

FAR WEST County Judges and Commissioners Sept. 13-15, 2017 • St. Angelo J.W. "Red" Pattillo

OVERVIEW

The Annual Conference of the Far West Texas County Judges and Commissioners Association brings together County Judges and County Commissioners from the region to review and discuss critical issues facing their counties. This year's conference will present the latest updates on legislative actions, water districts, DPS on the Border and more.

EDUCATIONAL CO-SPONSOR

Special thanks to the V.G. Young Institute of County Government, a part of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, for serving as the education program co-sponsor for this conference.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

An application is pending approval for nine hours of continuing education for County Commissioners. The judicial education session on Wednesday afternoon is approved for four hours of continuing education for County Judges.

DOOR PRIZES

Each county is asked to bring at least one door prize, which will be collected at the registration desk.

MEETING REGISTRATION INFORMATION

The most convenient way to register for the conference is online at county.org. Click on "Ready to Register" near the middle of the page, scroll down to find the Far West Texas County Judges and Commissioners Conference, and complete the registration form. A confirmation and invoice will be sent within 7 to 10 business days. You may also fax the accompanying form to 512-477-1324 or mail it to TAC, P.O. Box 2131, Austin TX 78768.

Conference fees are listed on the registration form. The registration fee includes spouse attendance for all events.

Registration forms must be received by Sept. 7. After Sept. 7, please register onsite at the registration desk.

CANCELLATION POLICY

Conference cancellations and all refund requests must be received in writing (fax or email acceptable) by Aug. 30. No refunds will be given after Aug. 30.

Please email cancellations to Amy Lawson at amyl@county.org or fax to 512-477-1324.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

The Lajitas Golf Resort & Spa and the Big Bend Resort & Adventures are the host hotels. Request the "Far West

Texas County Judges and Commissioners" room block when reserving your sleeping room. The deadline to reserve rooms at the special rate is Aug. 1, so make your reservations early. All reservations received after this date will be accepted on a space-available basis only and at the prevailing hotel rates.

Reservations must be guaranteed by a major credit card and the first night's full deposit. Reservations not cancelled prior to the expected arrival date will be assessed the room rate and tax for one night.

HOST HOTELS

Lajitas Golf Resort & Spa

100 Main St.
Lajitas, TX 79852
432-424-5000 / 877-525-4827
Room rate: \$119 a day

(Note: This hotel block is full. Please call the hotel directly to be added to the waiting list.)

Big Bend Resort & Adventures

1 Main St.
Terlingua, TX 79852
432-371-2218
Room rates: \$59.95 a day for single queen
\$89.95 a day for king or double queen



If special accommodations are needed, please contact Michele Ewerz at 800-456-5974. ★



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CONFERENCE AGENDA

TUESDAY, SEPT. 12

6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Pre-Conference Reception

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 13

10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Registration
Noon Pre-Conference Lunch
12:45 p.m. Welcome and Introductions

Commissioners Education Session

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Water Districts
2:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Break
2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Comp Time vs. Overtime
3:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Break
4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Commissioners Session Topic
5:00 p.m. Adjourn

Judicial Education Session

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Judicial Session
2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Judicial Session
3:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. Break
3:15 p.m. – 4:15 p.m. Judicial Session
4:15 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. Judicial Session
5:15 p.m. Adjourn
6:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. Fajita Reception

THURSDAY, SEPT. 14

7:30 a.m. Burrito Breakfast

General Session

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. DPS on the Border: Impact on Counties
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Broadband Network
10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. Break
10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. Trends in Illegal and Synthetic Drug Use
11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Internet Security
12:15 p.m. Association Business Meeting
12:30 p.m. Grab-and-Go Lunch
1:15 p.m. Golf Tournament

1:30 p.m.
7:00 p.m.

Horseshoe Tournament
Dinner and Dance

FRIDAY, SEPT. 15

8:15 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. Announcements
8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. TxDOT Update: Road Funding and Issues
9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Break
10:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. Area Legislators: Moderated Discussion
10:45 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Legislative Update
11:30 a.m. Adjourn



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REGISTRATION FORM

Fax this form to 512-477-1324 or register online at www.county.org

Name _____ Title _____

County _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City/ZIP _____ Email _____

Spouse's name (if attending) _____

Below is a list of events that require a guaranteed headcount. Please carefully consider the following events and indicate the number of people you will have attending each event so we avoid unnecessary charges to the Association.

NUMBER OF TICKETS NEEDED FOR ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES

_____ Tuesday, Sept. 12: Pre-Conference Reception

_____ Wednesday, Sept. 13: Pre-Conference Lunch

_____ Wednesday, Sept. 13: Fajita Reception

_____ Thursday, Sept. 14: Grab-and-Go Lunch

_____ Thursday, Sept. 14: Dinner and Dance

TOURNAMENTS, THURSDAY, SEPT. 14

The following events will be held concurrently.

_____ Golf Tournament

_____ Horseshoe Tournament

Association Officer

If you are interested in becoming an executive officer of the Far West Texas County Judges and Commissioners Association, please contact Far West Association President Jim O'Bryan, Reagan County Commissioner, at 325-277-1382.

Registration Fees

Included are tickets to all events.

REGISTRATION

County officials and staff for Member Counties \$75

County officials and staff for Non-Member Counties \$100

Total amount due \$ _____

_____ Check enclosed

_____ Bill me

Please make checks payable to the Texas Association of Counties.

Mail checks to:

Far West Texas Annual Conference

c/o Texas Association of Counties

PO Box 2131

Austin, TX 78768

For more information, please contact the TAC Education Department at 800-456-5974.

