

**Executive Committee Officer's Meeting**

2180 North Main Street Belton, Texas

Thursday, June 23, 2022

**Hybrid Meeting: 12:00 PM**

**Executive Committee Officers in Attendance:**

President	Judge David Blackburn	Bell County
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Judge Steve Young	Milam County
Immediate Past-President	Judge Byron Theodosis	San Saba County

**Executive Committee Members in Attendance:**

Mayor Rodney Craddick, Hamilton County	Mayor Mike Coggin, Village of Salado	Commissioner John Driver, Bell County
Mr. Ryan Haverlah, City of Copperas Cove	Mr. Sam Listi, City of Belton	Commissioner Kyle Matthews, Coryell County
Mr. Steven Moore, Fort Hood	Commissioner Jeff Muegge, Milam County	Mr. William Parr, City of Gatesville
Commissioner Russel Schneider, Bell County	Chancellor Jim Yeonopolus, Central Texas College	Judge Ed Smith, Mills County

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

Jim Reed, CTCOG	Anna Olvera, CTCOG	Jeannie Skarosi, CTCOG
George Losoya, CTCOG	Carmen Lim, CTCOG	Uryan Nelson, CTCOG
Michael Irvine, CTCOG	Jesse Hennage, CTCOG	Connie Quinto, CTCOG
Dominic Elizondo, CTCOG	Anna Barge, CTCOG	Hope Davis, CTCOG
Diana Rodriguez, CTCOG	Jwana Sartor, CTCOG	Jose Neives, CTCOG
Helen Hill Yancey, CTCOG	Susan Kamas, Workforce Board	Louis LeDoux, Workforce Solutions of Central Texas
Ashley Johnson, HCAA	Ryan Basham, Coryell County	Mike Wilson, Killeen-Ft. Hood Airport
Tama Shaw, HCAA	COL Chad Foster, Fort Hood	Anna Radasavljevic, Rep. John Carter
Bill Schuman, Bell County	Evan Thomas, Rep. Pfluger	Dylan Sanders, Rep. Pfluger
Madelyn Todd, Natural Resource	Kassidy Kruse	Debbie Bates
David Mitchell		

**MEETING MINUTES**

**I. AGENDA**

Judge David Blackburn, Bell County called the meeting to order at 12:20 pm.

**Oath of Office:**

- Commissioner Schneider was sworn in as the Bell County Primary Seat at 12:21pm. Councilmember Fred Chavez, City of Copperas Cove, was unable to attend this meeting and will be sworn in during the next Executive Committee Meeting.

**Opportunity for Public Comment:**

- Judge Blackburn, Bell County brought the retirement of Ms. Tama Shaw, from Hill Country Community Action Association. Ms. Shaw has had a 45-year-long career with HCCAA and will be followed by Ms. Ashley Johnson. Jim Reed, CTCOG Executive Director thank Ms. Shaw for fostering a productive and beneficial partnership between CTCOG and HCCAA.

**II. CONSENT AGENDA**

- A motion was made by Judge Steve Young, Milam County to pass the entirety of the Consent Agenda (Meeting Minutes from May 12, 2022, and the May 2022 Expenditure Report). Mr. Jim Yeonopolus, Central Texas College second the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**III. PUBLIC HEARING**

**Public Hearing: FY 2022-2023 TXCDBG Community Development Fund Regional Priorities**

- Judge David Blackburn, Bell County announced the public hearing at 12:27pm and gave Committee Members a brief explanation of how the hearing was to be conducted as well as a synopsis of the expected code of conduct, due to CTCOG not having a set way of proceedings for a public hearing. Judge Blackburn opened the

hearing at 12:34pm, at which Time Jim Reed, CTCOG Executive Director and Uryan Nelson, CTCOG Planning Director offered elaboration on the. Dominic Elizondo, CTCOG Economic Development Planner was introduced to Committee Members at 12:43pm and gave a brief personal testimony about the recent meeting that took place discussing the regional priorities. The public hearing was closed at 12:44pm.

#### **IV. ACTION ITEMS**

##### **Resolution 06-22-PRS01 FY 2023-2024 TXCDBG Community Development Fund Regional Priorities:**

- Judge Steve Young, Milam County made a motion to approve five of the regional priorities. Commissioner Jeff Meugee, Milam County second the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **V. GUEST SPEAKER & PRESENTATIONS**

- COL Chad R. Foster, US Army Garrison Commander Fort Hood gave a summary of the benefits of the civilian and military partnership Fort Hood and the City of Killeen at Robert Gray Army Airfield/Killeen-Fort Hood Regional Airport. Mr. Mike Wilson, Executive Director of Aviation then took the floor to brief Committee Members on the current standing of Killeen-Fort Hood Regional Airport. Mr. Wilson began his briefing by breaking down the difference between KFHRA, RGAAF, and Skylark Airfield, and pointed out the KFHRA has a unique situation of being the tenant of Fort Hood. Due to Fort Hood owning the land KFHRA is on there is a unique partnership between the two, including joint operational procedures and a Joint-Use Management Board. Mr. Wilson also touched based on the funding and revenues of KFHRA and discussed the projects being brought forward over the next five years. The post COVID-19 growth in travel was also discussed, which has steadily increased due to the lower costs to fly in/out of KFHRA, especially passengers flying to/from

Denver, Las Vegas, and Las Angeles, which are the highest demand travel hubs for KFHRA. This has opened possible partnerships with Sun Country, Frontier, Breeze, United, and Avelo Airlines, which can bring economic growth to the region.

