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County Judge and Commissioners Attend Continuing Education School

Austin – Ellis County Judge Carol Bush, Commissioners Dennis Robinson, Bill Dodson and Ron Brown joined over 500 county judges and commissioners for the V.G. Young Institute’s School for County Commissioners Courts at the Renaissance Austin Hotel on February 19 – 21, 2013 in Austin, Texas.

Judge Bush commented that “continuing education training is particularly beneficial in keeping the Commissioners Court abreast of recent trends and changes in the law. During the legislative session, monitoring those bills that may have an impact at the county level becomes especially important.”

The conference was sponsored by the V.G. Young Institute of County Government, which is part of the Texas A & M AgriLife Extension Service. The Institute provides elected county officials with information and technical assistance, and helps officials complete their state-mandated, minimum continuing education requirements.

As one of a small number of states that requires all elected county officials to earn continuing education credits, explained Richard O. Avery, director of the Institute, “Texas county officials have the opportunity to learn new and vital information, so they can better serve the citizens of Texas.” The Institute provides education to county commissioners, judges, tax assessor-collectors, county and district clerks and human resources professionals through various programs held across the State and through their online education library.

Included in this year’s program were concurrent workshops related to Road System Development, Fundamentals of Right of Way Acquisition for Local Transportation Projects, Conflict Resolution and a Legislative Panel that discussed issues that could impact counties.

Bush stated, “Ellis County benefits from this valuable training through the exchange of information with colleagues. Discussing issues and solutions with other judges and commissioners allows us to share our insights and experiences and to develop best practices for our own county.”

Commissioners court members who attended all of the sessions during the conference received sixteen hours of credit. County judges who attended the conference received four hours of judicial education.

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From Left: Commissioner Bill Dodson, Pct.2; Commissioner Ron Brown, Pct.4; County Judge Carol Bush; Commissioner Dennis Robinson, Pct.1