



**Texas Association of Counties**

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# INVOICE

248174/1080

January 01, 2026

Invoice # 102620

To: Hon. Richard F. Cortez  
Judge  
Hidalgo County  
100 E Cano Street Fl 2  
Edinburg, TX 78539

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Annual County Membership Dues	2,440.00
<b>Total Due</b>	<b>2,440.00</b>

This invoice is for your county's membership to the Texas Association of Counties effective 1/1/26 thru 12/31/26. Your support is greatly appreciated and enables us to represent all Texas Counties.

Please pay from copy of invoice/credit memo

PO # \_\_\_\_\_

Acct # 1100-13-125-132.0000-508/00

Invoice Received By: [Signature]

on 2/10/26

Goods/Services Received By: [Signature]

on Jan-Dec '26

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**PLEASE REMIT WITH PAYMENT**

Make checks payable to TAC DUES

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Hon. Richard F. Cortez  
Hidalgo County

Statement Date: 01/01/2026

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Texas Association of Counties  
Attn: County Membership DUES  
P. O. Box 2711  
San Antonio, TX 78298-2711

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2025 TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES REPORT

# HIDALGO COUNTY

## TAC Trainings

TAC provides training for the County Investment Academy, Leadership 254, the Texas Judicial Academy and many others. Visit [county.org](http://county.org) for a list of conferences and dates.



22

Trainings attended out of 49 available



76

Total number of county employees attending



583

Total training hours

## TAC Sponsored Trainings

TAC provides association and conference management services to our founding affiliate members. Visit [county.org](http://county.org) for a list of conferences and dates.



14

Trainings attended out of 30 available



78

Total number of county employees attending



1514.25

Total training hours

## 2025 Grant Opportunities

130+

grant opportunities identified and published on [county.org](http://county.org)



## County Relations Officers

103328

In 2025, TAC's County Relations Officers (CROs) traveled 103,328 miles to visit Texas county officials and staff in their home counties. CROs are here to answer your questions and connect you with resources.

Scan the code on the back page to connect with your county's CRO.

## Legal Utilization

TAC Legal Services is here to support your county in multiple ways. Your county did use legal services in 2025.



On-demand Continuing Ed



Legal Helpline



Monthly Newsletter



Legal Handbooks

## Cybersecurity Training



TAC is again offering state-certified cybersecurity training for the **August 2026** reporting deadline. To learn more, email [SecurityTraining@county.org](mailto:SecurityTraining@county.org), or call (800) 456-5974.

## 2026 Planned Continuing Education Opportunities\*

64+

scheduled programs



605+

available CE hours

\* As of Nov. 1, 2025, with more programs and continuing education hours to be scheduled throughout 2026. Total includes TAC-sponsored and TAC-supported events.



Jan. 31, 2026

Hon. Richard Cortez  
Hidalgo County Judge  
100 E Cano Street Fl 2  
Edinburg, TX 78539

Dear Judge Cortez,

Payment of the enclosed invoice for your county's membership in the Texas Association of Counties (TAC) provides your officials and staff access to a broad range of services and resources designed to support effective county government, including:

- Access to the toll-free TAC Legal Helpline at (888) 275-8224 for guidance on legal and operational issues.
- Member rates for TAC conferences and educational events, including the Legislative Conference, County Risk Management Conference, Technology Conference, Elections Academy and judicial training programs.
- Cost-effective, comprehensive risk management services and health and benefits programs tailored to the unique needs of counties.
- Training and continuing education opportunities for county officials and staff.
- Certified cybersecurity awareness training to help fulfill state-mandated requirements.
- Listservs that promote communication, collaboration and peer networking among county officials.
- Regular legislative updates through the County Issues e-newsletter and alerts during the legislative session.
- Online resources, including county-specific data, publications and legislative issue briefs.
- County government legal handbooks, updated every two years for county officials.
- Access to the toll-free Judicial Hotline at (844) 265-8343.
- Cost-effective email and website hosting services.
- County news, issues and best practices through *County* magazine.

Your county's 2026 dues amount is \$2440, an incredible value for access to services that help counties strengthen operations and better serve Texans. Since 1969, TAC has worked to unite counties in pursuit of practical solutions and shared success.

Enclosed is an overview of many of the ways TAC supported your county over the past year, along with the membership invoice referenced above. Your county's continued participation helps ensure counties across Texas remain stronger together.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (800) 456-5974.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Susan M Redford".

Susan M. Redford  
Executive Director

**TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR  
AFFIDAVIT FOR PAYMENT OF MEMBERSHIP DUES  
TO THE TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES**

**THE STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF HIDALGO**

I, Richard F. Cortez, do hereby state that membership in the TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES on behalf of Hidalgo County and dues to be paid to the association by Hidalgo County are necessary for the performance of official county business. I further state to the best of my knowledge and belief the following:

1. Membership in the association is for the betterment of county government and the benefit of all county officials;
2. The association is not affiliated with a labor organization;
3. Membership dues are not used by either the association or an employee of the association to directly or indirectly influence or attempt to influence the outcome of any legislation pending before the legislature, except that the association or an employee of the association may provide information for a member of the legislature or appear before a legislative committee at the request of the committee or member of the legislature; and
4. Neither the association nor an employee of the association directly or indirectly contributes any money, services, or other valuable thing to a political campaign or endorses a candidate or group of candidates for public office.

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: 2/10/2026

TITLE: COUNTY JUDGE

Before me \_\_\_\_\_, a Notary Public, appeared \_\_\_\_\_, and on his/her oath deposed and stated that the facts as set forth in the above affidavit to be true and correct in every respect.

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NOTARY PUBLIC IN AND FOR  
THE STATE OF TEXAS

AUTHORITY TO OBTAIN AFFIDAVIT: LGC § 113.064(b)
AUTHORITY TO PAY MEMBERSHIP DUES: LGC § 89.002

COUNTY AUDITOR'S FORM: RE-CA-041A  
REVISED: 12/2012