



Maury County Courthouse

County Spotlight:
Maury

Population: 80,956
 County Seat: Columbia

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The James K. Polk Ancestral Home, located in Columbia, is U.S. President James K. Polk's only surviving home other than the White House. The home was built by his father, Samuel Polk, in 1816. It was designated a National Historic Landmark in 1961 and included in the initial list of National Register of Historic Places in 1966.

Per Diem Rates for FY2013

The continental United States (CONUS) per diem rates are set by the General Services Administration (GSA) each year for the upcoming federal fiscal year (October 1 through September 30). The State of Tennessee and many counties in Tennessee have adopted these rates for reimbursement for meals and lodging travel expenses. The rates for the 2013 fiscal year are the same rates for the 2012 year. The rates for travel in Tennessee are in the schedule below. Rates for travel outside of the State of Tennessee can be found on the GSA website <http://www.gsa.gov/portal/category/100120>.

Tennessee Rates			
Primary Destination	Max Lodging (Excluding Taxes)	Meals & Incidentals	First/Last Day Meals
Standard rate in TN	\$77	\$46	\$34.50
Special rates for higher cost areas			
Brentwood/ Franklin	\$97	\$56	\$42
Chattanooga	\$94	\$56	\$42
Knoxville	\$86	\$56	\$42
Memphis	\$93	\$61	\$45.75
Nashville	\$107	\$66	\$49.50
Oak Ridge	\$91	\$46	\$34.50

Mark your Calendar!

**Tennessee County Services Association (TCSA)
 Fall Conference & Trade Show**

When: Wednesday, October 10th - Friday, October 12

Where: Marriot Downtown / Memphis Cook Convention Center,
 250 North Main Street, Memphis, Tennessee 38103

Reservations: Marriott Downtown, 901-527-7300

Info to Know: Strip Searches in Jails

In *Florence v. Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Burlington*, 132 S.Ct. 1510 (2012), the United States Supreme Court examined whether or not jail deputies can strip search all persons to be booked into the jail's general population no matter how minor the offense and without reasonable suspicion to believe they were hiding contraband or weapons. The Court upheld the blanket strip search policy at issue. The Court noted that this was not a case where jail officers intentionally humiliated a prisoner, it was not a case involving touching, and it was not a case where the prisoner was held for a short period of time without ever being placed in general population.

This case completely revises the federal standard for conducting jail strip searches. Nevertheless, in Tennessee, state law must still be followed. Tennessee Code Annotated section 40-7-119 defines strip search as "having an arrested person remove or arrange some or all of the person's clothing so as to permit a visual inspection of the genitals, buttocks, anus, female breasts or undergarments of the person." Pursuant to T.C.A. § 40-17-119, "[n]o person arrested for a traffic, regulatory or misdemeanor offense, except in cases involving weapons or a controlled substance, shall be strip searched unless there is reasonable belief that the individual is concealing a weapon, a controlled substance or other contraband."

Until Tennessee state law is changed, Tennessee sheriffs must continue to follow the current statute when conducting strip searches in the county jail.

Mark your Calendar!

44th Annual County Officials Association of Tennessee (COAT) Conference

When: Wednesday, November 7th - Friday, November 9th

Where: Marriott Meadowview Golf Resort & Convention Center, 1901 Meadowview Parkway, Kingsport, TN 37660

Reservations: Marriott Meadowview 800-820-5055 or
423-578-6600

Mini-COOP Success in August



In August, CTAS held a County Officials Orientation Program (COOP) for newly-elected property assessors and highway officials. This program provided these county officials with information important to them as they prepared to assume their offices.

Topics covered at this COOP included: Overview of CTAS web-based services; overview of offices, oaths and bonds; managing public records; ethics and conflicts of interest; and personnel issues. Two special training sessions were also held for the highway officials and assessors of property. All sessions of COOP carried credit for the County Official Certificate Training Program (COCTP).

The turnout at this year's COOP was even better than expected with 122 attendees.

**For more information on COOP or
COCTP, please contact CTAS at
615-532-3555 or
<http://www.ctas.tennessee.edu>**

UT Center for Industrial Services to Host Tennessee Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development Course

Promoting entrepreneurship and small business development is a growing strategy for job creation and economic development in Tennessee. To assist communities with this, the University of Tennessee Center for Industrial Services (CIS) is offering the Tennessee Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development Course in November.

The course is designed to help economic development practitioners, government leaders, and others interested in economic development at state, regional, and local levels understand the economic impact of small businesses on local and regional economies; identify needs of entrepreneurs and small businesses and available resources to assist them; and develop effective networks and strategies to support entrepreneurship and small business development.

The course is scheduled for Nov. 7 and 8 at Homewood Suites in downtown Nashville. It will begin at 1 p.m. on the 7th and conclude at 4:30 p.m. on the 8th.

To register for the course, visit www.cis.tennessee.edu/edtraining. Contact Patty Wells at (615) 253-6371 or patricia.wells@tennessee.edu with any questions about registration.

OCTOBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS



- October 2 Building a Better Work Team Workshop, Franklin
- October 10-12 TCSA Fall Conference & Trade Show, Memphis
- October 25 Building a Better Work Team Workshop, Johnson City
- October 26 Building a Better Work Team Workshop, Knoxville
- October 30 Building a Better Work Team Workshop, Jackson

*For more detailed event information, click [here](#).

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