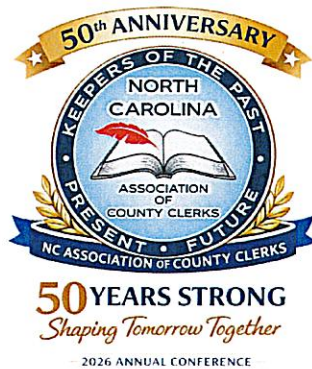




Hello TEAM,

I am excited to announce registration for our Fall Regional Academies is open. If you're unable to attend the Fall Regional in your area, feel free to register for any location that fits your schedule. All workshops are open to County Clerks, Deputy Clerks, Municipal Clerks, and COG Clerks. You do not have to be a member of the Association to register and attend.

Here are the locations and dates for each 2026 Regional event:

- **Eastern Regional** – September 11, 2026
Hosted by Dana Cuddington and Susie Reeves, Johnston County
- **Western Regional** – September 18, 2026
Hosted by Kennedy Freeman, Polk County
- **Piedmont Regional** – September 25, 2026
Hosted by Dana Crisco, Randolph County

The Professional Development and Conference planning Committee has been hard at work developing agenda topics that will be helpful, fun and engaging. You won't want to miss this! Not only will this be an opportunity for learning, fellowship and fun, but you will also earn valuable credit hours toward certifications!

Thank you for all you do, and I hope to see you at one of the upcoming Regionals.

Maria Hass, CMC, NCMCC
President, North Carolina Association of County Clerks
Clerk to the Board, Cherokee County



August 10, 2026

Dear County Clerks, Deputy Clerks, Municipal Clerks, & COG Administrative Assistants/Clerks:

Johnston County is very excited to be hosting this year's Eastern Regional Workshop on Friday, September 11, 2026, at the Johnston Community College Advanced Manufacturing Training Facility located at 546 Boyette Road, Four Oaks, North Carolina. This facility is located right off Interstate 95 (Exit 87). The Program Committee has worked diligently with UNC School of Government and host clerks to select educational topics for the 2026 Regional Academies. In keeping with the mission of the North Carolina Association of County Clerks to formulate specific projects to help develop strong leadership, a service project will also be part of our regional meeting. Johnston County will be collecting items on September 11th for Johnston County Animal Services. A list of items needed is attached.

A block of rooms will be available at the Hampton Inn by Hilton in Smithfield (right off I-95) for Thursday, September 10th and the rooms will be held until September 4, 2026. Please use this link <https://group.hamptoninn.com/ft60hn> to book your room or call the hotel directly at 919-965-6151 and reference "NC County Clerks Conference".

If we can answer any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at the information below. We look forward to seeing you in Johnston County on September 11th!

Sincerely,

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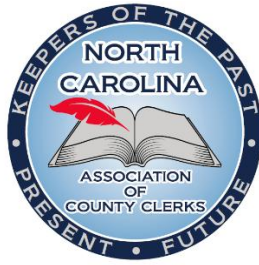


Animal Services accepts donations of the following items, as well as monetary donations. Checks should be made payable to "Friends of Johnston County".

Donation List

We are accepting the following items:

- Liquid Laundry Soap
- Paper Towels
- Pill Pockets
- Cat Toys
- Dog Toys (Hard Rubber) / Balls
- Canned / Dry puppy food
- Canned / Dry cat food
- Dog and Cat Treats



Eastern Regional Advanced Clerk Academy

September 11, 2026

Johnston Community College

Advanced Manufacturing Training Facility

546 Boyette Road, Four Oaks, NC

AGENDA

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| 8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. | Registration/Continental Breakfast
<i>(Breakfast Provided by Parkside Café & Catering)</i> |
| 8:30 a.m. – 8:45 a.m. | Welcome/Introductions
Dana Cuddington, Clerk to the Board

Welcoming Remarks (If applicable)
Patrick Harris, Chair
Rick Hester, County Manager |
| 8:45 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. | Big Phish: Clerking in the Age of AI
Kristina Wilson, Assistant Professor of Public Law and Government, UNC School of Government |
| 10:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. | Break/Snacks |
| 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. | Social Media Mayhem
Kristina Wilson, Assistant Professor of Public Law and Government, UNC School of Government |
| 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. | Lunch
<i>(Lunch Provided by Parkside Café & Catering)</i> |
| 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. | What to Know About Managing Boards & Commissions
Kristina Wilson, Assistant Professor of Public Law and Government, UNC School of Government |

2:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.	Break/Snacks
2:45 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.	New Board Member Orientation Kristina Wilson, Assistant Professor of Public Law and Government, UNC School of Government
3:45 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.	Q/A Session Kristina Wilson, Assistant Professor of Public Law and Government, UNC School of Government
4:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Regional Wrap-up/Questions Maria Hass, President, North Carolina Association of County Clerks Kristina Wilson, Assistant Professor of Public Law and Government, UNC School of Government

The MMC Advanced Academies are presented by the School of Government, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. The school is the International Institute of Municipal Clerks' approved provider of educational programs for clerks in North Carolina.

