



**Minutes: October 22, 2015  
Executive Committee Meeting  
2180 N. Main, Belton, Texas**

**12:00 PM**

The October 22, 2015 Central Texas Council of Governments Executive Committee Meeting was called to Order by The Honorable John Firth, CTCOG 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President.

**IN ATTENDANCE**

**Executive Committee Officers:**

1st Vice President  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

County Judge John Firth, Coryell County  
Commissioner Dickie Clary, Hamilton County

**Executive Committee Members:**

Dave Barkemeyer  
Wayne Boultinghouse  
Jon Burrows  
Gary Chumley  
Richard Cortese  
Mary Gauer  
Lloyd Huggins  
Daren Moore  
William Parry, III  
Hal Schiffman  
Byron Theodosis  
Jack Wall

County Judge, Milam County  
County Judge, Lampasas County  
County Judge, Bell County  
Mayor, City of Gatesville  
Commissioner, Bell County  
Citizen Representative  
Commissioner, Hamilton County  
Commissioner, Coryell County  
City Manager, Gatesville  
Mayor Pro-Tem, City of Harker Heights  
County Judge, San Saba County  
Commissioner, Coryell County

**Executive Committee Alternate Members:**

Connie Anderle  
Otis Evans  
John Fisher

Mayor, City of Cameron  
Citizen Representative, City of Killeen  
Commissioner, Bell County

**CTCOG Staff Members and Guests:**

Jim Reed  
R. Michael Irvine  
Deana Belk  
Cheryl Maxwell  
Jimmy Martin  
Christine Demirs  
Cassie Graham

Executive Director, CTCOG  
Director of Administration, CTCOG  
Director of Housing Assistance Program, CTCOG  
Director, Planning Services CTCOG  
Planning & Regional Services, CTCOG  
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John Weber	Planning & Regional Services, CTCOG
Jason Deckman	Planning & Regional Services, CTCOG
Mark Collier	Director, 9-1-1 Program, CTCOG
Michael Collins	Homeland Security, CTCOG
Elizabeth Leatherwood	9-1-1 Addressing Manager, CTCOG
Jwana Sartor	9-1-1 Administrative Assistant, CTCOG
Randy Yows	9-1-1 Addressing/Mapping Specialist, CTCOG
Kerry Phillip	Administrative Assistant, CTCOG
Susan Reinders	Milam County, Homeland Security/EMC
Ralph Gauer	Senator Troy Fraser District 24 Office Coordinator
Carl Mica	Central TX Regional Director, TX Sen. Ted Cruz
Trent Williams	Communications Director, TX House Rep. Molly White
Kelly Sadler	Governmental Relations Specialist, Texas Masonry Council
Jack Collier	Chief, Harker Heights Fire Department
Aaron Harris	Grants/Special Projects Coordinator, City of Belton

**NOT IN ATTENDANCE**

**Executive Committee Members:**

President	Commissioner Tim Brown, Bell County
Secretary/Treasurer	Mayor Marion Grayson, City of Belton
Parliamentarian	Commissioner Bill Schumann, Bell County
Immediate Past President	Andrea Gardner, City Manager, City of Copperas
Skip Blancett	Mayor, Village of Salado
Scott Cosper	Mayor, City of Killeen
Danny Dunn	Mayor, City of Temple
John Dye	Safety/Police, Killeen ISD
Kirkland Fulk	County Judge, Mills County
John Hull	Mayor, City of Copperas Cove
Dale Jaecks	Past President, CTCOG
Robert Lindsey	City Manager, City of Goldthwaite
Rickey Lusty	Commissioner, San Saba 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
Ronnie White	Mayor, City of Little River
Jim Yeonopolus	Interim Chancellor, Central Texas College

Invocation was delivered by Otis Evans with Jim Reed leading the pledges.

Special guest, Carl Mica, Central Texas Regional Director for Senator Ted Cruz's office was introduced. He spoke for a few minutes about his background and informed the committee that he should be considered a resource. Should anyone need information, please contact him.

## **Consent Agenda**

A motion was made and seconded that the committee accept the Consent Agenda which consisted of the September 17, 2015 Minutes and the September 2015 Expenditure Report.

All voted in favor and none were opposed.

