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Thirteen (13) continuing education hours have been approved for individuals participating in this conference. An additional four (4) continuing education hours are approved for those who attend the early bird session. County judges may receive up to four (4) hours of judicial credit. The judicial education session is partially funded by a Judicial & Court Personnel Training Fund grant administered by the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals and a Texas Traffic Safety Program grant administered by the Texas Department of Transportation.

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Conference Evaluation

At the close of the conference, please remember to complete and submit your conference evaluation. These evaluations help in planning future conferences. Your input is appreciated!

2026 Conference

Mark your calendars for the 92nd Annual South Texas County Judges and Commissioners Association Conference to be held June 15-18, 2026, in San Antonio.

Spouse Program

Welcome! Please make sure you are registered at the registration desk to reserve your spot and receive program information. On Tuesday, June 3, participants will attend "A Dash of This, Splash of That." Find out more information about this event on page 11.

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MONDAY, JUNE 2

Nueces Ballroom

- 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. **Registration Opens**
Registration Desk
- 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. **Early Bird – Emergency Management**
Overview of Emergency Management
for Counties
Putting the Pieces Together
Budgeting for Disasters
Documenting Your Disasters
- 3:30-5 p.m. **Exhibits Open**
Corpus Christi Ballroom
- 3:30-5 p.m. **Committee Meetings**
- Nominations Committee**
Conference Room
- Chair:** Hon. Pete Trevino, Jim Wells County
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Association
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- Hon. Juan Carlos Guerra, Jim Hogg
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 - Hon. James Liska, Live Oak County Judge
 - Hon. Lolo Martinez III, La Salle County
Commissioner
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Commissioner
- Hon. Ben Zeller, Victoria County Judge
- Hon. David Krebs, San Patricio County Judge

3:30-5 p.m. **Welcome Reception**
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Corpus Christi Ballroom

TUESDAY, JUNE 3

7 a.m.-5 p.m. **Registration Opens**
Registration Desk

8 a.m.-4 p.m. **Exhibits Open**
Corpus Christi Ballroom

Opening General Session
Nueces Ballroom

8 a.m. **Call to Order and Announcements**
Hon. David Fuentes, President, South Texas
County Judges and Commissioners
Association

Invocation
Hon. Mark Gillespie

Presentation of Colors
Nueces County

Pledge of Allegiance
Hon. Sammy Farias

National Anthem
Nueces County


Nueces County Welcome

Greetings:
Hon. Byron Ryder, President, County Judges
and Commissioners Association of Texas
Hon. Larry Woolley, President, North and East
County Judges and Commissioners Association
Hon. Mike DeLoach, President, West Texas
County Judges and Commissioners Association
Hon. Tim Addison, President, Texas Association
of Counties
Ms. Julie Anderson, Editor, County Progress
Dr. Peter McGuill, Director, V.G. Young Institute
of County Government, Texas A&M AgriLife
Extension Service

8:20 a.m.  **4.016: Leadership / Teambuilding:
Keynote Address**
Speaker: Greg Stube, U.S. Army, Retired

9:10 a.m. **Water for South Texas**
Speaker: John Byrum II,
Nueces River Authority

10:00 a.m. **Refreshment Break**
*Sponsored by: Texas A&M AgriLife Extension
Service Professional Associations*
Corpus Christi Ballroom

10:20 a.m.  **3.001 Open Meetings Act**
Speaker: Eric Magee, Partner, Allison, Bass
and Magee, LLP

11:10 a.m.  **3.007 Civil Rights: First Amendment Audits**
Speaker: Carmen Napp, Law Enforcement
Consultant, Texas Association of Counties

Noon **Past Presidents' Luncheon – By Invitation**
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TUESDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 3

Special Session for County Judges
Nueces B

Moderator: Hon. Pete Trevino

1 p.m. **Criminal Law / DWI Case Overview**
Speaker: Hon. Mark Woerner, Court-at-Law
Judge, Nueces County

2 p.m. **Mental Health Commitment Case**
Speaker: Hon. Jhiela "Gigi" Poynter, Judge,
Refugio County

3 p.m. **Refreshment Break**
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Architects*


3:15 p.m. **Guardianship 101: Things County Judges
Should Know**
Speaker: Shekinah Hammonds, Attorney,
Hammonds Davis Law Firm

