



**Minutes: April 30, 2015
Executive Committee Meeting
2180 N. Main, Belton, Texas**

12:00 PM

The April 30, 2015 Central Texas Council of Governments Executive Committee Meeting was called to Order by Tim Brown, CTCOG President.

Executive Committee Officers in attendance were as follows:

President	Commissioner Tim Brown, Bell County
1st Vice President	Judge John Firth, Coryell County
2 nd Vice President	Commissioner Dickie Clary, Hamilton County
Secretary/Treasurer	Mayor Marion Grayson, City of Belton
Parliamentarian	Commissioner Bill Schumann, Bell County
Immediate Past President	Andrea Gardner, City Manager, City of Copperas

Executive Committee Members in attendance were as follows:

Jon Burrows	County Judge, Bell County
Richard Cortese	Commissioner, Bell County
Mary Gauer	Citizen Representative
Dale Jaecks	Past President, CTCOG Executive Committee
Daren Moore	Commissioner, Coryell County
Jeff Muegge	Commissioner, Milam County
Hal Schiffman	Mayor Pro-Tem, City of Harker Heights
Byron Theodosis	County Judge, San Saba County
Jack Wall	Commissioner, Coryell County

Executive Committee Members not in attendance were as follows:

Dave Barkemeyer	County Judge, Milam County
Skip Blancett	Mayor, Village of Salado
Wayne Boultinghouse	County Judge, Lampasas County
Gary Chumley	Mayor, City of Gatesville
Scott Cosper	Mayor, City of Killeen
Danny Dunn	Mayor, City of Temple
John Dye	Safety/Police, Killeen ISD
Kirkland Fulk	County Judge, Mills County
John Hull	Mayor, City of Copperas Cove
Dr. Thomas Klincar	Chancellor, Central Texas College
Robert Lindsey	City Manager, City of Goldthwaite
Rickey Lusty	Commissioner, San Saba County
Steven Moore	Public Affairs, Ft. Hood
Randy Morris	Citizen Representative, City of Lampasas
W. Mark Tynes	County Judge, Hamilton County
Ronnie White	Mayor, City of Little River

Executive Committee Alternate Members in attendance were as follows:

Otis Evans	Citizen Representative, City of Killeen
Lloyd Huggins	Commissioner Hamilton County
Roger Mumby	City Manager, City of Gatesville
Mark Peterson	Mayor Pro Tem, City of Copperas Cove

CTCOG Staff Members and Guests in attendance were as follows:

Jim Reed	Executive Director, CTCOG
R. Michael Irvine	Director of Administration, CTCOG
Richard McGhee	Director of Area Agency on Aging, CTCOG
Deana Belk	Director of Housing, CTCOG
Page Scott	Director of Planning, CTCOG
Susan Kamas	Executive Director, Workforce Development Board
Jerry Haisler	Director, Central Texas Workforce Centers
Sarah Wheeler	Housing Division Assistant Director, CTCOG
Michael Collins	Homeland Security, Planning & Regional Services, CTCOG
Jimmy Martin	Regional Planner, CTCOG
Kerry Phillip	Administrative Assistant, CTCOG
Tama Shaw	Executive Director, Hill Country Community Action Assn
Pat Boone	Central Texas College, Police Academy
Ralph Gauer	Texas State Senate District 24
Susan Reinders	Homeland Security & Emergency Mgmt Coord/Milam County
Jack Collier	Chief, Harker Heights Fire Department
Brian Brank	Deputy Chief, Killeen Fire Department
Alex Wukman	Temple Daily Telegram

President Tim Brown acknowledged that a quorum was present and opened the meeting.

Opening prayer was delivered by Dale Jaecks with Richard Cortese leading the pledges.

The Oath of Office was administered by Tim Brown for incoming committee alternate Lloyd Huggins.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Mary Gauer and seconded by Roger Mumby that the committee accept the Consent Agenda which consisted of the Minutes and the Expenditure Report from the March 26, 2015 meeting. All voted in favor and none were opposed.

Action Items

There was much discussion regarding the six resolutions pertaining to application to the Governor's Criminal Justice Division for various funds. The application procedure and criteria were discussed. Mike Collins, Homeland Security, Planning & Regional Services for CTCOG, explained that each category has a unique set of requirements and has a separate funding stream. For the 2016 fiscal year, application packets will be available in December and that Mike will invite everyone to an application workshop during which he will explain the process.

