



**Minutes: April 28, 2016  
Executive Committee Meeting  
2180 N. Main, Belton, Texas**

**12:00 PM**

The April 2016 Central Texas Council of Governments Executive Committee Meeting was called to Order by The Honorable John Firth, President.

**IN ATTENDANCE**

**Executive Committee Officers:**

President	County Judge John Firth, Coryell County
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Mayor Marion Grayson, City of Belton
Secretary/Treasurer	Commissioner Bill Schumann, Bell County
Immediate Past President	Commissioner Tim Brown, Bell County

**Executive Committee Members:**

Gary Chumley	Mayor, City of Gatesville
Richard Cortese	Commissioner, Bell County
John Dye	Safety/Police, Killeen ISD
Andrea Gardner	Citizen Representative
Lloyd Huggins	Commissioner, Hamilton County
W. Mark Tynes	County Judge, Hamilton County
Jack Wall	Commissioner, Coryell County
Jim Yeonopolus	Chancellor, Central Texas College

**Executive Committee Alternate Members:**

Connie Anderle	Mayor, City of Cameron
William Parry, III	City Manager, City of Gatesville

**CTCOG Staff Members and Guests:**

Jim Reed	Executive Director, CTCOG
R. Michael Irvine	Director of Administration, CTCOG
Deana Belk	Director, Housing Assistance, CTCOG
H. Richard McGhee	Director, Area Agency on Aging, CTCOG
Pam Patterson	AAA Contract Compliance Manager, CTCOG
Cheryl Maxwell	Director, Planning Services CTCOG
Jimmy Martin	Planning & Regional Services, CTCOG
John Weber	Planning & Regional Services, CTCOG
Jennifer Lawyer	Planning & Regional Services, CTCOG

Mark Collier	Director, 9-1-1 Program, CTCOG
Jerry Muhamet	Homeland Security, CTCOG
Stacey Alley	Criminal Justice Training Coordinator, CTCOG
Kerry Phillip	Administrative Assistant, CTCOG
Susan Kamas	Executive Director, Workforce Board
Jerry Haisler	Center Director, Workforce Centers
Tama Shaw	Executive Director, Hill Country Community Action Assn
Carl Mica	Central TX Regional Director, TX Sen. Ted Cruz
Joe Latteo	Principal Partner, LG Facility Solutions
Ray Helmcamp	Executive Director, Central Counties Services
Chad Berg	Emergency Management Coordinator, City of Killeen

**NOT IN ATTENDANCE**

**Executive Committee Members:**

Dave Barkemeyer	County Judge, Milam County
Skip Blancett	Mayor, Village of Salado
Wayne Boultinghouse	County Judge, Lampasas County
Jon Burrows	County Judge, Bell County
Scott Cospier	Mayor, City of Killeen
Danny Dunn	Mayor, City of Temple
Otis Evans	Citizen Representative
Kirkland Fulk	County Judge, Mills County
Mary Gauer	Citizen Representative
Dale Jaecks	Past President, CTCOG
Robert Lindsey	City Manager, City of Goldthwaite
Rickey Lusty	Commissioner, San Saba County
Daren Moore	Commissioner, Coryell County
Steven Moore	Public Affairs, Ft. Hood
Randy Morris	Citizen Representative, City of Lampasas
Jeff Muegge	Commissioner, Milam County
Hal Schiffman	Mayor Pro-Tem, City of Harker Heights
Frank Seffrood	Mayor, Copperas Cove
Byron Theodosis	County Judge, San Saba County
Ronnie White	Mayor, City of Little River

Invocation was delivered by Jack Wall with Marion Grayson leading the pledges.

Jim Reed introduced new employees Stacey Alley, Criminal Justice Training Coordinator, and Pam Patterson, Contract Compliance Manager for the Area Agency on Aging. Jim also introduced Joseph Latteo who will be speaking about facility management at the June meeting.

**Consent Agenda**

A motion was made and seconded that the committee accept the Consent Agenda which consisted of the minutes from the March 24, 2016 meeting along with the March 2016 Expenditure Report.

All voted in favor and none were opposed.

