



Minutes: February 27, 2020  
Executive Committee Meeting  
2180 N. Main Street,  
Belton, Texas 76513  
12:00 PM

The February 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	Judge Byron Theodosis	San Saba County
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Judge David Blackburn	Bell County
Secretary/Treasurer	Mayor Jose Segarra	City of Killeen
Parliamentarian	Judge Steve Young	Milam County

**Executive Committee Members in Attendance:**

John Driver, Bell County Commissioner	Eric Penrod, Killeen I.S.D.	Otis Evans, City of Killeen
Mary Gauer, TML	Randy Hoyer, Lampasas County Judge	Roger Miller, Coryell County Judge
William Parry, Gatesville City Manager	Bill Schumann, Bell County Commissioner	Ed Smith, Mills County Judge
Spencer Smith, Harker Heights City Mayor		

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

Jim Reed, CTCOG	Jeff Shokrian, 791 Purchasing	Phillip Vazquez, 791 Purchasing
George Losoya, CTCOG	Becky Cooley, CTCOG	Helen Hill-Yancey, CTCOG
Kelly Sandifer, Fort Hood	Donna Tomsic, Fort Hood	Andrea Sojda, Fort Hood
Jesse Hennage, CTCOG	Susan Kamas, Workforce	Louis LeDoux, Workforce
Gary Kafer, Rep. J.D. Sheffield	Jody Nicholas, Killeen	Anna Barge, CTCOG
Tama Shaw, HCCAA	Jeff Williford, Sen. John Cornyn	Diana Rodrigues, CTCOG
Carmen Lim, CTCOG	Theresa Mireles, CTCOG	Monica Lopez, CTCOG

Invocation was led by Otis Evans of Killeen and the pledge to the American flag and the Texas flag was led by Judge Steve Young of Milam County.

## **Consent Agenda**

A motion was made by Mayor Spencer Smith of Harker Heights to accept the minutes of October 25, 2018, October 2018 expenditure report, and the minutes of January 24, 2019. Otis Evans of Killeen seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed.

## **Action Items**

A motion was made by Otis Evans of the City of Killeen to approve Proclamation 02-20-PRS01 declaring April 2020 Fair Housing Month. Bell County Judge David Blackburn seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed.

A motion was made by Milam County Judge Steve Young to approve Resolution 02-20-PRS02 Resolution authorizing State Criminal Justice funds – Elder and Vulnerable Adult Justice Program. Bell County Judge David Blackburn seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed.

A motion was made by Milam County Judge Steve Young to approve Resolution 02-20-HAP01 approving Housing Payment Standards for the Housing Assistance Program. Otis Evans of Killeen seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed.

A motion was made by Milam County Judge Steve Young to approve Resolution 02-20-HAP02 authorizing approving changing to Utility Allowances for the Jurisdiction of Central Texas Council of Governments, TX 482. Otis Evans of the City of Killeen seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed.

A motion was made by Texas Silver Hair Legislator Mary Gauer to for Approval of Regional Interoperability Communications Plan (RICP). Otis Evans of Killeen seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed.

A motion was made by Judge Steve Young of Milam County for Approval of Statewide Scoring Committee members: Judge Roger Miller of Coryell County (primary), Judge Randy Hoyer of Lampasas (secondary, and Jim Reed Executive Director of CTCOG (alternate). Mayor Jose Segarra of Killeen seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed.

## **Reports**

### **Area Agency on Aging**

George Losoya, Director stated that he is currently working on the Area Plan that is due in March. George stated that he was approached by the VA to possibly expand the Veterans Directed Program to the Capital Area along with the Brazos Valley. George will be participating in the planning of the new Killeen Senior Center. Bathroom renovations are underway in the Rockdale Senior Center. There are two new transportation providers: Driving Hope and Baylor Scott & White.

### **Planning & Regional Services**

Uryan Nelson, Director of Planning & Regional Services stated that Radio Infrastructure grants due NLT March 12, 2020. Statewide Emergency Radio Infrastructure grant is being worked on with 6 counties and will be applied for in one grant by the COG. Funds for Homeland Security will be less than last year, but there are no figures yet. Criminal Justice Grant Prioritization Meeting is scheduled for April 2, 2020.

