

# 2022

## County Officials Orientation Program

# Registers of Deeds Checklist

- ◇ Oaths of office taken, signed, and filed with County Clerk. Sample Oaths are on the CTAS website  
→Reference→Sample Documents→Oaths of Office
- ◇ Your surety bond is approved by the CLB, recorded with Register of Deeds, and filed with County Clerk. Note: the bond must be transmitted to the County Clerk for filing within either forty (40) days after the election or twenty (20) days (September 21st) after the term of office begins. If obtaining insurance instead of a bond, the certificate of insurance must be recorded with the Register of Deeds.
- ◇ Policy review:
  - County ethics policy
  - Personnel Policy
  - Internal controls, risk assessments, and internal office policies and procedures.
- ◇ Consult with the County Attorney before dismissing employees or making significant personnel changes.
- ◇ Review bank accounts, petty cash, investment accounts, and contracts.
- ◇ Determine if office is on the budgetary or fee system.
- ◇ In your county's budget or finance office: (These should be in your mayor's office if decentralized or in the finance or budget office in counties with centralized.)
  - Obtain and review your office's budget and the most recent statement of expenditures.
  - Obtain a list of your office's fixed assets and review it for accuracy.
  - Review the county's current purchasing policy.
- ◇ Note: New fee officials have thirty (30) days from taking office to file a salary suit or sign a letter of agreement.
- ◇ Review records' management guidelines, CTAS-197, before destroying any records. Then, if applicable, seek the approval of the county's public record commission.
- ◇ Contact computer vendor or county network services regarding access to your office system.