



Minutes: April 23, 2020
Executive Committee Officers Meeting
Central Texas Council of Governments
2180 N. Main Street, Belton, Texas
12:00 PM

The April 2020 Central Texas Council of Governments Annual Executive Committee Officers Meeting was called to Order by The Honorable Judge Byron Theodosis, President.

Executive Committee Officers in Attendance:

President	Judge Byron Theodosis	San Saba County
1 st Vice President	Commissioner Darren Moore	Coryell County
Secretary/Treasurer	Mayor Jose Segarra	City of Killeen
Parliamentarian	Judge Steve Young	Milam County

CTCOG Staff Members and Guest in Attendance:

Judge Roger Miller, Coryell County	Mayor Gary Chumley, Gatesville	Carmen Lim, CTCOG
Judge Randy Hoyer, Lampasas County	William Parry, III, Gatesville	Anna Olvera, CTCOG
Commissioner Jeff Muegge, Milam County	Mayor Spencer Smith, Harker Heights	George Losoya, CTCOG
Ed Smith, Mills County	Mayor Skip Blancett, Salado	Uryan Nelson, CTCOG
Mayor Bradi Diaz, Copperas Cove	Jim Reed, CTCOG	Louis LeDoux, CTCOG

Invocation was led by Jim Reed, Executive Director of Central Texas Council of Governments.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Judge Steve Young of Milam County to accept the minutes of March 26, 2020. Judge Roger Miller seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed.

A motion was made by Judge Steve Young of Milam County to accept the respective expenditure report. Judge Roger Miller of Coryell County seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed.

Action Items

The committee held a Public Hearing in Regional Priorities for the Community Development Block Grant Program and following a motion was made by Judge Steve Young of Milam County to approve the Regional Priorities for the Community Development Block Grant Program. Mayor Bradi Diaz second the motion. All in favor, none opposed.

A motion was made by Judge Steve Young of Milam County to approve the CTRTAG Bylaws. Judge Rodger Miller of Coryell County second the motion. Most in favor, Judge Ed Smith of Mills County voted against the Change in Membership Proposal.

A motion was made by Mayor Jose Segarra to approve the Housing Division's Administrative Plan. Judge Steve Young of Milam County second the motion. All in favor, none opposed.

Reports

Area Agency on Aging

George Losoya, Director stated 1,261 seniors have applied in sub county regions as of 4/22/2020. \$304,295 Funding Allocated to CTCOG Region, and 1,067 Seniors were provided 5 meals a week for 8 weeks (42,680 meals). He also stated Seniors requiring meals past 8 weeks will be paid with unused Congregate Meals funding provided through Older Americans Act through August 31, 2020. It was also stated that beginning in May 2020 they would be mailing out information to those Seniors who could qualify for the services.

Planning & Regional Services

Uryan Nelson, Director of Planning & Regional Services stated staff continues to monitor potential grant and funding opportunities for the region. Homeland Security has established multiple weekly update calls with EMCs and CTHCC for COVID updates and will have their next meeting in May via conference call.

Criminal Justice has cancelled the Grant Prioritization Meeting and sent out summaries and scoresheets to Criminal Justice Advisory board. He also stated the RFA funding opportunity is available on eGrants. We currently have \$555,328 allocation made for the region. 9-1-1 received a total of 24,402 calls and 139 texts in March 2020. GIS has not had any significant increase or decrease. The total number of Critical Errors in Belton are 4,002, Copperas Cove are 2,236, CTCOG are 142, Harker Heights are 2,029, Killeen are

42, Temple are 33. Economic Development staff continue to monitor for the NOFO regrading the EDA CARES funding. CTCOG has received 10 applications for the Leadership Central Texas 2020 and had begun preparing daily program speakers and activities. Staff is still soliciting applications for the Rural Internship Program, and staff has begun preparing for a summer APA Planning Workshop. Central Texas Regional Transportation Advisory Group updated their bylaws and added new members and has begun planning for the next 5-year Regionally Coordinated Transportation Plan update that will occur in 2021 with CTCOG. In May, the CTRTAG will be amending the 2017 RCTP to include metrics reported to TXDOT addressing the transit needs of special populations within the region.

Housing

Carmen Lim, Housing Division Program Manager stated they currently have 2,200 leased families for the month of April 2020. A notice PIH 2020-05 was issued on April 10, 2020 authorizing landlords to self-certify units. Forms have been created for self-certification and will be sent out 4/24/2020. DocuSign is currently being utilized for tenant/landlord signature. Online briefing for new tenants/portability has been completed and was tested on 4/15/2020.

Workforce Development Board and Workforce Center

Louis LeDoux, Chief Operating Office stated funding programs that are offered for Child Care. Funding amount of \$67,545 through ES (from TANF) helped hire staff to assist job seekers with job search, unemployment insurance information, and access to workforce program services. He also stated we received \$413,808 from Childcare- Parent Share of Cost to help supplement payments to providers to offset possible financial loss. An additional funding of \$341,670 from Childcare-Essential Worker this funding was specifically to pay the cost of care of eligible essential workers. Mr. LeDoux stated the workforce is continuing to see rising numbers of unemployment claims being submitted. He stated that Governor Abbott mentioned the state has 1.5 million UI Claims filed. The Workforce Center is receiving 3,000 calls per minute. As of 4/23/2020 that morning, 4.4 million applied and 26.5 million total had applied as of that week. Mr. LeDoux expressed how staff have been working hard and on the weekends. They are trying to serve people as much as possible and offering gas cards to essential workers.

Executive Director

Jim Reed, Executive Director stated grants that are needed for infrastructure projects should be submitted as soon as possible. Mr. Reed stated minimum wage is better under the COVID relief program than under regular hiring business. COVID testing has been enhance in the area, but it is very limited. The saturation traffic count will be out for funding, these counts will not be accurate due to COVID-19. It was also stated

we currently have 2.1 million under the Energy Assistants program. Mr. Reed stated SDA offers express loan program, and they have seen more applications than they have seen over the last 14 years.

Adjourn

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Judge Byron Theodosis

6/1/2020

The Honorable Byron Theodosis, President

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Mayor Jose Segarra

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The Honorable Jose Segarra, Secretary/Treasurer