



*North Carolina Association  
of County Clerks  
to the  
Boards of County Commissioners*

February 7, 2022

Dear Clerks, Deputy Clerks, and COG Clerks/Secretaries:

“Chart Your Course,” is the theme for the NC Association of County Clerks’ 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference. I encourage you to attend this year’s annual conference at the awesome Great Wolf Lodge-Concord in Cabarrus County on March 16-18, 2022. Co-hosts Cabarrus County Clerk to the Board Lauren Linker, Davidson County Clerk to the Board Debbie Harris and Davidson County Deputy Clerk Lynn Wilson have been working diligently with the Program Committee and our UNC School of Government Advisors Kristina Wilson and Rebecca Badgett to develop a great agenda for the event and to ensure this is one of our best conferences ever!

Everyone is going to enjoy the Great Wolf Lodge facility. There is lots to do and I encourage you to bring your family members along to enjoy the fun. The rooms are spacious and are decorated to match the hotel theme and the room rates are extremely reasonable!

The MMC Advanced Academy I begins on Wednesday with the dynamic speaker Denise Ryan of Firestar Speaking. Ms. Ryan has been a favorite in years’ past and she will keep us engaged as she intends to help us chart a new course for ourselves and teach us how to communicate effectively in the workplace and in our personal lives. The business meeting will be held on Wednesday afternoon. All members are encouraged to attend so that the association’s business can be conducted. We have built in some time on Wednesday evening to socialize, network, and simply enjoy being with each other in person again!

The MMC Advanced Academy II will be held on Thursday and Friday for a day and a half of education with sessions to help clerks sharpen their skills and excel in their roles. The banquet will be Thursday evening at the iconic and legendary Charlotte Motor Speedway Club. In addition to the presentation of the Howard Holly Outstanding Clerk of the Year Award, the incoming NC Association of County Clerks officers will be installed, retired members will be recognized for their years of dedicated service as a clerk, but more importantly as a public servant, and clerks who have earned their certified county clerk designation will be presented their name plates and certificates. It will be a fun-filled night of fellowship and one to remember.

The education sessions continue on Friday with a clerk-led panel to discuss the various roles of the county clerk, a session on preparing for upcoming elections, and the always exciting and

competitive jeopardy session. Friday afternoon will be filled with networking and team-building events to encourage clerks and their families to spend another night and not have to worry about the pressure of traveling home after a conference. More information to come on the Friday afternoon activities.

There will not be a virtual/hybrid conference option offered. The entire conference will be held in person. I am really looking forward to seeing everyone!

Conference scholarships are available to a limited number of clerks who may require financial assistance to attend. To request a scholarship, please submit a letter of need to me ([trisha.hogan@tconc.org](mailto:trisha.hogan@tconc.org)) addressing the reason for applying, no later than February 22, 2022. Please note that past scholarship recipients are not eligible to apply for three (3) years after receiving a scholarship. Scholarship recipients from 2020 will be carried over and honored since we had to convert the 2020 in-person conference to a virtual conference at the last minute due to the onset of the pandemic. For more information on scholarship criteria, please consult the bylaws which can be found at this link under Helpful Documents: [North Carolina County Clerks Association - North Carolina Association of County Commissioners : North Carolina Association of County Commissioners \(ncacc.org\)](#)

I cannot wait to see you all in Concord/Cabarrus County in March. As always, please make it a point to visit with our vendors during the conference and I invite you to bring a door prize and items for the goody bags.

Sincerely,



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President, NC Association of County Clerks  
Clerk to the Board, Transylvania County