



2019 ANNUAL CONFERENCE AGENDA  
September 24 – 26, 2019  
Sheraton Austin Georgetown Hotel & Conference  
Center Georgetown, TX

**Tuesday, September 24**

- 9:00 am – 10:00 am Registration
- 10:00 am Welcome Remarks
- 10:30 am **Comptroller Glenn Hegar**, Texas Comptroller Public Accounts  
*Long Term Financial Obligations Facing Texas & State of the Rural Economy*
- 11:30 am Lunch
- 12:00 pm **Amy Roedl**, Methodist Healthcare Ministries  
*Creating a People Centered Infrastructure to Serve Community Needs*
- 1:00 pm – 1:30 pm Mix & Mingle Break
- 1:30 pm Industry Breakout Session
- **McLane Intelligent Solutions** - *Keys to Managing Your Cyber Risks*
  - **HC Wireless, LLC** - *How to Create Rural Broadband for Your Community*
  - **Encompass More** - *The Dream Retirement Plan for Your Community Employees*
- 2:30 pm – 2:45 pm Break
- 2:45 pm Industry Breakout Session
- **McLane Intelligent Solutions** - *Keys to Managing Your Cyber Risks*
  - **HC Wireless, LLC** - *How to Create Rural Broadband for Your Community*
  - **Encompass More** - *The Dream Retirement Plan for Your Community Employees*
- 3:45 pm – 4:00 pm Break
- 4:00 pm Industry Breakout Session
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  - **HC Wireless, LLC** - *How to Create Rural Broadband for Your Community*
  - **Encompass More** - *The Dream Retirement Plan for Your Community Employees*

5:00 pm Wrap Up Day One

6:00 pm Reception  
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**Wednesday, September 25**

7:30 am – 9:00 am Networking Breakfast  
*NOTE: View website for additional details & to purchase tickets*

9:00 am **Larry Gaddes**, Williamson County Tax Assessor / Collector  
*Property Taxes: The Good, Bad & Ugly; Where do we go from here and how Texas is different than other states*

10:00 am **Commissioner Julian Alvarez**, Texas Workforce Commissioner Representing Labor  
*(Cyber) Secuting the Border: Tech Workforce in Texas*

11:00 am **Shannon Crabtree**, Editor & Publisher, El Campo Leader – News  
*Building a Stronger Economy for YOUR Community*

11:30 am **Sarah Tober**, Executive Director, Scenic Texas  
*Implementing High Quality Scenic Standards for Rural Texas*

12:00 pm Lunch

12:30 pm **Dan Hunter**, Assistant Commissioner, Texas Department of Agriculture  
*Hemp – How the state legislation and federal farm bill impact hemp growing in Texas. The oversight, pitfalls and regulations for farmers and rural Texas*

1:45 pm Agency Breakout Session  
**Texas Commission on Environmental Quality** – *After the Flood is Your Water Safe to Drink or Municipal Reclaimed Water Requirements*  
**Texas Health and Human Services Commission** – *Increasing the Capacity for Local Mental Health Authorities to Provide Mental Health Access in Small & Rural Communities*

2:45 pm – 3:15 pm Afternoon Break  
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3:15 pm Agency Breakout Session  
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4:15 pm Wrap Up Day 2  
4:30 pm Dinner on Your Own

**Thursday, September 26**

8:00 am Member ONLY Session  
*86th Legislative Session and the Upcoming 87<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session*  
*Speakers: Kara Mayfield, Exec. Dir., ARCIT*  
*Lucinda Saxon, Texas Star Alliance*  
*Nick James, Texas Star Alliance*

9:00 am Agency Breakout Session  
**Texas Department of Information Resources** - *Cybersecurity and the Threat on Rural Communities, How DIR can Assist Rural and Smaller Communities*  
**Texas Department of Agriculture** – *Capital for Texas and Other Options for Rural Texas*

10:00 am – 10:15 am Break

10:15 am Agency Breakout Session  
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11:15 am Check-Out

12:00 pm **Quang Ngo**, Foundation President of Texas Organization of Rural & Community Hospitals (TORCH)  
*Leveraging Resources: What do We have Together, How Can We Aid Rural Healthcare*

1:00 pm Interim Update  
*Interim and the Impact to Your Community: How to Maximize Your Communities Voice*  
Judge Richard Cordes, Menard County  
Marty Mangum, City Manager, Vernon  
Carolyn Gibson, Exec. Dir, El Campo CDC  
Kara Mayfield, Exec. Director of ARCIT

2:15 pm Conference Conclusion

2:40 pm Depart Hotel

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