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Letter from the President

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Fellow Treasurers,

My bags are packed and I am ready for Abilene! I know Lesa and Region 6 have a wonderful conference planned for us. I cannot believe how quickly this past year has gone by. It just seems like yesterday I was planning the Grapevine Conference and was installed as President of this great Association! It has been an amazing year and as my Presidency comes to an end, new opportunities will begin as I pass the gavel to Katherine Hudson, Wise County, as our 2010-2011 President! Congratulations Katherine!



Since 2010 has been an election year, we have seen many changes start to develop. We have many "seasoned" Treasurers saying goodbye this year. I would be remiss if I did not take this opportunity to thank all those individuals. I will not list their names as there are too many and I would not want to take the risk of missing anyone. But all of you that are saying goodbye this year "THANK YOU". Each of you have mentored me and others for so many years and without your experience and wisdom, CTAT would not be the amazingly strong organization it is today. You will be missed and I hope that you will continue to be a part of our CTAT family beyond your elected years. May God's blessings be with you now and always.

This year has been a preparatory year for the 2011 Legislative session. Dianna Spieker, Tom Green County, has been our legislative warrior for getting our legislation drafted and sponsored. Although we have not put the final touches on the legislation, Dianna has done an amazing job of working through many of the complex issues. In Abilene, we will review the proposed legislation and discuss in detail the issues at hand and will vote upon our legislative agenda before we proceed any further. I wish to thank Dianna for being proactive on the issues and for her unwavering ability to get things done. She really is a Princess with lots of jewels in her crown!

In closing, this year has been incredible. I am in constant reminder of how wonderful it is to be an elected County Treasurer in this great State of Texas and even more amazed at the depth of friendships that have been developed over the years by my association with CTAT. I wish to thank each and every one of you for your friendship and support.

Take care and Godspeed,

Cindy Yeatts Brown
Denton County Treasurer
2009-2010 CTAT President

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2010 - 2011 DATES TO REMEMBER



September 13-17, 2010

**62nd Annual County Treasurers' Association Conference
Abilene, MCM Elegante Hotel**

October 10-16, 2010

TAC Investment Officer Training Level I, Austin, TAC Events Center

October 19-20, 2010

Public Funds Investment Act Workshop, Bellaire

October 22, 2010

Texas County and District Retirement System Administrators Conference,
Austin, Omni Hotel

October 28-29, 2010

Public Funds Investment Act Workshop, Arlington

November 18-19, 2010

TAC Texas Public Funds Investment Conference, Houston, Renaissance Hotel

December 7-16, 2010

TAC Newly Elected Officials Training (Dec 7th Conroe, Dec 7th Lubbock, Dec 8th Tyler, Dec 9th Waco, Dec 9th Midland, Dec 10th Abilene, Dec 14th McAllen, Dec 16th San Antonio) This one day seminar covers basic laws that apply to all County officials including the Texas Open Meetings and Public Information Act, ethics, hiring, firing, nepotism, etc.

January 26-28, 2011

**NEW COUNTY TREASURER ORIENTATION FOR NEWLY ELECTED TREASURERS
This seminar will talk about Treasurer duties. College Station, Hilton.**

April 6-8, 2011

TAC County Management Institute, Austin, Doubletree North Hotel

April 18-21, 2011

**39th Annual County Treasurers' Continuing Education seminar, Austin,
Doubletree North Hotel**

May 1-7, 2011

County Government Week

June 13-17, 2011

TAC County Investment Training, Level II, Farmers Branch, Omni Park West

July 15-19, 2011

National Association of Counties Annual Conference (NACo), Portland, OR

August 24-26, 2011

TAC Annual Conference & Expo, Austin, Hilton

November 16-18, 2011

TAC Texas Public Funds Investment Conference, Houston, Renaissance Hotel

TAC – Texas Association of Counties www.county.org

Public Funds Investment Act www.pacs.unt.edu/cpm

TCDRS – Texas County and District Retirement System www.tcdrs.org

WE EXTEND OUR BEST
WISHES AND GOOD LUCK
TO ALL COUNTY
TREASURER'S THAT
HAVE
OPPONENTS IN 2010!

Welcome all new Treasurer's
who began their terms in
2010. There are so many we
couldn't list you all but that
doesn't mean we aren't
happy to have you! Welcome
and GOOD LUCK!

