



**Minutes: June 24, 2021**  
**Executive Committee Meeting**  
**Central Texas Council of Governments**  
**300 Cheyenne Drive, Killeen TX 76542**  
**(In-Person with Zoom Conference Call)**

The June 2021 Central Texas Council of Governments Executive Committee Meeting was called to Order by Commissioner Daren Moore, Vice-President at 12:00 p.m.

**Executive Committee Officers in Attendance:**

1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Commissioner Daren Moore	Coryell County
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Judge David Blackburn	Bell County
Parliamentarian	Judge Steve Young	Milam County

**Executive Committee Members in Attendance:**

Councilmember Mellisa Brown, City of Killeen	Commissioner Dickie Clary, Hamilton County	Mayor Time Davis, City of Temple
Commissioner Llyod Huggins, Hamilton County	Commissioner John Driver, Bell County	Mr. Evan Otis, City of Killeen
Mr. Ryan Haverlah, City of Copperas Cove	Judge Roger Miller, Coryell County	Mr. William Parry III, City of Gatesville
Commissioner Bill Schumann, Bell County	Mrs. Martha Tyroch, Citizen Representative	Commissioner Bobby Whitson, Bell County

**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	Jwana Sartor, CTCOG	Sue Jordan, CTCOG
Michael Irvine, CTCOG	Jesse Hennage, CTCOG	Diana Rodriguez, CTCOG
Helen Hill-Yancey, CTCOG	Keith Sledd, HOTDA	Frank Minosky, Workforce
Ken Cates, FHAHH	Ryan Polster, Hamilton County	Commissioner Ryan Basham, Coryell County

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

## **Consent Agenda**

A motion was made by Judge Steve Young of Milam County to accept the minutes of May 27, 2021, meeting and May 2021 Expenditure Reports, and the appointment to discuss and take appropriate action on nomination of Mayor Rodney Craddick to CTCOG Executive Committee to fill Hamilton County Board Alternative Seat, and the approval of Proclamation 06-21-PRS01 Declaring July 2021 as Parks And Recreation Month In The Central Texas Region, and a correction to Resolution 05-21-PRS02V2 Authorizing Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Program-Killeen COVID Relief Project. Ms. Martha Tyroch, Citizen Representative second the motion. All in favor, none opposed.

## **Action Items**

A motion was made by Judge Steve Young of Milam County to approve Resolution 06-21-HAP01 to Approve Housing Assistance Program Changes to Payment Standards Effective 09/01/2021. Mr. Evan Otis of City of Killeen second the motion. All in favor, none opposed.

## **Reports**

### **Area Agency on Aging**

George Losoya, Director of Area Agency on Aging gave a brief update on AACT/CTADRVC Programs. The new funding from Administration for Community Living (ACL) for ADRC and Area Agencies on Aging to assist elderly and individuals with disability established what the funds can be used for. 41 homebound seniors have been vaccinated. The Baylor Scott and White Bell County Leader Focus Group is meeting to discuss the community health needs, strengths and barriers to meet those needs, and prioritization of the most pressing needs. An additional \$155,802 will continue to go towards the Home Delivered Meals program. Meeting to discuss how to engage landlords to assist the homeless into permanent supportive housing is continued.

### **Planning & Regional Services**

Uryan Nelson, Director of Planning and Regional Services gave a briefing on Emergency Services. The Homeland Security will be in a call on June 7<sup>th</sup> with OOG/ CTCOG to discuss the grant funding allocations for the region. The total allocation was \$417,091.41 which helped to fund 6 projects. Staff are working on a 6 county Hazard Mitigation Plan Grant; this grant includes San Saba County and other neighboring

counties outside the CTCOG region. The homeland security propagation study is mostly complete in Bell County, and Milam County has begun the study and Hamilton County will begin the study soon. 9-1-1 NexGen had 18,818 critical errors last month and are down to 7,280 across the region. These errors can cause routing problems in the system and the department has staff ready to assist with error correction in the region. In May 2021, 9-1-1 received 27,473 calls and 143 text messages. GIS added a total of 210 new addresses to the region in May 2021. In the Economic Development area, the CEDS is being updated with a Post-Pandemic Economic Recovery and Renewal Plan, Leadership Central Texas will be held July 15<sup>th</sup>, and staff will be facilitating an Open Meetings Act Training with the Office of the Attorney General for regional partners, on July 13<sup>th</sup>. Regional and Planning is in the process of amending bylaws in different groups to align with CTCOG bylaws. San Saba and Milam County are doing a joint study with Connected Nation Texas and Milam County has completed their broadband study. Staff is preparing an RFP for a Regional Broadband Study and Implementation Strategy. This study will be requesting EDA funding.

