



**Minutes: April 11, 2019
Executive Committee Meeting
Bell County Expo Center
301 W Loop 121, Belton, Texas
12:00 PM**

The April 2019 Central Texas Council of Governments Annual Executive Committee Meeting was called to Order by The Honorable Bill Schumann, President.

Executive Committee Officers in Attendance:

President	Commissioner Bill Schumann	Bell County
1 st Vice President	Judge Byron Theodosis	San Saba County
Secretary/Treasurer	Judge David Blackburn	Bell County
Parliamentarian	Mayor Jose Segarra	City of Killeen

Executive Committee Members in Attendance:

David Blackburn, Bell County Judge	Mary Gauer, Citizen Representative	Ed Smith, Mills County Judge
Gary Chumley, Gatesville City Mayor	Ryan Haverlah, Copperas Cove City Manager	Byron Theodosis, San Saba County Judge
Timothy Davis, Temple City Mayor	Roger Miller, Coryell County Judge	Steve Young Milam County Judge
Otis Evans, Citizen Representative	Dr. Eric Penrod Killeen ISD	Spencer Smith Harker Heights City Mayor

CTCOG Staff Members and Guests in Attendance:

Uryan Nelson, CTCOG	Carmen Lim, CTCOG	Susan Kamas, Workforce
Kerry Phillip, AACT/CTADVRC	Joyce Dalley, AACT	Earl Warl, TSHL
Helen Hill, CTCOG	Michael Harmon, Bell County	Rebecca Cooley, CTCOG/911
Jesse Hennage, CTCOG	Kirby Kissinger, CTCOG	Melissa Gammage, AACT
Jessica Keys, AACT	Jim Reed, CTCOG	Kendra Coufal, CTCOG
Particia Mix, OFC	Gary Kafer, St. Rep JD Sheffield	Irene Andrews, TSHL
Henry Perry, Fort Hood	Martha Johnson, AACT	Myron Meier, TSHL
Barbara Lecompte, United Healthcare		

Invocation was led by Milam County Judge Steve Young and the pledge to the American flag and the Texas flag was led by Temple City Mayor Tim Davis. Dr. Eric Penrod, Killeen Deputy Superintendent was sworn into the Executive Committee by Bell County Commissioner Bill Schumann. Dr. Penrod will be replacing John Dye as Mr. Dye is retiring.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Otis Evans Citizen Representative of Killen to accept the minutes of February 28, 2019, the respective expenditure report, and the following proclamations and resolution:

Proclamation #04-19-AAA01 Declaring May 2019 as Older Americans Month

Proclamation #04-19-AAA02 Declaring June 2019 as Alzheimer and Brain Awareness Month

Proclamation #04-19-AAA03 Declaring September 2019 as Falls Prevention Month

Proclamation #04-19-AAA04 Declaring November 2019 as Diabetes Awareness and Prevention Month

Proclamation #04-19-AAA05 Declaring November 2019 as Family Caregivers Month

Proclamation #04-19-PRS01 Declaring April 14-20, 2019 Telecommunicators Week

Proclamation #04-19-PRS02 Declaring April as Fair Housing Month

Resolution #04-19-PRS03 Resolution Authorizing FY 2020 Funds for State Homeland Security

Mayor Jose Segarra of Killeen seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed.

Reports

Area Agency on Aging

Kerry Phillip, Director of Area Agency on Aging stated that May 2019 would be Older Americans Month. The theme is Connect, Create and Contribute. Connect with friends, family, and services that support participation. Create by engaging in activities that promote learning, health, and personal enrichment. Contribute time, talent and life experience to benefit others. June 2019 will be Alzheimer and Brain Awareness Month. 1 in 3 seniors die with Alzheimer's or another dementia (more than breast and prostate cancer combined). In 2019, Alzheimer's and other dementias are expected to cost the nation \$290 billion. November 2019 will be Diabetes Awareness and Prevention Month. Kerry stated that 30 million US adults have diabetes and 1 out of 4 do not know they have it. Medical costs for people with diabetes are twice as high than people without diabetes.

Planning & Regional Services

Uryan Nelson, Director of Planning & Regional Services stated that there were 14 grant applications submitted. \$174,000 will go to Bell County, Coryell County will receive roughly \$70,000, and the remaining counties will split approximately \$105,000 between the five of them. Criminal Justice had 25 grant

applications submitted and a prioritization meeting will be held April 11th, 2019. During the grant period of September 2015-August 2017 there were 1,631 Law Enforcement officers who were trained and there were 85 TCOLE classes held. During the grant period of September 2017-August 2019 there were 1,964 Law Enforcement Officers who were trained, and 86 TCOLE classes were held. Peace Officer training for the month of February consisted of 59 officers and three TCOLE classes. Peace Officer training for the month of March consisted of 149 officers and six TCOLE classes. Uryan was pleased to announce that all counties are accepting text to 9-1-1. A press release was issued from February 7-10 in the local papers around the region and Lamar Digital signs now have PSAs and are currently working with Belton ISD to create a short video for local TV stations, movie theatre previews, and social media. There were 101 texts received during March. The draft for 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan is anticipated to go out for public involvement in March with planned approval date for May 2019. KTMPO assisted TxDOT in hosting a regional Central Texas Freight Needs and Infrastructure Design Workshop in February to collect data and comments to be considered in the updated Texas Freight Plan.

