

# Treasury Notes

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## Letter From the President

CTAT...Professionals Serving the Citizens of Texas

Fellow Treasurers:

CTAT's mantra for this year has been "CTAT...Professionals serving the Citizens of Texas." I hope you are all beating your chest as you say the mantra! This was a legislative session in which we were successful in defeating several bad bills and getting a version of our own bill passed.

The goal I set before CTAT when I took the presidents position was to raise the awareness of our profession in our communities, at TAC and most of all, in the Texas Legislature. In October of 2006, CTAT started its defensive stand against the abolishment of the Harris Co. Treasurer. As a collective group, we assertively started working our strategy three months before the session started by educating each of our legislators on the importance of keeping the office. The result of your efforts is that the abolishment bills were not even heard in a committee!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Your representatives have gained respect for you and your position which was accomplished through your efforts to develop relationships with them. All strong relationships must be maintained by continued contact and communication so please continue to nourish your relationships.

The education you provided on the importance of your profession, multiplied itself throughout the session. In fact, at the end of the session when we were trying to get our own CTAT bill passed, there was a plea to CTAT to contact their representatives concerning an issue and a representative asked Rep. Parker what kind of networking system we had! CTAT was heard as a powerful force in Austin this session. (Please read the legislative update.) CTAT's needs will not be heard by just a very few treasurers, it has to be a collective voice. I believe if you make enough noise...eventually you will be heard.

As president, I have had the privilege to serve on the TAC Board of Directors. This year will be especially challenging as we search for a new executive director for TAC. I personally believe this is an exciting time for TAC. With change, there are always new ideas, directions and possibilities and I challenge each of you to be an active part of this new era of TAC. Sam Seale helped develop a tradition that has created roots for each of us to grow on. With the right attitude and passion a positive change can always happen

-- nothing is impossible.

CTAT is more than a professional association...it is like a family that has a common goal. I have noticed that when one of our family members is in trouble, CTAT circles their wagons and protects itself. I want to thank everyone for their professional and personal support that you have extended to me during this year. I have been truly blessed by each of you.

Lesa Crosswhite



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**COUNTY TREASURER'S ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS**  
**JULY 2007**

# CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NOMINEES FOR THE TEXAS OUTSTANDING COUNTY TREASURER FOR 2007:

- LISA JOST**, CONCHO COUNTY, REG 6  
**NORMA GARCIA**, HIDALGO COUNTY, REG 8  
**GLENNA CANADA**, RANDALL COUNTY, REG 1  
**ALAN DIERSCHKE**, GLASSCOCK COUNTY, REG 3  
**SHARON REYNOLDS**, BRAZORIA COUNTY, REG 12



ALL COUNTY TREASURERS WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO CAST THEIR VOTE FOR THE OUTSTANDING TREASURER AT THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN LUBBOCK THIS OCTOBER. IF YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND THE CONFERENCE, BALLOTS WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE NEXT NEWSLETTER TO COMPLETE AND FAX TO LINDA ROBINSON, JEFFERSON COUNTY TREASURER.

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## GETTING TO KNOW....

### **PHELAN WRINKLE COKE COUNTY TREASURER**

Number of years as County Treasurer: **21**

Number of years in public service: **23**

Our County seat is in: **Robert Lee, TX**

Number of employees in my office: **None**

Number of employees in our county: **34 full time and 5 part time**

Fun things to do in our county: **We are a rural county so the hunting is good and we have a lot of bird watchers. We have a nice size lake too as small counties go. We all have to work to keep our communities going. We have a hunters BBQ in November that we feed about 1,000 people in a three hour period. It's fun but lots of work.**

My dream is: **To be able to retire and do exactly what I want.**

My hobbies are: **I love to read cookbooks and right now I guess work.**

My pet peeve is: **Someone that is always unhappy. I know we all get that way but do you have to listen to it everyday.**



# Treasurer's Seminar 2007

## Austin, Texas



Treasurer's make a strong presence at the State Capitol. ↑



Treasurers Vincenta Mungia, Priscilla Cantu, and Becky Dominguez take a rest in the Capitol Rotunda. ↑

CTAT President, Lesa Crosswhite is surprised. ↓



New  
Treasurers  
Shake it up  
→



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# Bill Recap on the 80th Legislature By Cindy Brown

## The 80<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature

**Sunday,**

**June 17, 2007**

(20th day following final adjournment) Last day governor can sign or veto bills passed during the previous legislative session  
[Sec. 14, Art. IV, Texas Constitution]

