



Minutes: October 26, 2017
Executive Committee Meeting
2180 N. Main, Belton, Texas
12:00 PM

The October 2017 Central Texas Council of Governments Executive Committee Meeting was called to Order by The Honorable Dickie Clary, President.

Executive Committee Officers in Attendance:

President	Commissioner Dickie Clary	Hamilton County
1 st Vice President	Mayor Marion Grayson	City of Belton
2 nd Vice President	Commissioner Bill Schumann	Bell County
Secretary/Treasurer	Judge Byron Theodosis	San Saba County
Parliamentarian	Mayor Frank Seffrood	City of Copperas Cove

Executive Committee Members in Attendance:

Wayne Boultinghouse, Lampasas County Judge	Otis Evans, Citizen Representative	Hal Schiffman, City of Harker Heights Council
Tim Brown, Bell County Commissioner	John Fisher, Bell County Commissioner	Bill Schumann, Bell County Commissioner
Jon Burrows, Bell County Commissioner	Marion Grayson, City of Belton Mayor	Frank Seffrood, City of Copperas Cove Mayor
Dickie Clary, Hamilton County Commissioner	Darren Moore, Coryell County Commissioner	Byron Theodosis, San Saba County Judge
John Dye, Safety Police for KISD	William Parry III, Gatesville City Manager	Jim Yeonopolus, Chancellor of Central Texas College

CTCOG Staff Members and Guests in Attendance:

Kerry Phillip, AACT/CTADVRC	Susan Kamas, Workforce	Kirby Kissinger, CTCOG
Carmen Lim, CTCOG	Patrick Nemy	Stu McLennan, JLUS PM
Jim Reed, CTCOG	Susan Reinders, Milam Co. HS/EM	Carter Thompson, CTCOG
Ken Cox, Workforce Solutions	Jason Deckman, CTCOG	John Weber, CTCOG/KTMPO
Jon Jaffers, CTCOG	Keith Sledd, HOTDA	Helen Hill, CTCOG
Trevor Barrington, CTCOG	Jenna Booth, CTCOG	Irene Andrews, TSHL

Invocation was led by Otis Evans, Citizen Representative and the pledge to the American flag and the Texas flag was led by Mayor Marion Grayson of Belton.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Council Member Hal Schiffman to accept the August 2017 Minutes and September 2017 Minutes and respective Expenditure Report. Mayor Marion Grayson of Belton seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed.

Action Items

NONE

Reports

Area Agency on Aging

Director Kerry Phillip stated that she is working on two grants that are due next week. The Veterans Mental Health grant is \$500,000 of the \$375,000 will be to assist local agencies. These will include things like counseling and transportation. Bell county has a higher ratio of Veterans than civilian population. This is the first time Director Kerry Phillip will be applying for the grant. The remaining \$125,000 will go to Area Agency on Aging Salaries and administrative costs. This program will have the same model as AAA and ADVRC. The second grant that is due next week is Benefits Enrollment is \$100,000. Currently there are only 3 in Texas: Houston, Fort Worth, and Alamo. Would like to target rural populations. Hill Country has 10 Senior Centers and the plan is to get certificates for the Director of the center along with two other volunteer staff to get them certified as a benefits counselor. Currently at the COG there are 3 staff members who are certified. The bulk of the grant (\$75,000) will go to the senior centers and the remaining \$25,000 will go to Area Agency on Aging for salaries and administrative costs. Council Member Hall Schiffman asked when the grants would be awarded and Director Kerry Phillip stated that the Veterans grant should be awarded sometime in January and she would hear first from the Veterans Mental Health Grant.

Planning & Regional Services

Director Carter Thompson stated there was a household solid waste event. 67% of the participants were from Temple and a total of 498 people participated this year. The top 3 items collected were paint or paint related items (331), next was oil/petroleum products (136), and last was tires (133). People were asked

to take a survey regarding how much they would pay and the majority stated that they would be willing to pay approximately \$5-\$10 for the service.

