

# Minutes: August 22, 2019 Executive Committee Meeting Central Texas Council of Governments 2180 N. Main Street, Belton, Texas 12:00 PM

The August 2019 Central Texas Council of Governments Annual Executive Committee Meeting was called to Order by The Honorable Bill Schumann, President.

# **Executive Committee Officers in Attendance:**

President

**Commissioner Bill Schumann** 

**Bell County** 

1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President

Judge Byron Theodosis

San Saba County

Secretary/Treasurer

Judge David Blackburn

**Bell County** 

# **Executive Committee Members in Attendance:**

Gary Chumley,

Gatesville City Mayor

John Driver,

**Bell County Commissioner** 

Otis Evans,

City of Killeen Representative

Mary Gauer,

**Texas Silver-Haired Legislature** 

Darren Moore,

**Coryell County Commissioner** 

William Parry

**Gatesville City Manager** 

Jose Segarra,

City of Killeen Mayor

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Ed Smith,

Mills County Judge

Spencer Smith,

**Harker Heights City Mayor** 

Martha Tyroch,

Senator D. Buckingham's Office

Jim Yeonopolus, CTC Chancellor

Steve Young,

Milam County Judge

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

Carmen Lim, CTCOG
Kerry Fillip, AACT/CTADVRC
Carole Warlick, HCTD
Jody Nicholas, Harker Heights
Keith Sledd, HOTDA
George Losoya, CTCOG
J.C. Richards, Milam County
Tama Shaw, HCCAA
Grace Doersam, AAA/ADVRC

Kendra Coufal, CTCOG

Amanda Chadwell, BCPHD
Chadley Hollas, Village of Salado
Hellen Hill Yancey, CTCOG
Becky Cooley, CTCOG
Jim Reed, CTCOG
Ken Cox, Workforce
Susan Kamas, Workforce
Raquel Canava, AAA/ADVRC
Thomas Wilson, AAA/ADVRC

Aly McMillan, United Way of CT M. D. Meier, TSHL
Stephanie O'Banion, United Way Joyce Dalley, CCA
Kimbra Hobbs, HCCAA
Kirby Kissinger, CTCOG
Patricia Lux, OFC
Sue Farrell, AAA/ADVRC
Irene Andrews, TSHL

Invocation was led by CTCOG Housing Director George Losoya and the pledge to the American flag and the Texas flag was led by Chancellor Jim Yeonopolus of Central Texas College.

#### **Consent Agenda**

A motion was made by Milam County Judge Steve Young to accept the minutes of June 27, 2019 and the respective expenditure report for July 2019. Killeen Citizen Representative Otis Evans seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed.

A motion was made by the Texas Silver-Hair Legislature Representative Mary Gauer to accept Resolution #08-19-PRS01 Authorizing FY20 State Criminal Justice Planning Funds-Regional Law Enforcement Training Academy Grant Program. Killeen Citizen Representative Otis Evans seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed.

A motion was made by Milam County Judge Steve Young to Resolution #08-19-HAP01 Approving Central Texas Council of Governments Housing Division Section 8 Management Assessment (SEMAP) Certification of the Fiscal Year ending in June 30, 2019. San Saba County Judge Byron Theodosis seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed.

#### Reports

#### **Area Agency on Aging**

Kerry Fillip, Directors of Area Agency on Aging (AAA) stated that the ADVRC contract had been awarded, but it will be for \$17,000 less than current budget. Currently Kerry is working on the AAA administrative plan. The state is requiring each AAA to do is to have town hall meetings regarding senior issues. There must be one in every region and Kerry proposed that there be one in every county. Kerry would like each of the 7 county judges to be the host of the town hall and would like them to be at the senior centers. Kerry will be reaching out to each of the judges. Currently partnering with Planning & Regional Services to secure an elder abuse grant that would secure \$300,000 in funding for elder abuse.

