



**Minutes: March 22, 2018**  
**Executive Committee Meeting**  
**301 W Loop 121, Belton, Texas**  
**12:00 PM**

The March 2018 Central Texas Council of Governments Executive Committee Meeting was called to Order by The Honorable Marion Grayson, President.

**Executive Committee Officers in Attendance:**

President	Mayor Marion Grayson	City of Belton
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Commissioner Bill Schumann	Bell County
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Judge Byron Theodosis	San Saba County
Parliamentarian	Commissioner Darren Moore	Coryell County

**Executive Committee Members in Attendance:**

Wayne Boultinghouse, Lampasas County Judge	John Fisher, Bell County Commissioner	Bill Schumann, Bell County Commissioner
Tim Brown Bell County Commissioner	Mary Gauer, Citizen Representative	Jose Segarra, Killeen City Mayor
Jon Burrows, Bell County Judge	Lloyd Huggins, Hamilton County Commissioner	Byron Theodosis, San Saba County Judge
Dickie Clary, Hamilton County Commissioner	Gregory Johnson, Killeen Council Member	Martha Tyroch, Citizen Representative
Otis Evans, Citizen Representative	William Perry, Gatesville City Manager	
John Firth, Coryell County Judge	Hal Schiffman, City of Harker Heights Council	

**CTCOG Staff Members and Guests in Attendance:**

Carmen Lim, CTCOG	Jim Reed, CTCOG	Ray Helmcamp, Central Counties
John Weber, CTCOG	Jesse Hennage, CTCOG	Jon Jaffers, CTCOG
Jwana Sartor, CTCOG	Kendra Coufal, CTCOG	Katie Anderson, CTCOG
Ken Cox, Workforce Solutions	Helen Hill-Yancey, CTCOG	Kirby Kissinger, CTCOG
Becky Cooley, CTCOG	Amanda Robinson-Chadwell, BCPCD	Jesse Cathell, CTCOG
Susan Kamas, Workforce Solutions		

Invocation was led by Jim Reed, Executive Director of Central Texas Council of Governments and the pledge to the American flag and the Texas flag was led by

### **Consent Agenda**

A motion was made by Mayor Segarra of Killeen accepted Minutes from the February 22, 2017 and the respective expenditure report.

### **Action Items**

A motion was made by Commissioner Dickie Clary of Hamilton County to accept Resolution #03-18-PRS01 Authorizing Application to CSEC for CTCOG 9-1-1 Training Center as a Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP), citizen representative Martha Tyroch seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed.

A motion was made by Mayor Jose Segarra of Killeen to accept Resolution #03-18-PRS02 Authorizing Purchase of Tri-Band Radios with Reallocated Grant Funds, Commissioner Dickie Clary of Hamilton County seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed.

A motion was made by citizen representative Mary Gauer to accept Proclamation #03-18-HAP01 Declaring April 2018 as Fair Housing Month, Mayor Jose Segarra of Killeen seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed.

### **Reports**

#### **Area Agency on Aging**

Jim Reed, Executive Director of CTCOG stated that Kerry Fillip, Director of the Area Agency on Aging is in the Alamo area on a fact-finding mission. She is in the area looking into a project that is called Texas Serves that is a model project in the Alamo area that helps veteran organizations to work together. Will have some more meetings with Kerry in the future regarding the project and will be bringing a proposal in the future to form a Texas Serves Coalition in the region. More information to follow.

#### **Planning & Regional Services**

Executive Director, Jim Reed announced that he had hired a new Planning & Regional Services Director. He introduced Uryan Nelson and stated that Uryan had come from Texas Association of Regional Councils (TARC) to work for the CTCOG. Uryan will be starting on April 2, 2018. Nominations to the CTCOG National Review Committee need vacancies to generate quality referrals from our region. Current Chairman is Commissioner Brown of Bell County. Point of contact for nominations are Jim Reed or Commissioner Brown. CTCOG is still awaiting documents for LUCA currently. If communities did not complete the

paperwork to be in the LUCA process there may be some loopholes through county wide projects. If you already participating with LUCA and wanted to change the recipient of data and there is now a process to do that.

