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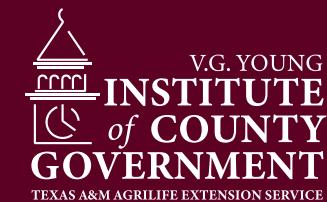
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Welcome Letter



On behalf of the V.G. Young Institute of County Government, part of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, welcome to the 68th Annual School for County Commissioners Courts. We are pleased to offer the annual school as an opportunity for you to expand your knowledge and develop critical networks, all in an effort to better serve your county and constituents.

I would like to thank the many people who have aided in planning and conducting this conference, as well as the many speakers who will serve as the school faculty. I offer a special word of appreciation to the County Judges and Commissioners Association of Texas and the Texas Association of Counties for their continued partnership in offering high-quality, relevant educational information to county commissioners courts.

Finally, thank you to the sponsors, donors and exhibitors of this year's school. Their generosity enables us to conduct this educational event.

We hope you have a great experience, and we look forward to seeing you again at the 69th Annual School in 2027 held here in Bryan/College Station. If you need anything, please let a member of our staff know, and we would be happy to assist you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Peter J. McGuill".

Peter J. McGuill, Ph.D.
Director, V.G. Young Institute of County Government
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School Host

Welcome! The 68th Annual V.G. Young School for County Commissioners Courts is sponsored by the V.G. Young Institute of County Government, part of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service.

Continuing Education

Twenty continuing education hours have been approved for individuals participating in this conference. Four hours of continuing education have been approved for county judges participating in the judicial education session. 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.

For continuing education hours to be awarded, please turn in the institute copy of your credit form at the Registration Desk no later than noon on Thursday, February 19.

School Information

- Please silence your cellphones and refrain from taking calls during sessions.
- Out of respect to speakers, there is a strict adherence to the time schedule.
- Authorized school handouts and presentations will be available for download after the conference. To view these, please visit the institute's website (vgyi.tamu.edu).

Evaluations

Evaluations are in the attendee packet. Please complete and turn it in at the Registration Desk by noon Thursday, February 19.

Welcome Reception

Please join us for dinner and the opportunity to network with colleagues from across the state. The social hour begins at 5:00 p.m. Tuesday in Brazos A-C, and the Aggie Prime Rib Dinner will follow at 6:00 p.m. in the Texas Ballroom.

Exhibit Show

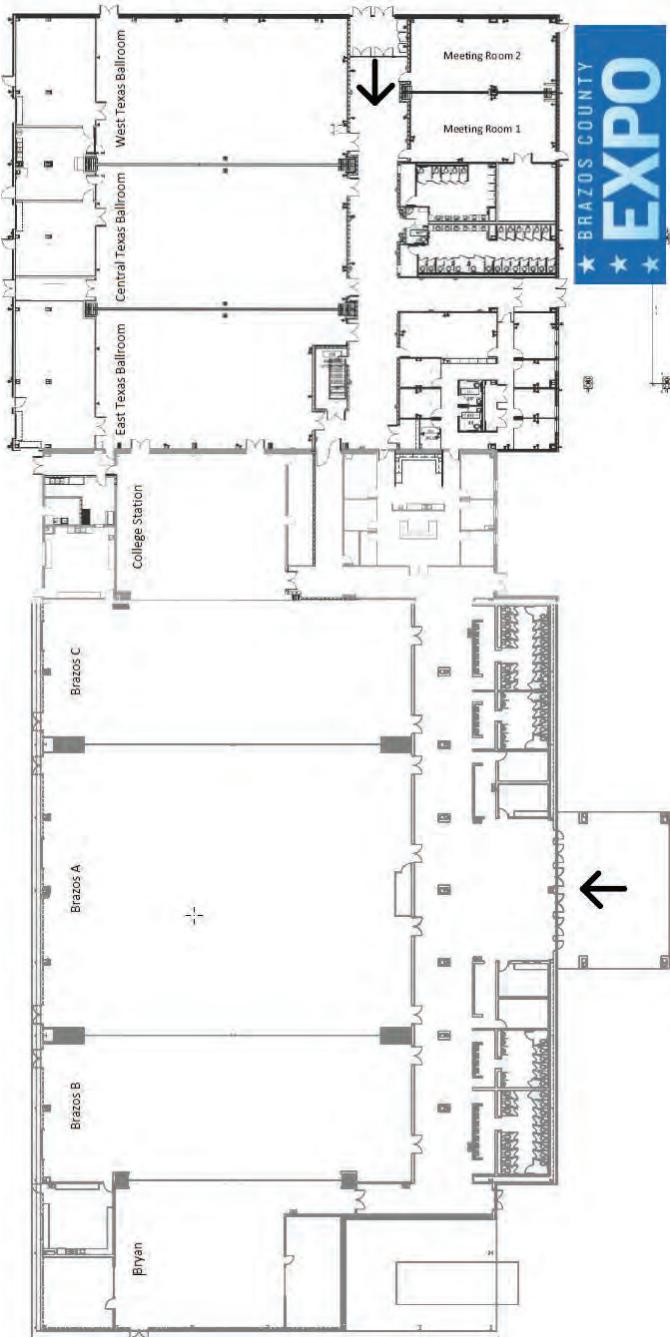
The Exhibit Show is open from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m. Tuesday and from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Wednesday in Brazos A-C. Please take time throughout the conference to visit with exhibitors.

