



**Minutes: September 28, 2017  
Executive Committee Meeting  
2180 N. Main, Belton, Texas  
12:00 PM**

The September 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 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Mayor Marion Grayson	City of Belton
2 <sup>nd</sup> 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:**

Connie Anderle, Cameron City Mayor	John Fisher, Bell County Commissioner	Hal Schiffman, City of Harker Heights Council
Tim Brown, Bell County Commissioner	Andrea Gardner, City of Copperas Cove Manager	Frank Seffrood, City of Copperas Cove Mayor
Jon Burrows, Bell County Commissioner	Mary Gauer, Citizen Representative	Jose Segarra, City of Killeen Mayor
Dickie Clary, Hamilton County Commissioner	Marion Grayson, City of Belton Mayor	Byron Theodosis, San Saba County Judge
John Dye, Safety Police for KISD	Kyle Matthews, Coryell County Commissioner	William Parry III, Gatesville City Manager
Otis Evans, Citizen Representative	Jim Yeonopolus, Chancellor of Central Texas College	Gregory Johnson, Killeen City Council

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

Carmen Lim, CTCOG	Carolyn Turner, LCT	Tama Shaw, HCCAA
Jim Reed, CTCOG	Chris Diem, LCT	JoAnn Foster, LCT
John Driver, LCT	Keith Sledd, HOTDA	Don Murphy, TSHL
Ken Cox, Workforce Solutions	Jason Deckman, CTCOG	Mary Shabunia, LCT

John Jaffers, CTCOG	Cheryl Maxwell, CTCOG	Susan Kamas, Workforce
John Weber, CTCOG/KTMPO	Kerry Phillip, AACT/CTADVRC	Lolita Gilmore, LCT
Marcie Lowery, Copperas Cove	Ebony Jackson, Bell/Mills Co/ IHCP	Jerry Haisler, Workforce
Kara Escajeda, LCT	Tavares Bethel, LCT	Kendra Coufal, CTCOG
Annmarie McKenna, LCT	Marcie Lowery, LCT	Ginger Watkins, DDCT/CIF
Susan Kamas, Workforce	Stu McLennan, JLUS PM	Ken Cox, Workforce
Shirley Fleming, Killeen City Council	Jerry Haisler, Workforce	

Invocation was led by Judge Byron Theodosios of San Saba County and the pledge to the American flag and the Texas flag was led by Jim Reed Executive Director of the CTCOG.

**Consent Agenda**

There was a typographical error made on the date of the minutes for the month of August. Minutes will be approved on next Executive Committee Meeting in October. A motion was made by Mayor Frank Seffrood of Copperas Cove to accept the August Expenditure Reports. Chancellor Jim Yeonopolus of Central Texas College seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed.

**Action Items**

- Resolution #09-17-AAA01 Ratifying AACT Advisory Committee Bylaws
- Resolution #09-17-AAA02 Ratifying Officers for the AAA Advisory Committee Officers
- Resolution #09-17-AAA03 Ratifying CTADVRC Advisory Committee Bylaws
- Resolution #09-17-AAA04 Ratifying CTADVRC Advisory Committee Officers
- Resolution #09-17-PRS01 Authorizing Application to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for the CTCOG Regional Solid Waste Grants Program

A motion was made by Mayor Jose Segarra of Killeen to accept all 5 resolutions together. Citizen Representative Mary Gauer seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed.

**Reports**

**Area Agency on Aging**

Director Kerry Phillip stated that October 1, 2017 was the start of their fiscal year. Aging must meet certain marker for state goals. Each month approximately 177 people will be processed for information, referral and assistance. Currently the department is working with a \$340,000 budget deficit. HHSC, VA and the

Federal government are tightening their belts. There are personnel that will be strategically reassigned and there will be a need to investigate new relationships. Texas A&M is already producing results. Recently Jesse Hennage the Homeland Security/Criminal Justice Training Coordinator reached out to Kerry and discussed 2 possible grants that could be used. The first grant is Victims of Crime for elderly uniting 7 counties and the second is Veterans Mental Health.

