

A Message from the COAT President

And that ain't no bologna!

I would like to express my gratitude to all the affiliate associations of COAT for allowing me to be your president this year. It is an honor to serve in this capacity. I really enjoyed traveling to each location for our annual regional meetings and to each affiliate spring meetings.

I look forward to seeing each of you at our Annual COAT convention in Gatlinburg on November 20th - November 22nd. We have a great agenda for this conference and you will not want to miss it. Please feel free to call or email me if you have any questions concerning this convention.



COAT Summer Recap

2019 has been a great year so far at COAT. We filed 11 bills on behalf of county officials during the legislative session. Of those, 9 were passed and became law. The other 2 are going to be worked on and re-presented next year. We had a great Legislative Committee this year and I feel that overall, we were very successful. Also, our Regional Meetings were once again a big success. Attendance was up 5% overall from last year. In April, I had the pleasure of attending a special celebration in Benton County marking the 100th Anniversary of the first woman to vote in Tennessee! This was an exciting day for the community and a wonderful tribute to "Aunt Cord" and the other brave women who fought hard to see their dream become a reality.



Preparations are well underway for our Annual Conference in Sevier County this November. We have an exciting lineup of entertainment already booked and as promised, there will be more content packed into this exciting 3 day event so be sure to register soon! Finally, I am excited to roll out our 2019 Speaker Mini-Series. We kick off the series at The Caverns in Grundy County. I think that having an event in a cave will literally be the most unique experience that we have offered to date. For this event, we are bringing in a 9/11 survivor who was in Tower One when the first plane hit. His story of survival is one that you won't want to miss. The second speaker in the series is Dr. William Bass who is credited with starting the UT Body Farm. This event will take place at the fall conference. Be sure to watch for updates and to purchase your tickets for the first speaker by July 29th for guaranteed availability. For this event, we encourage you to consider purchasing tickets for your staff, family, other county employees, or whomever may be interested in hearing this exciting story of survival. If you register by the deadline, you have the option to include a signed copy of his book for just an extra \$10. County Mayors have also been invited to this event so please encourage them to attend.

I want to thank all of our committee members who have been working with the COAT staff to continue to improve our association and make it the best that it can be. Your commitment is invaluable and benefits everyone. See you in Grundy County!

— Rodney

County Officials Association of Tennessee Speaker Mini-Series

Upcoming Event: 2019 Speaker Mini-Series

We are excited to announce a special speaker mini-series happening later this year.

Tuesday, August 27 - Location to be determined

[Ari Schonbrun](#), Motivational Speaker & 9/11 Survivor

Friday, November 22 - COAT Annual Convention, Gatlinburg

[Dr. William Bass](#), UT Professor Emeritus



Ari Schonbrun, 9/11 Survivor

SAVE THE DATE

51ST ANNUAL COAT CONVENTION

November 20-22, 2019
Park Vista Hotel - Gatlinburg

Join us in November for our 51st Annual COAT Convention! The registration fee is \$235 per official. More information will be coming soon, so stay tuned!



Metro Nashville-Davidson Appoints Trustee

The Metro Council chose Parker Toler to fill the remainder of Charlie Cardwell's term as Metro trustee in June 2019. Charlie passed away in May while serving his seventh term in the office he had held since 1993.

Read more about the appointment in [this Nashville Post article](#).

Congratulations, Mr. Toler!



Photo: Metro Nashville Network



Mary Gaither, Tipton County Clerk

Governor Lee Appoints Mary Gaither to Tennessee Advisory Council on Intergovernmental Relations

Tennessee Governor Bill Lee recently announced nearly 200 appointees to a series of key boards and commissions ahead of fiscal year 2020 which begins on Monday, July 1.

"I am proud to announce these appointees who will help our state continue to flourish and be a leader in the nation," said Lee. "I would like to thank these leaders for being willing to serve our state and help us solve many of the big issues important to Tennesseans."

Appointees will fill a variety of different roles to ensure that these boards and commissions will continue conducting the state's business at the highest level. Mary will serve on the Tennessee Advisory Council on Intergovernmental Relations (TACIR). She is looking forward to serving this appointment. Congratulations, Mary!

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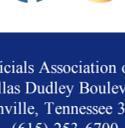
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