

TENNESSEE COUNTY SERVICES ASSOCIATION FALL CONFERENCE & TRADE SHOW

OCTOBER 21-23, 2026

RUTHERFORD COUNTY, TENNESSEE





A message from TCSA Executive Director

David Connor

Welcome to TCSA's 2026 Fall Conference and Trade Show here in Rutherford County. Our hope is that you leave this week with new ideas, fresh connections, and resources that will make a difference back home. Be sure to stop by the trade show and see the companies and services that can support your county's operations.

I also want to extend a special thank-you to our partners at the University of Tennessee County Technical Assistance Service (CTAS) for helping make this conference possible. Their support of county associations across Tennessee is invaluable, and we couldn't do this without them. I look forward to catching up with you throughout the week—let's make it a great conference together!

Conference Hosts and Sponsors

We'd like to thank this year's TCSA Fall Conference & Trade Show sponsors including:

- Rutherford County Government
- UT County Technical Assistance Service

Platinum Sponsors

- Tennessee County Loan Services Program

Gold Sponsors

- Local Government Insurance Pool
- National Association of Counties (NACo)

Silver Sponsors

- Comcast
- Davies Claims Solutions (Claims Service for the Local Government Insurance Pool)

Hospitality Suite Sponsors

We'd like to thank this year's TCSA Fall Conference **hospitality suite** sponsors including:

- Collier Engineering
- Ergon Asphalt & Emulsions
- Pavement Restorations, Inc.
- Rogers Manufacturing
- Southeast Cement Promotion Association
- TriGreen Equipment
- Vulcan Materials Company

For more information about things to do, including local events and dining options in Rutherford County please visit www.visitrutherfordtn.com



Conference Policies

Registration Information

TCSA registration is located in the Main Hall just outside the exhibit hall at following times:

- **Wednesday, October 21:** 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
- **Thursday, October 22:** 7:00 am - 12:00 pm

Trade Show: The annual trade show will be held in the Exhibit Hall. Exhibitors will have booths on display with representatives to share what services and products they have available for counties. **Prize drawings will be held Thursday, October 22, at 12:15 pm in the Exhibit Hall.**

Trade show hours include:

- Wednesday: 11 am - 6:00 pm
- Thursday: 7:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Spouse & Guest Registration

Because of the cost of each conference held by TCSA, spouses and guests are asked to register if they plan to attend any of the sessions and, particularly, food functions that are part of the meeting this week. This nominal registration fee for spouses and guests covers a fraction of the cost TCSA pays each conference to provide meals. **Thank you in advance for your understanding of this policy.**

Badges

Please wear your name badge at all times. Conference badges are required for admission to all sessions, food functions, exhibit hall, and the conference banquet on Thursday evening.

Cell Phone and Electronics Usage

As a courtesy to other conference attendees and presenters, please turn off or silence your cell phone in all meetings. If you must answer a call, please conduct your business in the hallway or just outside the conference center. A disruptive phone call ruins the experience for all conference attendees.

Session Handouts

Handouts will be available in some individual sessions. Please be considerate of others and take only what you need. To the extent practical, presentation materials will be made available on the TCSA website after the conference. Visit www.tncounties.org to learn more.

Hospitality Suite

A hospitality suite is being provided during the conference, offering delegates a place to network after hours. Make sure to say a special “thank you” to our suite sponsors for their support and generosity once again this year. **The hospitality suite will be available Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings in the Embassy Suites Hotel. Visit the registration desk or ask a TCSA staff member for more information.**

TCSA Elections Information

The bylaws for TCSA and its affiliates state that county officials can hold office and vote in association elections **only if their county’s dues are paid to their respective association.**

Be sure your county’s dues are paid prior to the nominating committee meetings on Wednesday afternoon so officials from your county can hold office and participate in elections and business meetings.

County Officials Training Credit Hours

Education continues to be a vital part of the mission of TCSA and its affiliates. The associations have once again partnered with the University of Tennessee County Technical Assistance Service (CTAS) to offer training credit opportunities at this conference.

