



# County Officials E-News

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

## TCSA Plans to Recognize County Success Stories

At this year's Fall Conference and Trade Show, the Tennessee County Services Association (TCSA) plans to recognize counties who have demonstrated excellence in governance, innovation in problem solving and best practices for delivering services. The new awards will be presented at the fall conference at the same time as the Robert Wormsley Award for Outstanding County Official of the Year. While the Wormsley Award honors an individual county official who has shown great dedication to public service, the awards for County Success Stories are aimed at recognizing projects or milestones that counties have accomplished.

"I've always felt we should be doing more to recognize and highlight the great things Tennessee counties are doing," said Director David Connor. "I hear many stories of county officials finding innovative ways of solving common problems or showing great leadership in turning around struggling programs. As an association, we should be telling these stories to promote best practices, inspire innovation and help other counties know about solutions that their peers have found."

If you would like to have a project or achievement considered for recognition, submit your nominations to the TCSA Executive Director at [tcsa.connor@tncounties.org](mailto:tcsa.connor@tncounties.org) or by fax to (615) 532-3769. A form is also available on the association website: [www.tncounties.org](http://www.tncounties.org). Please send a brief written description of the project or accomplishment along with contact information of the person making the nomination in case more information is needed.

To be considered for a County Success Story award, the project or achievement should demonstrate an innovative solution to a problem, a sustained pattern of excellence in governance, a best practice that increased efficiency in the delivery county services or resulted in significant savings to taxpayers, a new approach or the use of new technology to deliver services or improved cooperation or coordination between county offices or local governments that resulted in enhanced delivery of services.

### COOP Reminder

Don't forget to remit the \$100 fee with your COOP registration if you're an incumbent!

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Check the 2014 Index of Acts to review new laws that became effective on July 1, 2014.

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## Marshall

County Seat: Lewisburg  
Population: 30,279  
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Marshall County is known for its "fainting goats" -- which appear to freeze and sometimes fall over if frightened. "Fainting" goats actually don't faint; they have myotonia, a condition where their muscles tighten up when they are startled. First brought to Marshall County by a drifter from Canada, fainting goats have become popular because they are easier to round up than regular goats.

Every October, Lewisburg celebrates its legacy with a goat festival. If you like goats, you'll have a great time!

For more information, visit  
<http://www.tnhistoryforkids.org>

## Save the Date! COOP 2014 is Approaching Soon



The County Officials Orientation Program is coming soon in Murfreesboro. **For incumbent officials only, please remember to remit the \$100 registration fee with your registration.** Payments **will not** be accepted on-site. Newly elected officials are not required to pay the \$100 registration fee.

Please click the Register link below according to your office.

COOP 2014 Embassy Suites, Murfreesboro	
<b>August 26-27</b> County Mayors/Executives, Highway Officials, & Commissioners  <a href="#">Register</a>	<b>August 27-28</b> County Clerks, Clerks of Court, Clerks & Masters, Registers, & Trustees  <a href="#">Register</a>

### TCCA Regional Meeting Schedule 2014

All meetings begin at 5:30pm local time. Meetings will begin with a meal followed by a business meeting, then a Q&A session.

Please contact TCCA with any questions at 615-532-3767.

9/9	UT Agricultural Center (Madison County) 605 Airways Blvd., Jackson
9/10	UT Conference Center (Knox County) 600 Henley Street, Knoxville
9/11	Jonesborough Visitor's Center (Washington County) 117 Boone Street, Jonesborough
9/18	Catfish House (Robertson County) 3424 Tom Austin Highway, Springfield
9/ 23	DelMonaco Winery (Putnam County) 400 Lance Drive, Baxter
9/ 25	Paris Landing State Park (Henry County) 400 Lodge Road, Buchanan
9/29	Henry Horton State Park (Marshall County) 4358 Nashville Highway, Chapel Hill
9/30	Museum Center at Five Points (Bradley County) 200 Inman Street East, Cleveland



## QECB Program Second Request for Proposals Available

### \$39 Million Available for Qualifying Projects

The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) recently announced a second Request for Proposals (RFP) for its Qualified Energy Conservation Bond (QECB) Program. The QECB Program was created in 2008 to provide low-interest financing to local governments for energy savings projects. Types of projects that may qualify for a bond include (but are not limited to): capital projects for reducing energy consumption, implementing green community programs, rural development involving renewable electricity resources, mass commuting, research grants, and public education campaigns.

Approximately \$39 million is available for this second request for proposals. All local

jurisdictions in Tennessee are eligible to participate in the program.

Proposals are due by **August 1, 2014**. The RFP is available from TDEC's website here: <http://www.tennessee.gov/environment/energy/qualified-energy-conservation-bond.shtml>.

For more information about the QECB Program or questions regarding this second RFP, please contact the TDEC Office of Energy Programs at 615-532-0238 or [pete.westerholm@tn.gov](mailto:pete.westerholm@tn.gov).



## Upcoming Events

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

**August 7, 8, 12, 13, 14, & 15** – Bridging the Generational Gap in the Workplace (various locations)

**August 25-29** – TSA New Sheriffs' School (Nashville)

**August 26-27** – COOP 2014 - County Mayors, Highway Officials, & Commissioners (Murfreesboro)

**August 27-28** – COOP 2014 – County Clerks, Clerks of Court, Registers, & Trustees (Murfreesboro)

## New Laws Effective July 1, 2014

Don't forget to check the 2014  
Index of Acts for new laws  
effective on July 1.

Click the link below to view  
these new laws:

**[2014 Index of Acts – Laws  
Effective July 1](#)**



### Tennessee State Parks Mobile App Updated: Download the New Pocket Ranger Today!

A new version of the Pocket Ranger mobile app has recently been released. Tennessee State Parks, in cooperation with [ParksByNature](#), introduced the app in 2013 to provide GPS mapping, photo/video, educational information, and other features about Tennessee parks. Users can explore Tennessee State Parks using Pocket Ranger.

The updated Pocket Ranger app now offers a new user interface, photo galleries, and formats for both the Apple iPad and Amazon Kindle Fire. Pocket Ranger is a free app available for the iPhone, Android and Amazon Kindle Fire devices. Download the updated app from <http://www.tnstateparks.com> or <http://www.pocketranger.com>.

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