

COUNTY OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION OF TENNESSEE



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The County Officials Association of Tennessee (COAT) has announced the appointment of Jay West as that organization's Executive Director. West succeeds Marie Murphy who has joined the Department of Commerce and Insurance as Assistant Commissioner for Special Projects.

In announcing the appointment, COAT president, Shirley Graham, Hawkins County Clerk and Master, commented, "We appreciate Mr. West's knowledge of both state and local government as he assumes the role of our Executive Director". Mrs. Graham was chair of the search committee to find Murphy's successor.

West has previously served as a Councilman at Large and Vice Mayor in Nashville. He has been a registered lobbyist on Capitol Hill for over twenty-five years representing such organizations as the Tennessee Society of Professional Engineers, Consulting Engineers of Tennessee, Tennessee Association of Professional Surveyors, Home Builders Association of Tennessee, Tennessee Athletic Trainers Society and the Associated General Contractors of Tennessee.

West is a graduate of Belmont University and the Nashville School of Law. He was a member of the 1997 class of Leadership Nashville and the 2007 class of Leadership Middle Tennessee. He is married to Diane West who serves as Executive Vice President of BancorpSouth in Brentwood, Tennessee.



2007-2008 Shirley Graham
Hawkins County Clerk and Master
2006 - 2007 Bill Brittain
Hamblen County Trustee
2005 - 2006 Pam Hurst
Hamilton County Register of Deeds
2004 - 2005 Jerry Bomar
Henry County Clerk
2003 - 2004 Tommy Higdon
Marshall County Clerk and Master
2002 - 2003 William (Sonny) Howse
Haywood County Trustee
2001 - 2002 Shirley T. Field
Humphreys County Register of Deeds
2000-2001 W. F. (Bill) Knowles
Hamilton County Clerk
1999 - 2000 Marion Nuckolls
Hardeman County Clerk & Master
1998 - 1999 Janet S. Lindsay
Lincoln County Trustee
1997 - 1998 Rick Meredith
Anderson County Register of Deeds
1996 - 1997 Bill Kemp
Sumner County Clerk
1995 - 1996 Martha Phillips
Knox County Criminal Court Clerk
1994 - 1995 W. R. (Bill) Nobles
Hamilton County Trustee
1993 - 1994 Doyle Arp
Loudon County Assessor of Property
1992 - 1993 Johnny Holder
Carter County Register of Deeds
1991 - 1992 Wilburn Beck
Hamblen County Clerk
1990 - 1991 Mahailiah Hughes
Sumner County Circuit Court Clerk
1989 - 1990 H. F. (Herb) Garner
Henderson County Trustee
1988 - 1989 Howard L. Loveday
Blount County Register of Deeds
1987 - 1988 Tommy Marlin
Sumner County Assessor of Property
1986 - 1987 James A. England
Sumner County Clerk
1985 - 1986 J. A. (Bubba) Blackwell
Shelby County Criminal Court Clerk
1984 - 1985 Lillie Buford
Williamson County Trustee
1983 - 1984 Steve Hall
Knox County Register of Deeds
1982 - 1983 Claude Ramsey
Hamilton County Assessor of Property
1981 - 1982 Roy Phillips
Washington County Court Clerk
1980 - 1981 Enoch B. Simerly
Blount County Circuit Court Clerk
1979 - 1980 Patsy Stair-Lomeli
Anderson County Trustee
1978 - 1979 Felix Z. Wilson
Davidson County Register of Deeds
1977 - 1978 Guy Blackwell
Washington County Assessor of Property
1976 - 1977 John Purdy
Anderson County Court Clerk
1975 - 1976 Raymond L. Barrett
Davidson County Clerk & Master
1974 - 1975 Riley Garner
Shelby County Trustee
1973 - 1974 Charles Harrison
Montgomery County Register of Deeds
1972 - 1973 Arch Trimble
Hamilton County Assessor of Property
1971 - 1972 Raymond Due
Maury County Court Clerk
1970 - 1971 Alex Darnell
Montgomery County Clerk & Master
1969 - 1970 Robert Broome
Knox County Trustee