### **Housing**

Katie Anderson, Director of Housing stated that in the month of February they assisted approximately 2,300-2,400 families in the area, of those families there were 181 VASH, and added 61 families into the program. The number of new families is so low because at the end of last year the Housing Assistance payments funding was cut by 5% and had to stop moving forward with new families. Are slowly moving forward to add families. Jim Reed stated that VASH has 181 leased, but have 270 available vouchers. He stated there is a breakdown in the Veterans Programs in Central Texas. CTCOG is only seeing only a trickle of referrals when that should not be the case, due to location of CTCOG near Fort Hood. Every other region in the state uses email traffic and our local VA requires us to fax all invoices and wait for them to paper process them. Congressman Carter's office has reached out to CTCOG and asked, "How can Veterans' Programs operate better in the Central Texas Area?" That is currently a topic of discussion at the Congressman's level.

### **Workforce Development Board and Workforce Center**

Susan Kamas, Executive Director gave a brief history of the Workforce Building. Susan stated that they have a business entrepreneur center and child care waiting room and those are two things that other Workforce Centers do not have. Susan stated that they get about 10,000 people in a month and 60%-65% are veterans or military related to include spouses. Currently working on a new facility in the City of Temple. Construction is ahead of schedule and can move in furniture in September instead of December. Childcare eligibility is now done once a year instead of 6 months. Therefore, not many children are exiting the program due to the new eligibility changes. Protected children must be admitted regardless of the funding. Worst case is that \$200,000 short of funding, but would be able to borrow against the allocation from next year. Workforce has been voted best places to work for 13 years in a row. Secretary of education came to a meeting last January and proposed to takeover Workforce programs and take them to the department of education. Also wants one billion dollars set aside for charter school vouchers.

Ken Cox, Director of Workforce stated that they had a great turn out for the Perryman Group. He stated that he was still tracking the shutdown of the Luminent Plant out if Rockdale. Ken stated that severance packages were put many of them at risk for them to be able to apply for unemployment benefits. His team

figured out a way to rewrite the documentation, so that severance the employee received over 6-8 months made it look like they were employed for those months. Instead it was an authorized entitlement so employees could apply for the benefits after being laid off. Of 200 initial layoffs and up to a total of 400 approximately 25% have returned to work. Ken spoke of the Soldier for Life Program and that he is always getting calls from Fort Hood regarding helping a soldier/spouse transition out of the Army and back into the work force. Currently participating in the new comers briefing as well as the soldiers who are starting the 180-day process to leave the Army. Ken and his team brief about what Work Force is and what services they provide to better assist the soldiers that are coming to the area or leaving. Currently working on the credentials and licensing in the military. Current program is for Combat Medics to be Certified Medical Assistant through Central Texas College to establish the Combat Medic and LVN license. The course would take approximately 22 weeks in an accelerated program. It has been presented by the local hospitals so they are able to fill the positions. It should start in Fall, but if it doesn't it should start in the winter session. Construction is also in high demand and with training personnel complete a degree and can work with said degree to earn experience so that they are able to work in the industry and possibly work their way up to a higher paying position. Workforce is working to be able to get a program set in place and is coming soon. Dallas Cowboys enterprise came to Fort Hood to get people into all the facets of the business and in all levels of the business from upper management to lower level job opportunities. Now engaged with SpaceX, who is ready to hire, but have not stated what they are looking for so that a demand can be met. They are looking for all facets and for personnel who are skilled in avionics, maintenance, and rocket scientists. National Manufacturing Institute met with Work Force and Fort Hood will be the second Army installation to take soldiers and put them through a certification process and then employ them with industry in the manufacturing realm. Texas Military Value Task Force will be visiting Fort Hood on the 10<sup>th</sup> of May to help grown the economic development of Fort Hood who currently has a value of 3.4 Billion in the local economy.

