



**Minutes: February 23, 2017
Executive Committee Meeting
2180 N. Main, Belton, Texas**

12:00 PM

The February 2017 Central Texas Council of Governments Executive Committee Meeting was called to Order by The Honorable Dickie Clary, President.

Executive Committee Officers in Attendance:

President	Commissioner Dickie Clary, Hamilton County
1 st Vice President	Mayor Marion Grayson, City of Belton
2 nd Vice President	Commissioner Bill Schumann, Bell County
Secretary/Treasurer	County Judge Byron Theodosis, San Saba County
Parliamentarian	Mayor Frank Seffrood, City of Copperas Cove

Executive Committee Members in Attendance:

Dave Barkemeyer, County Judge Milam County	Gregory Johnson, Councilmember City of Killeen
Tim Brown, Commissioner Bell County	Kyle Matthews, Commissioner Coryell County
Jon Burrows, County Judge Bell County	Daren Moore, Commissioner Coryell County
Steve Carpenter City of Harker Heights	Jeff Muegge, Commissioner Milam County
Gary Chumley, Mayor City of Gatesville	Hal Schiffman, Mayor Pro-Tem City of Harker Heights
John Dye Killeen ISD	Bill Schumann, Commissioner Bell County
Otis Evans Citizen Representative	Frank Seffrood, Mayor Copperas Cove
John Firth, Judge Coryell County	Jose Segarra, Mayor City of Killeen
John Fisher, Commissioner Bell County	Dan Yancey, Councilmember City of Copperas Cove
Lloyd Huggins, Commissioner Hamilton County	

CTCOG Staff Members and Guests in Attendance:

Jim Reed CTCOG	Tama Shaw HCCAA
Michael Irvine CTCOG	Amanda Robinson-Chadwell BCPHD
Katie Anderson CTCOG	Phil Graham Fort Hood Garrison
Kerry Fillip AAACT	Michael Wilson US Department of Defense/OEA
Sue Jordan CTCOG	Brian Dosa Fort Hood APW
Mark Collier CTCOG	Rob Robinson Harker Heights
Carmen Lim CTCOG	Cheryl Maxwell CTCOG
Jim Martin CTCOG	John Jaffers CTCOG

Invocation was delivered by Jim Reed with Dickie Clary leading the pledge to the American flag and the Texas flag.

Jim Reed, Executive Director, introduced the new Executive Committee President, Dickie Clary. Dickie Clary stated that since there were so many new faces and positions that had been filled he wanted everyone to introduce themselves and state what affiliation they were representing. He administered the Oath of Office for the year to Martha Tyroch, Central Texas Workforce board member and Commissioner Kyle Matthews of Coryell County.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Mayor Frank Seffrood of Copperas Cove to accept the Consent Agenda which consisted of the minutes from the October 27, 2016 and the January 26, 2017 meetings and their respective Expenditure Reports. Mayor Marion Grayson of Belton seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed.

Action Items

Resolution 02-HAP01-Approve Housing Assistance Program changes made to payment standards Effective 4/1/2017

Resolution 02-HAP02-Approve Housing Assistance Program changes to utility allowances for Lampasas County Effective 4/1/2017

Jim Reed explained the need to pass the resolutions as housing standards and fair market values were changing and the need to update the allowances were necessary to maintain those standards.

Commissioner Lloyd Huggins of Hamilton County made a motion to accept both resolutions. Mayor Frank Seffrood of Copperas County seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed.

Reports

Emergency Services

Jim Reed opened by informing the committee of the inclement weather that happened a few days prior to the meeting and thanked Mark Collier for a job well done due to 9-1-1 called being routed elsewhere due to the damages the storm had caused.

Mark Collier briefed on Homeland Security and Criminal justice grant deadlines. He also stated that 9-1-1 equipment had been replaced at Fort Hood and was now operational. There was an order placed to replace Bell County's equipment as well. The Bylaws update for the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee were updated and there no major changes only grammatical changes. The Criminal Justice Training Advisory board bylaws changes included grammatical changes, changes to the logo, and the removal of old terminology of TCLEOSE to TCOLE. The Criminal Justice Training Advisory Board Policies also removed the lower hourly wages for instructors who teach classes lasting over a period of one day. The police department of Hamilton County and Cameron County had vacancies. There were also changes in the Training Advisory Board members and Alex Gearhart was moved to Chair.

