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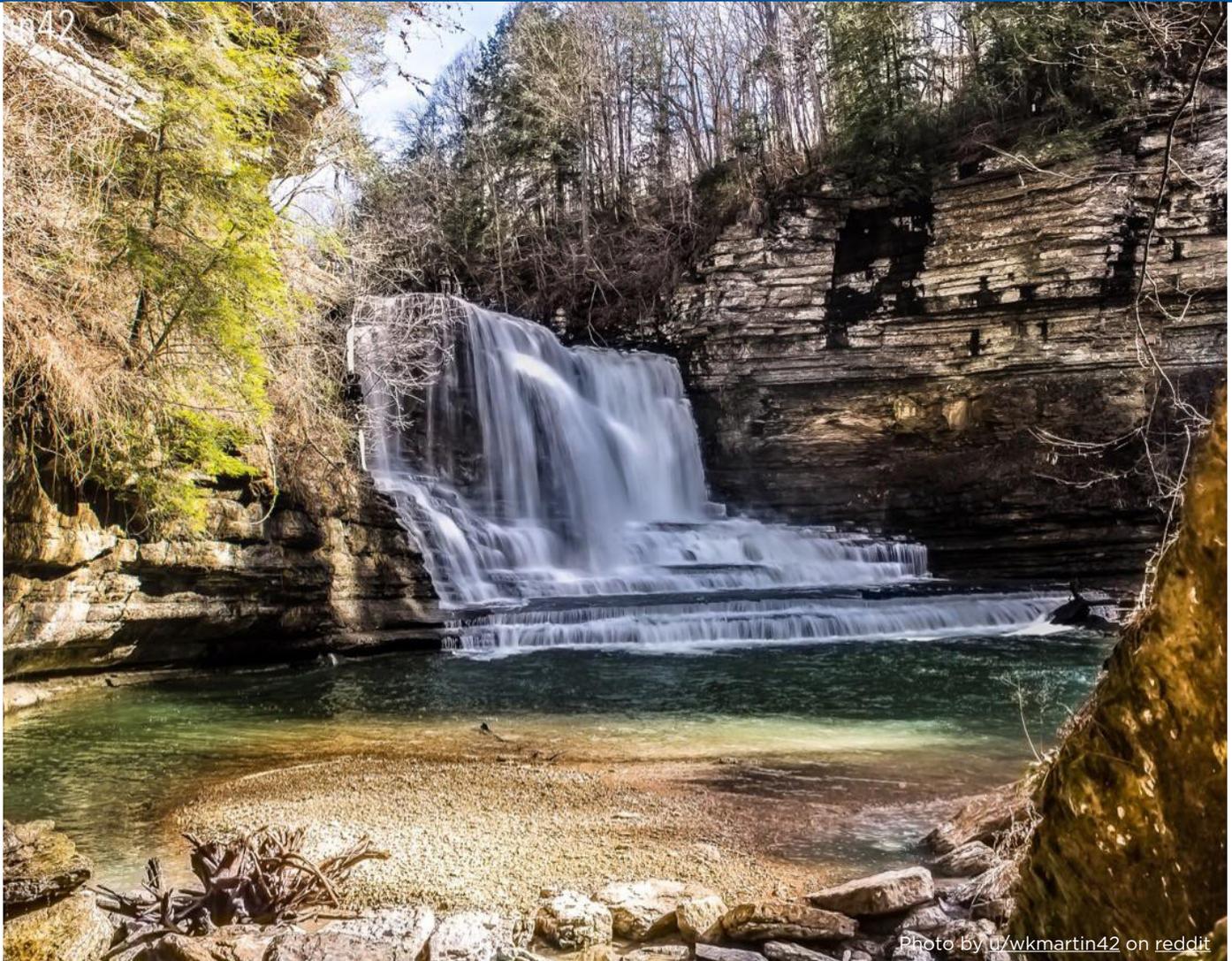


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New Guide Available: Rural Community Action Plan

Aimed at assisting rural communities in combatting opioid misuse



The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) recently released a new resource for assisting rural leaders in building strong and healthy communities by addressing drug use and its consequences. This resource, the Rural Community Action Guide, was developed using input from a series of roundtable discussions on opioid misuse hosted by USDA.

The Guide provides insight and recommendations based on the experience of USDA partners who are working hands-on to combat drug addiction in rural communities.

