



Minutes: May 26, 2016
Executive Committee Meeting
2180 N. Main, Belton, Texas

12:00 PM

The May 2016 Central Texas Council of Governments Executive Committee Meeting was called to Order by The Honorable John Firth, President.

IN ATTENDANCE

Executive Committee Officers:

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| President | County Judge John Firth, Coryell County |
| 1 st Vice President | Commissioner Dickie Clary, Hamilton County |
| Secretary/Treasurer | Commissioner Bill Schumann, Bell County |
| Immediate Past President | Commissioner Tim Brown, Bell County |

Executive Committee Members:

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| 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 |
| Otis Evans | Citizen Representative |
| Mary Gauer | Citizen Representative |
| Andrea Gardner | Citizen Representative |
| Jim Lindeman | Commissioner, Lampasas County |
| Daren Moore | Commissioner, Coryell County |
| Hal Schiffman | Mayor Pro-Tem, City of Harker Heights |
| Frank Seffrood | Mayor, Copperas Cove |
| Jose Segarra | Mayor, City of Killeen |
| Byron Theodosis | County Judge, San Saba County |
| Jack Wall | Commissioner, Coryell County |

Executive Committee Alternate Members:

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| William Parry, III | City Manager, City of Gatesville |
| Mark Rainwater | Commissioner, Lampasas County |
| Dan Yancey | Councilmember, City of Copperas Cove |

CTCOG Staff Members and Guests:

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| Jim Reed | Executive Director, CTCOG |
| R. Michael Irvine | Director of Administration, CTCOG |
| Deana Belk | Director, Housing Assistance, 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 |
| Jennifer Lawyer | Planning & Regional Services, CTCOG |
| Mark Collier | Director, 9-1-1 Program, CTCOG |
| Kerry Phillip | Administrative Assistant, CTCOG |
| Susan Kamas | Executive Director, Workforce Board |
| Jerry Haisler | Center Director, Workforce Centers |
| Tama Shaw | Executive Director, Hill Country Community Action Assn |
| Ray Helmcamp | Executive Director, Central Counties Services |
| Angela Rainwater | Emergency Management Coordinator, Lampasas County |
| Jenny Navarez | Principal Air Quality Planner, North Central Texas COG |
| Susan Reinders | Homeland Security/EMC, Milam County |
| Ralph Gauer | Senator Troy Fraser District 24 Office Coordinator |
| Carrie Paige | Environmental Scientist, EPA, Region 6 |
| Hannah Bell | Chief of Staff, Office of Representative Molly White |
| Rachel Rentz | Staff Member, Office of Representative Molly White |
| Gary Kafer | District Director, Office of Representative J.D. Sheffield |
| Justin Morgan | Transportation Planner, FHWA – Texas Division |
| Jack Collier | Fire Chief, City of Harker Heights |

NOT IN ATTENDANCE

Executive Committee Members:

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| Skip Blancett | Mayor, Village of Salado |
| Danny Dunn | Mayor, City of Temple |
| John Dye | Safety/Police, Killeen ISD |
| Kirkland Fulk | County Judge, Mills County |
| Marion Grayson | Mayor, City of Belton |
| Lloyd Huggins | Commissioner, Hamilton County |
| Dale Jaecks | Past President, CTCOG |
| Robert Lindsey | City Manager, City of Goldthwaite |
| Rickey Lusty | Commissioner, San Saba County |
| Steven Moore | Public Affairs, Ft. Hood |
| Jeff Muegge | Commissioner, Milam County |
| W. Mark Tynes | County Judge, Hamilton County |
| Ronnie White | Mayor, City of Little River |
| Jim Yeonopolus | Chancellor, Central Texas College |

Invocation was delivered by Frank Seffrood with Wayne Boultinghouse leading the pledges.

The Oath of Office was administered to:

- Jose Segarra, Mayor of Killeen
- Jim Lindeman, Commissioner, Lampasas County
- Mark Rainwater, Commissioner, Lampasas County.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made and seconded that the committee accept the Consent Agenda which consisted of the minutes from the April 28, 2016, the April 2016 Expenditure Report, and a revision to Resolution #03-16-ES2 noting a change on the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (Lesley Keeling-Olson has replaced John Briggs).

All voted in favor and none were opposed.

