



# County Officials E-News

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



## Certified County Finance Officer Program Now Open: Enroll Now

The Comptroller of the Treasury and CTAS have developed a program that will provide Tennessee's county financial officers an opportunity to learn about accounting and financial reporting principles, understand how county governments are structured in Tennessee, and enhance their skills in order to carry out their responsibilities for the fiscal affairs of their county or department. CTAS administers the educational program and testing required to achieve the CCFO designation. The Comptroller's Office has been designated as the certification authority.

Enroll in the program now. Register to attend classes at a later date (to be announced).

### How to Enroll

To enroll in the CCFO program, you need to create an account on the Comptroller's CCFO website at <https://apps.cot.tn.gov/CCFO>. Please be aware that you will need

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Park Vista,  
Gatlinburg

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to have an e-mail account to sign up. The Comptroller recommends using a personal email account for account creation. Click the "Register" link at the top of the webpage to create an account.

### What You Can Do on the Comptroller's CCFO Website

- Create an account
- Execute an application for the CCFO certification program
- Report Continuing Professional Education (CPE) hours
- Report changes in personal information

**The Comptroller's CCFO website is used to apply for the program, not to register for classes.** After your account has been approved, you will need to wait for class registration information to become available via the CTAS website and/or through your email.

### Policy and Guidance

- [Guide to CCFO Compliance](#)
- [CCFO Policies and Procedures](#)

### Incentive Program Forms

- [Reimbursement of Certification Expenses](#)
- [Stipend Authorization](#)

All questions you have regarding the CCFO program website, forms, and applications should be directed to the Comptroller's Division of Local Government Audit at (615) 401-7841 or questions may be submitted through [LGA.Web@cot.tn.gov](mailto:LGA.Web@cot.tn.gov).

All questions regarding class schedules, registration, space availability, etc., should be directed to CTAS at 615-532-3555.



National County Government Month (NCGM), held each April, is an annual celebration of county government. Since 1991, the National Association of Counties (NACo) has encouraged counties to actively promote the services and programs they offer. Counties can schedule activities any time during the month. NCGM is an excellent opportunity for your county to highlight effective county programs and raise public awareness and understanding about the various services provided to the community.

NCGM's 2018 theme is "Serving the Underserved," which is consistent with NACo President Roy Charles Brooks' initiative and focuses on county responses to multigenerational cycles of poverty. Read about the initiative [here](#) and [download NCGM resources](#) on the NACo website.

## New! Request Directory Information Updates

You can now request an update to your record in the County Officials Directory on the CTAS website. On the official's page showing their name and contact information, you will see an orange button that says, "Request Update". Click this button to enter the updates and review the request. Once you have submitted your request, we will review the updated information. Changes will only be approved if they are submitted by the county official or the county official's designee (e.g., county mayor's assistant, county commission liaison, etc.). We will not notify you of any approval or disapproval.

If you have any questions, please contact your [County Government Consultant](#).

The screenshot shows the CTAS website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for "E-LI", "TRAINING", "DIRECTORY", "REFERENCE MATERIALS", "CALENDAR", "LINKS OF INTEREST", and "PRIVATE ACTS". Below this, the page title is "HWY CHIEF ADMIN OFF". On the left side, there is a sidebar menu with links for "Directory Home", "County Officials", "Counties", "Judicial Officials", "State Legislators", "Directory Tips", and "CTAS Employees". The main content area displays the profile for "Johnny Deakins, Hwy Chief Admin Off" in Washington. It includes a photo of Johnny Deakins and his contact information: "608 Depot Street, Jonesborough, 37659, Phone: (423) 753-1714, Email: jdeakins@washingtoncountyttn.org". There are two sections: "- Address" and "- Consultant Information". The "- Consultant Information" section lists "CTAS Consultant: Rick Hall", "CTAS Consultant Phone: (423) 282-4141 or (423) 612-3325", and "CTAS Consultant Email: rick.hall@tennessee.edu". A green circle highlights the "REQUEST UPDATE" button at the bottom of the page.

## County Spotlight Moore County



**County Seat:** Lynchburg  
**2010 Population:** 6,362  
**County Government Consultant:**  
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Moore County was established in 1871 from parts of Lincoln, Bedford and Franklin counties, and named in honor of General William Moore, an early settler and long-time member of the state legislature.

Moore County has been home to whiskey distilleries since the 1820s. By 1875, fifteen distilleries were operating in the county. At the end of the 20th century, the Jack Daniel Distillery in Lynchburg was the county's primary source of revenue.

In 1988, the Metropolitan Government of Lynchburg, Moore County, Tennessee was voted into law as the governing body of Moore County, including Lynchburg.



## Upcoming Training

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



### **Personnel Issues: Leadership for Managers**

April 17 - Johnson City, Carnegie Hotel

April 18 - Knoxville, UT Conference Center

### **Drug Fund Workshop**

April 24 - Lenoir City, The Venue

April 25 - Kodak, Smokies Stadium

April 26 - Johnson City, Carnegie Hotel

May 8 - Jackson, Jackson Energy Authority

May 10 - Collegedale, Collegedale City Hall



[Register now at k@te!](http://k@te.com)

#### **Participant Cancellation Policy**

Please cancel 3 days prior to a class if you cannot attend. Expenses are incurred for our classes based on the number of registrations that we have in each class.

#### **Class Cancellation Policy**

Each class requires a minimum of 15 participants for the class to be held. Classes with less than 15 participants enrolled will be canceled.





Photo by Tony Gonzalez, WPLN

## For Your Information: Davidson County Transit Referendum

Although the upcoming transit referendum in Davidson County does not directly impact most counties, it may be an interesting read for most of our customers. We are providing the text of the referendum for information purposes only. The referendum states:

### *METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT OF NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY TRANSIT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM REFERENDUM ELECTION*

*"Passage of this measure allows the Metropolitan Government to improve and expand transit services to include: expanded bus service countywide; new transit lines; new light rail and/or rapid bus service along Nashville's major corridors, including the Northwest Corridor, and a tunnel connection through downtown Nashville; new neighborhood transit centers; improvements to existing train service; safety improvements, including sidewalks and pedestrian connections; and system modernization. This transit program's capital cost is estimated to have a present day value of \$5,354,000,000 and the program is estimated to require \$8,951,062,000 in revenue through 2032. Once construction is complete, the estimated present day value of recurring annual operating and maintenance costs is approximately \$99,500,000. The Metropolitan Transit Authority and the Department of Public Works will undertake implementation of the program.*

*This transit program will be funded by tax surcharges, debt, federal grants, fare box revenues and convention center and airport authority participation. The tax surcharges consist of: 1) a sales tax surcharge of 0.5% for the first five years, increasing to 1% in 2023; 2) a hotel/motel tax surcharge of 0.25% for the first five years, increasing to 0.375% in 2023; 3) a 20% surcharge on the business tax; and 4) a 20% surcharge on the rental car tax. These tax surcharges will end once all debt issued for the program has been paid and the Metropolitan Council determines by resolution that the revenues from the tax surcharges are no longer needed for operation of the program."*

Please [view the resolution](#) related to the Davidson County transit referendum for more information.

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