Housing

George Losoya, Director of Housing stated that there 2,217 families continuously leasing, 152 families in the Veterans Administration Supportive Housing (VASH) Program, 21 new families, and 24 exiting families. An admin fee of \$108,793 was earned and payments to landlords went out for a total of \$1,150,738. The waiting list was opened in February and of those who submitted a preapplication Housing mailed out 270 requested preference letters. The new application process is to begin in April 2019. George and his staff will be working with VA homelessness and VASH Vouchers to develop a partnership and a meeting is set to take place April 2, 2019. There are 811 special vouchers with Central County Services. The housing Division and Aging Division will be making a site visit to Senior Centers in San Antonio on March 29, 2019.

Workforce Development Board and Workforce Center

Susan Kamas, Workforce Development Board Executive Director stated that Ken Cox, Workforce Center Director had a previous engagement and could not be present. There was a Legislative Reception with Temple and Belton in the Austin area on April 10, 2019. Workforce is upscaling staff and focusing on training. Also working with the Department of Labor out of the Dallas office to provide two days of training to the youth as to engage the youth so they may go from high school to post-secondary training. Certification for case managers this month for those who handle federal monies. Employers are going to the Santa Fe Business Center for constant on site job fairs. There is a total of 9 this month. New roll out of

a new upgraded job matching system set to begin in July. The system will be more robust and more responsive to employers. Hiring our Heroes cohort #7 will graduate April 12, 2019.

Executive Director

Jim Reed, Executive Director explained the various funding systems for 9-1-1 and how 9-1-1 works. The funding for the systems works as follows: cell phone user, landline other device that accesses the phone system pays a \$0.50 access fee a month per line. That that is multiplied by the almost 500,000 people in the region. Approximately \$6 million is generated every biennium that funds the system. The money is then sent to the State comptroller's office. There are two paths the money can take from there. If a region is a 9-1-1 district of which there are 54 currently. 100% of the money comes to the COG and is distributed and it all happens within 30 days. In the Regional Council System, the state comptroller takes all the money puts it into fund 50/50 and it becomes subject to the state appropriations process. Every biennium the state legislators decide how much of the money can go down to the state 9-1-1 Commission also known as CSEC (Commission on State Emergency Communications). Of every dollar that goes in \$0.05 is kept by the commission to run the commission and they distribute the remaining 95% of what they are appropriated. The first group that receives money is the poison control centers, of which there are 6. Next, a goal is set for money wanted in reserves and fund 50/50 and that money is kept in reserves. Lastly the money that is left is then distributed back into the 21 Regional Council Systems. How the system works: someone makes a phone call using a cell phone/landline and the signal which its way through a cell tower and to a dedicated trunk line. This is a separate pair of lines dedicated for 9-1-1. The phone company only maintains the trunks for 9-1-1 purposes. The trunks terminate in one of several answering points within the counties. The operator answers the phone call and determines what to do with it and routes it through to a radio tower which goes to police, fire or emergency response.

The payment breakdown is as follows: anything that has to do with call delivery is CTCOG funded and everything that happens from the moment the phone call is delivered until someone arrives to person who is having the emergency is municipality funded. It could be county or city funded depending on who is responding to the emergency. If it is decided CTCOG becomes a district then there can assistance in offsetting costs for radios, equipment, personnel, etc., if there are enough resources. In the current state system there is a safety valve that CTCOG can go back to the commission and the commission can make a legislative appropriation from the reserves if CTCOG runs out of or is low on funds for 9-1-1. If CTCOG becomes a district CTCOG would be responsible for creating a reserve. So initially there wouldn't be any recommendation that CTCOG not take on any additional services that are allowed until sufficient reserves

have been built. The bottom line is that the rules dictate once every municipality whom has an answering point within the region passes a resolution stating that they want to become a district. On the last resolution the minute is passes the comptroller will no longer send CTCOG funds. CTCOG will begin with zero funds. Timing of the resolutions is critical. If it is the decision of the board to become a district, all counties except for Bell County who will hold their resolution. This hold would until the budget numbers come back in the end of May and early June from the legislation. Timing for Bell County's resolution would depend upon the bill cycle and the amount of funding left at the end of the biennium. Bell County when the time is right would pass a resolution and the region would then become a district the minute the Bell County resolution is passed.

Adjourn



The Honorable Bill Schumann, President



The Honorable David Blackburn, Secretary/Treasurer