**Monday,**

**August 27,**

**2007** (91st day following final adjournment) Date that bills without specific effective dates (that could not be effective immediately) become law  
[Sec. 39, Art. III, Texas Constitution]

Source:

Guide to Texas Legislative Information

The 80<sup>th</sup> Legislature was entertaining at best. I have used the analogy that working with the legislative process is like a roller coaster ride. It has its up's and down's, it is fun and scary and occasionally you have that loose your stomach kind of feeling. In the end, we were successful in most of our efforts. Our main accomplishment was the defeat of the abolition efforts of the Harris County Treasurer (SJR 35). The bill never made it to a committee hearing. Secondly, the CTAT bill (HB 3439) was our language "cleanup" efforts that survived several adversities along the way, but we were successful in getting a portion of the original bill passed with special thanks to Representative Parker (Denton) and Senator Jackson (Brazoria, Galveston, Harris). The lists below are summaries of bills that affect our office that were either passed or died. To see the actual text of each bill visit the Texas Legislature Online at <http://www.capitol.state.tx.us/>. Lastly, on behalf of Lesa, Sharon and myself, I would like to thank each of you that responded to our request for assistance. Without your efforts in contacting your Representatives and Senators or testifying in committee, we would not have been successful. Your efforts made a difference. Thank you!

### Enrolled (passed) Legislation

SB 235 - Relating to the composition of a county bail bond board.

SB 844 - Relating to longevity pay for assistant prosecutors

SB 1106 - Relating to county accounting procedures regarding certain audits, debts, and records

HB 398 - Relating to designating a county official to file certain financial information with the county commissioners court.

HB 1380 - Relating to court security and the use of money in courthouse security and municipal court building security funds.

HB 1204 - Relating to donations of juror reimbursements.

HB 2641 - Relating to the selection of depositories for certain county funds, including funds held by a county or district clerk.

HB 2967 - Relating to a performance bond required of a statutory probate court judge.

HB 3299 - Relating to the amount, collection, and refund of certain local fines and fees.

HB 3439 - Relating to county fiscal matters.

### Bills of interest/concern that died

SB 280 - Relating to the program for improvement of collection of court costs, fees, and fines imposed in criminal cases.

SJR 35 - Proposing a constitutional amendment to abolish the office of county treasurer of Harris County.

HB 771 - Relating to the compensation of an election judge or clerk.

HB 345 - Relating to the collateralization of certain public funds; providing administrative penalties.

HB 3003 - Relating to the investment of public funds in ways that benefit the state and local economies and to the selection of local financial institutions for the deposit of public funds.

HB 3004 - Relating to the investment of public funds, including making investments in ways that benefit the state and local economies, and to the selection of local financial institutions for the deposit of public funds.

HJR 95 - Proposing a constitutional amendment directing state and local governmental entities that invest public funds to make investments that will benefit the Texas economy to the extent that it is possible to do so under a prudent investment strategy.

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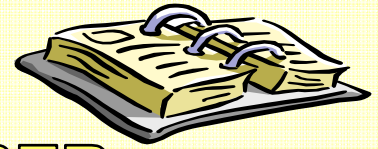


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# DATES TO REMEMBER

July 13-17, 2007	National Association of Counties (NaCo) Annual Conference, Richmond, Virginia.
July 16-17, 2007	Public Funds Investment Act Workshop, sponsored by University of North Texas, in Arlington.
July 26-27, 2007	Public Funds Investment Act Workshop, sponsored by University of North Texas, in Lubbock.
July 27, 2007	Cash Handling Seminar, sponsored by GTOT, Euless.
August 2-3, 2007	Texas County and District Retirement System Perspectives 2007, Austin, Hilton.
August 15-17, 2007	TAC Annual Conference & Trade Show, Austin. Hilton Hotel.
August 16-17, 2007	Public Funds Investment Act Workshop, sponsored by University of North Texas, in McAllen.
August 23-24, 2007	Public Funds Investment Act Workshop, sponsored by University of North Texas, in Arlington.
August 29-30, 2007	Public Funds Investment Act Workshop, sponsored by University of North Texas, San Antonio.
September 30-October 6, 2007	TAC County Investment Officer Training Level I. (CIO), Austin, TAC Events Center.
October 10-12, 2007	Fall 2007 Institute, sponsored by GFOA, Corpus Christi, Omni Hotel.
October 14-19, 2007	59 <sup>th</sup> Annual County Treasurers Association Conference, Lubbock. Holiday Inn & Towers.
November 15-16, 2007	TAC Texas Public Investment Conference (CIO), Level II Houston, Renaissance Houston Hotel.
December 10-12, 2007	GTOT Winter Seminar, San Antonio.
March 1-5, 2008	NaCo's Legislative Conference, Washington, D.C., Hilton Washington & Towers
March 11, 2008	TAC Spring Administrative Workshop, Lubbock, Holiday Inn and Towers
April 6-12, 2008	County Government Week
April 14-17	36 <sup>th</sup> Annual County Treasurers' Continuing Education Seminar, College Station, Hilton Hotel & Conference Center