Director Carter Thompson briefed that in January 9-1-1 Addressing errors were approximately 83,000 which put addressing at 24%. Currently there are approximately 10,833 errors bringing the percentage to 90% increasing data cleanup 66%. Most of these errors are GIS latitude and longitude lines not matching. Currently Trevor Barrington is leading the efforts with the telephone data base geo coding. When the data was transferred the errors that did come up had to do with geography not the database itself as there is a much tighter tolerance. The goal is to get to 95%-98% with addressing currently at 90% those numbers should be out of reach. Judge Theodosios of San Saba County stated that it was critical in that EMS find houses when calling in as rural areas are more critical. He also stated that if the cities would be willing to help if needed. Boundaries need to be identified so that cities and counties can be easily identified. Kirby Kissinger was introduced by Carter Thompson. Kirby is a recent graduate from Texas Tech that was hired and is going to help work on errors. The intent is to target larger cities. A plan will roll out where COG will attach to GIS department to fix errors. The cities are not being asked to absorb the problem, but only to give the COG time to readdress if there are lots of errors in the initial findings.

Housing

Jon Jaffers stepped in for Katie Anderson who was out of town at a National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO) meeting. The Housing Division continues to assist over 2,400 families in the CTCOG regional area; 166 of these families are veterans. Over half of the monthly activity continues to be non-routine changes and adjustments to client profiles, primarily concerning income. So far, the program has paid out of \$1 million monthly in Federal Rent Subsidies to landlords in the CTCOG region. Currently utilizing 98% of all available funding. Which HUD currently defines the Housing Division as a high performing agency. Leaving projected year end reserve of \$239,000 as we go into the 2018 year under a continuing resolution. Veterans Administration Supportive Housing (VASH) is currently a challenging program due the number of referrals from the Veterans Administration. The second is finding acceptable housing that will accept. Currently the VA has 6 workers approximately only 4 cases get referred once a month. This might be due to current budget cuts to the VA.

Workforce Development Board and Workforce Center

Director of Workforce Development Board Susan Kamas had a meeting with Congressman Carter and Mayor Marion Grayson who oversaw cluster meetings with powerful women in the CTCOG area. Currently

in the works of redoing the Veterans Programs at the Department of Labor. In the Temple area, there are approximately 700 Veterans and Work Force received zero referrals. Killeen has approximately 1,000 Veterans in the area and only 4 were referred. Legislation is in the works for a Pell Grant Program for low income to make it open for certificate programs and not only degrees at no extra cost. There was a meeting with the Temple Chamber of Commerce and the Work Force Committee because employers are not getting the right referrals. The annual Work Force Luncheon is taking place on October 27, 2017 at the Killeen Civic & Conference Center. The luncheon will be from 11am and will conclude at 1:15pm. Everything is being sourced from local agencies. The award production is being done by staff and KISD Career Center has done all the digital, audio, music and radio program. Jerry Haisler will be recognized for all the awards he's been a part of. The highest paying occupation in the Central Texas area is a Diagnostic Medical Stenographer with a job growth rate of 55.6%. Lastly Hiring our Heroes is a corporate fellowship program that gets ahead of the transition process by matching transitioned service members with management-level or equivalent civilian careers prior to separation from the military. It is a 12-week program that provides opportunities for hands-on corporate training, mentoring, and earning certificates while helping employers tap in a pool of top talent. They are currently honoring 2 of the recent graduates. Chief Operating Officer of Work Force Ken Cox is working with Luminent and Rockdale to get an emergency grant.

Executive Director

Executive Director Jim Reed congratulated Jason Deckman on his retirement from the United States Army. Jim acknowledged that there were still radio issues as all the radios we have are currently outdated and was currently working on the issue. Jim also recognized that Texas House Speaker Joe Straus will not be seeking re-election.

Joint Land Use Study (JLUS)

JLUS PM (Joint Land Use Study Project Manager) Stu McLennan stated that his update would be on JLUS related actions since the previous update on September 28th.

Stu asked why is this JLUS important? Then, stated that his briefing was a periodic refresher useful to highlight the importance of the project.

The Fort Hood JLUS is a regional initiative requiring timely, proactive and sustained civil-military leader engagement and stakeholder collaboration to achieve the stated goals. This is especially important as the federal government discusses future force and infrastructure stationing initiatives.

