



Minutes: May 28, 2020
Executive Committee Officers Meeting
Central Texas Council of Governments
2180 N. Main Street, Belton, Texas
12:00 PM

The May 2020 Central Texas Council of Governments Annual Executive Committee Officers Meeting was called to Order by The Honorable Judge Byron Theodosis, President.

Executive Committee Officers in Attendance:

President	Judge Byron Theodosis	San Saba County
1 st Vice President	Commissioner Darren Moore	Coryell County
2 nd Vice President	Judge David Blackburn	Bell County
Secretary/Treasurer	Mayor Jose Segarra	City of Killeen
Parliamentarian	Judge Steve Young	Milam County
Parliamentarian	Commissioner Bill Schumann	Bell County

CTCOG Staff Members and Guest in Attendance:

Judge Roger Miller, Coryell County	Mayor Gary Chumley, Gatesville	Carmen Lim, CTCOG
Commissioner Bobby Whitson, Bell County	Councilmember David Leigh, City of Belton	Anna Olvera, CTCOG
Commissioner John Driver, Bell County	Sam Listi, City of Belton	George Losoya, CTCOG
Ed Smith, Mills County	Jody Nicholas, City of Harker Heights	Uryan Nelson, CTCOG
Commissioner Jeff Muegge, Milam County	Jim Reed, CTCOG	Louis LeDoux, CTCOG
Kelly Sandifer, Fort Hood	Ms. Shannon Calahan, Fort Hood	Robert Peche, EDA Representative

Invocation was led by Jim Reed, Executive Director of Central Texas Council of Governments.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made and second to pass the minutes of April 23, 2020. All in favor, none opposed.

A motion was made and second to pass the respective expenditure report. All in favor, none opposed.

Action Items

A motion was made and second to approve the Resolution Authorizing Criminal Justice Program FY 2021 Funds. All in favor, none opposed.

Reports

Area Agency on Aging

George Losoya, Director of Area Agency on Aging stated CARES Act funding \$828,361 awarded to CTCOG Area Agency on Aging and \$55,696 to Aging and Disability Resource Center. Funding to support continuation of HDM, COVID -19 related cost to open senior centers, purchase of gift cards for grocery and essential products. Area Agency on Aging added 99 new seniors for Home Delivered Meals, current total 1506 (60,240 meals).

Planning & Regional Services

Uryan Nelson, Director of Planning & Regional Services stated Homeland Security

HSAC meetings will be June 4th via conference call. Staff are continuing to monitor potential grant and funding opportunities for the region. Criminal Justice Grant FY21 scoresheets were return to us from the advisory committee by April 24th. All the Justice Assistance applications were fully funded, along with the Victim of Crimes (VOCA) applications. Truancy Prevention and VAWA were funded by the recommended amount of the committee. Initially, VOCA was competitively scored and prioritized and most applications would have a portion of their budget cut so that every application could be partially funded.

Based off where the CTCOG application scored and how the budget was reduced, CTCOG has decided to un-fund the Elder and Vulnerable Adult Justice Program, these funds have been redistributed to the remaining applications from the region. This program is currently in its first year and it was decided it would be better to end the program now as opposed to a year or two later. Staff are heavily focused on CESF grant applications. Currently 5 applications are partially in Belton, Killeen, Gatesville, Bell County, Mills County. We are expecting apps from: Nolanville, Coryell County, Temple, Harker Heights, and San Saba. NextGen 9-1-1 implementation is expected Spring 2021, the project is 45% complete. GIS project proceeding without expected delay, completion expected by December 2021. Work deadline is March 2022. NextGen project proceeding with minimal delay, completion projected for December 2021. The