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 GTOT- Government Treasurers Organization of Texas [www.gtot.net](http://www.gtot.net)  
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We need pictures of all the new treasurers and a more current picture of the long timers. (Notice it did not say "old" treasurers.) If you have updates to your information or have questions or problems with the excel file, send an email to [cindy.brown@dentoncounty.com](mailto:cindy.brown@dentoncounty.com).

**"I believe it is an established maxim in morals that he who makes an assertion without knowing whether it is true or false, is guilty of falsehood; and the accidental truth of the assertion, does not justify or excuse him." - Abraham Lincoln**

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Texas County Treasurers  
Directory

**Brown County**



Photo Courtesy of <http://www.texascourthouses.com/>

**County Treasurer**  
*Ann Krpoun*



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<b>Fax:</b>	325-646-6033
<b>Email:</b>	<a href="mailto:browncountytreasurer@hotmail.com">browncountytreasurer@hotmail.com</a>
<b>Date Sworn In:</b>	12/18/2005
<b>Board/Committee Assignments:</b>	
<b>County Web Site:</b>	<a href="http://www.co.brown.tx.us/">http://www.co.brown.tx.us/</a>
<b>County Demographics:</b>	<a href="http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/48/48049.html">http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/48/48049.html</a>
<b>Region:</b>	6
<b>Assistant Treasurer:</b>	

Email updates to [Cindy Brown](#), Denton County Treasurer.

[Excel Spreadsheet format \(printable\)](#)



# News-worthy

Congratulations to Ashley Kathleen Patterson, daughter of **Comal County Treasurer Susan Paterson**. Ashley, a Senior at New Braunfels High School, won 1<sup>st</sup> in District golf, 2<sup>nd</sup> in Regional golf and went on to the STATE golf championship last month.

**Nancy Duckett, Karnes County Treasurer**, recently resigned due to illness. We are sorry to say goodbye so soon and we wish her a speedy recovery. We are happy to welcome **Vi Malone**, newly appointed Treasurer in Karnes County. Please know we all are here to help if you have any questions.

Our condolences to **Vincenta Mungia, Gaines County Treasurer**, on the loss of her newborn grandbaby.



Congratulations to **Greg Wilhelm, Ellis County Treasurer**, who has been appointed as the new County Court at Law Judge. We are very excited for his new adventure. In turn we welcome **Judy Burden**, newly appointed Treasurer in Ellis County. Do not hesitate to contact your peers if you need any guidance.

**Johnny Countryman** will take the post as the new Region 9 Director.

**Dallam County Treasurer, Wes Ritchey's** family grew by a new baby girl on Saturday, June the 9<sup>th</sup>. Callie Elizabeth Ritchey (6 lbs 11 oz and 19 1/2 inches) was welcomed at 11:23 a.m. Hope all are healthy and happy!



Ward County Treasurer **Teresa Perry** tied the knot on December 16, 2006 with David Stoner. Best Wishes to them and may they have a lifetime of fun together.

We failed to say "goodbye" to **Kleberg County Treasurer, Hector Hinojosa**. He was replaced by **Priscilla Cantu**. Priscilla is very familiar with county politics as her mother, **Rachel Alvarez** was the Kleberg County Treasurer for 6 years prior to her death in 2004.

## Past scholarship recipient info:

**Lauren Bean**, daughter of **Menard County Treasurer Robert Bean**, was a recipient of a 2003 CTAT scholarship, and she graduated last month from the University of Texas at Austin, College of Communication, with a Bachelor of Science in Public Relations degree and has moved to Washington, DC where she has a job working in the office of US Representative Michael Burgess who represents Texas District 26.



## New Executive Director named at TAC:

Karen Ann Norris was selected June 12<sup>th</sup> to be the new executive director of the Texas Association of Counties. She has been the acting director since the untimely passing of Sam Seale in February. Norris' 17 years of experience is what affected the decision to make her director, said Marc Hamlin, President of the Association.

Prior to coming to the Association, Norris worked for various healthcare associations and served as a committee clerk in the Texas House of Representatives. She is currently a member of the Advisory Committee of the Texas Leadership Institute, the Board of Directors for the Texas Rural Leadership Development Program and the Advisory Council of the University of Texas Center for Public Policy Dispute Resolution. She is a graduate of the University of Texas at Austin.

