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Bruce Stidham was first elected Grayson County Tax Assessor-Collector in 2012, after a successful real estate career, and is in his 3<sup>rd</sup> term in office. First elected as a director to the TACA board in 2017, he is now currently serving as President of the Tax Assessor-Collector's Association of Texas. Bruce has been an active member of the association and serves on several committees, including Legislative, DMV, By-laws and Education.

He graduated from Harding University in Searcy, Arkansas, with a BA in Political Science. He and Karen, his wife of 40 years, have two grown sons and five grandchildren. They live outside Whitewright, on land originally surveyed by Karen's great-great- great grandfather Andy Thomas, who came to Texas in 1836 with Davy Crockett. They traded rifles while camped near Honey Grove. Andy Thomas remained in North Texas while Crockett went south to San Antonio. The family still owns the Crockett rifle which is on display in the Long Barracks at the Alamo.