Grant Deliverables for FY20 Q3 Performance Report due is June 10. Strategic Plan Stage One submitted May 15 and July amendment requests are due June 1st 9-1-1 received 21,288 calls and 148 text on the April 2020. GIS Critical Error for each county are as follows Belton 4,029, Copperas Cove 2,236, CTCOG 149, Harker Heights 1,810, Killeen 37, Temple 51. EDA CARES NOFO was released May 8th. In the planning area, the total amount will be 1.5 billion; of that Region VI will probably get approximately 200 million. These funds can be used for both hard (brick and mortar) and soft (feasibility studies) type projects. 3 projects have been received by CTCOG staff for assistance in grant submission. Staff continues to notify regional partners of webinar, grant/loan funding opportunities and grant administration services. Staff has begun preparing for a summer APA Planning Workshop. CTRTAG elected the New Chair and Vice Chair to do Vickie Gideon and Terry Mustapher. CTCOG has begun planning for the next 5-year Regionally Coordinated Transportation Plan update that will occur in 2021. Direct Assistance to Farmers through the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program provides vital financial assistance to producers of agricultural commodities who have suffered a five-percent-or-greater price decline due to COVID-19 and face additional significant marketing costs as a result of lower demand, surplus production, and disruptions to shipping patterns and the orderly marketing of commodities. Awards up to \$250,000 per person or entity and this is direct support to farmers and ranchers. The funding applications open on May 26, 2020 and close on August 28, 2020 and can apply through local Farm Service Agency (FSA) office. Any additional information and applications/ forms can be found at farmers.gov/cfap. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is seeking applications for projects from states, local jurisdictions, tribes, territories and non-profit organizations to help reduce food loss and waste and divert food waste from landfills by expanding anaerobic digester (AD) capacity in the United States. \$3 million available nationwide, and awards will range from \$50,000-\$300,000. All applications must achieve one or more of the following objectives: Support state, tribal and/or local government programs that seek to use AD to increase their organic waste diversion rates or support other sustainability goals; demonstrate and/or implement solutions and/or approaches for increasing AD utilization that can be replicated by other communities or governments; or establish new or expand existing partnerships that result in the development of AD capacity.

Housing

Carmen Lim, Housing Division Program Manager stated Housing received \$273,322 in CARES Act funding from HUD. New rules for Recertifications still being completed electronically or via email and all contracts to be signed through DocuSign. Self-Certification for inspections will continue through July. Regular inspections will resume August 1. Lease Up Activity is steadily increasing within the last few months. In May there was a total of 2,395 of previous lease month up and 9 new leases up. Mainstream Voucher – 5 applicants, 2 issued vouchers. VA – conference call with VA regarding submission of applicants for VASH Vouchers.

Workforce Development Board and Workforce Center

Susan Kamas, Workforce Development Board Executive Director stated they elected new officers for the coming year. They are in recruitment phase for Work Force members. Work Force will have a soft opening on July 1. In addition, the Work Force will have armed security guards for crowd control and keeping applicants and staff safe. They are currently negotiating a contract with the Government. Child Care the applicants are in large urban are unhappy with the constant change of procedures and closures due to COVID. Susan stated the Annual Awards Luncheon held in October will be cancelled due to COVID and lack of sponsorship, and they have also signed a contract with the Chamber to start a Military Spouse program to start in Fall 2020.

Louis LeDoux, Workforce Center Chief Operating Office stated only workforce in the state to stay open 7 days a week. DOL unemployment rates added an additional 2.5 million which brings it to total 40.7 million have filed since March. Within the last weeks fewer people are not filing claims as frequently, and people are returning to work. On the upside 5.2 billion has been paid out in UI claims to date, and the Work Force was able to find 679 jobs for people within the last 5 weeks. We have fulfilled 42,423 services to people. In the future. He stated we will see less claims for unemployment, but he believes services will go up as people start looking for resources to apply for jobs.

Guest Speaker

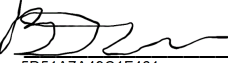
Robert Peche, Economic Development Representative spoke in regards what the EDA has done for our region. Mr. Peche stated in the past the EDA Disaster Assistance has helped with Hurricane Harvey with an allocated amount of \$600 million. They also assisted with Supplemental funding in 2019 with an allocated amount of \$600 million. The EDA Cares Act Disaster Assistance COVID-19 was passed in March 2020. EDA allocated \$1.5 billion for Corona Virus Pandemic and AURO received \$236,000,000 Nationwide eligibility; Two (2) years to award grants. EDA is currently offering “Rolling” application process, which means it can be processed quicker. When applying, the application must address job creation/retention and impacts of the disaster directly – resilience.

Executive Director

Jim Reed, Executive Director stated we are targeting to have a soft opening on July 1st. We are involved with a contractor to start funding the urban feasibility studies. There has also been a 5% cut across the board, we do not anticipate that effecting any of your programs here at the CTCOG.

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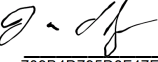
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The Honorable Jose Segarra, Secretary/Treasurer