Commissioners Court Photographs

Complimentary commissioners court photographs will be taken from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday in the College Station Room.

V.G. Young School for County Commissioners Courts

Brazos County Expo | February 17-19, 2022



68th Annual V.G. Young School for County Commissioners Courts

Tuesday, February 17

7:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. **Registration Open** – Registration Desk

8:00 a.m.-noon **Exhibitor Show Setup** – Brazos A-C

8:00 a.m.-noon **Tax Abatements** – Texas Ballroom

8:00-8:50 a.m.

Overview of Tax Abatements

8:50-9:40 a.m.

Renewable Energy Projects and Data Centers

10:00-10:50 a.m.

Chapter 312 and Establishing a Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone

10:50-11:40 a.m.

Lessons Learned and Q&A

1:00-6:00 p.m. **Exhibitor Show Open** – Brazos A-C

See map and directory on pages 14-15.

OPENING GENERAL SESSION

Texas Ballroom

1:00-1:15 p.m. **Call to Order and Announcements:**

Dr. Peter McGuill, Director, V.G. Young Institute of County Government

Invocation

National and Texas Pledges

National Anthem

Welcoming Comments:

Hon. Glenn Hegar, Chancellor, Texas A&M University System

Hon. Kirk Frye, President, County Judges and Commissioners Association of Texas

Hon. Mike DeLoach, President, West Texas County Judges and Commissioners Association

Hon. Jim Lovell, President, North and East Texas County Judges and Commissioners Association

Hon. Pete Trevino Jr., President, South Texas County Judges and Commissioners Association

Hon. Susan Redford, Executive Director, Texas Association of Counties

Ms. Julie Anderson, Editor, County Progress Magazine



Keynote: 4.016 Leadership/Team Building

Speaker: Col. Michael D. Reilly, USMC (retired), Associate Professor of Practice, Bush School of Government & Public Service

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2:00-2:50 p.m.

Economic Outlook for Texas and the U.S.

Speaker: Dr. William Chittenden, President & CEO, SW Graduate School of Banking at SMU Cox

2:50-3:20 p.m.

Refreshment Break – Brazos A-C

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Meeting Room 1&2



2.001 County Judge

Speaker: Hon. Tramer Woytek, County Relations Officer, Texas Association of Counties

4:10-5:00 p.m.



2.009 District Attorney

Speaker: Hon. Jarvis Parsons, District Attorney, Brazos County

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East Texas Ballroom



4.003 County Investment Policy

Speaker: Ms. Linda Patterson, Independent Treasury Consultant, Independent Treasury Consulting

4:10-5:00 p.m.



4.006 Fees and Revenues

Speaker: Mr. Nathan Cradduck, Auditor, Tom Green County

RURAL ISSUES*Central Texas Ballroom*

3:20-4:10 p.m.

New World Screwworm Update**Speakers:** Dr. Lewis "Bud" Dinges, Executive Director and State Veterinarian, Texas Animal Health Commission

Dr. T.R. Lansford III, Assistant Director and Assistant State Veterinarian, Texas Animal Health Commission

4:10-5:00 p.m.

Shifting Land Use**Speaker:** Dr. Roel Lopez, Director, Natural Resources Institute-Texas A&M AgriLife Extension**RECEPTION AND DINNER***Brazos A-C & Texas Ballroom*

5:00-6:00 p.m.

Welcome Reception

6:00 p.m.

Aggie Prime Rib Dinner**Wednesday, February 18**

7:30 a.m.

Complimentary Coffee – Prefunction Area*Sponsored by: Integrated Prescription Management and Americus Holdings***GENERAL SESSION***Texas Ballroom*

8:00-8:10 a.m.

County Extension Partnership**Speaker:** Dr. Rick Avery, Director, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service

8:10-9:00 a.m.

**3.003 Lawmaking: Legislative Update****Speakers:** Mr. Jim Allison, Senior General Counsel, CJCAT
Mr. Rick Thompson, Program Coordinator, CJCAT

9:00-9:50 a.m.

