



## ASSOCIATION of TENNESSEE VALLEY GOVERNMENTS

Dear ATVG members and friends,

I welcome you to the Association of Tennessee Valley Governments (ATVG). We are a not-for-profit 501c (4) corporation chartered in 1981. Our primary purpose is to improve communication and understanding between local governments and the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA). With nearly 1,000 local governments being served by TVA, we strive to advocate on behalf of our membership. ATVG represents local governments in Alabama, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia.

We meet tri-annually within the TVA region for educational sessions and to conduct the organization's business affairs. We recognize TVA as a major economic driver within our communities through its role as the provider of reliable, reasonably priced power, along with economic development initiatives for recreation and industrial activities. We acknowledge TVA must be an active environmental steward of our natural resources and we encourage TVA to remain proactive in this role.

ATVG will continue to advocate policies for our local governments and communities. We recognize that we can both support and be in opposition to various TVA policies, while fully understanding that it is through our education on issues that we all make better decisions.

Please plan to join us for our 2025 meetings planned for Edmonson County, KY; Oak Ridge, TN; and Gatlinburg, TN. In addition to outstanding programs at these meetings, we will visit Mammoth Cave National Park in March, tour the Oak Ridge National Laboratory in June, and enjoy the fall colors of the Smoky Mountains in October.

Over the years, I've personally found ATVG to be an excellent organization for enhancing the communication to and from TVA. In this exchange, we often find new ideas and create relationships that are beneficial to our local governments, and ultimately, the people that we serve. Opportunities for operational insight through tours of TVA assets, and opportunities for direct access to leaders in TVA sectors, makes ATVG a truly valuable association. If you are interested in becoming involved in ATVG, please don't hesitate to contact our staff at (865) 659-4745.

Sincerely,

Terry Frank

2025 ATVG Board President

Anderson County Mayor