



Executive Committee Meeting

2180 North Main Street, Belton, Texas

February 27, 2025

Hybrid Meeting: 12:00 PM

MEETING MINUTES:

The February 27, 2025, Central Texas Council of Governments Annual Executive Committee Meeting was called to order by the Councilman Jose Segarra, City of Killeen, President at 12:04 pm.

Executive Committee Officers in Attendance:

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| President | Councilman Jose Segarra | City of Killeen Councilmember |
| 1 st Vice President | Commissioner Russell Schneider | Precinct 3, Bell County |
| 2 nd Vice President | City Manager Ryan Haverlah | City of Copperas Cove |
| Secretary/Treasurer | Judge Jody Fauley | San Saba County |
| Parliamentarian | Commissioner Bobby Whitson | Precinct 2, Bell County |

Executive Committee Members in Attendance:

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| Mayor Michael Blomquist, City of Harker Heights | Judge Randy Hoyer, Lampasas County | Mayor Gary Chumley, City of Gatesville |
| Chancellor Michele Carter, Central Texas College | Councilmember Stephanie O'Banion, City of Belton | Martha Tyroch, General Land Office |
| Commissioner Henry Hubnik, Milam County | Judge Bill Whitmire, Milam County | Ricky Tow, City of Cameron |
| Judge Roger Miller, Coryell County | Mayor Debbie Nash-King, City of Killeen | Judge Roger Miller, Coryell County |

CTCOG Staff Members and Guests in Attendance:

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| Jim Reed, CTCOG | Sue Jordan, CTCOG | George Losoya, CTCOG |
| Jesse Henage, CTCOG | Michael Irvine, CTCOG | Uryan Nelson, CTCOG |
| Callie Tullos, CTCOG | Carmen Lim, CTCOG | Keith Sledd, Heart of Texas Defense Alliance |
| Vorakarn Saipornchai, CTCOG | James McGill, CTCOG | Dan Malsom, Kimley-Horn |
| Kylee Young, CTCOG | Louis LeDoux, WFSCT | Brad Hunt, City of Gatesville |
| Alissa Spruill, CTCOG | Susan Kamas, WFCT | Jerry Haisler, Retired WFCT |
| Helen Hill Yancey, CTCOG | Linda Angel, WFCT | |
| Kendra Coufal, KTMPO* | | |

Oath of Office

No Oath of Office was administered.

Public Comment

There was no Public Comment.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Commissioner Bobby Whitson, Bell County, to accept the Consent Agenda, which included the January 2025 Expenditure Report and the January 2025 Meeting Minutes. Mayor Debbie Nash-King, City of Killeen, seconded the motion. All were in favor; none opposed.

Presentation

Dan Malsom from Kimley-Horn provided an update on the Draft Final Safety Action Plan, summarizing progress and key findings. Following the October 2024 presentation, the draft was open for public comment from November 7 to December 31, receiving 56 survey responses across Central Texas. Feedback emphasized the need for better roadway conditions, lighting, speed control, and more detailed presentation slides, with concerns about speeding, aggressive driving, and school transportation safety. The plan targets a 50% reduction in roadway fatalities and serious injuries by 2050. Key updates include clearer text and graphics, discussions on policy themes, revised county introductions, spelled-out acronyms, a stronger focus on crash severity reduction, and an expanded implementation section outlining roles for CTCOG, KTMPO, and local

agencies. Mr. Malsom also detailed ongoing and phased implementation activities.

Action Items

- A motion was made by Mayor Debbie Nash-King, City of Killeen, to approve Resolution 02-25-PRS001, which sought to adopt the Central Texas Roadway Safety Action Plan. Councilmember Stephanie O'Banion, City of Belton, seconded the motion. All were in favor; none opposed.
- A motion was made by Mayor Michael Blomquist, City of Harker Heights, to approve Proclamation 02-25-PRS002, which sought to honor the unwavering dedication of Public Safety Telecommunicators and declare April 13-19, 2025, as National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week in the Central Texas Region. Chancellor Michele Carter, Central Texas College, seconded the motion. All were in favor; none opposed.