## **VI. REPORTS**

### **Area Agency on Aging**

- George Losoya, Director of Area Agency on Aging gave an update on the activities that are going on in the AACT/CTADVRC Program including the updated timeline for the opening of Bea's Kitchen and the status of the homebound vaccination program with DSHS and the COVID outreach with Bell County Health Department. Mr. Losoya also touched base on the events and classes scheduled for June and July.

### **Housing**

- Carmen Lim, Director of Housing Division briefed on current Landlord and lease up numbers. Mrs. Lim also updated the committee on the new paperless process and income based Senior Living Facility.

### **Planning & Regional Services**

- Uryan Nelson, Director of Planning and Regional Services briefed on the upcoming HSAC Meeting, taking place on July 7<sup>th</sup>, as well as the status of additional CESF funding. Mr. Nelson also touched base on the status of funding for Homeland Security grants, which have seen a 24% decrease in recent years, with an approximately 48% total decrease since 2015. A total of 8 Peace officer training classes were held in May, with 52 attendees, and there were 5 classes scheduled for June. The next Peace Officer Training Advisory Board will be held in September 2022, this follows the annual meeting that was held on February 10, 2022. There was a total of 26,174 calls made to 9-1-1 during May 2022 in the Central Texas Region, 19,773 of which came from the Bell

County Communication Center (BCCC). A total of 173 texts to 9-1-1 were received from the Central Texas Region During May, 128 coming from BCCC. A total of 200 addresses were entered into the GIS Addressing System in the Month of May, 81 of them coming from Milam County. Mr. Nelson concluded with a brief update on the scheduled Leadership Central Texas Program events, applications received by the DDCT board, Newly Elected Officials Class, Small Town Summit, and information of transportation funding.

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

- Susan Kamas, Workforce Development Board Executive Director briefed on the current internships as well the increase in pay for several companies and the city of Austin, who has increased their minimum wage to \$22.00 p/h. Mrs. Kamas also touched base on a hiring event that was held in the City of Temple on Tuesday June 21, 2022, as well as increase of 214,000 in food stamps for Workforce customers.
- Louis LeDoux, Workforce Chief Operating Officer, gave a briefing on the current unemployment status of the seven counties in the Central Texas Region. They are as follows; Bell County at 4.2%, Coryell County at 4.1%, Hamilton County at 3.0%, Lampasas County at 3.3%, Milam County at 3.9%, Mills County at 3.8%, and San Saba County at 3.4%, leaving the average Central Texas WDA Unemployment Rate at 4.1%. There was a total of 17 people hired during hiring events in the month of May, and 520 people total entering employment between May 1, 2022, and May 31, 2022.

#### **Executive Director**

- Jim Reed, Executive Director of CTCOG gave an update on the pilot project to move the Executive Committee Meeting around the Central Texas Region starting in August, with the meeting being held in the new county annex in Cameron, TX. And in February the executive Committee Meeting will be held in Lampasas County, TX. Mr. Reed also

touched base on the changes in Committee Workflows that will be noticed starting in October, these are due to the State's change in response in receiving funding as well as Milam Counties new On-Med station and advised Committee Members of the changes On-Med has made to their service model and of On-Med's wishes to come and make a presentation to the Committee to show and explain their new service model to the Committee and gauge Member's interest in having On-Med facilities within their respective counties.

**VII. ADJOURN**

Judge David Blackburn, Bell County adjourned the meeting at 01:58 pm



**The Honorable Judge David Blackburn, President**



**The Honorable Judge Roger Miller, Secretary/Treasurer**



**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FY 2023-2024 TxCDBG COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND  
REGIONAL PRIORITIES**

**06-22-PRS01**

**WHEREAS**, the Governor of Texas has designated the Central Texas Council of Governments areas as State Planning Region #23, and

**WHEREAS**, the Central Texas Council of Governments is organized in accordance with Section 391 of the Local Government Code and encompasses the region of Bell, Coryell, Hamilton, Lampasas, Milam, Mills, and San Saba counties, and

**WHEREAS**, the Texas Department of Agriculture's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Community Development Fund is a biennial grant program whose primary objective of the Community Development Block Grant program is to provide funding to non-entitlement communities for public facilities, and

**WHEREAS**, the Texas Department of Agriculture has requested each State Planning Region submit a list of priorities for FY 2023-24 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Community Development Fund project types by July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022, in order to score applications, and

**WHEREAS**, the governing body of the Central Texas Council of Governments formed a Regional Review subcommittee comprised of representatives from non-entitlement communities to select the priorities for the region, and

**WHEREAS**, non-entitlement communities were notified in advance of a public hearing held at this Executive Committee meeting on the regional priorities through email and newspaper advertisements, and have been given the opportunity to make public comment on the regional priorities, and

**WHEREAS**, the Regional Review subcommittee has determined that first priority projects for the region are flood drainage improvements, water/sewer improvements, street improvements, first-time public service water/wastewater yard line projects, and fire stations/equipment with second priority being all other eligible project types;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the TxCDBG Community Development Fund Regional Priorities for fiscal years 2023-24 have been approved by the Executive Committee.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** at a special meeting of the Central Texas Council of Governments, this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of June 2022.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "David Blackburn", is written over a horizontal line.

The Honorable David Blackburn, President

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Roger Miller", is written over a horizontal line.

Judge Roger Miller, Secretary/Treasurer