Jim Reed recommended that Mike provide a list of the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee members in next month's meeting packet. This would provide the executive committee with contact information should they have any questions. Other pertinent information such as who makes the appointments to the committee and the membership criteria should also be included.

Once discussion was complete, John Firth made a motion to approve Resolutions #04-15-PRS5, #04-15-PRS6, #04-15-PRS7, #04-15-PRS8, and #04-15-PRS9. The motion was seconded by Otis Evans. All voted in favor of the resolutions with Mary Gauer abstaining from the vote due to conflict of interest. The motion passed.

Mike informed the committee that #04-15-PRS10 pertains to a 5-year funding stream first requested in 2010. Since the grant amount has not yet been determined, CTCOG requested the maximum allowable limit.

Richard Cortese made a motion to approve Resolution #04-15-PRS10 and Mary Gauer seconded his motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Reports

Workforce Development Board Updates presented by Susan Kamas, Workforce Board Executive Director

Susan updated the committee regarding the upcoming transfer of the Texas Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services (DARS) to Workforce. The start date has now been delayed to September 2016. This is welcome news as the transfer will be a complicated process. She then directed the committee to various pages in the printed report to highlight certain data. In the list of 100 Best Companies to Work for in Texas, Workforce is now categorized as a small employer. Workforce is also one of five companies that have won for the past 10 years. Susan further stated that Workforce currently has more job orders in their system than they have qualified applicants. There seems to be a current mismatch of skills.

On a final note, Susan invited everyone to attend a speaking session this afternoon at 2:00 p.m. at the Killeen center featuring a Labor Market Expert, Mick Normington. He will be speaking about the current labor market in Texas.

Workforce Centers Updates presented by Jerry Haisler, Workforce Center Director

Jerry reported on the Heroes Corporate Fellowship Program. This program, piloted in Tacoma, Washington, connects higher level veterans with local companies for a 13-week fellowship program. These veterans have transferable experience but have difficulty making private company cultural adjustments. Workforce is currently soliciting business to participate in this program. These veterans are still employed through the military which pays their salaries. They work three days a week for the private company, spend one day each week in class, and the remainder of their time is spent covering their military responsibilities. A question was asked if cities and counties would be allowed to employ these fellowships and Jerry responded yes.

Some discussion followed regarding the type of discharge allowed into the program. Jerry responded that all discharges are allowed with the exception of dishonorable. Jerry then informed the committee that Workforce is very successful placing even those candidates with physical, medical, and mental difficulties. They work closely with the veterans to show them how they can put a positive light on their situations.

Jerry ended his report by sharing updates on the non-custodial parent program. There has been a great deal of publicity and the federal government visited and reviewed the program. Of the eight programs surveyed, Workforce was judged the best. Current past due child support payments deposited due to this program are now up to \$330,000. Jerry is hopeful that at the end of the year, this trial program will be allowed to continue.

Executive Director's Report presented by Jim Reed, CTCOG Executive Director

Jim provided a quick synopsis of all of the important legislation currently before the legislature.

Discussion

Initially, there will not be any changes to the PSAPs. It was suggested that CTCOG monitor the revenue generated, set aside capital and prepare a 5-year plan. One issue to consider is how CTCOG will fund the administration of the district. Currently, 9-1-1 funds are paid to the state which then distributes the funds back to the local entities. CTCOG needs to present a strategic plan to the executive committee for how to use those revenues bearing in mind that there will be rules and regulations on how those revenues can be employed.

There was short dialogue regarding the 9-1-1 fees on cell phone accounts. Our transient society results in many people living in one area code while maintain a cell phone account with another area code. It appears that the fees are paid to the region connected to the billing address and not the area code.

Announcements

None

Committee Members Comments

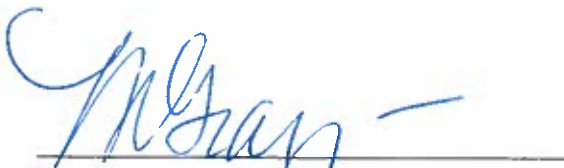
None

Adjourn

Commissioner Tim Brown, President



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Mayor Marion Grayson, Secretary/Treasurer