



**Minutes: March 24, 2016
Executive Committee Meeting
2180 N. Main, Belton, Texas**

12:00 PM

The March 2016 Central Texas Council of Governments Executive Committee Meeting was called to Order by Dickie Clary, 1st Vice President.

IN ATTENDANCE

Executive Committee Officers:

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
Wayne Boultinghouse	County Judge, Lampasas County
Jon Burrows	County Judge, Bell County
Gary Chumley	Mayor, City of Gatesville
Richard Cortese	Commissioner, Bell County
Mary Gauer	Citizen Representative
Lloyd Huggins	Commissioner, Hamilton County
William Parry, III	City Manager, Gatesville
Hal Schiffman	Mayor Pro-Tem, City of Harker Heights
Frank Seffrood	Mayor, Copperas Cove

Executive Committee Alternate Members:

Otis Evans	Citizen Representative, City of Killeen
John Fisher	Commissioner, Bell County

CTCOG Staff Members and Guests:

Jim Reed	Executive Director, CTCOG
R. Michael Irvine	Director of Administration, CTCOG
Cheryl Maxwell	Director, Planning Services CTCOG
Jimmy Martin	Planning & Regional Services, CTCOG
John Weber	Planning & Regional Services, CTCOG
Jason Deckman	Planning & Regional Services, CTCOG
Jennifer Lawyer	Planning & Regional Services, CTCOG

Myrtle Albertson	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
Kerry Phillip	Administrative Assistant, CTCOG
Susan Kamas	Executive Director, Workforce Board
Jerry Haisler	Center Director, Workforce
Tama Shaw	Executive Director, Hill Country Community Action Assn
Ralph Gauer	Senator Troy Fraser District 24 Office Coordinator
Susan Reinders	Homeland Security/EMC, Milam County
Carl Mica	Central TX Regional Director, TX Sen. Ted Cruz

NOT IN ATTENDANCE

Executive Committee Members:

Skip Blancett	Mayor, Village of Salado
Scott Cospier	Mayor, City of Killeen
Danny Dunn	Mayor, City of Temple
John Dye	Safety/Police, Killeen ISD
John Firth	President, County Judge, Coryell County
Kirkland Fulk	County Judge, Mills County
Andrea Gardner	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
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

Invocation was delivered by Jim Reed with Mary Gauer leading the pledges.

Jim Reed introduced new employees Myrtle Albertson, Administrative Assistant to both the Emergency Services and Planning & Regional Services teams, and Jennifer Lawyer returns as an Environmental Planner for Planning & Regional Services.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made and seconded that the committee accept the Consent Agenda which consisted of the minutes from the January 28, 2016 meeting along with the February 2016 Expenditure Report.

All voted in favor and none were opposed.

Action Items

Resolution 03-16-ES1 Authorizing Application to 2017 Homeland Security Planning Grant Funds

This is a standard resolution that is requested each year as part of the application process.

Resolution 03-16-ES2 Approving the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee Members

This resolution is a requirement of the grant provider.

All voted in favor of both resolutions and none were opposed.

Proclamation 03-16-PRS1 Declaring April 2016 as Fair Housing Month in the Central Texas Region

Proclamation 03-16-PRS2 Declaring May 2016 as Bike Month in the Central Texas Region

Both proclamations are straight forward and are produced every year. All voted in favor of both proclamations and none were opposed.

Reports

Executive Director, Workforce Board

Susan Kamas reported on her recent attendance at the National Association of Workforce Boards conference. The Executive Director of the Office of the Secretary of Defense spoke about the current level of services that veterans receive. Currently, that level of service could be improved and the Secretary is reaching out to local communities that have a high veteran population to research the matter. All three of the Workforce Commissioners will be in our area in April to gather critical information.

Workforce has the largest contingency nationwide of NAEYC (National Association for the Education of Young Children) childcare centers. Nationwide there are only 300 childcare centers and 52 of those are located in the CTCOG region.

