



Minutes: October 22, 2020
Executive Committee Officers Meeting
Central Texas Council of Governments
2180 N. Main Street, Belton, Texas
12:00 PM

The October 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
Parliamentarian	Mayor Jose Segarra	Bell County
Parliamentarian	Commissioner Bill Schumann	Bell County

CTCOG Staff Members and Guest in Attendance:

Commissioner John Driver, Bell County	Mayor Bradi Diaz, City of Copperas Cove	Ryan Haverlah, City of Copperas Cove
Mayor Gary Chumley, City of Gatesville	William Parry, III, City of Gatesville	Jody Nicholas, City of Harker Heights
Jim Yeonopolus, Chancellor of Central Texas College	Mary Gauer, Citizen Representative	Jim Reed, CTCOG
Michael Irvine, CTCOG	George Losoya, CTCOG	Uryan Nelson, CTCOG
Carmen Lim, CTCOG	Susan Kamas, Work Force Board	Louis LeDoux, Work Force Center
Anna Olvera, CTCOG	Jesse Hennage, CTCOG	Kendra Coufal, CTCOG
Sue Jordan, CTCOG	Anna Barge, CTCOG	Helen Yancey, CTCOG
Anthony Martinez, LCT Graduation	Brandon Simon, LCT Graduation	Chris McCormick, LCT Graduation
Debbie Nash, LCT Graduation	Harrison Jones, LCT Graduation	Jennifer Harris, LCT Graduation
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Invocation was led by Jim Reed, Executive Director of Central Texas Council of Governments.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Mayor Gary Chumley of the City of Gatesville to accept the minutes of September 24, 2020. Judge Steve Young of Milam County second the motion. All in favor, none opposed.

A motion was made by Judge Steve Young of Milam County to accept the September 2020 expenditure report. Commissioner Daren Moore of Coryell County second the motion. All in favor, none opposed.

Action Items

A motion was made by Mayor Bradi Diaz of City of Copperas Cove to approve Resolution Authorizing State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) Central Texas Council of Governments Emergency Response Trailer Equipment Project FY18 Reallocation Funds. Judge Steve Young of Milam County second the motion. All in favor, none opposed.

A motion was made by Judge Steve Young of Milam County to approve Resolution Authorizing Central Texas Council of Governments Regional Emergency Radio Infrastructure Project FY21 Funds. Judge David Blackburn of Bell County second the motion. All in favor, none opposed.

A motion was made by Judge Steve Young of Milam County to approve Resolution To Approve The Central Texas Council Of Governments/ Housing Division's Changes to Utility Allowances for the jurisdiction of CTCOG, TX 482. Mayor Bradi Diaz of City of Copperas Cove second the motion. All in favor, none opposed.

A motion was made by Mayor Bradi Diaz of City of Copperas Cove to approve Resolution Approving Housing Assistance Program Changes To Payment Standards Effective 02/01/2021. Judge David Blackburn of Bell County second the motion. All in favor, none opposed.

Items

Kendra Coufal of Central Texas Council of Governments hosted the Leadership Central Texas Graduation Ceremony. She spoke about the purpose the program and how it promotes awareness of regional and state leadership opportunities and now it creates a network of relationships among leaders to ensure growth in the future and well-being of the Central Texas Region. Ms. Coufal recognized the following members of the program for exhibiting leaderships qualities in the Central Texas Region, and completing the program: Ms. Patsy Bracey, Mr. Kent Cagle, Dr. Harrison Jones, IV, Mr. Christopher McCormack, Ms. Debbie Nash-King, Ms. Portia Talley, and Ms. Jessica Tolbert.

Jennifer Harris, State Program Director of Connected Nation Texas joined the meeting as a guest speaker and spoke about the importance of broadband and how they can collect data to validate if rural areas are being offered the broadband services companies proclaim, they have. Ms. Harris spoke about the community wants, the following was data collected: accurate data, planning resources, coordination across all levels of government, better awareness of available resources, higher quality educational opportunities, and the ability to engage in telehealth. Ms. Harris spoke about the importance on having community feedback and engagement to collect accurate data and to help expand broadband services to areas that are underserved. Ms. Harris concluded her presentation with providing the committee her contact information to further discuss any questions they have for their communities.

Reports

Area Agency on Aging

George Losoya, Director of Area Agency on Aging gave updates regarding COVID-19. AACT updated facility visits for HHSC. They expanded visitation effective September 24, 2020 to give family the ability to visit loved ones and ensure that all health and safety precautions are followed to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in these facilities. The types of visitation expanded to the following: essential caregivers (2 designated persons by resident), plexiglass indoor visits, outdoor visits, open window visits, closed window visits, vehicle parade, and End-of-Life. The challenges facilities are experiencing are each facility must apply for permission to HHSC allow visits, but no deadline given to implement, family members are responsible for COVID-19 testing and the cost and access to test are barriers, facilities interpretation of guidelines are delaying visitations, and high levels of frustration remain by family members unable to see loved ones. Mr. Losoya shared Emma LeCompte's contact information for members to get in touch with her regarding questions or assistance for Living or Nursing Facilities in the region.

