



**Minutes: February 25, 2021
Executive Committee Meeting
Central Texas Council of Governments
2180 North Main Street Belton, Texas 76513
(WebEx Conference Call Due to COVID-19)**

The February 2021 Central Texas Council of Governments Executive Committee Meeting was called to Order by The Honorable David Blackburn, 2nd Vice President at 12:00 p.m.

Executive Committee Officers in Attendance:

2 nd Vice President	Judge David Blackburn	Bell County
Secretary/Treasurer	Mayor Jose Segarra	City of Killeen
Parliamentarian	Judge Steve Young	Milam County
Parliamentarian	Commissioner Bill Schumann	Bell County

Executive Committee Members in Attendance:

Commissioner Bobby Whitson, Bell County	Commissioner John Driver, Bell County	Judge Roger Miller, Coryell County
Judge Roger Miller, Coryell County	Commissioner Kyle Matthews, Coryell County	Commissioner Jeff Muegge, Milam County
Mayor Bradi Diaz, City of Copperas Cove	Mr. Rylan Haverlah, City of Copperas	Councilmember Jody Nicholas, City of Harker Heights
Ms. Mellisa Brown, City of Killeen	Mr. Jim Yeonopolus, Central Texas College Chancellor	

CTCOG Staff Members and Guests in Attendance:

George Losoya, CTCOG	Carmen Lim, CTCOG	Uryan Nelson, CTCOG
Louis LeDoux, Workforce	Susan Kamas, Workforce	Jim Reed, CTCOG
Anna Olvera, CTCOG	Michael Irvine, CTCOG	Sue Jordan, CTCOG
Anna Barge, CTCOG	Jwana Sartor, CTCOG	Jesse Hennage, CTCOG
Helen Yancey, CTCOG	Ms. Becky, CTCOG	Jeff Shokrian, President, 791 Purchasing Co-op
Mr. Phillip Vasquez	Mr. Keith Sledd	Rebecca Goldstein, CPA

Invocation was led by Jim Reed, Executive Director, CTCOG.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Jim Yeonopolus, Central Texas College Chancellor to accept the minutes of October 22, 2020 and January 28, 2021, including the January 2021 Expenditure Report. Commissioner Bobby Whitson of Bell County second the motion. All in favor, none opposed.

Items

Rebecca Goldstein, CPA, Weaver Partner, Assurance Services presented the Central Texas Council of Governments June 30, 2020 Auditor's Report. Ms. Goldstein presented information regarding the engagement timeline, audit process and audit results and stated an unqualified opinion was issued on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with Government Auditing Standards.

Action Items

A motion was made by Mr. Jim Yeonopolus to discuss and take appropriate action on nomination of Mayor Mike Coggins to CTCOG Executive Committee to fill Small Cities Board Seat. Judge Steve Young of Milam County second the motion. All in favor, none opposed.

A motion was made by Mayor Jose Segarra, City of Killeen to discuss and take appropriate action on a resolution authorizing the CTCOG Executive Director to enter into an agreement with 791 Cooperative Purchasing Group. Judge Roger Miller of Coryell County second the motion. All in favor, none opposed.

A motion was made by Commissioner John Driver of Bell County to accept the Approval of the Ratification of New Development District of Central Texas members Charley Ayers, Director of Industry/Education Partnerships with Workforce Solutions of Central Texas, and Ken Wilkerson, Councilman for City of Killeen. Commissioner Bobby Whitson of Bell County second the motion. All in favor, none opposed.

Reports

Area Agency on Aging

George Losoya, Director of Area Agency on Aging stated they have started the Senior Medicare Patrol - Fraud Prevention Initiative and are accepting Silver Haired Legislature Candidates to fill and elect, and have started enrollment in Texas Veterans Network and Partnership recruitment by Combined Arms.

HHSC approval for AACT and ADRC to assist with client's age 65 or individuals with one chronic medical condition with online appointments. Senior Centers to remain closed through April 2021. Home Delivered Program are serving 720 and there is no waiting list. Winter Freeze Impact – Hill Country Community Action delivered five meals on February 10th and 11th to clients in preparation for winter storm., and monitored calls were made to HDM clients with no critical incidents reported.