#### **Executive Director**

Jim Reed, Executive Director stated that occasionally the discussion of Law Enforcement Training in Central Texas Area. Currently the Temple Police Department has decided to end their partnership with Temple College. That leaves the region with only 2 academies. The first one is the Killeen Academy which is a closed Academy for Killeen officers only and Central Texas College. CTCOG has been approached by Temple College and their Criminal Just Department for with possibility of the CTCOG partnering with Temple College and becoming the regional academy at Temple College. Jim Reed and Jesse Hennage,

Emergency Services Manager met with all the police chiefs in the region. The chiefs are not anti the idea, but are more in favor massing all the effort into Central Texas College. To include the Chief of Killeen saying that if he could keep from having to run one extra academy who could possibly support financially and save about \$100,000 annually. Currently in the process those conversations. The result would be that the police chiefs desire that there be an off-cycle academy from the current CTC academy. Which could delay having an officer on the street. Would like to have CTC and Temple College to partner to make that happen. There have been staffing changes within CTCOG. Jon Jaffers who is the inspections coordinator is not the Assistant Director of Housing. Jesse Cathell has been hired on to be GIS under the management of Kirby Kissinger who is the GIS Manager. Jesse comes from Texas Tech. Uryan Nelson, Planning & Regional Services stated he was thankful for the opportunity. Uryan comes with a background of Emergency Management/Project Management. There are currently not too many changes in state programs. There is an evolution in several state programs. Currently monitoring CSEC and weighing options to become a 9-1-1 district. Currently that does not seem to be the case unless the state starts drawing down funds that effect the region.

#### **Joint Land Use Study (JLUS)**

JLUS Project Manager was not able to make it as he was going to brief the TMPC at their meeting that was being held on the same day as this month's Executive Committee meeting at Camp Mabry. Keith Graf (Exec Director, TMPC) asked Stu on February 7<sup>th</sup> if he would present this briefing. This is an update on Fort Hood JLUS related actions since the previous update on February 22, 2018. Currently the timeline remains unchanged. Benchmark initiated work on Dark Skies (Task #7) this month. HOTDA hosted the JLUS Technical Committee meeting on Feb 28<sup>th</sup>. Discussion focused on the draft Comprehensive Plan Supplement prepared by Benchmark. Representative Cospers requested to meet and discuss the Fort Hood JLUS. Stu McLennan, JLUS Project Manager provided an update in Representative Cospers's Killeen office on Mar 8<sup>th</sup>. Coryell County is requesting OEA fund a feasibility study for a joint multi-modal facility at Fort Hood. Stu submitted the grant application to CTCOG on March 12<sup>th</sup>. CTCOG is coordinating the submission with OEA. If approved, OEA would provide \$270,000 and Coryell County and Copperas Cove would split the required 10% match (\$30,000). Coryell County released an RFP on Mar 12<sup>th</sup> for professional services support for the feasibility study. Responses are due by Apr 4<sup>th</sup>. Award is contingent on OEA grant approval. Stu met with the Executive Committee of the

Central-Texas Sustainable Communities Partnership on Mar 14<sup>th</sup>. SCP has formed a sub-committee to explore engaging JLUS recommendations S5 (air quality). COL Perry (Cdr, USAG Fort Hood and Chairman, SCP) asked that this be placed on the next SCP agenda.

The next Benchmark visit is Mar 26<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup>. Stu is coordinating meetings with regional partners, as needed. Scheduled events include meeting with the City of Gatesville on Mar 26<sup>th</sup> and CTCOG GIS on Mar 27<sup>th</sup>. The next Technical Committee meeting is from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm on April 18<sup>th</sup> @ CTCOG. The agenda is TBP. This meeting follows the scheduled KTMPO meeting.

**Adjourn**



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The Honorable Marion Grayson, President



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The Honorable Frank Seffroed, Secretary/Treasurer