

**Executive Committee Officer's Meeting**

2180 North Main Street Belton, Texas

Thursday, May 12, 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
Parliamentarian	Judge Randy Hoyer	Lampasas County
Secretary/Treasurer	Judge Roger Miller	Coryell County
Immediate Past-President	Judge Byron Theodosis	San Saba County

**Executive Committee Members in Attendance:**

Commissioner Lewis Bridges, Lampasas County	Councilmember Mellisa Brown, City of Killeen	Mayor Gary Chumley, City of Gatesville
Mayor Rodney Craddick, City of Hamilton	Mayor Mike Coggin, Village of Salado	Mayor Tim Davis, City of Temple
Mr. Ryan Haverlah, City of Copperas Cove	Commissioner Lloyd Huggins, Hamilton County	Mr. William Parry, City of Gatesville
Mr. Ryan Polster, City of Hamilton	Mayor Spencer Smith, City of Harker Heights	Ms. Martha Tyroch, Citizen Representative
Mayor Dan Yancey, Copperas Cove	Chancellor Jim Yeonopolus, Central Texas College	

**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	Anita Jake, CTCOG
Helen Hill Yancey, CTCOG	Susan Kamas, Workforce Board	Stephanie O'Banion, UWCT
Diamond Martinez, UWCT 2-1-1	Keith Sledd, Heart of Texas Defense Alliance	Ashley Johnson, HCAA
Jeff Williford, Office of Senator Cornyn	Jill Wyman, Office of Senator Cornyn	Mr. Don Ferguson, Village of Salado
Becky Cooley, CTCOG		

**MEETING MINUTES**

**I. AGENDA**

Bell County Judge David Blackburn called the meeting to order at 12:30 pm.

**Oath of Office:**

- Commissioner Schneider was unable to attend the meeting on May 12, 2022, it was stated he will be sworn in next meeting if he is in attendance.

**Opportunity for Public Comment:**

- Mr. Jim Williford from the Office of Senator Cornyn introduced the new deputy in the Office, Jill Wyman.

**II. CONSENT AGENDA**

- A motion was made by Mr. Jim Yeonopolus, Central Texas College to pass the entirety of the Consent Agenda (Meeting Minutes from April 21, 2022, and the March 2022 Expenditure Report). Council Member Mellisa Brown, City of Killeen second the motion. All in favor, none opposed.

**III. ACTION ITEMS**

**Resolution 05-22-PRS01 authorizing the CTCOG Adoption of Procurement Policies and Procedures:**

- Mr. Jim Reed, CTCOG Executive Director gave a brief explanation of CTCOG's Procurement Policies, advising there have been no changes of merit to them since they were last discussed with the Executive Committee. Mr. Reed advised this discussion is due to the GLO requirements of CTCOG to have their Procurement Policies known and approved by the Executive Committee. A motion was made by Judge Steve Young, Milam County to pass the resolution. Judge Roger Miller, Coryell County second the motion. All in favor, none opposed.

**Resolution 05-22-PRS02 authorizing the Fort Hood Alternate Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP):**

- Mr. Jim Reed, Executive Director CTCOG briefed the Executive Committee on Fort Hood's request for a secondary PSAP location. Currently Fort Hood uses the Bell County Communication Center as their secondary PSAP, however they no longer wish to do so and are requesting permission to build a secondary PSAP on the Fort Hood Campus to keep their data and lines within Fort Hood's secure network. Mr. Reed advised the Executive Committee that this is an ongoing and evolving conversation and process that currently provides more questions than answers. Mr. Reed also advised that the approval that is being sought from the Committee is to further discuss the details and obtaining of funds between the necessary agencies before seeking approval for the construction of the Secondary PSAP Center. A motion was made by Judge Steve Young, Milam County to pass the resolution. Council Member Mellisa Brown, City of Killeen second the motion. All in favor, none opposed.

**Approval of the new appointed Board Members of the District Development of Central Texas:**

- Mr. Jim Reed advised the Committee on the newly elected DDCT Board members that were accepted at the DDCT meetings on the January 6, 2022, and April 7, 2022. They are as follows; Cheri Shepherd, Director, City of Gatesville Convention and Visitor's Bureau David Williams, Kempner City Manager Jamie LaDuke, Executive Director, Hamilton EDC Ted Gonzalez, Associate Deputy Chancellor, Business Services at Central Texas College Jim Gibson, Economic Development Director, Rockdale Municipal Development District Kerry Phillip, Coordinator, Nolanville Economic Development Corporation. Mr. Jim Yeonopolus, Central Texas College, spoke up to advise that Mr. Ted Gonzalez would no longer be representing them. Chancellor Yeonopolus was advised of how to put forth another individual to take Mr. Gonzalez's place on the

Board. A motion was made by Judge Steve Young, Milam County to pass the resolution. Commissioner Lloyd Huggins, Hamilton County second the motion. All in favor, none opposed.