## **Action Item**

### **Resolution Authorizing Application to the TCEQ for the Regional Solid Waste Grants Program**

Cheryl Maxwell, Director of Planning and Regional Services, showed the committee a breakdown of how the 2-year grant for the TCEQ will be apportioned. Of the \$230,000 allotted for the 2016-2017 fiscal years, each year's \$115,000 will be divided as follows:

#### **FY 2016**

\$52,000 for regional coordination  
\$63,000 for implementation

#### **FY 2017**

\$55,000 for regional coordination  
\$60,000 for implementation

The priorities for the regional solid waste management plan are:

1. Promote proper and safe disposal of household hazardous waste and scrap tires.
2. Increase awareness of the harmful effects of illegal dumping and promote proper waste disposal.
3. Promote recycling and composting programs.
4. Promote development of local solid waste management plans.

All voted in favor and none were opposed.

### **Resolution Authorizing Review of the Creation of the Central Texas Emergency Communications District After the 85<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session**

Jim Reed, Executive Director, informed the committee that during a meeting with the Commission on State Emergency Communications, it was announced that a district is considered to be "created" once the final resolution from all member entities is signed. Therefore, Bell County is going to hold off on signing their resolution until CTCOG is ready to move forward with creating the district. Once that final resolution is signed, CSEC will cease to pay any bills. Currently, there are still additional funds available due to the over appropriation and CSEC is discussing how best to draw down those funds. As long as CTCOG sees a financial value in remaining in partnership with CSEC, that relationship will continue.

There was some discussion about the use of revenue funds and a question about the total amount of those funds. Jim explained that after each biennium, any funds not spent are automatically allotted to the largest county which is Bell. This may end up being somewhere between \$200,000 and the low \$300,000s once all bills are paid.

All voted in favor and none were opposed.

### **Resolution to Create a Multi-Agency Coordination System for Use During Large and/or Wide-Scale Emergencies**

Mike Collins, Homeland Security, CTCOG explained that this is merely a set of procedures that the Emergency Services Division is adopting to continue to carry out the work they are already assigned to carry out. With regional coordination comes access to more resources.

All voted in favor and none were opposed.

### **Reports**

#### **Executive Director's Report**

##### **➤ *New CTCOG Staff***

Jim Reed introduced the newest members of the CTCOG Emergency Communications Division and the Planning & Regional Services Division and provided a bit of background on each:

Christina Demirs, Cassie Graham, John Weber, Jwana Sartor, and Randy Yows.

##### **➤ *Annual Meeting Update***

Jim reminded the committee that the Annual Meeting is scheduled for Friday, December 11, 2015. Ginny Lewis, the new Executive Director of the Texas Association of Regional Councils (TARC) will be the keynote speaker. In addition to the award luncheon, there will also be a training session on how elected officials should use social media.

#### **Announcements**

John Firth, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, made a short presentation on the value of land-use studies being conducted in areas that have military installations facing sequestration. Our area is in an advantageous position being able to see what other communities have already done and see what suggestions those communities are making. The land-use study for our area should take about 13 months to complete and begins next month. Judge Firth stated that a lot of unique factors go into these equations such as population growth and encroachment. Each community has a role to play to show that we support optimizing Fort Hood.

In addition to encroachment, water rights will also play an important role in the long-term growth of our area. If we cannot get surface water to everyone, then ground water becomes more important. Unfortunately, there is not much funding available to study water at the regional level. Judge Firth encouraged everyone who has the ability to remain after the executive committee meeting to do so to hear Susan Roth, a local consultant, discuss a proposed grant application. Coryell County believes so strongly in this grant application that they have already paid the \$10,000 application fee.

What is needed now is support in the form of resolutions from each jurisdiction stating that they support the water study. If the region is successful in winning this grant, the state will match half of it with the local regions bearing the other half of the cost. "In kind" donations of time and effort would also be accepted. If the worst happens and the region does not receive the grant, no local jurisdictions would be out any money. If the best case scenario happens and the area wins the grant, the entire region would then share the burden of the cost. It would still need to be determined how best to split that cost.

The projected timeframe to hear back on the winners of the grant is December 18, 2015. Templates of resolutions would be provided for each entity to take before their commissions or courts for a vote.

#### **Committee Members Comments**


None

#### **Adjourn**



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Tim Brown, President



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Marion Grayson, Secretary/Treasurer