Susan then presented William Parry with an award from the Texas Association for the Education of Young Children naming him as Advocate of the Year.

Center Director, Workforce

Jerry Haisler announced that Workforce has received a national emergency grant to help those transferring out of the military. In addition, the Hiring our Heroes program is expanding to include military spouses. This new expansion is the first of its kind and will begin in August.

Meeting planned for April 28th at Temple College to discuss with employers how Workforce can use skill-development funds to reduce the burden on local employers.

Lastly, the Non-Custodial Parent Program will continue under the Workforce Commission. Over \$730,000 was collected over the last two years with 80% of that being received from wage garnishment. Most of those entering the program were employed within 2½ weeks.

Planning and Regional Services

Cheryl Maxwell directed the committee to review the Air Quality Advisory Committee By-Laws provided in the meeting packet. She requested that comments should be sent to her before the next executive committee meeting during which time the by-laws will be presented for adoption. In addition, Cheryl asked that the executive committee consider a name for this new committee. The name currently being considered is Central Texas AIR (Central Texas Air Information and Research).

Area Agency on Aging of Central Texas

Richard McGhee was unable to attend so Jim Reed presented his information on the Health and Human Services Commission's transition plan. The CTCOG goals are to ensure that nothing slips through the cracks and to guard against any unintended consequences. One area of concern is the local ombudsman program. Currently, CTCOG hires and trains the ombudsmen which then enforce the laws regarding series for the elderly. During this transition phase, a question of authority has developed. Currently, as employees of CTCOG, ombudsmen do not speak to the media nor do they advocate for particular issues before the legislature. However, there is one person who interprets the program differently. She believes ombudsmen are exempt from the rule against speaking to the media and advocating before lawmakers. This would place the staff in a difficult position – do they promote that which is best for local agencies supporting the elderly or do they promote state-wide initiatives which might conflict with local goals? Another area that needs investigation and discussion is the right of termination. As employees of CTCOG, CTCOG management should have the right to terminate any ombudsmen. However, this person also interprets this rule differently in that her office should have input into any termination decisions. Finally, the rules of how the program should function are set to become effective on September 1, 2016 yet, the approval process for that program will not be complete until October.

The question was asked if this transition is being led by a commission or a committee. The answer is not clear. More research is needed to determine who is in charge.

Jim then reviewed the Operation Family Caregiver program. There are only eleven regions in the country under this program yet there are hundreds of programs and organizations involved. There is some push-back from the non-profit sector especially regarding oversight. We are expecting site visits over the next couple of weeks and CTCOG will participate in the process. While Richard is better able to answer any detailed questions, Jim was able to state that the program is grant funded and the oversight issues seem

to be related to the fact that most non-profits do not work with deadlines and deliverables. Updates will be provided as the process continues.

Executive Director's Report

➤ *Main Street America Program*

Jim Reed announced that some resources have been identified to offer to various communities in the region who wish to participate in the Main Street America Program. This program can provide a great economic development when applied and CTCOG can assist with technical writing and administrative processes. For those who have not reviewed the program lately, it has been re-designed to be more streamlined and is a great branding tool for any community. Anyone interested can contact Jim for more information.

➤ *Upcoming Presentations (April, May, and June)*

As a prelude to upcoming meetings, Jim announced that the April meeting will include a presentation from Retired Brigadier General, Ricky Gibbs who will be discussing the force reduction at Fort Hood. The May meeting will involve a presentation by Carrie Paige, Environmental Scientist with the EPA, and Jenny Narvaez, Air Quality Planner with NCTCOG. They will be presenting on the financial and reporting impacts if our region exceeds the ozone standards. The June meeting will center on the Joint Land Use Study.

Announcements

Next meeting is scheduled for April 28, 2016.


Committee Members Comments

None

Adjourn



The Honorable John Firth, President



Bill Schumann, Secretary/Treasurer