The Guide covers topics such as: using data to better understand the drug addiction epidemic; understanding the impact of drug addiction on rural communities in relation to workforce development, technology, transportation, and economy; developing strategies for prevention; implementing successful treatment programs; and mobilizing recovery in rural communities.

[The Rural Community Action Guide is available online.](#) For more information, please visit the [ONDCP website](#).

Joint Employer Status Final Rule Published



The U.S. Department of Labor's Wage and Hour Division (WHD) recently published a final rule on joint employer status under the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA). This rule provides updated guidance for determining joint employer status when an employee performs work for their employer that simultaneously benefits another person or entity. The final rule becomes effective March 16, 2020.

WHD will be hosting webinars on February 25 and March 3 covering the provisions of the final rule; specific changes that will occur when it becomes effective; and details about new materials and resources available on [the joint employer final rule website](#). Participants are encouraged to submit questions throughout the webinar.

[Click HERE](#) to register for the webinar on the joint employer final rule.

For more information on the final rule or the FLSA, please visit the [WHD joint employer final rule website](#).

FY2021 Annual Budget Memo Now Available

Time to prepare for budget season!

The Tennessee Comptroller of the Treasury has released the [FY2021 Annual Budget Memo](#) that describes the process through which county governments must submit their budgets in accordance with Title 9, Chapter 21, of the Tennessee Code Annotated.

The Office of State and Local Finance (OSLF; soon

to be renamed Division of Local Government Finance -- see page 4 of this newsletter) has also put together several supplemental documents to assist local governments in preparing their budgets. These documents can be found on the [OSLF website](#).



Need Help With Your Budget?

Check out our budgeting resources in e-Li

e-Li Quick Reference

OPERATING BUDGETS

Topic	e-Li Reference Number
Operating Budgets	CTAS-711
Budget Planning & Development	CTAS-716 & CTAS-717
Budget Formula	CTAS-729
Budget Adoption & Management	CTAS-2116 & CTAS-733
Chart of Accounts	CTAS-715

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Comptroller Creating Office of Local Government Finance

New Division Name is Effective March 1



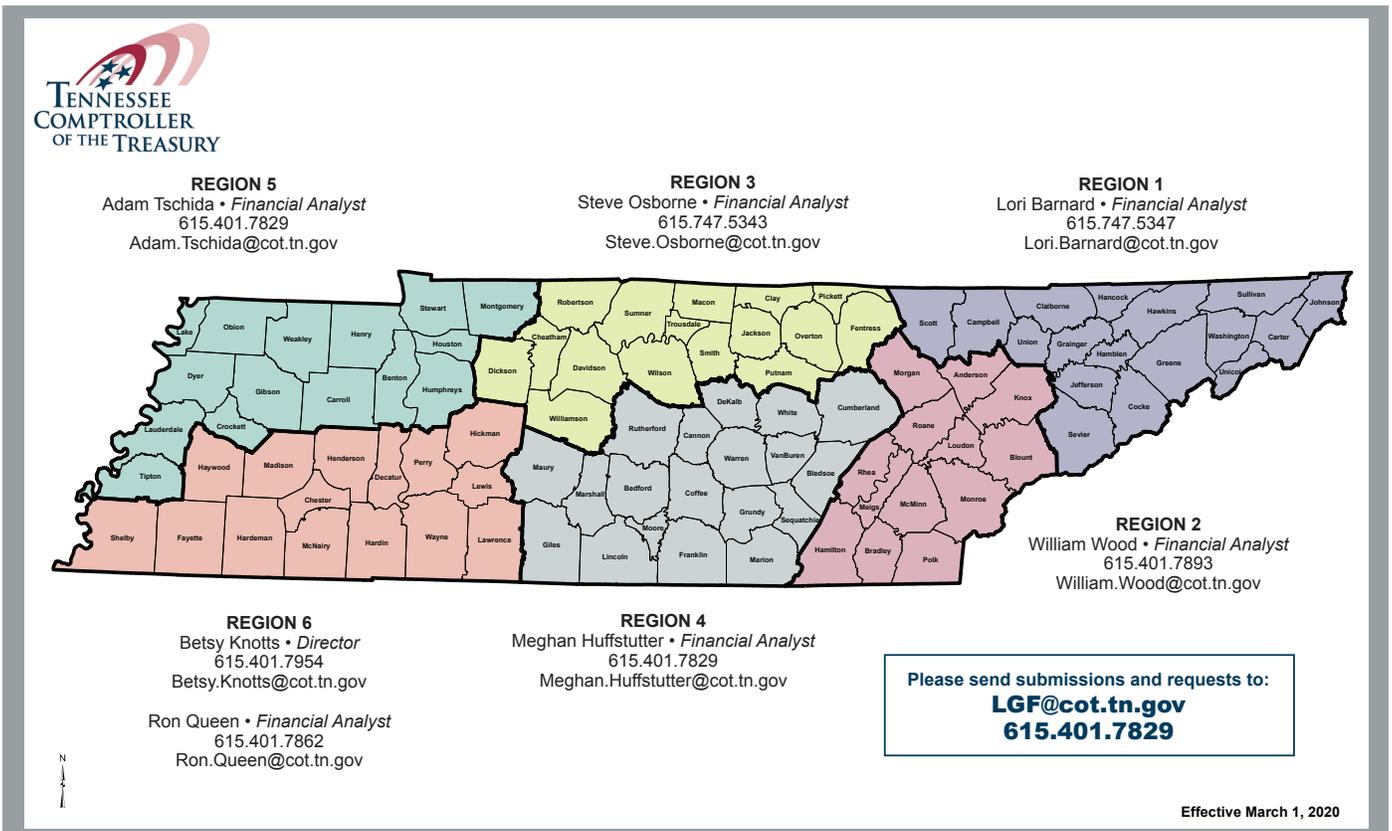
Betsy Knotts, JD, new director of Office of Local Government Finance