For the **2026 TCSA Fall Conference**, the following training hours will be logged for county officials in attendance to the full conference:

- County Commissioners: 9.5 hours
- County Mayors/Executives: 9.5 hours
- County Highway Officials: 15 hours

To learn more about CTAS training opportunities, please visit www.ctas.tennessee.edu/training

To inquire about your current training credit hours as a county official, please email ctas.support@tennessee.edu.

Other Information

Please do not ask association nor registration staff for extra or free reception tickets. This puts them in an uncomfortable situation.

All attendees, including spouses and guests, who want to participate in conference activities must be registered and pay their registration fee to attend the conference, food functions, and conference-wide event. Thank you for your understanding.

Conference Agenda

Wednesday | October 21

8:00 - 9:30 am <i>Cambridge A</i>	Tennessee County Highway Officials Association (TCHOA) Board Meeting
9:00 am - 5:00 pm <i>Main Hall</i>	TCSA Fall Conference Registration Desk Open
10:00 - 11:30 am <i>Mirabella G</i>	Tennessee County Commissioners Association (TCCA) Committee Meetings <i>These consecutively-held committee meetings are for committee members to discuss various TCCA issues. They are open to all county commissioners who want to attend.</i> • TCCA Membership Committee • TCCA Transportation Committee • TCCA Veterans Committee • TCCA Emergency Services Committee • TCCA Government Affairs Committee
10:00 am - 12:00 pm <i>Oakleigh ABC</i>	TCHOA Membership Training • Mutual Aid 101 • Tennessee Emergency Management Authority (TEMA) Training Staff • Communications for Public Sector Officials • Angie Mynatt, Senior Client Solutions Executive, Public Sector, Healthcare & FirstNet
11:00 am - 6:00 pm <i>Exhibit Hall</i>	TCSA Trade Show Opens
11:30 am - 1:00 pm <i>Exhibit Hall</i>	TCSA Conference Delegate Lunch Buffett <i>(Open to all conference attendees.)</i>
12:00 - 12:30 pm <i>Cambridge A</i>	TCSA Nominating Committee
12:30 - 1:00 pm <i>Broadlands A</i>	TCCA Nominating Committee
1:00 - 2:00 pm <i>Cambridge B</i>	TCCA Board of Directors Meeting
1:00 - 2:00 pm <i>Cambridge A</i>	Association of County Mayors (ACM) Board of Directors Meeting
1:00 - 3:00 pm <i>Oakleigh B</i>	TCHOA Membership Meeting • Roadway Innovations • Nathan Moore, Assistant Director for Test Track Research at Auburn University • State Aid, TDOT Local Programs • Steve Allen, Local Programs & Community Investments, TDOT • Lisa Dunn, State Aid Programs, TDOT
2:00 - 3:00 pm <i>Oakleigh A</i>	Workshop: Fundamentals for County Commissioners • UT CTAS County Government Consultants Heather Duncan, Mike Galey, Tyler Mayes, and Kaley Walker
3:15 - 4:15 pm <i>Oakleigh A</i>	Women in County Government Learning Session • Influence in County Government • Dr. Chandra Williams, UT CTAS Training Consultant
5:00 - 6:00 pm <i>Exhibit Hall</i>	Conference Welcome Reception
6:00 pm	Dinner on your own <i>Guests are encouraged to visit Rutherford County sites and restaurants.</i>

Conference Agenda

Thursday | October 22

7:00 am - 8:00 am
Exhibit Hall

Continental Breakfast in Exhibit Hall; Exhibit Hall Opens

7:00 am - 12:00 pm
Main Hallway

TCSA Conference Registration Desk Open

7:00 am - 1:00 pm
Exhibit Hall

TCSA Trade Show Opens

8:00 - 10:00 am
Oakleigh A,B,C

TCHOA & Highway-Related Training Program

Open to all conference attendees.