**Approval of the new appointed Committee Members of the Regional Review Committee:**

- Mr. Jim Reed, Executive Director CTCOG advised the Executive Committee that CTCOG is developing a Regional Review Committee and is seeking approval of the newly appointed RRC members. The members are as follows; John Driver, Bell County Commissioner, Precinct 4 Robert Whitson, Bell County Commissioner, Precinct 2 Craig Pearson, Mayor Pro Tem, Belton Ginger Watkins, Executive Director, Cameron Industrial Foundation Cheri Shepherd, Director, Convention and Visitors Bureau, Gatesville Lloyd Huggins, Hamilton County Commissioner, Precinct 3 Kerry Phillip, Coordinator, Nolanville EDC. A motion was made by Judge Steve Young, Milam County to pass the resolution. Council Member Mellisa Brown, City of Killeen second the motion. All in favor, none opposed.

**IV. GUEST SPEAKER & PRESENTATIONS**

- Ms. Stephanie O’Banion, CEO United Way of Central Texas (UWCT) gave a presentation detailing the services UWCT and their 2-1-1 program provides. She detailed the needs found in the area, the ratio of met to unmet needs, and where in the community these needs are coming from. Ms. O’Banion also provided Executive Committee members with resources to reach out, obtain data, and assess the needs of their communities.

**V. 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 declaration of May as older American’s Month in the Central Texas Region, the Opening of Senior Center

“Bea’s Kitchen” in Cameron in June/July time frame, and the National Guard resuming the provision of at home vaccinations for homebound individuals. He also provided details for the following events; Sequential Intercept Model Mapping Event March 3-4, 2022. Bell County Jail Diversion, Central Texas Housing Summit March 29,2022; Central Texas Community Health Summit Connect the Dots 5.0, April 27, 2022, Central Texas Homeless Coalition April 27, 2022.

### **Housing**

- Carmen Lim, Director of Housing Division briefed on April 2022 Activities. In April 2022, Lease up offer 32 new vouchers, with 2,085 from the previous month and 72 new vouchers total. Mrs. Lim also briefed on the Landlord activity. The housing division also hosted an event on April 28, 2022, which was a local partner meeting to assist/streamline assistance for Veterans and identify gaps in referrals and lease up.

### **Planning & Regional Services**

- Uryan Nelson, Director of Planning and Regional Services briefed on the upcoming HSAC meeting on June 2, 2022, in Coryell County, the State Emergency Radio Infrastructure (SERI) Grants which opened in January and closed on March 18, 2022 and received a total of 25 grants and \$4,179,417 in funding, as well as the activities of the General Land Office (GLO). CTCOG staff are finalizing a grant application to potentially supplement regional match for the hazard mitigation grant and waiting on approval from GLO on their draft Method of Distribution (MOD) for mitigation funds allocated to Milam and Coryell County. Mr. Nelson advised that the Executive Committee must vote on the plan in the future, even though it is only for Milam and Coryell counties.

Criminal Justice grants opened in December 2021 and closed in February 2022, at total of 30 Grant applications were submitted, and there was \$3,288,887 in funding requested.

A total of 13 applications were submitted for JAG Grants. A total of \$866,605 were requested in the applications, however there is only \$197,663 in funds that are potentially available for allocation, which leaves 8 projects partially funded, 5 projects completely un-funded, and 0 projects with full funding. Mr. Nelson also provided updates on the VOCA, Juvenile Justice, Truancy Prevention, and VAWA Grants, all of which have either been fully or partially funded.

Mr. Nelson stated the Peace Officer Training are hosting and scheduling classes throughout the month and in future dates. The next Peace Officer Training Advisory Board meeting will be held in September 2022.

9-1-1 calls for April 2022 total at 25,433, including 19,028 calls to Bell County Communication Center (BCCC). 9-1-1 texts total at 154, including 129 to BCCC, there were 0 texts from Hamilton and Lampasas and San Saba Sheriff's Offices. GIS also added a total of 543 new address to the region. CTOG has also created the "Grant Wishlist" form, which provides the ability to track funding that is available. Mr. Jim Reed also touched on the Broadband Map information and urged others to go onto the provided website to check their area's coverage, to ensure that an accurate and up to date broadband coverage map is available.

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

- Susan Kamas, Workforce Development Board Executive Director briefed on the Workforce Solutions of Central Texas on the clients helped in the month of March, the allocation of their funding, and the success of the Central Texas Workforce in comparison to Workforces statewide. Mrs. Kamas also gave an update to the childcare program, that has never been provided to the service industry in the Central Texas Region before.

- Susan Kamas continued the Workforce presentation on behalf of Louis LeDoux, Workforce Chief Operating Officer who was unable to attend. Mrs. Kamas gave a briefing on unemployment rates in Central Texas Region and an overall unemployment rate in the State of Texas. Central Texas was 4.1 percent. Texas UI Claims as of May 10, 2022, had a total of 8,142 with Administrative and Support, and Waste Management and Remediation Services being the highest UI Claim category at 1,852, which is the lowest since 1970. Unemployment claims for each county during the month of April 2022 was less than the prior year due to many returning to work from the pandemic. Mrs. Kamas stated that 411 individuals who entered Workforce Centers seeking assistance became employed.

**Executive Director**

- Jim Reed, Executive Director of CTCOG gave an update on Congressman Carter's office moving into the CTCOG building. Mr. Reed also shared an update on the Central Texas Regional Tourism project and events calendar, as playing the "Discover Central Texas" promotional video that had been put together in collaboration with each region's Tourism Board.

**VI. ADJOURN**

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



**The Honorable Judge David Blackburn, President**



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