



**Minutes: September 24, 2020**  
**Executive Committee Officers Meeting**  
**Central Texas Council of Governments**  
**2180 N. Main Street, Belton, Texas**  
**12:00 PM**

The September 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 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Commissioner Darren Moore	Coryell County
2 <sup>nd</sup> 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	Judge Roger Miller, Coryell County	Judge Randy Hoyer, Lampasas County
Commissioner Jeff Muegge, Milam County	Ed Smith, Mills County	Ryan Haverlah, City of Copperas Cove
Jody Nicholas, City of Harker Heights	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
Keith Sledd	Jeff Williford	

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

### **Consent Agenda**

A motion was made by Commissioner Jeff Muegge of Milam County to accept the minutes of July 23, 2020. Judge Roger Miller of Coryell County second the motion. All in favor, none opposed.

A motion was made by Mayor Jose Segarra of City of Killeen to accept the July 2020 & August 2020 expenditure report. Commissioner Daren Moore of Coryell County second the motion. All in favor, none opposed.

### **Action Items**

A motion was made by Commissioner Jeff Muegge of Milam County to approve the Resolution Approving transfer of 25 VASH Vouchers to the Housing Authority of the City of Austin (HACA) from Central Texas Council of Government's Housing Division. Mary Gauer, Citizen Representative second the motion. All in favor, none opposed.

### **Reports**

#### **Area Agency on Aging**

George Losoya, Director of Area Agency on Aging gave updates regarding COVID-19. Congregate Meals sites remain closed through Dec. 31, 2020. The home delivered meals will continue for both homebound and individuals impacted by COVID-19. The department is working on a partnership with Baylor Scott and White on helping COVID-19 patients over age 60 or disabled needing supportive care in the home and implementation of Opioid Grant, and have been awarded a Veteran VISTA Volunteer to help connect the veteran's with needs or assistant's in homelessness. The agency is planning for FY21. The funds that carry forward is the amount of approx. \$500,000. The funds will go toward outreach efforts and client contact through virtual platforms and social media, home delivered meals and congregate meals strategic planning through covid-19. The funds will also go towards planning budget for AAAC and ADRC. Currently AAAs' offers and coordinates services that help older adults remain in their community and AAA has received 1.3 Billion from the Older American Act Funding Nationally, 88 Million from Older American Act Funding in Texas, and 3.2 Million Area Agency of Aging Central Texas Funding. Under the CARES ACT, AAA has received 2.2 Trillion from CARES Funding Nationally, 955 Million CARES Funding Older American Act, 59.9 Million CARES Funding to Area Agencies on Aging in Texas, and 1.2 Million CARES Funding to Area Agency of Aging Central Texas. During the FY20 Home delivered Meal Program, AAA received funding to help provide meals to 65.8 thousand seniors through CARES Meals and 83.6 thousand seniors through OAA Meals in the Central Texas Council of Governments of Texas 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 October 1<sup>st</sup>. THIRA/SPR/IP workshops to begin soon and carry over into the next several months. Criminal Justice is monitoring CESF grant applications as they go through OOG review process, and all applications are at Chief of Staff Review. There are delays due to bottleneck caused by numerous grant applications for numerous programs being submitted to OOG for review. Peace Officer Training has ten classes scheduled for September and six classes scheduled for October. Under Coronavirus Funding, the CRF/TDEM has assisted Bell County in the following: \$800,000 Small Business Grant Program, 169 applications received, \$2,310,506 requested, Killeen businesses requested \$746,613 of assistance, Temple businesses requested \$566,000 of assistance, Harker Heights businesses requested \$417,000 of assistance, Belton businesses requested \$318,000 of assistance, Salado businesses requested \$186,393 of assistance. 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. In the month of September, the following are the critical errors for the following cities and regions: Belton, 4139, Copperas Cove 2235, CTCOG 177, Harker Heights 75, Killeen 35, and Temple 230. 9-1-1 received 27,071 emergency calls and 148 text in the month of August 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 began its Leadership Central Texas 2020 sessions on July 16<sup>th</sup> using a virtual platform, and participants will graduate October 22, 2020. Staff have submitted and 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. Solid Waste applications were called for FY21 HHW Events and closed August 31<sup>st</sup>. Only five applications were received. The CTCOG Planning Division has entered into a partnership with Workforce Solutions of Central Texas to further efforts of Section 3 Outreach: a funding condition of our technical assistance funding. CTCOG was also awarded \$281,250 in Air Quality funds to be used for updates to the regional air quality inventory and program administration. Under the Transportation section, KTMPO elected a Chair and Vice Chair at the September 16, 2020 Policy Board Meeting. Mayor Jose Segarra was elected to serve as Chair, and Mayor Bradi Diaz was elected to serve as Vice- Chair. The project scoring process was approved, and project call will open October 1st and end November 13<sup>th</sup>. In Regional Transit, CTCOG has begun planning for the next 5-year Regionally Coordinated Transportation Plan update. CTCOG's Grant application was recently approved on September 1st and will