Planning & Regional Services

Uryan Nelson, Director of Planning & Regional Services stated Homeland Security is hosting HSAC Virtual Meeting on March 4th. The Bell County Propagation Study Underway has begun and the division is actively looking and submitting grants through HSGD. Currently we have 9 submitted for a total of 1.7 Million and these grants are at a Nationwide Competition. Criminal Justice has submitted 32 grants and a total of 3.5 Million. Peace Officer Training has scheduled 7 classes for February and 6 classes scheduled in March. 9-1-1 received 22,765 calls and 123 texts for January 2021. 9-1-1 Critical Errors for each city are as follows: Belton 4139, Copperas Cove 2235, CTCOG 146, Harker Heights 75, Killeen 9, Temple 18, and Fort Hood 227. Mr. Nelson stated correcting the critical errors help medical care maps and allow for better accuracy when responding to 9-1-1 calls. Judge Blackburn commented if there is something that needs to be changed or done to improve the critical errors because they have not improved for Bell County. GIS received 117 new addresses for January 2021. Economic Development has opened applications for Leadership Central Texas and will close April 1, 2021. Applications for the 2021 Rural Internship Program are open and will close April 1, 2021. 2 new board members for DDCT were appointed Mr. Ken Wilkerson; City of Killeen, and Mr. Charley Ayres; Bell County. Milam County has completed the broadband survey. San Saba and Lampasas Counties are doing a joint study with Connected Nation Texas. CTRTAG next meeting is February 25, 2021. Kimley Horn consultants have started gathering information for the 5 year Regionally Coordinated Plan update, the estimated completion is mid-2022. KTMPO has 2045 MTP Reprioritization. 59 roadway projects received, 24 livability projects received, and 1 transit project

received. In General, finance and appropriation meetings are ongoing, and staff continue to monitor legislature for bills that may have an impact in the region. Under Disaster Information, all counties have been designated by FEMA for Public Assistance, which is as follows, Assistance to State, Local, Tribal and Territorial governments and certain private-non-profit organizations for emergency work and the repair or replacement of disaster-damaged facilities, and Category B; Emergency Protective Measures, cost share is usually 75%-90% Federal 10%-25% Local. This work must be completed within 6 months. Counties designated for individual assistance Bell, Coryell, and Milam. Low-interest disaster loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration are available to businesses, homeowners, and renters. The phone number to call the SBA at 1-800-659-2955.

Housing

Carmen Lim, Director of Housing Division stated January 2021 Lease Up Activities had 2,218 previous lease month up, 35 new lease up and 359 vouchers issued looking. Mainstream waiting list will open March 1, 2021 and Skype meeting with local partners on February 26, 2021 at 10:00 AM. We are continuing in-person inspections and have partnered with Mr. Ken Cates of Habitat for Humanity to present the homeownership program to new participants who are interested. Emergency Rental Relief Program is available for landlords, and tenants. The information is available on our website if assistance is needed.

Workforce Development Board and Workforce Center

Susan Kamas, Executive Director of Workforce Board gave an update on the Audit Report that was performed for July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020. Ms. Kamas is very pleased to say the report came back clean and error free. We are thankful that Central Texas Council of Governments is the physical agent for the Workforce Board. Currently, focused on the four-year strategic plan which includes vision, priorities, and training and services. Our demand occupation list changed slightly. We were allowed to spend public money of 20 occupations in the past and this year our demand has increases to 28 occupations. We had the Annual TWC Monitoring visit on February 1st through 5th. This was a virtual visit; it required a lot of upfront preparation but went smoothly. CTCOG was very responsive in requiring the information needed for the visit. TWC/Local Workforce Boards/ IKEA Project allows five business to be assisted, they are chosen by location, customer locations, and marketing needs. The following businesses were selected Dutchman's Hidden Valley Country Store in Hamilton, TX, Bling Box in Cameron, TX, Cochran Blair & Potts in Belton, TX, The Other Place in Lampasas, TX, and Mills County General Store in Goldthwaite, TX. Ms. Kamas stated the good news

that Workforce Solutions of Central Texas was announced one of the best companies to work for in Texas out of 100.

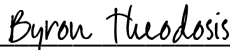
Louis LeDoux, Chief Operating Officer of the Workforce Centers gave an update on the Unemployment Rates for each county. They are as follows: Bell County 6.8%, Coryell 6.3%, Hamilton County 5.2%, Lampasas 5.6%, Milam 7.3%, Mills 5.3%, and San Saba 4.8%. The Central TX WDA Unemployment Rate is at 6.7% and Texas Statewide Unemployment Rate is 7.1%. Totals payments since BWE 3/14/2020 is 41.8 Billion and totals claims received since BWE 3/14/2020 is 7.2 Million. Workforce Centers are receiving UI Claims from 670 up to 762 within the date range 1/9/2021 to 2/6/2021. Mr. LeDoux stated they hosted two virtual hiring events that offered 148 job seekers the opportunity to search 225 open positions through 2 different employers. Workforce reported 135 were placed in a full-time job during the date range 1/01/2021 to 1/31/2021 and 18,984 individuals were served through the Workforce programs.

Executive Director

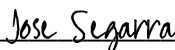
Jim Reed, Executive Director gave his executive report. He stated Judge Young and he have a presentation with information on what each city or county needs to have to file for FEMA Assistance. Secondly, he also stated there were a few municipalities that got caught up in the election process, where all their Elected Board were on the same election cycle. There is a bill that has been filed which is SB131 passed which is allows the municipalities to get back on to a staggered election cycle.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned by The Honorable Judge David Blackburn at 1:07 p.m.

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The Honorable Byron Theodosis, President

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The Honorable Jose Segarra, Secretary/Treasurer