



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

12:00 PM

The January 28, 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
1 st Vice President	Commissioner Dickie Clary, Hamilton County
2 nd Vice President	Mayor Marion Grayson, City of Belton
Secretary/Treasurer	Commissioner Bill Schumann, Bell County
Parliamentarian	County Judge Byron Theodosis, San Saba County
Immediate Past President	Commissioner Tim Brown, Bell County

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
John Dye	Safety/Police, Killeen ISD
Andrea Gardner	Citizen Representative
Mary Gauer	Citizen Representative
Jeff Muegge	Commissioner, Milam County
William Parry, III	City Manager, Gatesville
Frank Seffrood	Mayor, Copperas Cove

Executive Committee Alternate Members:

Wyllis Ament	Commissioner, Coryell County
Connie Anderle	Mayor, City of Cameron
Otis Evans	Citizen Representative, City of Killeen
John Fisher	Commissioner, Bell County
Lowell Ivey	Commission, Lampasas County
Dan Yancey	Councilmember, City of Copperas Cove

CTCOG Staff Members and Guests:

Jim Reed	Executive Director, CTCOG
R. Michael Irvine	Director of Administration, CTCOG
Deana Belk	Director of Housing Assistance Program, CTCOG
H. Richard McGhee	Director, Area Agency on Aging, CTCOG
Cheryl Maxwell	Director, Planning Services CTCOG
Jimmy Martin	Planning & Regional Services, CTCOG
Christina Demirs	Planning & Regional Services, CTCOG
John Weber	Planning & Regional Services, CTCOG
Jason Deckman	Planning & Regional Services, CTCOG
Mark Collier	Director, 9-1-1 Program, CTCOG
Jerry Muhamet	Homeland Security, CTCOG
Elizabeth Leatherwood	9-1-1 Addressing Manager, CTCOG
Dan Phillips	9-1-1 Addressor, CTCOG
Kerry Fillip	Administrative Assistant, CTCOG
Susan Kamas	Executive Director, Workforce Board
Jerry Haisler	Center Director, Workforce
Tama Shaw	Executive Director, Hill Country Community Action Assn
Katie Martin	Heart of Texas Goodwill
Jeff Williford	Deputy Regional Director, Office of Senator John Cornyn
Ralph Gauer	Senator Troy Fraser District 24 Office Coordinator
Jack Collier	Chief, Harker Heights Fire Department
JD Gardner	Chief, Killeen Fire Department

NOT IN ATTENDANCE

Executive Committee Members:

Gary Chumley	Mayor, City of Gatesville
Richard Cortese	Commissioner, Bell County
Kirkland Fulk	County Judge, Mills County
Lloyd Huggins	Commissioner, Hamilton County
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
Hal Schiffman	Mayor Pro-Tem, City of Harker Heights
W. Mark Tynes	County Judge, Hamilton County
Jack Wall	Commissioner, Coryell County
Ronnie White	Mayor, City of Little River
Jim Yeonopolus	Chancellor, Central Texas College

Four executive committee members were sworn in: Skip Blancett, Danny Dunn, Frank Seffrood, and Dan Yancey.

Invocation was delivered by Jim Reed with Andrea Gardner leading the pledges.

Jim Reed introduced one new employee, Dan Phillips, 9-1-1 Addressor, and announced Jerry Muhamet as the new Homeland Security/Criminal Justice Manager replacing Mike Collins.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made and seconded that the committee accept the Consent Agenda which consisted of the minutes from both the October 22, 2015 meeting and the December 11, 2015 meeting along with the December 2015 Expenditure Report.

All voted in favor and none were opposed.

Action Item

Proclamation 01-16-AAA1 Declaring March 3, 2016 as Fall Prevention Awareness Day in Central Texas

H. Richard McGhee, Director of the Area Agency on Aging of Central Texas, stated that, in addition to the facts presented in the proclamation, falls in the elderly can produce extensive costs. The AACT has several successful programs in place that specifically target fall prevention.

All voted in favor and none were opposed.

2016 Executive Committee Representative Vacancies

John Firth asked the member governments to review the list and to notify CTCOG if they desired to change their representatives. Jim Reed added, if a member government has a representative serving as an officer, then that member government is allowed one additional representative during that term of office. John Firth then asked the member governments that have vacancies on the council to nominate someone to fill those positions.

All voted in favor and none were opposed.

Reports

Executive Director, Workforce Board

Susan Kamas attended a conference that focused on veterans' homelessness. There are currently about \$100 million Department of Labor grants available. For the 11th year, Workforce has been voted the Best Company to Work For and they are the ONLY publicly funded organization to have that distinction. The process to move DARS over to Workforce is proceeding. Workforce has 12 new National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) certified providers bringing the total to 41.

