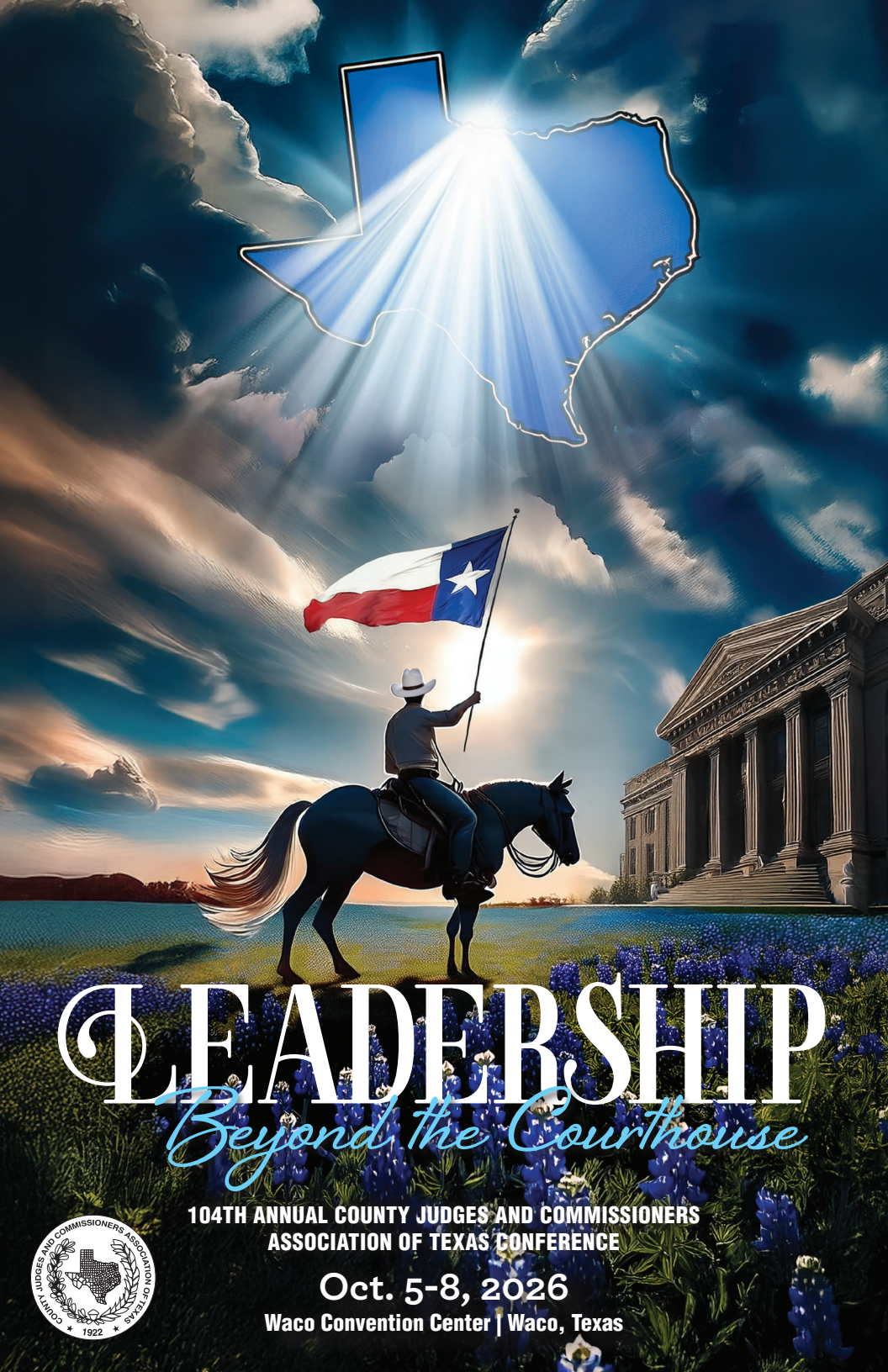




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Beyond the Courthouse

104TH ANNUAL COUNTY JUDGES AND COMMISSIONERS
ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS CONFERENCE

Oct. 5-8, 2026

Waco Convention Center | Waco, Texas



EDUCATION THAT IS INFORMATIVE

Co-sponsored by the V.G. Young Institute of County Government, a part of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service.

This CJCAT conference will provide valuable information on important topics to assist with your daily operations as an elected official. Plus, it's a great opportunity to get to know fellow judges and commissioners.

Tuesday's educational afternoon will provide judges with specific information about current judicial topics, while the commissioners education track will focus on road bonds, county tax rate, inventory management for equipment, maintenance, materials and more.

Presentations on Wednesday and Thursday will center on timely issues such as county regulatory authority, water and data centers, the pitfalls of negotiating technology contracts and more.

Several fun activities will create opportunities to network with officials from across the state, including the President's Party and the Exhibitor Appreciation Night. Have a great time at the McLennan County Host Court Night on Tuesday evening. Wednesday will feature the popular tournament afternoon with a fishing excursion, 42, cornhole and golf tournaments. And don't forget the spouse activities scheduled for Tuesday.