4:15 p.m. **Moderated Discussion: Legislative Session Updates**
Speaker: Stefan Silveira, Legislative Consultant, Texas Association of Counties

5:15 p.m. **Adjourn**

Special Session for County Commissioners
Nueces A
Moderator: Hon. Mark Gillespie

1:15 p.m. **Call to Order and Announcements**

1:20 p.m.  **3.016 County Roads: Right of Way Management**
Speaker: Bob Bass, Partner, Allison, Bass and Magee, LLP

2:10 p.m.  **3.004 Regulations and Legal Issues: Texas Fence Laws and Estray Livestock**
Speaker: Joe Aguilar Jr., Special Ranger, Texas & Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association

3 p.m. **Refreshment Break**
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Corpus Christi Ballroom

3:20 p.m. **Commercial Vehicle Inspection Requirements for Counties**
Speaker: Cpl. Jim Hildreth, Texas Department of Public Safety

4:10 p.m. **TxDOT Grants and Surplus Road Material Program**
Speaker: Mark Johnson, MMS & Contracts Section Director, Texas Department of Transportation

5 p.m. **Adjourn**

7 p.m. **Host Court Night**
Sponsored by: Nueces County Commissioners Court
Texas State Aquarium

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4


7 a.m. **Inspirational Breakfast**
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Nueces B


8 a.m.-noon **Registration & Exhibits Open**
Registration Desk

9 a.m. **Business Meeting and Installation of Officers**
Nueces A

9:40 a.m. **Refreshment Break**
Sponsored by: Texas Oil and Gas Association, NCIC Correctional Services
Corpus Christi Ballroom


CCAC Phase II
Nueces B
Moderator: Hon. Mark Gillespie


10:10 a.m.  **2.005 County Treasurer**
Speaker: Hon. Ruben Cavazos, County Treasurer, Willacy County

11:10 a.m.  **2.010 Justice of the Peace**
Speaker: Hon. Holly Williamson, Justice of the Peace, Harris County

OR

CCAC Phase III
Nueces A
Moderator: Hon. Pete Trevino

10:10 a.m.  **4.022 Internet / Cyber Security: Website Accessibility**
Speakers: Lisa Ogle, CIRA Project Manager, Texas Association of Counties
Eric Magee, Partner, Allison, Bass and Magee, LLP

11:10 a.m.  **4.009 Financial Accounting Basics: Investment Accounting**
Speaker: Tracy Barrera, Auditor, Atascosa County

Noon

Lunch on Your Own

LEISURE ACTIVITIES

1:30 p.m.

Cornhole, Poker and 42 Tournaments

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Bayview Room*

Please remember to register for the
tournaments at the tournament registration
table.

THURSDAY, JUNE 5

7:30 a.m.

Coffee and Pastries

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Associates, Inc.
Prefunction Area*

8-11 a.m.

Registration Open

Registration Desk

General Session

Nueces Ballroom

Moderator: Hon. Pete Trevino

8:30 a.m.



4.023 Grant Writing

Speaker: Natalie Gonzalez, Associate Vice
President of Client Services, GrantWorks, Inc.

9:20 a.m.



3.015 Effective Meetings / Parliamentary Procedure

Speaker: Hon. Ben Zeller, Judge,
Victoria County

10:10 a.m.



3.013 Working With the Legislature: Legislative Panel

Speakers: Jim Allison, Senior General
Counsel, CJCAT & Rick Thompson, Program
Director, CJCAT

11 a.m.

Adjourn



Host Court Night

Texas State Aquarium
Tuesday, June 3, 7:00 p.m.

**Join Nueces County for a night of fun at the
Texas State Aquarium.**

The Texas State Aquarium in Corpus Christi is a nonprofit
marinelife center dedicated to marine conservation, education
and wildlife rehabilitation. It focuses on the ecosystems of the
Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean Sea, offering guests an
up-close look at the diverse marine life native to those regions.
In short, it's part aquarium, part rescue center, part learning lab.

Shuttle service will begin at 6:30 p.m.
Return shuttle service will be provided.

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"A Dash of This, A Splash of That"

Tuesday, June 3

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

**Omni Hotel
Bayview Room**

Join us for a fun and flavorful experience in
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Craft your own cocktails or mocktails.
Blend bold South Texas spices.
Create a beautiful charcuterie board.

Lunch Provided

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