fund plan update efforts through early 2022 in the amount of \$95,867. For FY20-21 CTRTAG Leadership will be Vickie Gideon as Chair and Terry Mustapher as Vice Chair.

### **Housing**

Carmen Lim, Director of Housing Division stated CARE ACT funds extension period of availability has been extended through December 31, 2021. The housing program currently has \$616,998.44 of unexpended funds. Housing is exploring the possibility to start physical inspections November 1, 2020. In August 2020 Housing had 2,435 Lease Month Up, 11 New Lease Up, and 247 Vouchers Issued Looking.

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

Susan Kamas, Workforce Development Board Executive Director stated the FY21 budget was approved at the Workforce Board Meeting of an initial budget of 31,126,599 million. Report out did a survey on employees at different agencies CTWF included. When the employees were surveyed CTWF scored over 400 on all categories but one, which was pay. CTWF does not pay more than other Workforce Centers, they make sure employees know their benefits. CTWF scored the highest of all the entities in Texas the last few cycles. Child Care program has no problems with data validation and all payments were in proper order when reviewed by Texas Workforce Commission. 2313 children are in childcare. Out of 303 childcare providers, 300 are open. Training is still being provided to Child Care Centers on Saturdays and evenings. September 8<sup>th</sup> the Board staff was opened. The workforce office is scheduled to open October 7<sup>th</sup>. Local directors mentioned people are not coming into Workforce Centers due to the possibility to be exposed to COVID-19.

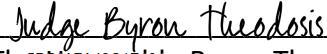
Louis LeDoux, Chief Operating Officer gave the current percentages for Unemployment Rates for each county, which are as follows: Bell 6.2, Coryell 5.6, Hamilton 4.1, Lampasas 4.3, Milam 6.5 Mills 3.5, San Saba 4.0. In the State of Texas, over 30.7 billion paid out in UI Claims to date. Since March 2020, 5.1 million UI Claims have been filed. Workforce Centers have been able to serve 17,037 individuals. Workforce hosted a virtual hiring event that offered 86 job postings, 713 job openings, 339 job seekers. During August 23, 2020 through September 21, 2020, the Workforce was able to help 371 individuals find full-time jobs.


### **Executive Director**

Jim Reed, Executive Director gave a report on CARES ACT and EDA grants, the CTCOG is continuously searching for grants and ready to help our region and cities. CTCOG has entered an interlocal management agreement with the City of Morgan's Point. The CTCOG service office will remained closed until November 2020 due to COVID-19. CTCOG is congratulating Michael Irvine, Director of Administration for receiving the Al J. Notzon/Judge Jake Brisbin Jr. Regional Unity Award for the significant

accomplishments he has made for the CTCOG, TARC, and National Boards. Executive Committee Officers will be receiving Executive Director assessments to be completed.

**Adjourn**

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 10/26/2020  
The Honorable Byron Theodosis, President

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The Honorable Jose Segarra, Secretary/Treasurer