**Executive Committee Meeting**
2180 North Main Street Belton, Texas
Thursday, March 09, 2023

**Hybrid Meeting: 12:00 PM**

**MEETING MINUTES:**

The January 2023 Central Texas Council of Governments Annual Executive Committee Meeting was called to order by The Honorable Randy Hoyer, President at 12:19pm.

**Executive Committee Officers in Attendance:**

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| President | Judge Randy Hoyer | Lampasas County |
| 1st Vice President | Judge Roger Miller | Coryell County |
| 2nd Vice President | Councilmember Jose Segarra | City of Killeen |
| Parliamentarian  | Mr. Ryan Haverlah | City of Copperas Cove |
| Immediate Past President | Judge David Blackburn | Bell County |
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**Executive Committee Members in Attendance:**

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| Councilmember Fred Chavez, City of Copperas Cove  | Mayor Gary Chumley, City of Gatesville | Commissioner Dickie Clary, Hamilton County |
| Mr. Otis Evans, Citizen Representative  | Mayor Bill Harris, City of Cameron  | Commissioner Llyod Huggins, Hamilton County  |
| Commissioner Kyle Matthews, Coryell County | Councilmember Stephanie O’Banion, City of Belton | Mayor Spencer Smith, City of Harker Heights |
| Mrs. Martha Tyroch, Citizen Representative  | Judge Bill Whitmire, Milam County | Commissioner Bobby Whitson, Bell County |
| Judge Jett Johnson, Mills County  | Mayor Debbie Nash King, City of Killeen | Greg McGregor, San Saba COunty |
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**CTCOG Staff Members and Guests in Attendance:**

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| Jim Reed, CTCOG | Michael Irvine, CTCOG | George Losoya, CTCOG |
| Uryan Nelson, CTCOG | Jesse Hennage, CTCOG | Connie Quinto, CTCOG |
| Hope Davis, KTMPO | Anna Barge, CTCOG | Helen Hill- Yancey, CTCOG |
| Jwana Sartor, CTCOG | Jeannie Horne, CTCOG | Diana Rodriguez, CTCOG |
| Raquel Canava, CTCOG | Becky Cooley, CTCOG | Susan Kamas, Workforce Board |
| Louis LeDoux, WFSCT | Ricky Tow, City of Cameron | Kris Robles, TX General Land Office |
| Brenda McDonald, Guest | Brittany Henry, Guest | Rosie Mayes, Guest |
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The prayer was led by Mr. Otis Evans, Citizen Representative.

The pledges to the American and Texas flags were led by Jim Reed, CTCOG Executive Director.

**Oath of Office**

No oath of office was administered.

**Public Comment**

Brenda McDonald and Britany Henry advised the council of their grievances regarding the CTCOG Housing Choice Voucher Program and staff.

**Consent Agenda**

A motion was made by Councilmember Stephanie O’Banion, City of Belton to approve the entirety of the Consent Agenda (Meeting Minutes for March, as well as the March 2023 Expenditure Report). Mr. Otis Evans, Citizen Representative seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed.

**Action Items**

**03-23-PRS02:** Commissioner Llyod Huggins, Hamilton County, made a motion to accept the changes made to the previously passed resolution 03-23-PRS02, Authorizing State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) FY 2024 Funds Commissioner Dickie Clary, second the motion. All in favor, none opposed.

**04-23-AAA01:** Mayor Bill Harris, City of Cameron, made a motion to pass proclamation 04-23-AAA01, Declaring May 2023 as Older American’s Month Across the Central Texas Region. Commissioner Llyod Huggins, Hamilton County, second the motion. All in favor, none opposed.

**04-23-PRS01:** Councilmember Fred Chavez, City of Copperas Cove, made a motion to accept proclamation 04-23-PRS01, Declaring April 19-15, 2023, as National Public Safety Telecommunicators week. Mrs. Martha Tyroch, Citizen Representative, second the motion. All in favor, none opposed.

**04-23-PRS02:** Mr. Otis Evans, Citizen Representative, made a motion to pass proclamation 04-23-PRS02 Declaring May 15, 2023, as Peace Officer Memorial Day in the Central Texas Region. Mayor Bill Harris, City of Cameron, second the motion. All in favor, none opposed.