### **Housing**

Carmen Lim, Director of Housing Division gave a briefing on May 2021 Activities. In May, Previous Lease Up had 2,225, New Lease Up had 32, and 54 in Vouchers Issued Looking. Mrs. Lim stated an additional funding for EHV is set to be received in the amount of \$255,864 on July 1<sup>st</sup>. Vouchers are being issued to eligible applicants. Waiting List opened on June 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, captured approximately 1,200 pre-applications. Housing will be hosting a Landlord Engagement Event on June 22<sup>nd</sup> to inform current or new landlords that are interested into becoming part of the housing program. Local partners will also be in attendance.

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

Susan Kamas, Workforce Development Board Executive Director stated Workforce is enrolling in Child Care Services. Income guidelines are high and a family of 4 can be considered for qualifying for the services. They are also working with the state the lower the copay the parent must pay in childcare. Workforce is hosting job fairs throughout the Central Texas counties. Workforce is offering Teacher Externships that are working in different companies, getting world life experiences and will report back to Workforce in the next couple of months. Workforce was awarded the TJ Mills/Bernie Beck Lifetime Achievement at the Association of the United States Army General Membership Meeting for assisting Fort Hood military spouse and veterans.

Louis LeDoux, Workforce Chief Operating Officer gave a briefing on unemployment rates in Central Texas Region and an overall unemployment rate in the State of Texas. Central Texas was 5.8 percent and 6.5 adjusted percent compared to the state. The Federal Pandemic Unemployment Assistance Programs will be ending June 26, 2021. Those affected the most will be self-employed individuals and a total of 1.9 million Texans will be affected. Unemployment claims during the month of May 2021 was significantly less than the prior year. Mr. LeDoux stated the Workforce Center held 3 virtual hiring events in May 2021 that offered 336 job openings from 48 different employers to 119 job seekers. During the month of May 2021, Workforce offered service to 9,860 individuals.

### **Executive Director**

Jim Reed, Executive Director of CTCOG gave a briefing on the Regional Broadband Proposal. He spoke on the background and the importance as to why the CTCOG region is going to start a broadband study. Mr. Reed highlighted the plan elements that would be essential to gather to proper data for the regional broadband study, and currently we have insufficient data from our counties to complete a proposal. Mr. Reed estimated the cost of the plan to be \$724,850 but if we can get government funding sources to assist this cost could potentially only be \$144,970. The possible funding sources could come from individual entities by using Rescue Act Funds, CTCOG staff have approached the EDA staff with a proposal grant of 80/20. Once the study is complete it would allow for the region to compete effectively for Implementation Funds that is anticipated in the next Federal Infrastructure Bill. The next step to complete the project is the have a RFP Working Group to discuss the level of data gathering, refine the draft RFP, score the RFP responses, review EDA Grant Applications and guide selected contractor efforts. Mr. Reed briefed on the HCTD RFP Proposal; this proposal was submitted by CTCOG to perform management services. In July 2020, HCTD entered a contract to perform a management study to investigate both the current operating environment at HCTD and options for strategies moving forward. In March 2021, the selected contractor submitted their final report which outlined several options ranging from electing a contractor for management services to separating the district into two, three, or four different districts. The decision was made by the HCTD Board to prepare an RFP in order to solicit proposals for contract management of HCTD. Development of this RFP is underway with a projected date of completion in late July.

### Guest Speaker

Ken Cates, Fort Hood Area Habitat for Humanity gave a presentation regarding FHA Habitat of USDA 533 Housing Preservation Grant and FHLBank Dallas Rural Funds. Mr. Cates highlighted the areas that he fully services which are Bell, County, and Lampasas presently. With USDA & FHLBank Dallas repair funds he can service Bell, Coryell, and Lampasas County. Falls & Milam County have requested funding for this program and will begin in October 2021. FHA Habitat for Humanity does not ask municipalities for funding only letter of support and feedback. Mr. Cates briefed on the eligibility to be part of the program, the use of funds, and eligible expenses. He also spoke on the future partnership opportunities the organization will be a part of and spoke about the benefits the region could have with supporting his efforts.

### Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned by Commissioner Daren Moore at 1:32 pm.

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The Honorable Byron Theodosis, President

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The Honorable Jose Segarra, Secretary/Treasurer