Jim Reed stressed the importance to reacquaint every one of the bylaws and to update them to meet current standards and nomenclature. Jim Reed thanked Mark Collier and staff for a job well done.

Workforce Development Board and Workforce Center

Workforce was recently had their annual audit and were found to have no findings. The Executive Committee was reminded that the Workforce Development Board goes through Michael Irvine and Sue Jordan at the CTCOG and were grateful for a job well done throughout the years. Susan Kamas stated that Workforce has been in the top 10 best companies to work for in Texas and it was a great accomplishment. Especially since there is a 4.6% unemployment rate. The experience a worker gets at the workplace needs to be good for the candidate to stay. Benefits are a large reason. Furthermore, some companies now have a new fringe benefit for student loan repayment and that is a major factor in retention. She thanked the committee for their time.

Executive Director's Report

Joint Land Use Study (JLUS)

Jim Reed presented a quick backstory of when he was a pilot flying in Fort Hood and the Apache ahead of him crashed into unmarked tower and his flight crew had to land and render aid. He stated that this was why we needed coordination with utilities and Fort Hood. He then understood that there needed to be a strategic plan in place to avoid circumstances like his experiences in the future. Thirty plus years later he never thought that he would be a part of the JLUS Implementation that is vital for the community surrounding Fort Hood and Fort Hood itself.

Jim Reed introduced Stewart McLennan to give a brief regarding JLUS-I. Stewart McLennan stated the purpose is to provide information and sustain momentum. He also introduced Mike Wilson from OEA who was working with the CTCOG to get the grant application approved. The end state is to have the Executive Committee informed of the implementation and how the CTCOG can help with the implementation and the recommendation because the JLUS-I are only recommendations. Fort Hood is key and central to the Department of Defense priority. Stewart stated, "What is JLUS? It's two key words are encroachment and compatible use." Anything that could impact Fort Hood use. Currently there are 5 implementations going on in Texas. Killeen is currently the sponsor for JLUS Implementation and HOTDA is also instrumental along with Ken Cox. McClennan was initially with Killeen when the study was done by Benchmark and a report was put together for the City of Killeen.

Community reengagement is vital for informational purposes. There were 3 concerns are the "what ifs." Jurisdictional authority in unincorporated areas by the state of Texas. Proliferation of wind farms has a huge flight safety impact. Civilian encroachment has future impact on of Fort Hood and will be looked at closely with implementation. Encroachment awareness areas are primarily in the Gatesville area. EPA compliance is also important and needs to be prioritized by a task force. CTCOG is the sponsor for the implementation of the process that will take 18 months to complete and should be completed by late August 2018. Moved for CTCOG regional collaboration. Reports will be monthly to the Executive Committee and may need to go to the Texas Legislature in the legislative session. Reports are online at: <http://www.forthood-jlus.org/> Stewart McLennan concluded his presentation.


Jim Reed stated that the project is vital to the region and he will be attending a conference in Austin regarding JLUS. He will be reaching out to San Antonio to examine how the JLUS Implementation has worked there. San Antonio CTCOG added another entity internally and we are going a different route.

There was an Audit firm meeting on February 22, 2017 for Workforce and CTCOG and there were no findings. He congratulated everyone on a great job. There is one retirement. Jim Martin has been with the CTCOG and is now moving to Dallas to retire. Jim Reed thanked him for his services and wished him the best. Jim Reed recently received a call regarding Dale Jaeks stating that Dale had been in the hospital for over a month due to a medical situation. Jim will be visiting Dale soon and asked if anyone one had any well wishes he would pass them along.

Jim Reed was recently at the National Association for Regional Councils and stated that these are uncertain times for our programs. The top 50 metropolitan areas would be submitting top 10 needs and there were more questions than answers. Jim Reed reminded the committee that the next Executive Committee meeting would be on March 23, 2017, also stated that there would be a conflict with the National Association or Regional Council Conference and asked the Executive committee to take that into consideration and possibly change the date to March 30, 2017. He asked the committee if they could respond by getting a hold of his assistant Carmen Lim. If there are objections the next Executive Committee meeting would be moved to the 30th of March.

Dickie Clary welcomed all new members to the Executive Committee.

Adjourn



The Honorable Dickie Clary, President



The Honorable Byron Theodosis, Secretary/Treasurer