Bobby Phillips Retired August 31

Bobby Phillips, CTAS County Government Consultant, retired August 31 after more than 39 years of public service.

Bobby joined CTAS in 2002 after leaving the former University of Tennessee Center for Government Training. As a County Government Consultant, he served counties in southwest Tennessee (Region 7).

Prior to CTAS, he worked for the City of Jackson where he served as the director of planning. He also worked for nine years as a principal planner with the Tennessee Department of Economic & Community Development. He earned an associate’s degree from Jackson State Community College, a bachelor’s degree in political science and philosophy, and a master’s degree in planning from the University of Tennessee.

Bobby was an outstanding public servant. Countless communities and individuals have been positively impacted by his desire to provide top notch assistance. He will be missed by his clients, and even more so by his co-workers.

As a retiree, Bobby plans to relax and spend as much time at the beach as possible with his wife, Teresa.
Comptroller’s Office Releases IMPROVE Act Maps

The Tennessee Comptroller’s Office of Research and Education Accountability (OREA) has recently released maps that display where road and bridge projects identified in the IMPROVE Act are located across the state.

The maps illustrate the over 900 projects that equal over 1,300 miles of roadways and bridges. The total estimated cost of all projects is around $10.5 billion and will take approximately 14 years to complete.

The maps are divided into two sections, one for state senate districts and one for state representative districts.

You may download PDF files of each group of maps from the Comptroller’s website:

Senate Maps | Representative Maps

For questions regarding the maps, please contact OREA at OREAmail@cot.tn.gov.

Macon County is home to Red Boiling Springs, TN, where visitors have enjoyed natural mineral springs found there since the 1880s. The city became a popular summer vacation destination, even when mineral springs fell out of trend.

Macon County is also home to a Nestle water bottling plant, built in the early 2000s. Water is bottled there from Bennet Hill Springs, a local source of water called “freestone” — water that tends to be more acidic. The bottling plant purifies the water, then adds minerals for consistency in taste.

County Spotlight

Macon County
County Seat: Lafayette
2010 Census Population: 22,248
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USDOL Requests Information on Proposed Overtime Pay Regulations

On July 26, 2017 the U.S. Department of Labor published a Request for Information (RFI), Defining and Delimiting the Exemptions for Executive, Administrative, Professional, Outside Sales and Computer Employees. The RFI is an opportunity for the public to provide information that will aid the Department in formulating a proposal to revise these regulations.

Comments are due by September 25, 2017.

You may submit comments on or before that date according to the instructions listed in the RFI as published in the Federal Register.

More information is available here:
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Embassy Suites - Franklin
November 1-3, 2017  Register Now!

TCSA FALL CONFERENCE & TRADE SHOW
Peabody Hotel - Memphis
November 1-3, 2017  Register Now!

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Knoxville
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