**04-23-PRS03:** Due to the sensitive nature of the accusations surrounding this resolution it was initially tabled until all other matters of business were handled. Once the resolution was brought back to the focus Mr. Jim Reed, AICP, CTCOG Executive Director advised the committee that following the scoring meeting, a complaint was made by one applicant that another member of the scoring committee tampered with the scoring process. The allegation includes assertions that the member attempted to convince other competing applicants not to apply and that when that effort was unsuccessful, she supplied proprietary information to two other scoring committee members. This information appears to have been intended to allow difficult questions to be asked that might influence the scoring process. He also advised that no findings were discovered during the State PSO investigation, and all decisions were deferred to the CTCOG Board as long as said decision was in adherence to published policy. Said policy states that the CJAC is a subcommittee of the CTCOG Executive Committee and that its decisions must be ratified by the Executive Committee. Councilmember Jose Segarra, City of Killeen, made a motion to pass resolution 04-23-PRS03 Authorizing FY24 Criminal Justice Grant Prioritizations. A member requested that a discussion item be presented next meeting to go over CJAC and the VOCA grant funding. Commissioner Kyle Matthews, Coryell County, second the motion following the afore mentioned stipulation. All in favor, none opposed.

**04-23-PRS04:** Commissioner Bobby Whitson, Bell County, made a motion to approve resolution 04-23-PRS04 Approving the New Development District of Central Texas (DDCT) Board Members. Mayor Tim Davis, City of Temple, second the motion. All in favor, none opposed.

**04-23-PRS05:** Mayor Gary Chumley, City of Gatesville, made a motion to accept proclamation 04-23-PRS05 Declaring April 2023, as Distracted Driving Awareness Month in the Central Texas Region. Commissioner Llyod Huggins, Hamilton County second the motion. All in favor, none opposed.

**04-23-PRS06:** Mayor Spencer Smith, City of Harker Heights, made amotion to accept proclamation 04-23-PRS06 declaring April22nd as Earth as Earth Day in the Central Texas Region. Councilmember Fred Chavez, City of Copperas Cove, Second the motion. All in favor, none opposed.

**04-23-PRS07 and 04-23-PRS08:** Due to the similar nature of the proclamation a motion was made by Mayor Spencer Smith, City of Harker Heights, to accept both proclamations declaring May Sustainable Environment Month (04-23-PRS07) and Air Quality Month (04-23-PRS08). Commissioner Llyod Huggins, Hamilton County second the motion. All in favor, none opposed.

**04-23-PRS09:** Councilmember Stephanie O’Banion, City of Belton, made a motion to accept proclamation 04-23-PRS09 Declaring May 08-12, 2023, as Economic Development Week in the Central Texas Region. Mr. Otis Evans, Citizen Representative, second the motion. All in favor, none opposed.

**04-23-PRS10:** Judge Jett Johnson, Mills County, made a motion to accept proclamation 04-23-PRS10 Declaring May 2023, as National Bike Month in the Central Texas Region. Both Commissioner Llyod Huggins, Hamilton County, and Mr. Otis Evans, Citizen Representative, moved to second the notion. All in favor, none opposed.

**Guest Speakers & Presentations**

There was no guest speaker present.

**Reports**

**Area Agency on Aging:** George Losoya, Director of AAA/ADVRC briefed the committee on the current state of the program, upcoming events, and the results of the ADRC Audit, which concluded with no findings. Mr. Losoya also briefly touched on two state legislative bills HB2036 and HB1430 and their potential to affect the program and our aging citizens in the region.

**Housing**: Carmen Lim, Director of HAP, advised the committee that the Housing Assistance Program (HAP) gave a brief summary of the previous month’s activities for lease ups, inspections, and payments. Mrs. Lim also answered several questions pertaining to the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) waitlist, its process, and function.

**Planning and Regional Services:** Uryan Nelson, Director of PRS, briefed the committee on the current performance of both the Regional Planning and Emergency Planning Services departments as well as the status of the Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Grant Match Funding workshop, which would be held promptly after the meeting. Mr. Nelson also provided information about the Rural Internship program and its functionality.

**Workforce Development Board:** Susan Kamas, Executive Director of WFBCT, advised she would defer her briefing to the subsequent board meeting taking place after the Executive Committee Adjourns.

**Workforce Solutions Central Texas:**  Louis LeDoux, Chief Operating Officer of WFSCT, Louis LeDoux, Chief Operating Officer of WFSCT, briefed the committee on the standing of Texas UI claims for the region as well as the unemployment rates for the region as of 04/23/2023. The total UI claims filed for the week ending 04/23/2023 reached 16,994 and the unemployment rate rests at 4.0. Mr. LeDoux also provided an update on the WSCT Report detailing that a total of 11,315 individuals were seen and 506 entered employment.

**Executive Directors Report:** Jim Reed, AICP, Executive Director CTCOG, advised the committee of the next meeting and encouraged any residual questions regard Criminal Justice Grant Funding to be directed to himself or Mr. Jesse Hennage, EMPSA, Assistant Director of Public Safety and regional Services.

**Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 01:42 PM by The Honorable Judge Randy Hoyer.

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The Honorable Judge Randall J. Hoyer, President

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Commissioner Russell Schneider, Secretary/Treasurer