The Elder and Vulnerable Adult Justice Program Grant completed 17 outreach meetings. Meetings are being scheduled for Gatesville, Nolanville, Salado, and Belton. Being developed are the regional board and multidisciplinary team. Application for continuation the grant was due in February 27<sup>th</sup>. Current map upgrade is the next step for NextGen 9-1-1 and will provide more precise caller location. Core Services will be provided by Motorola's Vesta Solutions. Project team is designing policy routing tables and identifying originating service providers. Implementation is expected for Spring 2021. CTRTAG will be amending the Regionally Coordinated Transportation Plan in May to include metrics reported to TxDOT addressing the needs of special populations within the region.

### **Housing**

Jim Reed, Executive Director stated that currently there are 2,246 families that are continuously leased, VASH has 138, Vouchers looking 311, and VASH looking. Payments to landlords for February was \$1,118,520 Admin earned fee of \$108,475 and a utilization rate of 94%. Awarded 60 Mainstream vouchers for disabled adults at risk for homelessness and those start March 1<sup>st</sup>. Current partnership development and collaboration of CTCOG and Brazos Valley COG for the use of VASH vouchers has occurred along with Family Self-Sufficiency as it has partnered with Fort Hood Habitat for Humanity.

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

Susan Kamas, Workforce Development Board stated the Workforce Board approved the audit in a meeting prior to Executive Committee. \$3.3 Million grant received from the Department of Labor to continue services to Fort Hood, spouses of Fort Hood, recently discharged Veterans and retirees. Killeen Workforce Center is being remodeled and should be completed in March. Louis LeDoux is the new Chief Operating Officer reported that labor market numbers and stated that Central Texas is at a 3.4% unemployment rate. Will be putting together standards and protocols for dealing with pandemics in the workplace.

### **Executive Director**

Jim Reed, Executive Director stated the Kelly Sandifer would be speaking of intergovernmental agreements and working together to create a blanket IGSA that CTCOG would enter to provide the opportunity for Fort Hood to have access the services of the surrounding communities.

Jim stated that the Community Development Block Grant Program provides funds for local community development activities, such as: water infrastructure, wastewater infrastructure, street infrastructure, and affordable housing. The state has held a regional system as is in the process of changing it in the next month. The largest impact will be in the non-entitlement communities and are usually under 50,000 in population. Projects are limited to \$250,000 annually. Traditionally projects are developed every two years. Projects are submitted to the region for review. The Regional Review Committee (RCC) is appointed by the Governor to set priorities and score projects on a 250-point system. The Regional priority list is developed and submitted to the state for to provide 25% of the points for the project. Lastly, the final priority list is based upon the mix of state and regional score. In response to complaints and concerns from the consultant community, the state mandated changes to the scoring process. The initial changes were made to move toward a completely objective scoring criteria. After a few cycles within the new system complaints were again raised that having 24 different scoring formulas mad the process difficult. In response, starting in 2020, the process will be central at the state. The project selection process will have communities develop their projects every 2 years and submitted to the region for review. The region will set priorities but not the size/criteria. Statewide scoring committee meets to establish the statewide scoring criteria to be used for all projects and the projects are scored by Texas Department of Agriculture staff members. From there

regional rankings are listed and developed. Usually 6-8 projects get funded each biennium but will have little input on the selection of the projects. By April 1, 2020, each COG must nominate a primary and alternate member of the Statewide Scoring Committee. Jim spoke with Judge Miller of Coryell County for the primary member of the scoring committee and Judge Hoyer of Lampasas County to become the Alternate. The new process will allow consultants to “pre score” prospective projects and only focus on those communities which will compete well. This may result in fewer applications in areas where projects take additional effort to develop. As a result, CTCOG will be allowed to work with those communities who either cannot obtain a consultant or who wish CTCOG to act on their behalf. Lastly, Jim stated that Carmen Lim will be replacing George in the Housing Department and is now the Housing Program Manager.

**Adjourn**

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The Honorable David Blackburn, President

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The Honorable Jose Segarra, Secretary/Treasurer