



Executive Committee Meeting

2180 North Main Street Belton, Texas

September 26, 2024

Hybrid Meeting: 12:00 PM

MEETING MINUTES:

The September 2024 Central Texas Council of Governments Annual Executive Committee Meeting was called to order by The Honorable Roger Miller, Coryell County Judge, President at 12:19pm.

Executive Committee Officers in Attendance:

President	Judge Roger Miller	Coryell County
Secretary/Treasurer	Ryan Haverlah	City of Copperas Cove

Executive Committee Members in Attendance:

Judge David Blackburn, Bell County	Martha Tyroch, Citizen Representative	Councilmember Stephanie O'Banion, City of Belton
Mayor Michael Blomquist, City of Harker Heights	Mayor Nathan Fuchs, City of Cameron	Commissioner Russell Schneider, Bell County
Mayor Dan Yancey, City of Copperas Cove	Mayor Debbie Nash-King, City of Killeen	Judge Bill Whitmire, Milam County
Commissioner Henry Hubnik, Milam County		

CTCOG Staff Members and Guests in Attendance:

Jim Reed, CTCOG	Sue Jordan, CTCOG	George Losoya, CTCOG
Jesse Henage, CTCOG	Carmen Lim, CTCOG	David Lopez, CTCOG
Anita Janke, CTCOG	Dominic Elizondo, CTCOG	Helen Hill Yancey, CTCOG
Vorakarn Saipornchai, CTCOG	Louis LeDoux, WFSCT	Renee Hensley, Leadership Central Texas
Ricky McCall, City of Cameron	Susan Kamas, WFCT	Larry Wilkey, Bell County
Suzannah Bowden, Morgan's Point Resort	Brad Hunt, City of Gatesville	Andi Wilkey, Bell County
Rosa Ramoz, Bell County	Bill Schumann, Bell County	Mercedes Foshag, HCTD
	Sydney Caleb, Temple Area	

Keith Sledd, HOTDA

Builders Association

Edwin Revell, City of Killeen

Kris Rebels, TX General Land Office

Alissa Sorvill

Oath of Office

No Oath of Office was administered.

Public Comment

There was no Public Comment.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made and seconded to accept the Consent Agenda, which included the August 2024 Expenditure Report and the August 2024 Meeting Minutes. All in favor, none opposed.

Presentation

Dominic Elizondo, Central Texas Council of Governments hosted the Leadership Central Texas Graduation Ceremony. Mr. Elizondo spoke about the purpose of the program and how it provided a network of relationships amongst future leaders to ensure growth and the future well-being of the Central Texas Region. Mr. Elizondo recognized the following members of the program for their leadership qualities and completing the Leadership Central Texas program: Suzannah Bowden, Sydney Cable, Mercedes Foshag, Renee Hensley, Ricky McCall, Edwin Revell, Larry Wilkey, Laurie Wilson.

Action Items

- A motion was made and seconded to approve Resolution 09-24-ADMIN001, which sought to designate Cadence Bank as a depository of the Central Texas Council of Governments. All in favor, none opposed.
- A motion was made and seconded to approve Resolution 09-24-PRS001, which sought to authorize FY2025 Solid Waste Grant Implementation Projects. All in favor, none opposed.
- A motion was made and seconded to approve Resolution 09-24-PRS002, which sought to approve the revised SS4A Project Selection List. All in favor, none opposed.
- A motion was made and seconded to approve Resolution 09-24-PRS003, which sought to declare October 2023 as Economic & Community Development Month in the Central Texas Region. All in favor, none opposed.
- A motion was made and seconded to approve Resolution 09-24-PRS004, which sought to declare

October 2024 as National Pedestrian Safety Month in the Central Texas Region. All in favor, none opposed.

Reports

Area Agency on Aging: George Losoya, Director of AAA/ADVRC, briefed the committee on the current state of the program, including the TARC meeting that AAA attended, the completed congregate and home-delivered meal site visits, and the upcoming Caregiver & Education Training events. Mr. Losoya provided an update on the Texas Veterans Commission Fund for Veterans Assistance grant, shared the grant's website, and outlined the various onboarding events AAA has conducted for the grant. An update was also given on the partnership development efforts between AAA and various organizations.

Housing: Carmen Lim, Director of HAP, provided an update on the progress and challenges faced by the CTCOG Housing Assistance Program in assuming responsibility for the Killeen Housing Authority's clientele. Ms. Lim updated the committee on the Fair Market Rents released by HUD with a January 2025 effective date and the Utility Allowance study completion will be effective January 2025.

Planning and Regional Services: Mr. Reed updated the committee on the Hazard Mitigation Plan, which is nearing completion, and the State Emergency Radio Infrastructure Grant, which has been preliminarily approved. Mr. Reed also provided updates on the Peace Officer training classes held in the previous months, as well as the 911 call and text data for the month of August. Mr. Reed provided an update on upcoming planning meetings. Additionally, Mr. Reed provided an update on the Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant and the updated SS4A Project Listing. Mr. Reed informed the committee of the 2025 UTP and provided the committee with the trends in the UTP funding from prior years.

Workforce Development Board: Susan Kamas, Executive Director of WFBCT, provided a ten-year picture of the Workforce budget. Ms. Kamas provided an update on the final expenses for FY23/24 and FY24/25. Ms. Kamas informed the committee that childcare accounts for around 70% of the budget. Ms. Kamas announced that WFSCT was awarded the American Legion National Award for Outstanding Employment Service Local Office of the Year 2023 and the Texas American Legion Award for Outstanding Employment Service Local Office of the Year 2023.

Workforce Solutions Central Texas: Louis LeDoux, Chief Operating Officer of WFSCT, provided an update on regional unemployment rates, reporting that for the week ending August 30, 2024, the total number of UI claims filed reached 12,404, with an unemployment rate of 5%. He also updated the committee on the four hiring events held in August. Additionally, Mr. LeDoux informed the committee that 12,010 customers were

served in August 2024, receiving a total of 29,642 services. Mr. LeDoux also provided an update on the Non-Custodial Parent Program.

Executive Directors Report: Mr. Jim Reed, AICP, Executive Director of CTCOG, delivered a presentation to the Executive Committee outlining staff's recommendation to transition from the State 911 system, governed by the Commission on State Emergency Communications (CSEC), to a 911 District. Mr. Reed provided background on the 911 Capital Improvement Plan. Mr. Reed explained that moving to an Emergency Communications District (ECD), which can be formed to manage the delivery of 911 calls in a region, would be locally owned and governed, with a local board setting standards of service, budgets, and service fees. Mr. Reed clarified that ECDs cannot raise fees above the current level, incur debt, or raise or collect taxes. Mr. Reed emphasized the greater flexibility that a 911 District would offer and discussed the optimal timing for making the transition. Mr. Reed informed the committee that the CTCOG Executive Committee would initially serve as the Board of Directors for the ECD, and day-to-day operations would be managed by CTCOG staff. Mr. Reed also explained that the ECD would be funded through 911 service fees, and the public would not see an increase in the current service fee of \$0.50 per line, as this fee cannot be raised. Mr. Reed then opened the floor for discussion and questions from the committee.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 01:18 PM by The Honorable Roger Miller, Coryell County Judge, President.



The Honorable Judge Roger Miller, President



Bryan Haverlah, Secretary/Treasurer