The Tennessee Comptroller of the Treasury is splitting the Office of State and Local Finance into two new offices, the Office of Local Government Finance and the Office of State Finance. This change will become effective on March 1, 2020. Betsy Knotts, JD, will lead the Office of Local Government Finance. Knotts is also the Executive Secretary to the Tennessee State Board of Equalization and has been with the Comptroller's Office since 2013.

within the Comptroller's Office including providing assistance, oversight, and review for certain debt issuances, budgets, and investments of local governmental entities.

The Comptroller has released a map illustrating the new Office of Local Government Finance service areas and contact information for the financial analysts who serve each region. For more information about the Office of Local Government Finance, please contact lgf@cot.tn.gov or (615) 401-7829.

The Office of Local Government Finance will retain its current functions



Upcoming Training

Click the session title in the table below to go to K@te to register. Questions? Call Training at (615) 532-3555.

Date	Title	Location	Duration
2/18/2020	Digital Workplace Distractions - Elective 4 credits	Nashville	4.0
2/19/2020	Digital Workplace Distractions - Elective 4 credits	Chattanooga	4.0
2/21/2020	Digital Workplace Distractions - Elective 4 credits	Jackson	4.0
3/12/2020	Leading Others Through Change - Elective 4 credits	Johnson City	4.0
3/13/2020	Leading Others Through Change - Elective 4 credits	Knoxville	4.0
3/18/2020	Surviving Active Shooter Situations - Elective 4 credits	Jackson	4.0
3/19/2020	Surviving Active Shooter Situations - Elective 4 credits	Murfreesboro	4.0
3/26/2020	Surviving Active Shooter Situations - Elective 4 credits	Johnson City	4.0
3/27/2020	Surviving Active Shooter Situations - Elective 4 credits	Knoxville	4.0
3/30/2020	HR Overview - CORE Credit	Jackson	4.0
3/31/2020 - 4/2/2020	High-Risk Prisoner Transport - POST #20-03	Memphis	27.0
3/31/2020	HR Overview - CORE Credit	Murfreesboro	4.0
4/17/2020	Drug Fund Administration and Sensitive Property and Evidence	Collegedale	4.0
4/21/2020	Drug Fund Administration and Sensitive Property and Evidence	Knoxville	4.0
4/22/2020	Drug Fund Administration and Sensitive Property and Evidence	Johnson City	4.0
4/24/2020	Drug Fund Administration and Sensitive Property and Evidence	Cookeville	4.0
4/28/2020	Drug Fund Administration and Sensitive Property and Evidence	Franklin	4.0
4/29/2020	Drug Fund Administration and Sensitive Property and Evidence	Jackson	4.0
4/30/2020	Drug Fund Administration and Sensitive Property and Evidence	Memphis	4.0
5/12/2020	Working with Internal and External Stakeholders - Elective 4 credits	Knoxville	4.0
5/13/2020	Working with Internal and External Stakeholders - Elective 4 credits	Jackson	4.0
5/14/2020	Working with Internal and External Stakeholders - Elective 4 credits	Murfreesboro	4.0
6/2/2020 - 6/4/2020	High-Risk Prisoner Transport - POST #20-03	Columbia	27.0
6/9/2020 - 6/11/2020	High-Risk Prisoner Transport - POST #20-03	Knoxville	27.0