Clerks who successfully complete MMC Advanced Academy will be eligible for 3.00 MMC/CMC points and 6.0 credit hours towards recertification as an NCCCC or, if applicable, certification or recertification as an NCMCC.

Partial credit is not available for the Academy.

North Carolina Association of County Clerks Speaker/Session Information

Big Phish: Clerking in the Age of AI

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is an integral part of today's technological landscape. This session will explore the basics of AI, how clerks can use AI to their benefit, and areas to exercise caution. This course will also explore how to handle public records requests in today's technological world, including how to respond to phishing attempts and AI-generated requests.

Social Media Mayhem

Social media has evolved much more quickly than statutes and case law. That leaves clerks and other local government practitioners wondering how to handle common social media issues. When can local government officials or employees hide or delete comments? When can they block users? What are the retention requirements for social media posts? Can local governments manage what officials or employees say online? This session will explore those questions.

What to Know About Managing Boards & Commissions

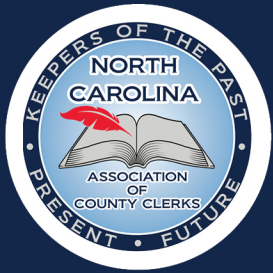
Clerks wear many hats and their many responsibilities include management of boards, committees, and commissions. This session will explain the legal framework surrounding county boards and commissions and will bring clerks together to share tips and tricks of the trade for managing boards and commissions.

New Board Member Orientation

In an election year, clerks sometimes have even more responsibilities and obligations than in a typical year. One of these additional duties is orienting newly elected commissioners. This course will explore the best methods for orienting new members, including important topics and key players to involve in the orientation process.

Kristina Wilson:

Kristina Wilson joined the School of Government in September 2021. Her work focuses on local government structure and authority, board procedures, public records and transparency issues. Prior to joining the School, Wilson was a civil litigation associate at Yates, McLamb & Weyher LLP where her practice included medical malpractice defense, general liability defense, employment disputes, and constitutional matters in both federal and state court. She also worked for the U.S. Department of Justice in its Access to Justice Office addressing civil constitutional issues including nuisance ordinances and public housing and a proposed civil right to counsel. Prior to law school, Wilson worked as a communications associate for the Center for Global Development, an international development think tank in Washington, D.C. Wilson earned her J.D. cum laude from Wake Forest University School of Law where she was a published member and executive online editor of the Wake Forest Law Review. Wilson earned undergraduate degrees in English and Spanish cum laude from Georgetown University. She is a member of the North Carolina State Bar.



ANNUAL RAFFLE BASKET FUNDRAISER

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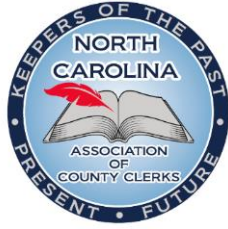
Donation Drive for Raffle Basket Fundraiser at Master Clerk Academies in November

- Comfy-Cozy Basket (blankets, candles, fuzzy socks, spa items, etc)
- Movie & Game Night (board games, card games, popcorn, movie style candy)
- Cooler of Cheer (wine & lottery tickets)

We will collect items during each Regional and at November Academies.

Please contact Dale Stiles at dstiles@catawbacountync.gov with any questions.





NORTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY CLERKS

Registration Form for Fall Regional Clerk Academies

(Check appropriate Regional/s)

_____ **Eastern Fall Regional, Johnston County**

Date: September 11, 2026

Location: Johnston Community College Advanced Manufacturing Facility, 546 Boyette Road, Four Oaks, NC

_____ **Western Fall Regional, Polk County**

Date: September 18, 2026

Location: Columbus Public Library, 1289 W Mills St, Columbus, NC

_____ **Piedmont Fall Regional, Randolph County**

Date: September 25, 2026

Location: Randolph County Agricultural Center, 1800 US Hwy 64 E, Asheboro, NC

Name: _____ Title: _____

Organization: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Any Special Dietary Restrictions or Needs: _____

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 1ST

Registration - Member (\$100.00)

\$ _____

Registration - Non-Member (\$125.00)

\$ _____

INSTRUCTIONS:

If registering by mail, please make checks payable to:

NC Association of County Clerks

Return registration form and check to:

Debbie Harris, Clerk to the Board

Davidson County Government

913 N. Greensboro Street, Suite 404

Lexington, NC 27292