



**Minutes: September 23, 2021
Executive Committee Meeting
Central Texas Council of Governments
2180 North Main Street Belton, TX 76513**

The September 2021 Central Texas Council of Governments Executive Committee Meeting was called to Order by The Honorable Judge Byron Theodosis, President at 12:00 p.m.

Executive Committee Officers in Attendance:

President	Judge Byron Theodosis	San Saba County
2 nd Vice President	Judge David Blackburn	Bell County
Secretary/Treasurer	Mayor Jose Segarra	City of Killeen

Executive Committee Members in Attendance:

Commissioner Dickie Clary, Hamilton County	Mayor Rodney Craddick, Hamilton County	Commissioner John Driver, Bell County
Mr. Evan Otis, City of Killeen	Commissioner Kyle Matthews, Coryell County	Judge Roger Miller, Coryell County
Mr. Steven Moore, Fort Hood	Judge Ed Smith, Mills County	Mr. William Parry III, City of Gatesville
Judge Ed Smith, Mills County	Mayor Spencer Smith, City of Harker Heights	

CTCOG Staff Members and Guests in Attendance:

Jim Reed, CTCOG	Carmen Lim, CTCOG	Uryan Nelson, CTCOG
Anna Olvera, CTCOG	George Losoya, CTCOG	Michael Irvine, CTCOG
Jesse Hennage, CTCOG	Anna Barge, CTCOG	Sue Jordan, CTCOG
Helen Hill-Yancey, CTCOG	Angela Young, CTCOG	Hope Geiger, CTCOG
Sunshine Martinez, CTCOG	Kendra Coufal, CTCOG	Shashawnah, CTCOG
Susan Kamas, Workforce	Louis LeDoux, Workforce	David William II, Leadership CTX
Ebony Jackson, Indigent Health Ca	Tama Shaw, HCCAA	Keith Sledd, HOTDA
Kelly Sandifer, Fort Hood	Ryan Basham, Coryell County	Col. Chad Foster, Fort Hood
Tom Rheinlander, Fort Hood		

Invocation was led by Jim Reed, Executive Director, CTCOG.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Mayor Jose Segarra of City of Killeen to accept the minutes of August 22, 2021, meeting and August 2021 Expenditure Reports. Mr. Otis Evans, Citizen Representative second the motion. All in favor, none opposed.

A motion was made by Judge David Blackburn of Bell County to accept the Approval of Proclamation 09-21-PRS01 Declaring October 28th, 2021, as National First Responders Day in the Central Texas Region, Proclamation 09-21-PRS02 Declaring October 2021 as Economic & Community Development Month in the Central Texas Region, and Proclamation 09-21-PRS03 Declaring October 6th, 2021, as National Walk to School Day in the Central Texas Region. Mayor Jose Segarra of City of Killeen second the motion. All in favor, none opposed.

Action Item

No action items.

Guest Speaker/ Presentation

Colonel Chad Foster, Fort Hood Garrison Commander gave an update on the areas of opportunities and concerns on Fort Hood installation. The strengths Colonel Foster highlighted is the unity, support, and involvement of the communities around the installation. He acknowledged for the first time in twenty years, the majority of soldiers will be back at the installation within the next 12 to 18 months, with this in mind housing as become an obstacle. Colonel Foster asked for continued support in helping the soldiers have a place to call home will stationed at Fort Hood. The installation has also submitted documentations to help raise BAH for soldiers that have to live off base due to the installation being at full housing capacity. Colonel Foster highlighted the Army is shifting the way the soldiers are trained through a new program and it is teaching them how to become more knowledgeable through academics, making good sound decisions in real-life situations, help them become better citizens and provide solutions to problems. This effort will help the soldiers grow and become experienced and once they leave the army, they can also be good citizens in our communities.

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 how 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: Mr. Benjamin Blanchard, Mr. JaQour Blunt, Ms. Mary A. Gales, Ms. Anita Janke, Ms. Holly Pantuso, Mr. Andrew Rauschhuber, Mr. David Shine, and Mr. David Williams II.

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. FY21 Working Budget approval is in pending, State Audit of Nutrition Program by HHSC still in progress, and AACT Congregate Meal Sites Monitoring is completed. Toni Pruitt was selected and hired for the Ombudsman position and will begin on September 1st, and the 3-Part Virtual Caregiver Interactive Trainings are planned for late November and early December with Baylor Scott and White. Since June 2021, the COVID19 Vaccine Initiative has vaccinated 62 home bound patients, 7 pending vaccinations, and 35 have called and inquired about the vaccine. HHSC ADRC Leadership merging with Area Agency on Aging.

