

MINUTES
ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
February 23, 2023

The Ark-Tex Council of Governments (ATCOG) Executive Committee met at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, February 23, 2023, at the Northeast Texas Small Business Development Center (SBDC), 2nd Floor, located at 105 North Riddle Avenue, Mount Pleasant, Texas, and via teleconference/webinar.

Item 1. Bobby Howell, Judge, Bowie County, called the meeting to order.

Item 2. Mr. Scott Norton, Executive Director/CEO, TexAmericas Center, gave the invocation.

Item 3. Public Comment.

No member of the public made a comment.

Item 4. Chris Brown, Executive Director, presented for review and consideration approval of the minutes as submitted for the ATCOG Executive Committee meeting held Thursday, January 26, 2023.

Motion to approve was made by Travis Ransom, Judge, Cass County, and seconded by Mr. Norton. It was approved.

Regular Business

Item 5. Ms. Whitney Fezell presented for review and consideration approval of the following applications for FY23 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) grant funds through the Office of the Governor Homeland Security Grant Division.

- ATCOG Planning, Training and Exercises project - \$96,000.00
- ATCOG Regional Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Training project - \$76,000.00
- ATCOG Cybersecurity Planning, Training project - \$170,511.00

Motion to approve was made by Mr. Norton and seconded by Judge Ransom. It was approved.

Item 6. Ms. Fezell presented for review and consideration approval of prioritization of 2023 Homeland Security Grant Program funds.

Motion to approve was made by Mr. Norton and seconded by Judge Ransom. It was approved.

Item 7. Ms. Patricia Haley presented for review and consideration approval of the nominated representatives to serve on the Regional Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (RCJAC) through December 31, 2023.

- Cass County – Greg Restelle and Wayne Mosley
- Franklin County – Tim Dial
- Red River County – Sheana Johnson

Motion to approve was made by Judge Ransom and seconded by Robert Newsom, Judge, Hopkins County. It was approved.

Item 8. Ms. Haley presented the Computerized Criminal History System (CCH) update for Board review.

Announcements

Judge Howell announced that the next ATCOG Board meeting would be held on March 30, 2023, at 10:00 a.m., at the Northeast Texas Small Business Development Center (SBDC), 2nd Floor, located at 105 North Riddle Avenue, Mt. Pleasant, Texas, as well as via teleconference/webinar.

With no further business, Judge Howell adjourned the meeting.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Bobby Howell, Judge, Bowie County
Travis Ransom, Judge, Cass County
Doug Reeder, Judge, Morris County
Robert Newsom, Judge, Hopkins County
Scott Norton, Executive Director/CEO, TexAmericas Center
Marc Reiter, Mayor, City of Hooks

ATCOG BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Tanner Crutcher, Judge, Delta County
Juan Duenez, Mt. Pleasant Independent School District
David Fordinal, Commissioner, City of Como
Paula Portugal, Mayor, City of Paris
Lynn Reynolds, Mayor, City of Linden
Lowell Walker, Mayor, City of DeKalb
Adam Young, Alderman, City of Avinger

GUESTS PRESENT

Maureen Hammond, Paris Economic Development Corporation

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Chris Brown, Executive Director
Whitney Fezell, Homeland Security Coordinator
Patricia Haley, Criminal Justice Coordinator
Toni Lindsey, Regional Development Director
Marla Matthews, Executive Assistant
Paul Prange, Environmental Resources Coordinator
Debbie Purifoy, Compliance and Purchasing Officer
Lisa Reeve, Area Agency on Aging Director
Melinda Tickle, Finance Director



Bobby Howell, President
Board of Directors
Ark-Tex Council of Governments

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