Planning & Regional Services

Uryan Nelson, Director of Planning & Regional Services stated under the Emergency Services Section the Homeland Security will have their Virtual HSAC Meeting on November 1st in Lampasas. THIRA/SPR/IP workshops to begin soon and carry over into the next several months. Speaking to vendors about regional propagation study, SERI grant. Criminal Justice is monitoring CESF grant applications as they go through OOG review process. There are delays due to bottleneck caused by numerous grant applications for numerous programs being submitted to OOG for review. 7 applications are still at Chief of Staff Review and 4 grants have been awarded and are active. Peace Officer Training has eight classes scheduled for October and three classes scheduled for November, two of these are 40-hour classes. Under Coronavirus

Funding, the CRF/TDEM has assisted 57 business across Bell County with \$800,000 in Small Business Grant Program. Harker Heights Small Business Grant closed on October 16th. Belton Small Business Grant awarded 30 grants totaling \$60,000 to small businesses in Belton. TDEM has started the process of sweeping funds of jurisdictions that have not certified they are going to use these funds.

If all allocated funds have not been used and reimbursement requested TDEM is requesting the submission of a TDEM CRF Funding Plan Form by November 13th. Jurisdictions need to continue providing documentation for the 20% advance. A spreadsheet is available for this; if you need one please let me know. ALL documentation for reimbursement must be submitted to TDEM by December 15, 2020. Under 9-1-1/GIS section NextGen 9-1-1 is expected to be implemented in Spring 2021, and the project is at 48% completion. With the federal grant, the GIS project is proceeding without expected delay, the completion is expected by December 2021. CTCOG is in Phase 2 of GIS data quality project and should also be completed for December 2021. The work deadline is March 2022. In the month of October, the following are the critical errors for the following cities and regions: Belton, 4139, Copperas Cove 2235, CTCOG 116, Harker Heights 75, Killeen 12, Temple 143, and Fort Hood 143. 9-1-1 received 24,863 emergency calls and 119 text in the month of September 2020. Since COVID-19 started in March, there has been an approximate call increase of 10% and received text increase of 25%. Under the Planning section, the Economic Development wrapped up its Leadership Central Texas 2020 sessions in September and participants will graduate October 22, 2020. Staff have submitted a EDA CARES Act for Cameron and Milam County. They have started working with Morgan's Point Resort and Bartlett for possible EDA CARES Act funding. Over the next year, staff will be updating our Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS). Solid Waste applications were called for FY21 HHW Events and closed August 31st. Only five applications were received. HHW Events scheduled for FY20 that were rescheduled due to COVID-19 will be carried forward to FY21, and staff is coordinating with TCEQ on this effort. Under the Transportation section, KTMPO project call will open October 1st and end November 13th. Staff are working with GIS team to update the online web map tool with current project details and public use and comment ability.

Housing

Carmen Lim, Director of Housing Division stated physical inspections will begin November 1, 2020 for new tenants. Annual inspections will begin once all new tenant inspections are complete. Kyle Building is scheduled for November 10, 2020. Waiting list preference letters went out to account for clients who may qualify for Mainstream Vouchers. In September 2020 Housing had 2,372 Lease Month Up, 5 New Lease Up, and 249 Vouchers Issued Looking.

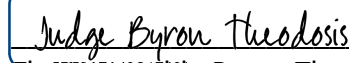
Workforce Development Board and Workforce Center

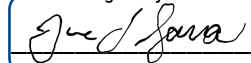
Louis LeDoux, Chief Operating Officer gave the current percentages for Unemployment Rates for each county, which are as follows: Bell 7.5, Coryell 7.0, Hamilton 5.3, Lampasas 5.6, Milam 7.8, Mills 4.7, San Saba 4.7. In the State of Texas, over 32.7 billion paid out in UI Claims to date. Since March 2020, 5.5 million UI Claims have been filed. Workforce Centers have been able to serve 26,422 individuals. Workforce hosted 2 virtual hiring event that offered 84 job postings, 773 job openings, 239 job seekers, and 10 employers. During September 1, 2020 through September 30, 2020, the Workforce was able to help 371 individuals find full-time jobs.

Executive Director

Jim Reed, Executive Director gave a report on reopening the building to the public in the future. Staff has been working in the office with precautions and rotating schedules to maintain distancing and exposure. We have allowed limited small group meetings held in the building and tracking safety protocols; at this moment we cannot open to larger groups of meeting due to the high risk of exposure to COVID-19.

Adjourn

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The Honorable Byron Theodosis, President

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The Honorable Jose Segarra, Secretary/Treasurer