Action Items

Resolution 05-16-ES1 – Authorizing Application to the Governor’s Criminal Justice Division for Justice Assistance Grant Funds

Resolution 05-16-ES2 – Authorizing Application to the Governor’s Criminal Justice Division for Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention Funds

Resolution 05-16-ES3 – Authorizing Application to the Governor’s Criminal Justice Division for Victims of Crime Act Funds

Resolution 05-16-ES4 – Authorizing Application to the Governor’s Criminal Justice Division for Violence Against Women Act Funds

Jim Reed explained that these four resolutions are presented each year after the grant scoring process. All projects listed are fully funded. The State of Texas announced that it will be changing the allocation procedures and in the future, the allocation amounts will be announced in advance. Prior to scoring, CTCOG will know how much our area will receive and this will help the region to better utilize its allotment.

All voted in favor and none were opposed.

Resolution 05-16-HAP1 – Approving the Housing Assistance Division’s Fiscal Year 2016 Annual Agency Plan

Jim Reed stated federal funding requires CTCOG to publish on a yearly basis all policies and procedures. There are no changes from the last annual plan.

All voted in favor and none were opposed.

Resolution 05-16-PRS1 – Establishing the Central Texas Air Information & Research Advisory Committee and Bylaws

Cheryl Maxwell explained that since the Central Texas region is approaching near non-attainment with regard to acceptable ozone levels, the area received a two-year grant from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to implement studies and programs to help keep the region in attainment. One requirement of the grant is to form an advisory committee. The goal is to establishment committee membership guidelines that reflect the makeup of the executive committee with a cross-section of policy makers and transportation planners who are environmentally conscious. Once the committee begins to take shape, CTCOG staff will notify the county judges of significant category openings (agriculture, power plants, etc.) so that all significant parties have a voice. The timeframe to establish this committee is immediate.

All voted in favor of the resolutions. None were opposed.

Presentations

Carrie Page, Environmental Scientist for the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), provided a presentation on the revised ozone standard and the potential impacts of becoming designated as non-attainment. Ground level ozone is the focus of this initiative. Ozone is not emitted directly but is formed by combining VOCs and NOx. The EPA is required to re-evaluate their standards of acceptable ozone levels every five years. The last evaluation was in October 2015 and the acceptable levels were lowered from 75 ppb to 70 ppb. A chart was presented which detailed the categories of non-attainment (Marginal, Moderate, Serious, Severe, Extreme), the amount of time allowed for attainment, and the steps required to achieve attainment.

Jenny Navarez, Principal Air Quality Planner for the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG), provided a brief overview of how NCTCOG is working toward attainment in their area. Research has shown the biggest producer of NOx in the DFW area is on-road cars and trucks (44%) while the biggest producer of VOX are local bakeries and drycleaners (57%). Since NCTCOG is situated in a highly populated area, they are concentrating on the on-road cars and trucks. Ms. Navarez mentioned the various partnerships and air quality initiatives already in place. She also invited CTCOG to join the I35 Corridor Coalition to work with other agencies in combatting the issues which arise from vehicle congestion.

Reports

Executive Director, Workforce Board

Susan Kamas reported the Workforce Board recently met with Lynda McFarland, wife of Lt. Gen. Sean B. MacFarland, commander of Fort Hood, and other military spouses to discuss possible initiatives focusing on military spouses. More meetings are planned.

Center Director, Workforce

Jerry Haisler announced that the non-custodial parent pilot project is coming to a close with resounding success. This program is now going to continue on a permanent basis and may expand to include more participants. Jerry mentioned that he recently visited with the Gatesville Chamber of Commerce and would like to visit other chambers to discuss how Workforce can help our local communities.

Area Agency on Aging of Central Texas

Due to a limitation on time, H. Richard McGhee's report was deferred until June. Jim Reed did quickly say that Richard has developed a program that will be taken nationwide and has the potential to generate \$7.5 billion overall. That information will be presented next month.

Executive Director's Report

Due to limitation on time, no report was presented.

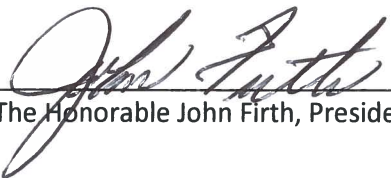
Announcements

Next meeting is scheduled for June 23, 2016.

Committee Members Comments

None

Adjourn



The Honorable John Firth, President



The Honorable Bill Schumann, Secretary/Treasurer