Congratulations to Charles Jones Outstanding County Treasurer, 2010 Martinelli Award Winner



Charles Jones, Bell County Treasurer, was presented the National Outstanding County Treasurer 2010 Martinelli Award in July at the annual National Association of Counties (NACo) conference in Reno.

This award is given to outstanding leaders who exemplify true management and commitment to their home state and county office and are members of the National Association of County Collectors, Treasurers and Finance Officers (NACCFO), an affiliate of NACo.

It is no surprise to the County Treasurers' Association of Texas as we have seen Charles' relentless work ethic and true commitment to our association since he took office in January 1983. We offer Charles our sincerest congratulations on this National award.

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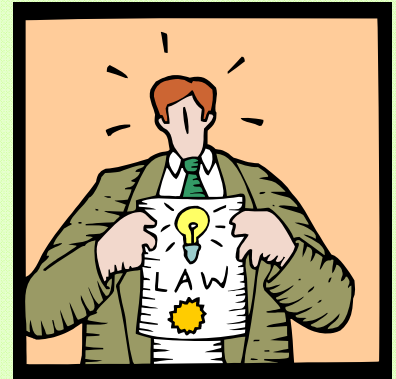
Legislative Updates

From the desk of Dianna Spieker, Tom Green Treasurer

With the 82nd Legislative Session six months away, Texas Legislators are facing a multitude of challenges that will be unprecedented to any previous legislative session. The state will be striving to tackle a budget deficit projected to be near \$18 billion dollars, redistricting, and federal healthcare mandates.

State agencies will begin submitting budgetary needs next month. As a starting point for budget deliberations, an agency's baseline request for general revenue related funds may not exceed the sum of amounts expended in fiscal year 2010 and budgeted in fiscal year 2011 adjusted to reflect the full five percent reduction target identified by Legislative Budget Board for each agency. Agencies must also submit a supplemental schedule detailing how they would reduce the baseline request by an additional 10 percent in general revenue-related funding. The legislature is constitutionally mandated to have a balance budget, before they adjourn, which will be a daunting task for all.

County Treasurer's Association will be submitting bills to streamline; strengthen and clarify our positions. (Bill was handed out at April Conference). Your CTAT Legislative Task Force team will be watching all other bills that are filed that may affect County Government, specifically County Treasurer's



From the desk of James Clark, CTAT Legislative Liason

With the 82nd Texas Legislature set to convene in just five short months, Austin is a buzz with expectations for the coming session. Most of the talk is over congressional reapportionment, which normally takes place after the decennial census and the States current financial predicament. Leadership is currently predicting a budget deficit of 18 billion dollars, but that will not be official until we receive the comptroller's estimate.

Either of these issues alone could easily derail or take over the legislative process. Together it is almost assured that the process will be bogged down and possibly very early. Usually the only bill that the legislature has to pass is the appropriations bill (the budget), however; this year they must also pass a Congressional redistricting bill. If one of these bills fails passage there will need to be a special session.

Redistricting usually occurs every ten years after the census is taken. There are usually three specific pieces of legislation. A congressional redistricting bill, house bill and senate bill. As mentioned in the previous paragraph the only one of these that must pass is the congressional bill. If one or both of the other two fail passage (which is likely) those districts will be decided by the Legislative Redistricting Board, which is made up of Lt. Governor, Speaker, Comptroller, Attorney General and Land Commissioner.

As always, the appropriations bill will be trying. The 82nd Legislature will have to approve an emergency appropriation bill as soon as the session begins to cover the current budget's shortfall, which is estimated at \$4 billion dollars. There is \$8 to \$9 billion dollars in the rainy day fund. Expect there to be a battle over how much, if any of that fund will be spent. Every expense will be scrutinized in the process.

Leadership has ruled out tax increases, but most expect there to be some type of tax bill. The legislature is also expected to look at other sources of revenue. Expect there to be multiple bills dealing with legalized gaming.

Every session is different. They all have different challenges that must be negotiated. This one will probably be especially difficult due to the extreme budget deficit and the inherent contentiousness of the redistricting process.