CTAT,

Your generosity with the financial gift to Preston was OVERWHELMING!!! My eyes are still swollen from crying so much. I usually can not be tricked...but .....well words do not exist that explain how I felt that night at the banquet.

I did not tell Preston about the gift until I got home. I told him about the evening and then showed him your gift....he could not believe it either. He kept saying "I can't believe they would do that for me". You have touched our lives in so many ways during the past 21 months. It is such a comfort to know that I have a "family" out there standing in the gap for me when I don't feel like I can stand anymore. The cards, e-mails, visits and phone calls have blessed and have always arrived just when I needed them most.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart,

Lesa Crosswhite

*Thank you so much! I have only meet a very few of you personally but I feel like I know everyone of you. You have been such a support to mom and me during all this. Your gift was amazing!*

*I have discovered much about life and about myself since June 3, 2005. I have learned that a person's real strength is not found in his extremities, and that I have within me and with my Lord, the power to make dreams come true. I will make that dream come true through my academics.*

*I will be using your gift to pay for MOST of my housing and meal plan for my freshman year. Every time I come to my room I will think of each of you and the sacrifice you made for me.*

*Thank you again,*

*Preston Teel*

### Minimum wage is Changing Effective:

July 24, 2007 from \$5.15 per hour to \$5.85 per hour.

July 24, 2008 from \$5.85 per hour to \$6.55 per hour.

July 24, 2009 from \$6.55 per hour to \$7.25 per hour.

For time and the world do not stand still. Change is the law of life. And those who look only to the past or the present are certain to miss the future.

**John F. Kennedy**

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## Education Requirement For County Treasurer

Coordinating body: County Treasurers Association of Texas  
Treasurers Education Committee

### Contact:

Honorable Bill Helton  
Treasurers Certification & Verification Chairman  
McLennan County Treasurer  
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Phone: (254) 757-5020  
Fax: (254) 759-2832  
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V.G. Young Institute is the official registrar for County Treasurer hours.

Bill Helton is the Certification & Verification Chairman for the Treasurers Education Committee. This contact MAY rotate on a yearly basis

## The purpose of Continuing Education

Is to

**Give us the knowledge we need to  
Perform our jobs as public officials.**

### Programs that qualify/Filing for Credit:

Any approved by the Treasurers Educational Committee. Contact Martha Gustavsen or Bill Helton for Credit: Send a letter requesting continuing education approval to Martha Gustavsen or Bill Helton. The Treasurers Education Committee will decide if credit will be granted and the number of hours that may be earned.

### Continuing Education Requirements:

- (a) Within one year after the date on which a person first takes office as county treasurer, the county treasurer must successfully complete an introductory course of instruction in the performance of the duties of county treasurer.
- (b) After completion of the first year in office, a county treasurer must successfully complete in each 12-month period at least 20 hours of continuing education in the performance of the duties of county treasurer.
- (c) The introductory course required by Subsection (a) and at least 10 hours of the continuing education required by Subsection (b) must be taken at an accredited public institution of higher education. The remaining required classroom hours, wherever taken, must be certified by an accredited public institution of higher education.
- (d) To satisfy the requirement of Subsection (b), a county treasurer may carry forward from one 12-month period to the next not more than 10 continuing education hours that the county treasurer completes in excess of the required 20 hours.

### Legal Source:

Local Government Code Sec. 83.003

Source Texas Association of Counties website

Please don't assume all seminars will give you credits towards Continuing Education requirements. When in doubt, contact Bill Helton.



# FUNDRAISING



Each year, the County Treasurers' Association has different fundraising projects in order to pay for board expenses, the contract for our legislative liaison, and scholarships that are awarded each year to our college bound children. This year, we will be focusing on silent auctions at both conferences. The silent auction at the CTAT conference in Austin this past April was a huge success. Sherry Enloe, CTAT fundraising chairman, said she thought it was the best one yet and said the items were fantastic. We would like to encourage each of the Regions to donate three to four items from their budgets if possible towards our conference in Lubbock this October. And as always we welcome the special items of each County Treasurer from their home County. We are also looking for a really nice item to put up for a raffle and chances will be sold for \$1.00 each. Remember, with the next conference being in October, Christmas will be just around the corner. So, plan on doing a little Christmas "shopping" at our next superb silent auction.

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## ***CTAT Executive Board***

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Sherry Enloe	President-Elect	Albany, Shackelford County
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