- **Federal (Funding) Reauthorization**
 - Pamela L. Dingman, PE, NACE President & Lancaster County, NE Engineer
 - Kevan Stone, Executive Director, National Association of County Engineers
- **Tennessee Transportation Funding, Needs Update**
 - Brett Howell, Executive Director, TN County Highway Officials Association

8:00 - 8:55 am

Breakout Sessions: Block 1

Mirabella H

- **What County Officials Should Know About the County Jail:** *Presented by UT CTAS Field Services Manager Jim Hart and Tennessee Corrections Institute (TCI) Director Will Wall*

Mirabella I

- **Fundamentals of Planning & Zoning:** *Presented by Josh Suddath, Executive Director of the University of Tennessee Center for Local Planning*

Mirabella J

- **Understanding the Basics of County Revenues:** *Presented by UT CTAS County Government Consultants Rick Hall, Melissa Kelton, Wesley Robertson and Kelsey Schweitzer*

9:10 - 10:05 am

Breakout Sessions: Block 2

Mirabella H

- **Counties and Opioid Settlements:** *Presented by the UT SMART Initiative*

Mirabella I

- **Understanding the Property Tax System in Tennessee:** *Presented by the UT CTAS Property Assessment Team*

Mirabella J

- **Cybersecurity Risks of Fraudulent Payments:** *Presented by John Sutton, Manager of the UT CTAS Certified County Finance Officer (CCFO) Team*

10:15 - 11:45 am
Oakleigh A, B, C

TCSA General Membership Session: Statewide Partnerships That Prove Invaluable to County Governments

- **Emergency Management at the State Level: The Importance of Partnerships and Preparedness Before Emergencies Arise in Your Area**
 - Commissioner Patrick Sheehan, Tennessee Emergency Management Authority
- **How the USDA Rural Development (RD) Agency Can Assist Counties**
 - Patrick Jaynes, USDA RD-Tennessee State Director
- **Development Districts: Partnerships, People, and Planning with Counties**
 - Chuck Hammonds, Executive Director of Southeast Tennessee Development District (STDD)
 - Paul Rosson, Executive Director of South Central Tennessee Development District (SCTDD)
- **Introduction to Human Resource Agencies**
 - Mike Smith, Southwest Human Resource Agency
- **Election of 2026 - 2027 TCSA Executive Officers & Board of Directors**

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Thursday | October 22 (cont.)

12:00 - 12:45 pm <i>Exhibit Hall</i>	TCSA Delegate Lunch (Open to all delegates.)
1:00 - 2:30 pm <i>Oakleigh A</i>	ACM Membership Meeting • Chuck Hammonds & Paul Rosson, Tennessee Development Districts • Patrick Jaynes, USDA Rural Development • Erika Kirtz, Deputy Director at the Office of Healthy Aging
1:00 - 2:30 pm <i>Oakleigh B</i>	TCCA Membership Meeting • Committees Updates and General Updates to Membership • Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation • William Anderson • Amber Greene
1:00 - 4:00 pm <i>Oakleigh C</i>	TCHOA Membership Training • County Roads & the Planning/Development Process • Josh Suddath & Staff, UT IPS Center for Local Planning
3:00 - 4:00 pm <i>Oakleigh A</i>	TCSA K-12 Education Committee Workshop • Understanding Tennessee's Investment in Student Achievement (TISA) Funding Formula
4:15 - 5:00 pm <i>Cambridge A, B</i>	TCSA Board Meeting
5:00 - 5:45 pm <i>Broadlands A, B</i>	Women in County Government Networking Session • Light snacks and beverages provided to women attending this session.
6:00 - 7:30 pm <i>Mirabella F - J</i>	TCSA Fall Dinner Banquet & Award Presentations • TCCA 'Ralph Puckett County Commissioner of the Year' Awards • ACM Larry Waters County Mayor of the Year Award • TCHOA Legacy Award • TCSA County Success Story Awards • Robert M. Wormsley Outstanding County Official of the Year Award

Friday | October 23

7:30 am - 10:00 am <i>Mirabella F-J</i>	TCSA Breakfast & General Session: Answering Your Call to Service and Working Across the County System • The University's Role in Outreach and Public Service • Randy Boyd, University of Tennessee System President • Special Video Message from Tennessee State Comptroller Jason Mumpower • Governor's Early Learning Initiative • General Membership Business: • Adoption of the 2027 TCSA Legislative Platform • "Uncommon Collaboration™": What Great Teams Give Each Other • Mark Kenny, CEO and Founder, Uncommon Collaboration™
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