Stu met with COL Perry on October 2nd to provide a JLUS update. Also gave his staff the JUA signed by Executive Director of Central Texas Council of Governments, Jim Reed on September 28, 2017.

HOTDA hosted the JLUS Technical Committee meeting on October 17, 2017. Discussion focused on Task #4, defining the Encroachment Awareness Area, and Task #5, municipal policy updates. Based on results of the initial Task #5 coordination meetings, Benchmark will provide a written appendix with maps that regional partners may add to their appropriate policy and land use documents.

Stu also met with the HOTDA board on October 18, 2017 and provided a JLUS briefing. JLUS PM had previously briefed the board on October 21, 2015.

JLUS PM met with congressional staffers in Temple on October 25, 2017 and provided a JLUS briefing. Present at the meeting was Anthony Triola representing Congressman Carter and Don Nicholas representing Congressman Williams.

LTG Funk has identified recommendation S2 as a priority – the establishment of a joint truck and rail cargo facility on West Fort Hood. Coryell County has agreed to sponsor the project and is pursuing OEA grant funding for a feasibility study. JLUS PM has provided the application template to Judge Firth and will assist with the application submission.

JLUS PM provided information on Fiscal Impact Models to the Technical Committee on October 17, 2017. Regional partners may leverage macro and micro model scenarios as tools to help inform future land use decisions. Model injects including annual budgets, land use options, levels of service, population, ETJ development, and capital projects. JLUS PM shared additional information with the City of Killeen.

The Army Environmental Command is projected to complete an update of the Fort Hood Noise Study by the end of this October 2017. Benchmark needs this update to move forward on certain aspects of Task #5.

Lastly, Fort Hood confirmed future plans for aviation operations at Longhorn and Shorthorn airstrips, located at North Fort Hood, and Hood Army Airfield, located on main post. Determining the mix of rotary and fixed wing and unmanned aerial system operations impacts accident potential zone calculations via Gatesville, Killeen and Harker Heights and the small area plan being developed in Task #6.

Task Tracker

Timelines are unchanged. Unless USAG Fort Hood has substantive changes, Task #2 is now Green.

Task Coordination

Benchmark and I conducted Task #5 coordination meetings as shown. We will continue discussions regarding the regional GIS database when we meet with CTCOG staff on November 8th. We will also conduct a joint meeting on December 12th to coordinate the area plan for Hood Army Airfield.

Other JLUS Recommendations

JLUS PM mentioned during previous updates that the JLUS-I addresses 17 of the 34 recommendations listed in the JLUS. The remainder are listed. Regional partners and the Texas legislature are currently engaging the items in Black.

- ✓ Fort Hood is coordinating PCG 3, 4, and 5.
- ✓ Coryell County and USAG Fort Hood completed RC 5.
- ✓ House Bill 362 is in committee and would address RS3.
- ✓ House Bill 890 addressed RS9 and became law on 9/1/2017.
- ✓ Coryell County is pursuing S1 and S4 as well as S2 as previously mentioned.

We will engage PCG 2 after we receive the updated Noise Study; PCG 6 now that it's been confirmed aviation operations at Fort Hood; and RC 7 with CTCOG staff on November 8, 2017.

In summary, the Fort Hood JLUS implementation remains on schedule and budget. No showstoppers.

The new JLUS project manager for the Alamo Area Council of Governments invited Stu McLennan to a coordination meeting on October 27, 2017. The purpose is to discuss the JLUS program and initiatives in the State of Texas including Joint Base San Antonio.

As stated, JLUS PM will meet with CTCOG staff on November 8th to identify tasks contained in the Joint Use Agreement. Staff should then coordinate with regional partners to identify automated and manual mechanisms that facilitate the desired land use collaboration.

The next JLUS Technical Committee meeting is on Tuesday, December 12, 2017 from 0900 to 1030 at HOTDA in Killeen.

Adjourn



The Honorable Dickie Clary, President



The Honorable Byron Theodosis, Secretary/Treasurer