### **Planning & Regional Services**

Director Carter Thompson stated that Peace Officer Training, Criminal Justice and Homeland Security have been combined into one position being led by Jesse Hennage. The position consolidation has created \$100,000 for Peace Officer Training for Fiscal Year 2018. This will allow for a robust training curriculum for the region's law enforcement. For the month of August 187 students have gone through the courses equaling 6,358 contact hours.

Mission Critical Partners radio analysis has been completed. The final assessment is much of the radio equipment throughout the region is out of date.

The 5-year CEDS (Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy) was approved in August and CTCOG will move forward with the implementation strategies for SWOT analysis.

CTCOG has a new Regional Economic Development webpage: <https://ctcog.org/economic-development/>

The planning department would like to assist cities who do not have an economic development webpage by creating and linking to the CTCOG website. Some other services offered are:

1. Economic Development
2. Zoning ordinances Creation and updates
3. Comprehensive Plan and Creation and updates
4. Main Street or Downtown Overlay Districts
5. Grant writing and management
6. Zoning 101 for new councilor board members

Planning and Regional Services is always looking for better ways to serve the region and welcome all feedback.

### **Housing**

Jon Jaffers stepped in for Katie Anderson who was out of town on business. Currently the housing department assists over 2,400 families in the CTCOG regional area; of that number 170 are veterans. Half

of the monthly activity is non-routine changes and adjustments to client files, primarily concerning income. This reflects the instability most of the clients face and stresses the need to provide some stability through affordable housing. The Housing Assistance Program has paid out \$1.2 million monthly in Federal Rent Subsidies to landlords in the CTCOG region. Currently the Housing Department is utilizing 98% of all available funding leaving the projected year end reserve of \$232,000 as we go into the 2018 year under a continuing resolution.

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

Director of Workforce Development Board Susan Kamas stated that their budget has been approved. A suggestion for an innovative practice to improve childhood literacy was to provide books to restaurants and fast food places. This would be to encourage different reading levels and awards. The annual Workforce Luncheon will be on October 27, 2017. Invitations will be mailed out within the next few weeks. On PBS, there will be a Vietnam series that includes Chancellor Jim Yeonopolus of Central Texas College. Jerry Haisler stated that he was retiring and that it was a great honor to have worked with everyone. Executive Director Jim Reed presented Jerry with a framed Texas Flag. Jerry introduced Ken Cox who will be replacing him. Ken Cox retired from III Corps and was the Chief Operating Officer for HOTDA. Ken Cox stated that for the month of August Workforce has approximately 10,000 visits for various services. Currently 566 Non-Custodial Parents served and have collected \$1.9 million dollars.

#### **Executive Director**

Executive Director specified that Milam County will get disaster relief and that relief would be distributed by the CTCOG. Jim also stated that there have been internet connection issues that would be addressed by AT&T. Lastly, if there are any Executive Committee members still needing their photos taken if they could please see Carmen to coordinate to get the CTCOG website.

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

Update on JLUS-I related actions since the previous update on August 17<sup>th</sup> by Project Manager (PM) Stu McLennan.

Benchmark continues to coordinate with the city manager to develop the Comprehensive Plan for the City of Gatesville.

HOTDA hosted the third JLUS Technical Committee meeting on August 29<sup>th</sup>. Discussion focused on the draft Joint Use Agreement and Encroachment Awareness Areas.

Benchmark and PM conducted initial Task #5 coordination meetings on August 29<sup>th</sup> with the City of Brownwood; August 30<sup>th</sup> with the City of Temple; and September 7<sup>th</sup> with the City of Harker Heights. Project Manager submitted Grant Performance Report #2 to the Department of Defense on August 31<sup>st</sup> and met with Dr. Yeonopolus and Dr. Ady at Central Texas College on September 15<sup>th</sup>. Discussed CTC educational initiatives for military members, spouses and children. This was a follow-up to meeting with Dr. Smith at Temple Community College on July 20<sup>th</sup>. The goal of both meetings was to facilitate collaboration with the Central Texas P-20 Regional Council.

PM provided a JLUS overview during the Texas Association of Regional Councils staff training at ABIA on August 20<sup>th</sup>. The purpose was to increase visibility and understanding of the JLUS program; discuss JLUS related legislative initiatives; and confirm JLUS initiatives in the State of Texas. Keith Graf of the Texas Military Preparedness Commission also provided an overview of the state's Defense Economic Adjustment Assistance Grant program.