AGENDA

MONDAY, OCT. 5

1-5:30 p.m.	Registration and Information Desk Open
1-5:30 p.m.	Exhibit Hall Open/Dedicated Time With Exhibitors
1-4 p.m.	President's Welcome and Ice Cream Social in the Exhibit Hall
2-4 p.m.	Standing Committee Meetings: Resolutions Committee Nominations Committee Site Selection Committee
Evening	Free Night

TUESDAY, OCT. 6

7:30 a.m.	Welcome Break in the Exhibit Hall
7:30 a.m.-5 p.m.	Registration and Information Desk Open
7:30 a.m.-5 p.m.	Exhibit Hall Open
OPENING GENERAL SESSION	
8-8:20 a.m.	Opening Ceremonies
8:20-9:10 a.m.	3.010 Building Better Relations: Keynote Address
9:10-9:55 a.m.	Refreshment Break in the Exhibit Hall

CONTINUING EDUCATION

The approval of 17 hours of continuing education credit for county commissioners is pending. This includes four hours of credit offered Wednesday afternoon in the Commissioners Court Advanced Curriculum session. The County Judges Education Advisory Committee has approved four hours of judicial education credit for Tuesday afternoon's judicial education session. County judges may also obtain up to 17 hours of credit (nonjudicial) toward the Commissioners Court Advanced Curriculum by attending designated sessions.

ADVANCED CURRICULUM

Learn more about your county offices Wednesday afternoon by taking advantage of four phase II advanced curriculum courses. County officials will have the opportunity to obtain credits to complete the advanced curriculum and receive certificates during Wednesday's luncheon banquet.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

The host hotels are the Hilton Waco and Courtyard by Marriott Waco. **You must register for the conference before reserving your sleeping room.** The deadline to reserve rooms at the special rate is **Sept. 4**, so make your reservations early. All reservations received after this date will be accepted on a space-available basis and at the prevailing hotel rates.

A valid credit card is required to hold the reservation. To avoid a one-night cancellation fee, the reservation must be canceled 48 hours before the scheduled date of arrival.

HOST HOTELS

Hilton Waco

113 S. University Parks Drive | Waco, TX 76701
Room rate: \$164 per night (rate includes breakfast)

Courtyard by Marriott

101 Washington Ave. | Waco, TX 76701
Room rate: \$149 per night (rate includes breakfast)

A list of overflow properties is available at www.county.org.

If you need to *cancel* your room or to *be added to the waiting list*, please contact Adrianna Ball (adriannab@county.org) or Michele Ewerz (michelee@county.org) or call (800) 456-5974. We kindly request that you not post your reservation on the listserv because this hinders waitlist management.



CONFERENCE REGISTRATION AND CANCELLATION POLICY

The most convenient way to register for the conference is online at www.county.org/calendar-of-events.

The state association has adopted a new fee structure that includes a

substantial discount for counties that are members of the CJCAT. The member rate is reserved for counties that are current on their CJCAT dues.

- CJCAT Member County: \$300; after Sept. 4, \$350.
- Non-Member County: \$550; after Sept. 4, \$600.
- Corporate and other attendees: \$550; after Sept. 4, \$600.
- Additional luncheon tickets (non-spouse): \$60 each.

The fees above include tickets to all events and the Spouses Program.

Conference registration forms must be received **by Sept. 29**. If registering **after Sept. 29**, please register on-site at the Waco Convention Center. We will process payments and provide name badges and conference materials.

Conference registration cancellations must be in writing (fax acceptable) at least 72 hours before the conference to receive a refund, minus a \$10 processing fee. For more information, please contact TAC Education and Event Services at (800) 456-5974 or email adriannab@county.org or michelee@county.org.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING A DOOR PRIZE.



If special accommodations are needed, please contact Michele Ewerz at michelee@county.org or (800) 456-5974.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 7

7:30 a.m.	Tournament Day Break in the Exhibit Hall
7:30-10:30 a.m.	Exhibit Hall Open
7:30 a.m.-5 p.m.	Registration and Information Desk Open
8-9 a.m.	Spouse Walkin' Talkin' Waco Walk

GENERAL SESSION

8-8:50 a.m.	4.020 Negotiating Technology Contracts: Pitfalls
8:50-9:40 a.m.	4.022 Internet/Cybersecurity: AI
9:40-10:30 a.m.	Refreshment Break in the Exhibit Hall
10:30-11 a.m.	Association Business Meeting Luncheon Banquet and Installation of Officers
	Past Presidents' Scholarship Presentation
	Presentation of Commissioners Court Advanced Curriculum Certificates
	Installation of Officers
1-5 p.m.	42 Tournament
1-5 p.m.	Cornhole Tournament
1-5 p.m.	Bobby Smith Memorial Golf Tournament
1:30 p.m.	Sporting Clay Tournament

ADVANCED CURRICULUM EDUCATION SESSION

1-1:50 p.m.	2.002 County Commissioner
1:50-2:40 p.m.	2.003 County Clerk
2:40-2:55 p.m.	Refreshment Break
2:55-3:45 p.m.	2.014 Extension Service
3:45-4:35 p.m.	2.017 County Court at Law Judge
Evening	Free Night

THURSDAY, OCT. 8

7-7:45 a.m.	Inspirational Prayer Breakfast
7:30-8 a.m.	Morning Coffee
7:30-11:30 a.m.	Registration and Information Desk Open

CLOSING GENERAL SESSION

8-8:50 a.m.	3.011 Councils of Government
8:50-9:40 a.m.	3.004 Regulations and Legal Issues: County Regulatory Authority
9:40-10:10 a.m.	Refreshment Break
10:10-11 a.m.	3.018 Environmental Issues: Water and Data Centers
11-11:50 a.m.	4.025 Tax Abatement Issues

Note: Agenda is subject to change.



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