Planning & Regional Services

Uryan Nelson, Director of Planning and Regional Services gave a briefing on Emergency Services. The Homeland Security will have a HSAC meeting on October 7th. State Emergency Radio Infrastructure (SERI) grants will open in January, and HSGP Grants are expected to open in December and close in February. These grants will focus primarily on cybersecurity projects, and CTCOG will be drafting a regional cybersecurity grant. Criminal Justice grants will also open in December 2021 and close in February 2022. The Peace Officer Training had 7 classes scheduled in September 2021 and have 5 classes scheduled in October 2021. 9-1-1 NexGen core services are 90 percent complete, issues were identified in testing; these are being resolved. Once all issues are resolved migration to Next Gen 9-1-1 will occur. Critical errors and routing total 7,171 across the region, this is 175 more from last month, and these errors can cause routing problems in the system. Staff are available to assist with error correction. The next CSEC Grantee Workshop is September 28th, and the Commission on State Emergency Communications Regular Meeting is scheduled for September 29th. In August 2021, 9-1-1 received 29,080 calls and 125 text messages. GIS added a total of 219 new addresses to the region in August 2021. In the Economic Development, Regional Partners interested in service on DDCT, reach out to staff regarding the vacancies. Broadband, staff have sent the RFP to the committee for final approval, the RFP will be released on 10/1/2021 and will be requesting EDA funding. Air Quality, Rider 7 Air Quality funding was awarded for the FY22-23 biennium

\$398,524. \$117,000 more than the base CTCOG has received in previous years, and an increase due to revised definitions and population numbers. Solid Waste, CTCOG Regional Solid Waste Management Plan of 20 years is currently being updated and anticipates board approval in October 2021 Executive Committee meeting. This plan is due to TCEQ by January 1, 2022.

Housing

Carmen Lim, Director of Housing Division briefed on August 2021 Activities. In August, Current Tenants totaled 2,252, New Lease Up had 66, and 32 in Vouchers Issued Looking. Mrs. Lim also briefed on the Landlord activity. In August, Housing issued 40 Emergency Housing Vouchers, 13 participants leased up and 29 currently are on the waiting list. Housing will be hosting another Landlord Engagement event for Westwind of Killeen in October and the City of Temple in November.

Workforce Development Board and Workforce Center

Susan Kamas, Workforce Development Board Executive Director briefed on the Workforce Solutions of Central Texas FY22 Budget of \$39,512,157 and what each portion of the budget corresponds to and the resources the funds support. The allocations for 2022 is much more than in previous years and shared what the FY22 Proposed Budget will be.

Louis LeDoux, Workforce Chief Operating Officer gave a briefing on unemployment rates in Central Texas Region and an overall unemployment rate in the State of Texas. Central Texas was 5.3 percent and 5.3 adjusted percent compared to the state. Texas UI Claims for August 2021 had a total of 18,867 with Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services being the highest UI Claim category at 2,416. Unemployment claims for each county during the month of August 2021 was significantly less than the prior year due to many returning to work from the pandemic. Mr. LeDoux stated the Workforce Center held 6 in-person hiring events in August 2021 that offered 2,913 job openings from 53 different employers to 394 job seekers. During the month of August 2021, Workforce offered service to 8,464 individuals.

Executive Director

Jim Reed, Executive Director of CTCOG gave an update on the Regional Broadband RFP development, the final draft has been sent to the committee and will be published October 1st, 2021, and will give more of an update as we get responses in. HOP RFP Responses, the contract for management services has been published, and due to the Board of Directors and employee's ethics in the policy manual, CTCOG is creating

the RFP bid to help minimize conflict of interest for those members on the board and/or employees that are involved in HOP Committee. If anyone has any input as to what they would like to see on the RFP they can contact CTCOG staff and will not be further discussed amongst the board and will be submitted mid-October 2021. Under 9-1-1 Emergency Communications District Creation activities, we have received 29 resolutions, and have been in contact with those we have not received a resolution from.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned by Judge David Blackburn at 1:51 pm.

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The Honorable Commissioner Daren Moore, 1st Vice- President

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The Honorable Jose Segarra, Secretary/Treasurer