### **Action Items**

#### **Resolution 04-16-AAA1 – Authorizing Submission of the AACT’s 2017 – 2019 Area Plan to the Texas DADS**

H. Richard McGhee presented an extensive slide show discussing the various points of interest regarding the upcoming merger of services. The Aging Disability and Veterans Resource Committee met March 30, 2016, reviewed the Area Plan, and approved it to be sent to the Executive Committee.

#### **Resolution 04-16-ES1 – Authorizing Application to the Governor’s Homeland Security Grant Division for State Homeland Security Program Funds**

Jim Reed stated that while this resolution follows the same plan that has been in effect for several years, there will be some changes after 2016. He will discuss those in detail during his report later in the meeting.

#### **Proclamation 04-16-PRS1 – Declaring May 8-14, 2016 as Economic Development Week in the Central Texas Region**

Judge Firth stated that there is a great deal of economic development happening in our region. Jim Reed followed up by stating everyone needs to think long-term when considering a development project such as the \$1 million sewer grant awarded to Salado. It can take 2 – 3 years of work to prepare before submitting an application.

All voted in favor of the resolutions. None were opposed.

### **Reports**

#### **Executive Director, Workforce Board**

Susan Kamas reported that over the past year, Workforce worked with a budget of almost \$20 million, served over 2,000 employers and over 28,000 job seekers. The Texas Workforce commissioners came down for a workshop in our area. One of the key points derived from that meeting is finding employment for military spouses particularly those in the professional arena.

#### **Center Director, Workforce**

Jerry Haisler presented some quick statistics regarding separating military personnel:

- 75% separating
- 25% retiring
- 27% intend to stay in the area
- 29% would stay if they could find employment.

One key issue is working with soldiers regarding their resumes. It seems there is a disconnect interpreting military duties and what they entail to the average private section HR hiring director. Another issue is that some separating personnel do not know what they want to do once they leave the military. One goal should be to manage expectations of what is available.

### **Executive Director's Report**

#### ➤ *Changes to the Homeland Security Program's Project Selection Process*

Jim Reed announced that there are some changes coming to the funding selection process. Even though they will not take effect until 2017, we need to prepare now. One key concern regarding the new scoring procedures being set by the state is that the members of the Homeland Security Advisory Committee will not be allowed to critique future projects. In fact, the restrictions are very strict regarding who will be allowed to score projects. CTCOG staff are recommending that the scoring committee reflect the composition of the executive committee (a 27-member board, well-established system, equal mix of representation, broad cross-section of the region). In the meantime, CTCOG staff are also vetting with other COGs how they are proceeding. We need to be sure we do this correctly. It may be that some other entities hire neutral firms to score the projects which will cost a considerable sum. The timeframe for this new procedure is coming up very quickly: empanel judges in early fall, host workshops, with final preparation planned for December. Jim informed the committee that the advisory committee has always prioritized the needs of the entire region. There is a lot of money at stake so educating everyone in the region will be key.

#### ➤ *Regional Radio System's Long Term Plan*

As an overview to the radio system, Jim reminded the executive committee that over \$12 million has been on radios over time. Some equipment is now 10-years-old and it replaced equipment that was 30-40 years old. Replacement parts may no longer be available so entities may have to resort to using buy boards and Ebay. While this is not a dire situation, replacing the system is going to have a significant impact on various budgets. CTCOG staff is working on a sequence of events to get a committee up and running so everyone will be able to compete on equal footing.

#### ➤ *Updates to the 9-1-1 Program*

Jim reminded the executive committee that the program is funded on the biennium. Equipment has been replaced, circuits are working, and maps are being produced very quickly. There are still restrictions on spending so if anyone has any unmet needs, please make CTCOG staff aware of them.

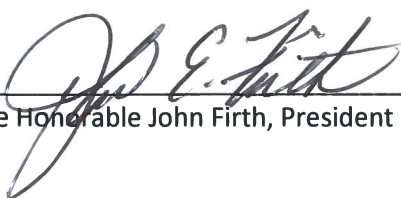
**Announcements**

Next meeting is scheduled for May 26, 2016.

**Committee Members Comments**

None

**Adjourn**



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The Honorable John Firth, President



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Bill Schumann, Secretary/Treasurer