#### **Planning & Regional Services**

Uryan Nelson, Planning & Regional Services Director stated for the current grant period 2,694 Law Enforcements officers were training and a total of 127 classes have been held and Peace Officer training for the month of July consisted of 139 officers. 9-1-1 calls for the month of June and July averages 26,000 and Text to 9-1-1 averaged 100 for June and July as well. Appropriation to CSEC include full base of service fee revenues plus \$25 million for equipment and \$32 million for NextGen transitions. Uryan stated that FY 2020-21 strategic Plan (Stage 2) was submitted on June 21, 2019 and was approved by CSEC on July 24, 2019. FY 2020-21 equipment and NextGen monies to be allocated at the September 17, 2019 CSEC

Meeting for a total of \$7,880,460. Currently GIS staff are working on bringing down the GIS Errors. The addressing department completed 65 address requests for the months of June and July. Staff developed the FY 2020-21 Unified Planning Work Program and submitted to TxDOT in August. The Solid Waste Program will hold a household hazardous waste event in Temple on October 12, 2019. FY 2020 household hazardous waste event applications submitted by the following cities, Killeen, Temple, Mills County, Gatesville, and City of Lampasas.

#### Housing

George Losoya, Housing Director stated that there are 2009 continuously leased families on the Section 8 program and 147 Veteran Administrative Supportive Housing (VASH). In July, there was \$1 million dollars paid to landlord and \$111,212 administrative fee was earned. Current utilization rate is at 94% and the year end projected reserves is at \$1.9 million. Lease up activity in July included: 257 application schedules, 227 applications seen with 30 no-shows, 84 new vouchers were issues and 167 families are currently searching for homes to use their vouchers. George will be attending the Aging in Place presentation Habitat Texas Conference in August. Currently 811 special vouchers with Central County Services due September 5, 2019.

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

Susan Kamas, Workforce Development Board Executive Director stated that Workforce Board received a new grant from Texas Workforce Commission. Grant places labor market specialists in the school district. Central Texas Workforce Solutions will be the first Workforce in the country to start apprenticeship program. The Lampasas has a grand re-opening after receiving a \$46,000 expansion grant. Ken Cox, Workforce Center Director stated that the measured performance of the Workforce centers is currently 16/17 and borderline 17/17. The youth program specialist will come on board the first week of September.

#### **Executive Director**

Jim Reed, Executive Director stated that CTCOG had an over 25-year partnership with HCCAA. Currently in the Area Agency on Aging the congregate meal program needs improvement while the home delivered meals is strong. The current threshold for those programs until FY 2020 is 95%, starting FY 2020 the new state threshold will be 100%. The home delivered meals program is spending most of the funds with little carry over to the next year. The congregate meals program had a carryover of \$95,447 last year, meaning that this year the expended amount that must be spend for 2019 \$319,201 which includes the \$95K from the prior year. The projected actual expected is \$178,490 leaving a carry over balance of \$140,711 for 2020. The bottom line is that the partnership has to more than double the number of meals served. The

current barrier is: meal quality, transit barriers, local match, and senior center relevance/conditions. Meal quality is federally set and is a low sodium and sugar meal, therefore not many seniors want to eat those meals. Transit is another problem, as their field visits conducted by the aging staff indicate that seniors are having difficulty getting to senior centers. Rural transit subsidy for FY 2019 is \$70,000, \$6,800 or which has been used to date. Urban transit has had 3-years of service level cuts and has the largest population base with the lowest amount of service. Both transit systems are in flux. Local Match funding is very complex, but an estimated additional \$40,000-\$52,000 of local dollars is needed. HCCAA is required to provide match sufficient to fully expand available funds. Senior Center Relevance/Conditions vary, but several buildings are in very poor condition. There have been recent closures and condemnation. Also, activity levels range widely from senior center. The corrective action for the following is that HCCAA must demonstrate innovative ideas/strategies/best practices to enhance meal quality and enjoyment. Prior to FY 2020 contracting HCCAA must demonstrate a plan for addressing transit service to senior centers which enhances & expands the available number of days meals are served and HCTD must demonstrate a plan for fully utilizing available transit subsidy or it will be reprogrammed to other allowable costs, HCCAA must also document the availability of local funds sufficient to match fully expend the FY 2020 meals allocation, and HCCAA must provide a plan document which addresses programming location issues. Possible outcomes include: HCCAA meets the corrective actions and will be monitored monthly to ensure compliance. If HCCAA cannot meet the corrective actions there may be a request for proposal (RFP), possible out of region vendor, will still have to deal with barriers, or HHSC will sanction and the state could take control of the program.

**Adjourn** 

The Honorable Bill Schumann, President

The Honorable David Blackburn, Secretary/Treasurer