Center Director, Workforce

Jerry Haisler announced that Susan Kamas had been selected as a Girl Scout 2016 Woman of Distinction. This prestigious award is based on contributions to the community and a person's ability to serve as a role model.

Jerry then moved into his report by stating that Workforce continues with their special initiatives focusing on veterans. Sixteen employers will be working with the newest class of interns through the Hiring our Heroes program. Sprint in Temple has laid off 300 call-center employees. However, since the call-center market here is so robust, Jerry is confident that all of the Sprint employees will find a replacement position very quickly. Our unemployment rate is stable leading to increased competition for skilled labor. Progress continues to be made toward designing the Temple Business Center. One side will house the Temple, Chamber and EDC. The other side will house the Killeen I.S.D. Training Facility. Unlike other Workforce Centers, the Temple location will focus on space usage and flow to allow an enhanced level of service. Lastly, Jerry mentioned the 3-year research project regarding the non-custodial parent program has been a phenomenal success. Over \$650K in back child support has been paid and jail time has been avoided due to this program. He hopes to be able to continue the program and even possibly expand it.

Central Texas Veterans Success for Community Living Grant Proposal

John Firth stated that Senate Bill 55 from the last legislative session focused on veterans mental health issues. He then thanked Richard McGhee for a great job on a very short turn-around to complete a request for recently announced grant money. Richard announced the Operation for Veteran Success for Community Living with the Central Counties Services (CCS) being a prime partner in this effort. CCS will take the lead in running the tactical operations. This new program reflects the Warrior Reset Program that had been active on Fort Hood for six years. Warrior Reset provided treatment for PTSD and other intensive in-patient care. However, that program is now only available at Fort Bliss and Camp Lejeune. What is unique about our program is that it will be within the community and will specifically target post 9-11 veterans. The main goals of the program are:

1. Coordinate and reduce duplication of services,
2. Develop new services and support programs, and
3. Improve outcomes and decrease homelessness.

John Firth emphasized the importance of coordination. CCS will cover \$40K toward the cost. The remaining \$90K should be cash. He asked if Richard knew how many other groups have applied for the grant money. Richard did not know but he is confident that the quality of our application will be noticed. March 1, 2016 is the award announcement date.

The ensuing financial discussion included mention of Department of Defense dollars, possible assistance from Sandra Gordon locating other funding sources, and inquiring about abandoned federal funding from the Warrior Reset program now that it has been dissolved.

Jim Reed wrapped up the discussion by stating the best way to match the funding is with cash. He also reminded the committee that a hard guarantee cannot be provided until the process begins moving along. This new initiative is not replacing or taking over any other agencies. The other agencies are tactical in that they solve one issue for one vet on that day. This new initiative will strive to be strategic by seeking larger sources of funding. The roles are very different. There are very complex problems and no other agencies out there can deliver what CTCOG can.

2016 Meeting Schedule

The posted schedule shows the planned meetings for the coming year with the August and September meetings moving ahead one week due to conference conflicts. While changes are kept to a minimum, it may be necessary to cancel a meeting occasionally. In such cases, we will do our best to provide advance notice.

Executive Director's Report

➤ *State and National Membership Organizations*

Jim Reed announced that he and Byron Theodosis will be attend the TARC conference next week and then immediately afterward, they will be attending the NARC conference. Both organizations have undergone leadership change. Ginny Lewis is the new Executive Director at TARC and Leslie Wollack is the new Executive Director of NARC.

➤ *Update on CTCOG Project Listings*

Jim informed the committee that CTCOG works with 100+ grants at any one given time. The numbers provided in various reports are based on information available at the time the report was printed. However, there is some amount of adjustment that takes place during the process. One key factor is personnel. In order to apply for certain grants, CTCOG must have a firm belief that there is adequate personnel to conduct the work if the application is successful. Sometimes, CTCOG must pass on an opportunity to bid because we know we do not have the personnel to be successful. That being said, we are always open to new ideas so if anyone ever hears of an opportunity, please pass that information along.

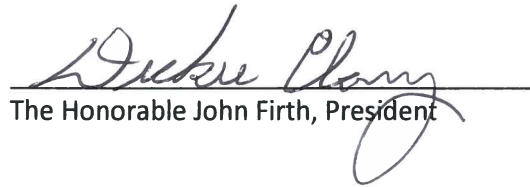
Announcements

Jim Reed thanked Jon Burrows for inviting him to attend the Texas Conference of Urban Counties (CUC) Luncheon. Matt Chase, Executive Director of the National Association of Counties (NACO), was the speaker. Jim looks forward to being involved with the CUC.

Committee Members Comments

None

Adjourn



The Honorable John Firth, President



Bill Schumann, Secretary/Treasurer