

# County Officials E-News

Promoting better county government through direct assistance to county officials and their associations.



## Welcome back!

We are excited to begin 2017 and work with our customers to ensure counties have the assistance they need to take care of Tennesseans.

We are kicking off 2017 with lots of information and opportunities for professional growth.

### TRAINING SCHEDULE

A new schedule of training classes for COCTP available. Note: Registration for each class will open closer to the date of the

class. Further, more information about Capstone (such as specific dates) will be included in the invitations sent closer to time for that event. You can read more about these training opportunities on [page 2](#).

### 2017-2018 SALARY SCHEDULE NOW AVAILABLE

We have recently posted the 2017-2018 Salary Schedule. [Click here to view the PDF of the salary schedule.](#) **Note:** General Sessions Judges' salaries are **not**

included. The CPI change between 2016 and 2017 has not been calculated at the time of the issue of this document (January 2017). When this information is released, this document will be updated to reflect the increase in salary for general sessions court judges for the coming fiscal year.

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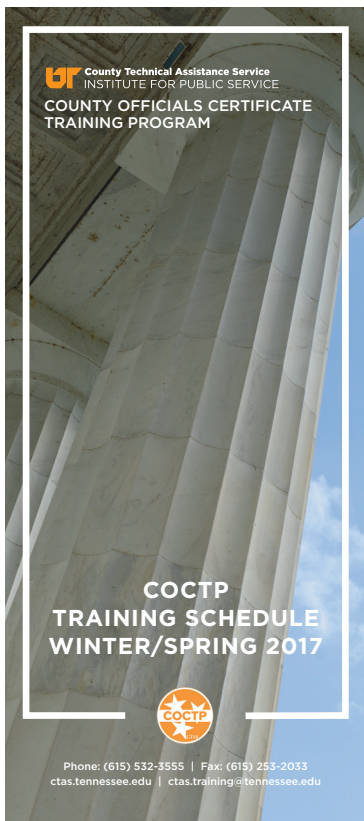
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County Officials  
Salary Schedule

FY 2017-2018





## COCTP TRAINING SCHEDULE RELEASED FOR 2017

CTAS Training has developed a new schedule of training classes to be offered in 2017. This schedule includes core and elective COCTP classes as well as conferences and other meetings of interest to county officials.

This schedule is subject to change and new classes may be added at anytime. Registration for future classes will open closer to the date of the class. Note the COCTP class cancellation policy: We will cancel classes when there are less than 15 participants enrolled. Each class must have at least 15 participants enrolled for the class to be held.

Check out the upcoming classes for late January and February below:

### County Finance Issues - Core Class

**All classes are 8:30am-12:30pm local time.**

January 25 - Dickson\*

\*The originally scheduled Memphis class was canceled due to low enrollment.

January 26 - Jackson

January 27 - Murfreesboro

### Negotiation Skills

**All classes are 8:30am-12:30pm local time.**

February 10 - Nashville

February 17 - Jackson

February 21 - Johnson City

February 22 - Knoxville

Additional classes will be announced via email.

Send an email to [Liz.Gossett@tennessee.edu](mailto:Liz.Gossett@tennessee.edu) to request being added to our mailing list.

Visit the CTAS Training webpage or the Calendar for more information about these classes or other opportunities.

[CTAS Calendar](#) | [CTAS Training](#)



## COUNTY SPOTLIGHT

### Franklin County

County Seat: Winchester

2010 Population: 41,052

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In the 1850s, the Nashville and Chattanooga Railway came through Franklin County, thanks to a 2,200-foot-long tunnel through the Cumberland Plateau at a place called Cowan. A few years later, a man named Leslie Kennedy discovered coal atop the Cumberland Plateau, just east of Cowan. He started a company called the Sewanee Mining Company. The mining business required the creation of a rail line from Cowan to the top of the mountain, known by locals as the "mountain goat railroad."

For a time, this was the steepest stretch of railroad in the United States. "Mountain goat railroad" no longer exists as it has been cleared to become a bike and foot path.



## COUNTY GOVERNMENT DAY 2017

MARCH 13-14

DOUBLETREE HOTEL - DOWNTOWN NASHVILLE





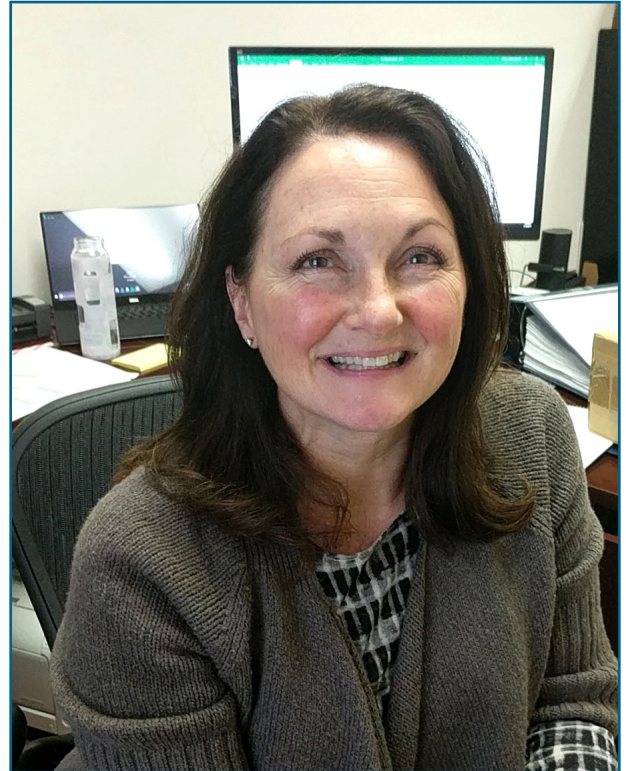
## Welcome, Melisa Kelton!

Meet Melisa Kelton, CTAS Finance & Budget Consultant.

Melisa has recently joined CTAS as our Finance & Budget Consultant. Her financial background is in both the private and public sectors, and she previously worked for our sister agency, Center for Industrial Services.

Part of Melisa's responsibilities as the Finance & Budget Consultant will be to fulfill the financial needs of CTAS as well as those of the Tennessee counties. You will be sure to either meet her in person or speak with her over the phone as budget season approaches.

Melisa earned her undergraduate degree from Tennessee Technological University and her graduate degree from Middle Tennessee State University. She is married and has three daughters, Ava (15), Jillian (13), and Scarlett (11). One of her passions is hiking, especially at Radnor Lake.



**WELCOME, MELISA!**

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