Reports

Area Agency on Aging: George Losoya, Director of AAA/ADVRC, updated the committee on the program's status, noting that the federal funding freeze nearly shut down the meal program. The FY 2024 closeout is complete, and AAA is implementing new software to enhance data collection and reporting, making CTCOG one of the few in the state using this technology. Additional funding has been requested for the Homes 4 Texas Heroes grant to assist veterans with housing. The current TVC grant has enrolled 84 individuals, with 30 pending, aiming for 132 participants by June 2025. Due to federal funding cuts, AAA will collaborate with surrounding counties to sustain the upcoming Caregiver and Education Training Events.

Housing: Carmen Lim, Director of HAP, presented countywide statistics to the committee on clients served and payments distributed. Bell County had the highest figures, assisting 2,064 clients with \$1,680,573.47 in payments, followed by Coryell with 108 clients receiving \$83,138.48, Lampasas with 12 clients receiving \$3,759, and Milam with 6 clients receiving \$2,662. San Saba, Mills, and Hamilton had no clients served or payments issued. Ms. Lim noted that costs have increased from an average of \$1.2–\$1.5 million to \$1.8–\$1.9 million due to assuming responsibility for KHA.

Planning and Regional Services: Uryan Nelson, Director of PRS, updated the committee on the performance of the Regional Planning and Emergency Planning Services departments. The upcoming HSAC meeting is scheduled for March 6, 2025, in Bell County, and the Emergency

Radio Infrastructure Grant has been approved, with work to be done alongside sub-recipients on various projects. Training updates were provided, including 4 classes in January, 5 in February, and 2 scheduled for March. The Peace Officer Training Advisory Board Meeting will be held on March 20, 2025, in Belton. In January 2025, GIS received a total of 181 address requests, with San Saba County having the highest at 73 requests and Mills County the lowest at 9 requests. 911 call and text statistics for January 2025 were shared, noting a historic spike in May 2024 due to testing and storms in Central Texas. The committee was reminded that the 2025 Leadership Central Texas Program application is open. Additionally, PRS continues to assist with several grants, some of which are on hold while others proceed.

Workforce Development Board: Susan Kamas, former Executive Director of WFBCT, informed the committee that February 27, 2025, will be the final meeting. Ms. Kamas expressed passion and gratitude for the opportunity to serve the counties and introduced Dr. Linda Angel, who will begin the role of Executive Director on Monday.

Dr. Linda Angel, Executive Director of WFBCT, mentioned that Workforce is preparing for federal employee and contractor layoffs. The layoffs are not limited to Fort Cavazos, as federal jobs are being impacted across various locations, including military bases and other areas.

Workforce Solution Central Texas: Louis LeDoux, Chief Operating Officer of WFSCT, informed the committee that the data benchmarking and UI data from January will not be updated until March 14th, 2025, with February data available on March 15th, 2025. Due to federal layoffs, an increase in the unemployment rate is expected once the data is released in March. Mr. LeDoux also highlighted the services provided from January to December 2024, noting that 333,175 individuals visited, and 132,709 individuals received assistance during the year. Despite having fewer staff, Central Texas Workforce is performing better than larger cities on the West Coast.

Executive Directors Report: Jim Reed, AICP, Executive Director of CTCOG, provided an update on the 9-1-1 transition plan. The target date for the separation of CSEC is expected to be in August 2025, contingent on the Bell County Commissioner Court's decision. The CSEC Commission meeting in July will determine whether final approvals are granted; if so, CTCOG will depart from the state two weeks afterward. If approvals are not granted, the next CSEC meeting will be in September 2025. An initial look at the projected budget following the full transfer of 9-1-1 services to CTCOG was also presented. In FY26, projected revenues are \$3,711,929, with an administrative budget of \$480,000, a program budget of \$2,808,829, an equipment budget of \$423,100, and prepaid deductions of

-\$1,197,852, resulting in a potential year-end fund balance of \$1,197,852. Future budgets have been projected through 2030.

Mr. Reed also provides CTCOG's potential plan for the event of a federal funding freeze. The impact would affect CTCOG contractors and temporary employees, as well as rental assistance (Section 8), childcare assistance, and meal programs. However, CTCOG remains financially stable, with reserves allowing operations to continue for 1-3 months due to the absence of debt.

The committee was also presented with potential logos and branding options for the 9-1-1 program and asked to vote by scanning a QR code. A reminder was given that the next executive committee meeting is scheduled for March 27, 2025.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 01:18 PM by Councilman Jose Segarra, President.

Jose Segarra, President

Judge Jody Fauley, Secretary/Treasurer