 2026
Basics of Investments Course	San Marcos, TX	Feb. 2-5, 2027
Healthy County Bootcamp	Georgetown, TX	Feb. 10-12, 2027
County Management & Risk Conference	Round Rock, TX	3/31-4/2, 2027
55th Annual County Treasurers' Seminar	San Marcos, TX	Apr. 19-22, 2027

Continuing Education Requirements

	Required Hours	Outside Hours (Non-CTAT Conferences)	Carry Forward Hours
County Treasurers Continuing Education Hours	20 hours annually 10 hours <u>must be taken</u> in either April or September Conference	Maximum of 10 hours	Maximum of 10 hours
Public Funds Investment Act	10 hours in a two year period	n/a	n/a

CTAT Creed

Charity, we believe, is life's greatest virtue;
The Public Good its noblest motive; And Liber-
ty under Law its richest legacy. Our Creed is
actually molded by what we love; Thus, we
believe that love toward God and our Fellow
Man fulfills the highest Purpose of Life.

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