**3.017 Public Information Act****Speaker:** Ms. Lori Robinson, Partner, Bickerstaff Heath Delgado Acosta LLP

9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Exhibitor Show Open – *Brazos A-C*

9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Commissioners Courts Photographs – *College Station Room*

9:50-10:10 a.m.

Refreshment Break – *Brazos A-C*
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10:10-11:00 a.m.

4.014 Ethics: Rules To Be Considered During Emergencies**Speaker:** Ms. Stefanie Albright, Partner, Bickerstaff Heath Delgado Acosta LLP

11:00-11:50 a.m.

Public-Private Partnerships: A Case Study**Speaker:** Mr. James Noack, Vice President, Americus Holdings

11:50 a.m.-1:15 p.m.

Lunch (*Provided*) – *Brazos A-C*
*Sponsored by: Linebarger Attorneys at Law***CCAC PHASE 2***Meeting Room 1&2*

1:15-2:05 p.m.

2.006 County Tax Assessor-Collector**Speaker:** Hon. Karen Lane, Tax Assessor-Collector, Madison County

2:05-2:55 p.m.

2.008 County Attorney**Speaker:** Hon. David Holmes, County Attorney, Hill County

2:55-3:20 p.m.

Refreshment Break & Exhibitor Drawing – *Brazos A-C**Sponsored by: McCreary Vesleka Bragg & Allen P.C.*

3:20-4:10 p.m.

2.005 County Treasurer**Speaker:** Hon. Pauline Medrano, Treasurer, Dallas County

4:10-5:00 p.m.

2.010 Justice of the Peace**Speaker:** Hon. Rick Hill, Justice of the Peace, Brazos County**COMMISSIONERS SESSION***Central Texas Ballroom*

1:15-2:05 p.m.

Forming a Partnership With Developers**Speaker:** Mr. Joe England, County Engineer (retired), Williamson County

2:05-2:55 p.m.	The Bid Process: How To Buy the Machine You Want and Get It Right the First Time Speaker: Mr. Jack Pettyjohn, Program Manager, University of Texas Arlington
2:55-3:20 p.m.	Refreshment Break & Exhibitor Drawing – Brazos A-C <i>Sponsored by: McCreary Vesleka Bragg & Allen P.C.</i>
3:20-4:10 p.m.	TMUTCD Changes Affecting Counties and Tort Liability Speaker: Mr. Greg Brinkmeyer, Instructor, TEEX
4:10-5:00 p.m.	Pavement Preservation – Yes or No? Speaker: Mr. Don Ward, Corporate Engineering and Marketing Manager, Pavement Restoration, Inc.

COUNTY JUDGE JUDICIAL TRAINING*East Texas Ballroom*

1:15-2:15 p.m.	Bail Reform: What County Judges Need To Know Speaker: Hon. Staley Heatly, County Attorney, Wilbarger County
2:15-3:15 p.m.	Misdemeanor Voir Dire: Jury Selection for DWI and Other Misdemeanors Speaker: Hon. Earl Gray, County Attorney, Brazos County
3:15-3:30 p.m.	Refreshment Break – <i>East Texas Ballroom</i> <i>Sponsored by: McCreary Vesleka Bragg & Allen P.C.</i>
3:30-4:30 p.m.	Exploring Court Liaison Programs: Improved Mental Health Outcomes for Those in the Justice System Speakers: Ms. Daniela Jimenez Chisolm, Senior Staff Attorney, Judicial Commission on Mental Health and Judge Dave Jahn, Presiding Judge, Probate Court 1, Denton County
4:30-5:30 p.m.	Keeping Your Court and Courthouse Safe: What You Need To Know About the Courthouse Security Act and Court Security Committees Speaker: Mr. Hector Gomez, Security Director, Office of Court Administration

Thursday, February 19

7:30-noon	Registration Open – <i>Registration Desk</i>
7:30 a.m.	Complimentary Coffee – <i>Prefunction Area</i>
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8:20-9:10 a.m.	 2.013 County Health Authority Speaker: Dr. Letosha Gale-Lowe, Director, Fort Bend Health & Human Services
9:10-10:00 a.m.	 2.015 Juvenile Probation Officer Speaker: Mr. Jonathan Storemski, STAR Unit Supervisor, Brazos County

CCAC PHASE 3*East Texas Ballroom*

8:20-9:10 a.m.	 3.014 Specialized Districts: ESDs Speaker: Mr. Clay Avery, Executive Director, SAFE-D
9:10-10:00 a.m.	 3.008 Physical and Mental Health Speaker: Dr. Mark Faries, Professor and Extension Specialist, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service