Important Meeting Reminders

Add these dates to your calendar

TNAAO Regional Meetings

Date	Title	Location
3/5/2020	TNAAO Regional Meetings 4 hrs Recertification	Johnson City
3/6/2020	TNAAO Regional Meetings 4 hrs Recertification	Knoxville
3/12/2020	TNAAO Regional Meetings 4 hrs Recertification	Cookeville
3/13/2020	TNAAO Regional Meetings 4 hrs Recertification	Manchester
3/19/2020	TNAAO Regional Meetings 4 hrs Recertification	Jackson
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3/12/2020	TNAAO Regional Meetings 4 hrs Recertification	Cookeville
3/13/2020	TNAAO Regional Meetings 4 hrs Recertification	Manchester

TCHOA Regional Meetings

Date	Title	Location
03/11/2020	TCHOA Region I Meeting	Gatlinburg, TN
03/26/2020	TCHOA Region IV Meeting	Tiptonville, TN
03/31/2020	TCHOA Region II Meeting	Athens, TN
04/07/2020	TCHOA Region III Meeting	Franklin, TN

New TACIR Publications Now Available

The Tennessee Advisory Council on Intergovernmental Relations (TACIR) has recently released several new publications, linked below. For more information, please visit the TACIR website at <http://www.tn.gov/tacir>.

- [e-Procurement by Local Governments in Tennessee](#)
- [Tennessee Valley Authority's Payments in Lieu of Taxes - Annual Report to the Tennessee General Assembly](#)
- [Improving Victim Safety with Global Positioning System \(GPS\) Monitoring as a Condition of Release for Defendants Accused of Domestic Violence](#)
- [Building Tennessee's Tomorrow: Anticipating the State's Infrastructure Needs](#)
- [Closing Gaps in Tennessee's Waste Tire Program and Giving Local Governments More Flexibility to Prevent Illegal Tire Dumping](#)

COAT REGIONAL MEETINGS



March 10-11

WEST TN
Discovery Park
Obion County

March 24-25

MIDDLE TN
Lane Agri-Park
Rutherford County

April 7-8

EAST TN
Museum of Appalachia
Anderson County

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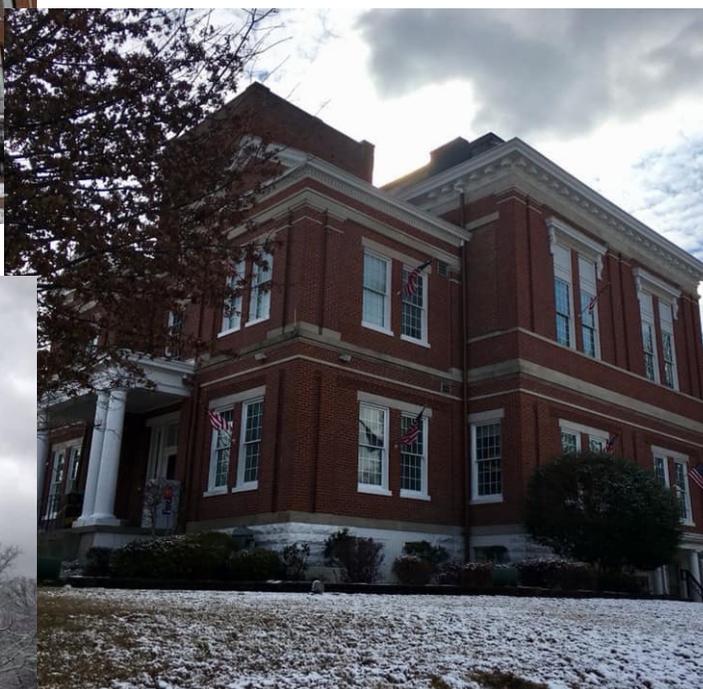
Around Tennessee

Check out these beautiful photos shot by your colleagues around the state!

Have a great photo of your county? Send it to liz@tennessee.edu for possible publication in a future issue of *County Officials E-News*.



Henry County Courthouse by Donna Craig, County Clerk



Tipton County Courthouse by Kristie Glass Maxwell, Trustee



Putnam County Snow by Steve Pierce, Assessor of Property