Lastly, PM was scheduled to meet with COL Perry on September 25<sup>th</sup>, but meeting was moved to October 2<sup>nd</sup>.

#### Task Tracker

Timelines are unchanged. Status indicators remain Green (Completed), Amber (In progress), and Red (Not started).

*Task #2 (Amber to Green):* As requested by Fort Hood Resource Management, we changed the format of the Memorandum of Agreement to that of a Joint Use Agreement. The content remained essentially unchanged. We made several minor revisions and generated a final draft for review and approval by CTCOG and Fort Hood. PM would like to provide two signed copies to COL Perry at the October 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting. Pm will also assist CTCOG staff with a mission analysis to identify specified, implied and essential tasks and timelines contained in the JUA. CTCOG staff will then need to coordinate collaboration mechanisms with regional partners.

#### *Task #5*

This is the status of initial Task #5 coordination. The focus has been to discuss comprehensive plans, subdivision regulations and zoning ordinances. Given Senate Bill 6, added annexation strategies. Benchmark and PM still need to meet with the staffs of partners of Bell and Coryell Counties as well as the City of Morgan's Point Resort and Nolanville.

### *Other JLUS*

PM mentioned during the previous update that the JLUS-I only addresses 17 of the 34 recommendations listed in the JLUS. The remainder are listed except for RC5. Which deals with public notice of road closures due to airborne operations at Fort Hood and this has already been actioned by Coryell County and Fort Hood.

Regional partners and the Texas legislature are currently engaging the items in Green. House Bill 362 would address RS3. House Bill 890 addressed RS9. Coryell County is pursuing S1, S2 and S4. LTG Funk identified S2 as a priority and Fort Hood, Coryell County, HOTDA, and Copperas Cove are exploring the conduct of a feasibility study funded by the Department of Defense.

### *Wind farms*

Wind farms are vexing many state and local governments as they try to balance benefits of renewable energy and impacts on military fixed-wing, rotary-wing, and unmanned aerial system operations. Wind turbine locations that potentially affect the Western Training Area. Information with Fort Hood, Hamilton County and HOTDA and Fort Hood is preparing an impact statement regarding the Vista Mountain Wind Farm.

Engaged Fort Hood and HOTDA regarding the role of the DoD Siting Clearinghouse in facilitating and deconflicting the siting of alternative energy projects. Regulatory authority is contained in 32 CFR (National Defense) Part 211 (Mission Compatible Evaluation Process).

Still need to review JLUS recommendation RC7 regarding the role of municipal, county and regional governments in coordinating with ERCOT for the siting of electrical transmission systems.

Texas A&M University published a research paper in 2010 entitled Wind Energy and Military Airspace in Texas; A Briefing. The TMPC is now pursuing a Department of Defense grant to have Texas A&M expand on this study with the goal of refining collaborative mechanisms within the State of Texas regarding alternative energy initiatives.

### *Summary*

The Fort Hood JLUS-I remains on schedule and budget. No showstoppers.

Will engage Coryell County, Bell County, Morgan's Point Resort, and Nolanville to schedule initial Task #5 coordination meetings.

Regional partners are encouraged to review their annexation strategies, especially given Senate Bill 6.

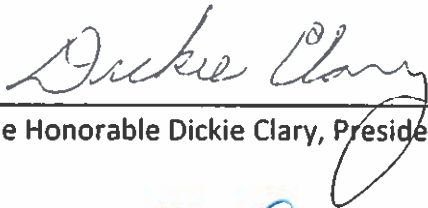
Will continue to track the progress of House Bill 362 with the Defense & Veterans Affairs Committee.

The next JLUS Technical Committee meeting is on Tuesday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, from 0900 to 1030 at HOTDA in Killeen.

**Legislation Update**

Representative Cospers' office is working to fix an issue in Lampasas. There is one internet connection that come from Burnett County. The fiber optic line has been severed by a contractor at least five times and every time the line goes dark for at least 12 hours. The solution is to get a redundant circuit that comes from another location. AT&T is willing to pay for 47 miles of fiber optic cable from Adamsville to Oglesby. This will put broadband into the COG region that was not available before.

**Adjourn**



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The Honorable Dickie Clary, President



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The Honorable Byron Theodosis, Secretary/Treasurer