JUDGES AND COMMISSIONERS ADMINISTRATIVE TRAINING*Central Texas Ballroom*

8:20-9:10 a.m.	Employment Law Update Speaker: Ms. Halie Bever, Human Resources Consultant, Texas Association of Counties
9:10-10:00 a.m.	Dealing With Difficult People Speaker: Ms. Lorie Floyd, Human Resources Consultant Supervisor, Texas Association of Counties
10:00-10:20 a.m.	Refreshment Break – <i>Prefunction Area</i>

GENERAL SESSION

Texas Ballroom

10:20-11:10 a.m.  **3.018 Environmental Issues: Long-Range Weather Outlook for Texas****Speaker:** Dr. John Nielsen-Gammon, Texas State Climatologist, Texas A&M University11:10 a.m.- noon  **4.022 Internet/Cybersecurity: Cyber Hygiene**
Speaker: Mr. Robert Ruiz, Associate Director of Risk Management Services, Texas Association of CountiesNoon **Adjourn 68th Annual V.G. Young School for County Commissioners Courts**

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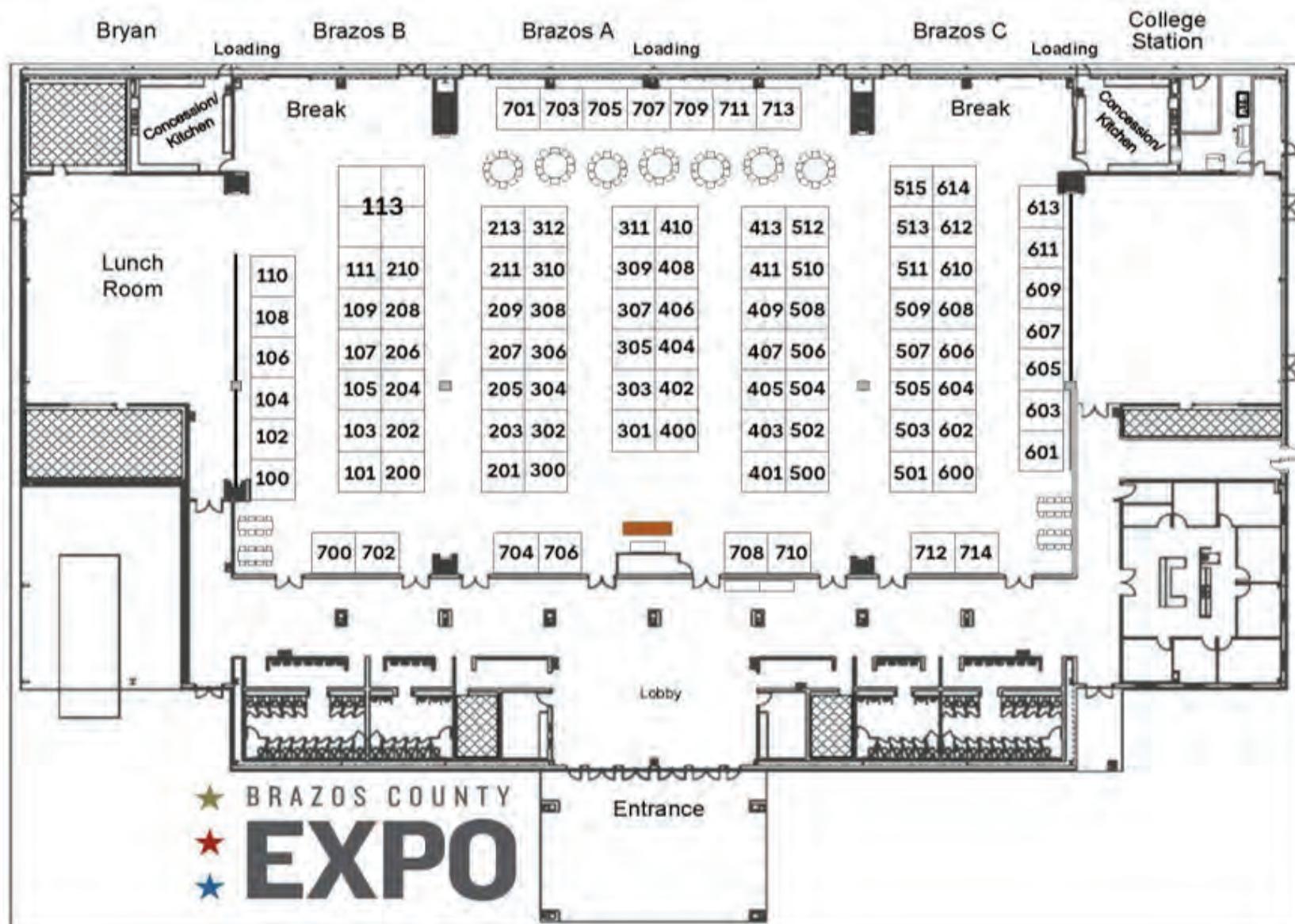
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