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www.county.org

Local Government Code
www.capitol.state.tx.us/statutes/stat

Department of Labor
www.dol.gov

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Appointments

Parliamentarian – Renee Couch

Research Liaison – Dianna Spieker

Historian/ Treasury Notes – Michele Tuttle

For a full list of all committee members and Treasurers, please logon to the CTAT website at www.ctatx.org/.

Congratulations to Christina Dodrill,
Eastland County Treasurer on the birth of
her daughter Karsyn Elizabeth Dodrill
born Tuesday July 27, 2010!



Our sincerest condolences to the family of Donna Long, retired
Tom Green County Treasurer. She served from 1995-1998. She
will be missed.





2010 CTAT SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

The CTAT Annual Scholarship winners for 2010 were announced at the Treasurers' Conference at College Station in April. CTAT has a strong belief in encouraging our youth in education, community and citizenship. The Scholarship committee, chaired by Sharon Reynolds, had the tough task of reviewing many remarkable applications out of which four high school graduates were selected to receive a scholarship from the County Treasurers' Association of Texas. For the first time in CTAT's history, twin sisters are among the winners.

Randi Hudson, granddaughter of Leann Jennings, Potter County Treasurer. Randi will be attending West Texas A & M University.

J. D. Young, grandson of Ruth Ann Young, Garza County Treasurer. J. D. will be attending Clarendon College.

Carrie Coker, daughter of Ruby Coker, Navarro County Treasurer. Carrie will be attending the University of Texas at Tyler.

Casen Coker, daughter of Ruby Coker, Navarro County Treasurer. Casen will be attending the University of Texas at Tyler.

PAST SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE

Craig Bean, son of Menard County Treasurer Robert Bean, graduated from The University of Texas at Austin with a bachelors' degree in Government on May 21, 2010. Craig is a past recipient of the CTAT scholarship. Congratulations!!

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2010 CTAT Conference Itinerary

Monday, September 13, 2010

- 1-5 p.m. Registration Desk Open
- 2:00 p.m. **Golf Tournament - Fairway Oaks Country Club**
******Sponsored by Funds Management Group, Bob Ross & Joan Alexander******
- 6:00 p.m. **Casual and relaxed dinner @ Lesa Crosswhite's house.**
2434 Spyglass Hill Court – Maps available at hotel desk
All Vendors and Sponsors are invited to join the CTAT membership for dinner.
******Hosted by Region 6 County Treasurers******
- 5:00 p.m. **Hospitality Suite Opens, Veranda Room**
******Hosted by TexStar/Logic and Nicky Smith******

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

- 8-5 p.m. Registration Desk Open
- 9:00-10:00 a.m. Legislative Committee Meeting
- 10:00-12:00 a.m. Education Committee Meeting
- 12:00-1:30 Lunch on your own
- 1:30-3:00 p.m. CTAT Board Meeting
- 6:02 p.m. **Welcoming Reception and Dinner - Load Trolley from behind the hotel.**
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Wednesday, September 15, 2010

- 8a.m.-12 p.m. Registration Desk Open
- 9:00a.m.-4:30p.m. **Vendor Exhibits**
- 9:00 **Conference Convenes**
- 9:35 - 10:00 Break in Vendor area *****Sponsored by BOSC, Inc. / Nicole Gilbert*****
- 10:00 - 12:00 Mark Warren, Texas Association of Counties
- 12:00 Noon TOCTA Voting Ends
- 12:00 - 1:15 **Lunch Honoring CTAT Outstanding County Treasurer Nominees**
******Sponsored by First Financial Bank / Ben McAnally******
- 1:30 - 2:45 CTAT Business Meeting
- 2:45 - 3:10 Break in Vendor Area ***** Coastal Securities / Steve Albert*****
- 3:10 - 4:10 **PFIA Credit** - "Permitted Texas Investment, Pros and Cons" Ken Couch, Texas Term/ PFM
- 6:03 p.m. **Dinner @ Perini Steak House in Buffalo Gap**
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Treasurer's Seminar April 2010



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2010 CTAT OUTSTANDING TREASURER NOMINEES

The nominees for the 2010 CTAT Outstanding Treasurer award were announced in College Station during April's conference. This year's nominees are Mitzi Wohleking, Midland County; Michele Tuttle, Hays County, Sherry Enloe, Shckelford County; Peggy Ledbetter, Dewitt County and Bill Helton, McLennan County. This year's winner will be announced during the Treasurer's conference in Abilene.



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