



Introduction

County commissioners experience a variety of challenges as they carry out the duties of their office. They serve as the fiscal body for the county, a quasi-judicial body, and make determinations on property tax appeals. They are involved with the conducting of elections, economic development and are responsible for the funding of increasing regional jail costs. Often citizens turn to them for action on a vast variety of issues, ranging from the management of stray animals to the funding of a local senior center.

The County Commissioners' Association feels that part of its responsibility to its members is to provide support and resources that will help commissioners address issues and learn best practices to better serve their counties.

The combination of this training and handbook are intended to serve as a reference source to county commissioners and their staff. This training is intended to serve as one of many tools and resources that will provide basic guidance in your day to day duties as a commissioner.

Our association would like to thank former CCAWV directors and commissioners along with our local and state agency partners who have worked to provide this training and resources for much needed information and answers. We hope that this handbook serves county commissioners, or any interested party, as valuable insight into how "county government works."

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