**Executive Committee Meeting**
2180 North Main Street Belton, Texas
Thursday, March 09, 2023

**Hybrid Meeting: 12:00 PM**

**MEETING MINUTES:**

The January 2023 Central Texas Council of Governments Annual Executive Committee Meeting was called to order by The Honorable Roger Miller, 1st Vice President at 12:23pm.

**Executive Committee Officers in Attendance:**

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| President | Judge Randy Hoyer | Lampasas County |
| 1st Vice President | Judge Roger Miller | Coryell County |
| Secretary/Treasurer | Commissioner Russel Schneider | Bell County |
| Parliamentarian  | Mr. Ryan Haverlah | City of Copperas Cove |
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**Executive Committee Members in Attendance:**

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| Councilmember Fred Chavez, City of Copperas Cove  | Mayor Gary Chumley, City of Gatesville | Commissioner Dickie Clary, Hamilton County |
| Judge Jody Fauley, San Saba County  | Mayor Bill Harris, City of Cameron  | Commissioner Llyod Huggins, Hamilton County  |
| Commissioner Kyle Matthews, Coryell County | Mayor Debbie Nash-King, City of Killeen | Councilmember Stephanie O’Banion, City of Belton |
| Commissioner Bobby Whitson, Bell County  | Judge James Yates, Hamilton County  | Judge Jett Johnson, Mills County  |
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**CTCOG Staff Members and Guests in Attendance:**

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| Jim Reed, CTCOG | Michael Irvine, CTCOG | George Losoya, CTCOG |
| Uryan Nelson, CTCOG | Jesse Hennage, CTCOG | Connie Quinto, CTCOG |
| James McGill | Anna Barge, CTCOG | Helen Hill- Yancey, CTCOG |
| Jwana Sartor, CTCOG | Jeannie Skarosi, CTCOG | Diana Rodriguez, CTCOG |
| Raquel Canava, CTCOG | Becky Cooley, CTCOG | Susan Kamas, Workforce Board |
| Louis LeDoux, WFSCT | Linda Angel, Workforce Board | Allison Fix, Workforce Board |
| Ricky Tow, City of Cameron | Oscar Lopez, Cameron PD | Bill Schumann, Bell County |
| Rebecca Goldstein, Weaver | Melonie Mathewson, City of Harker Heights |  |

Invocation was led by Jim Reed, CTCOG Executive Director.

**Oath of Office**

The CTCOG Executive Committee Oath of Office was administered to the Honorable Judge Randy Hoyer, Lampasas County, by The Honorable Judge Roger Miller, Coryell County, CTCOG Vice President at 12:26pm.

**Consent Agenda**

A motion was made by Mayor Gary Chumley, City of Gatesville, to approve the entirety of the Consent Agenda (Meeting Minutes for October and January, as well as the January 2023 Expenditure Report). Mayor Debbie Nash-King, City of Killeen seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed.

**Action Items**

**02-23-HAP01:** A motion was made by Commissioner Kyle Matthews, Coryell County, to accept the ratification of Resolution 02-23-HAP01 approving the changes to the Housing Assistance Program Payment Standards that had previously been signed by Jim Reed, AICP, CTCOG Executive Director, and went into effect 02/02/23. Councilmember Stephanie O’Banion, City of Belton seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed.

**03-23-PRS01:** A motion was made by Commissioner Llyod Huggins, Hamilton County, to approve Resolution 03-23-PRS01 approving CTCOG’s Criminal Advisory Council (CJAC) membership as detailed in the narrative of the resolution. Mr. Ryan Haverlah, City of Copperas Cove, seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed.

**03-23-PRS02:** After a brief explanation of the resolution Mr. Ryan Haverlah, City of Copperas Cove, CTCOG Parliamentarian, raised questions concerning the amounts listed within the resolution’s supporting documents. Mr. Jesse Hennage, EMPSA, Assistant Director of Planning and Regional Services, provided a brief explanation by providing more details about the specific monetary values included within the documents. Mayor Bill Harris, City of Cameron, made a motion to approve Resolution 03-23-PRS02 Authorizing State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) FY 2024 Funding. Commissioner Russell Schneider, Bell County, CTCOG Secretary/Treasurer seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed.

**Guest Speakers & Presentations**

Rebecca Goldstein, CPA, Weaver Pater, Assurance Services gave a presentation detailing the results of the CTCOG 2022 Audit Report. She advised that there were no findings within the report and that CTCOG has conducted business legally and ethically. No questions were raised, however Judge Randy Hoyer, Lampasas County, CTCOG President, made a comment of congratulations and thanked Michael Irvine, CTCOG Director of Administration for leading CTCOG through another year of successful auditing. Commissioner Dickie Clary, Hamilton County made a motion to accept the findings of the 2022 CTCOG Audit Report. The Honorable Judge James Yates, Hamilton County, seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed.

**Reports**

**Area Agency on Aging:** George Losoya, Director of AAA/ADVRC, advised the committee of the status of the March 2023 ADRC Audit, which is ongoing. Mr. Losoya also provided an update on the partnership between AAA/ADVRC and Bell County Health Department on their homebound vaccination education and outreach program, as well as a short briefing on the current state of Medicaid reenrollment and loss of benefits of Central Texas residents may face.

**Housing**: Carmen Lim, Director of HAP, advised the committee that the Housing Assistance Program (HAP) will maintain the 120% payment standard until December 2023 per the HUD Waiver with the ratification of Resolution 02-23-HAP01. Mrs. Lim also briefly touched on staff activity and provided an update on the status of pulling applicants from the waitlist.

**Planning and Regional Services:** Uryan Nelson, Director of PRS, briefed the committee on the current performance of both the Regional Planning and Emergency Planning Services departments as well as the status of the Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Grant Funding status. Mr. Nelson also advised that the previously scheduled Policy Board meeting for March 15, 2023, had been cancelled, however the Policy Board would resume their normal schedule moving forward.

**Workforce Development Board:** Susan Kamas, Executive Director of WFBCT, provided the committee with a detailed breakdown of the structure and function of the Texas Workforce System. This breakdown included a chart showing the chain of command and flow of power through each level of the system as well as charts detailing the high demand and targeted occupations of 2023 that WFS is working to fill, it also included a graph showing the process of connecting job seekers to employers through Workforce’s various programs and services. Mrs. Kamas also advised the committee of the joint WFSCT and Texas A&M Central Texas Dr, Ray Perryman Event that would be taking place March 23, 2023, from 9:30am – 10:45am at the Bill Yowell Conference Center.

**Workforce Solutions Central Texas:**  Louis LeDoux, Chief Operating Officer of WFSCT, briefed the committee on the standing of Texas UI claims for the region as well as the unemployment rates for the region as of 01/28/2023. The total UI claims filed for the week ending 01/28/2023 reached 14,935 and the unemployment rate rests at 3.9. Mr. LeDoux also provided an update on the WSCT Report detailing that a total of 9,177 individuals were seen and 456 entered employment.

**Executive Directors Report:** Jim Reed, AICP, Executive Director CTCOG, congratulated Mr. Michael Irvine, Direct of Administration, on another successful audit and thanked him for his hard work and dedication to CTCOG. Mr. Reed also advised the committee that the next Executive Committee Meeting will be held on April 27, 2023, at the Central Texas Council of Governments building located at 2180 N Main Street, Belton, Texas, 76513.

**Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 01:38 PM by The Honorable Judge Randy Hoyer.

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The Honorable Judge Randall J. Hoyer, President

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Commissioner Russell Schneider, Secretary/Treasurer