



# County Auditors' Association of Ohio

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## **Vinton County Auditor Installed as Association President**

Lake, Erie, and Butler County Auditors Installed as Officers for 2026

COLUMBUS, OH — The County Auditors' Association of Ohio (CAAO) installed the Honorable Cindy Waugh, Vinton County Auditor, as President of the association for 2026 during an installation ceremony during its annual Winter Conference. Having served previously as an officer of the association—most recently as Vice President—President Waugh will help lead the association as it continues to work with legislators to promote meaningful reforms to alleviate economic stress for Ohioans.

The association was honored to welcome the Honorable Frank LaRose, Secretary of State of Ohio as installation officer for Auditor Waugh's installation during a ceremony on November 20, at the Embassy Suites Dublin in Dublin, Ohio.

Also sworn in during the ceremony were Lake County Auditor Christopher Galloway as Vice President, Erie County Auditor Rick Jeffrey as Second Vice President, and Butler County Auditor Nancy Nix as Third Vice President. Jackson County Auditor Tiffany Ridgeway, installed in November 2024, will continue to serve in her two-year term as Secretary/Treasurer of the association. President Waugh acted as installation officer for the ceremony following her installation as President.

"To serve as President of the CAAO is an honor beyond measure. I am humbled to stand alongside leaders who genuinely care for their constituents who depend on them," said CAAO President Cindy Waugh.

2025 has been a year of significant progress for CAAO and Ohio's 88 county auditors. While auditors set property values, not tax rates, they have worked together over the past year to advance comprehensive property tax relief for their constituents. Key wins include the passage of House Bills 124, 186, 309, 335, and 129 in the Ohio General Assembly earlier this month, together representing the largest property tax reform in the state's history. CAAO looks forward to building on this momentum and continuing to support Ohioans in 2026.

For more information about CAAO, visit [www.caaoh.org](http://www.caaoh.org).

***About the County Auditors' Association of Ohio (CAAO)***



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*CAAO was founded in 1867 for the express purpose of promoting and protecting the interests of taxpayers in the State of Ohio and improving the administration of county government. The Association is comprised of all 88 Ohio County Auditors and Fiscal Officers. In addition to providing educational opportunities to County Auditors, the CAAO works closely with the Ohio General Assembly to offer legislative initiatives to assist County Auditors in carrying out their duties.*

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