

**AGENDA**  
**ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**March 30, 2023**

The Ark-Tex Council of Governments (ATCOG) Board of Directors will meet at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, March 30, 2023, at the Northeast Texas Small Business Development Center (SBDC), 2nd Floor, 105 North Riddle Avenue, Mt. Pleasant, Texas, and via teleconference/webinar.

**If attending via Zoom, use the following information to register for the meeting:**  
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/9211111111>

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Item 1. Call to order – Quorum Determination.

Item 2. Invocation.

Item 3. Public Comment.

*ATCOG invites members of the public to provide oral comment on any item included on this agenda under this item. Each person wishing to make a public comment shall be limited to 3 minutes with comments directed to the Board as a whole. Reasonable accommodation shall be made for members of the public utilizing a translator for public comment.*

Item 4. Review and consider approval of the minutes as submitted for the ATCOG Board of Directors meeting held Thursday, December 8, 2022. (See page 3)

**Review and Comment**

Item 5. Executive Director Report (For information only; to be presented by Executive Director Chris Brown)

- 2022 Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA), Stakeholder Preparedness Review (SPR), and THSSP Implementation Plan (IP) Feedback Report (See page 7)

**Regular Business**

Item 6. Review and consider approval of an appointment to serve on the Area Agency on Aging Regional Advisory Council. (See page 11; to be presented by staff member Lisa Reeve)

Item 7. Review and consider approval of the purchase of one Dodge Ram ProMaster 3500 vehicle for the ATCOG Transportation Program. (See page 13; to be presented by staff member Veronica Williams)

Item 8. Review and consider approval of the ATCOG Financial Statement and Auditor's Report for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2022. (Handouts to be provided at the meeting; to be presented by Chris Pruitt with Pattillo, Brown & Hill, L.P., as introduced by staff member Melinda Tickle)

- Item 9. Review and consider approval of revisions to the ATCOG Accounting Policies. (Handouts to be provided at the meeting; to be presented by Executive Director Chris Brown)
- Item 10. Review and consider approval of the recommended ATCOG Board of Directors Executive Committee member appointments. (See page 15; to be presented by Judge Bobby Howell)
- Item 11. Adoption of a resolution authorizing recognition of April as National Fair Housing Month. (See page 17; to be presented by staff member Mary Beth Rudel)

### **Announcements**

The Red River Leadership Institute “Leadership & Innovation Symposium” will be held Friday, April 14, 2023, in Shreveport, Louisiana. (See page 16)

The next Executive Committee meeting will be held Thursday, April 27, 2023, at 10:00 a.m., at the Northeast Texas Small Business Development Center (SBDC), 2nd Floor, 105 North Riddle Avenue, Mt. Pleasant, Texas, and via teleconference/webinar.

*Pursuant to the Texas Open Meeting Act, Government Code Chapter 551 one or more of the above items may be considered in executive session closed to the public, including but not limited to consultation with attorney pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 and Section 551.074 arising out of the attorney's ethical duty to advise ATCOG concerning legal issues arising from an agenda item. Any decision held on such matter will be taken or conducted in open session following the conclusion of the executive session.*

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**MINUTES**  
**ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**December 8, 2022**

The Ark-Tex Council of Governments (ATCOG) met at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, December 8, 2022, at the Ark-Tex Council of Governments Office, EOC Room, 4808 Elizabeth Street, Texarkana, Texas, as well as via teleconference/webinar.

Item 1. L.D. Williamson, Judge, Red River County, called the meeting to order.

Item 2. Brian Lee, Judge, Titus County, gave the invocation.

Item 3. Public Comment.

No members of the public made a comment.

Item 4. Mr. Brown presented the following consent agenda items:

- Approval of the minutes as submitted for the ATCOG Board of Directors Meeting held Thursday, September 29, 2022.
- Acceptance of the minutes as submitted for the ATCOG Regional Criminal Justice Advisory Committee meeting held Thursday, November 17, 2022.

Motion to approve was made by Mr. Scott Norton, Executive Director/CEO, TexAmericas, and seconded by Bobby Howell, Judge, Bowie County. It was approved.

**Review and Comment**

Item 5. Mr. Brown presented, for information only, the Executive Director Report. Mr. Brown presented the indirect finance reports, followed by updates and statistics of all ATCOG programs.

**Regular Business**

Item 6. Ms. Mary Beth Rudel presented for review and consideration approval of a one-year extension to the agreement with Pattillo, Brown & Hill, LLP, to provide auditing services from October 1, 2022, through September 30, 2023.

Motion to approve was made by Judge Howell and seconded by Ann Rushing, Mayor, City of Clarksville. It was approved.

Item 7. Mary Beth Rudel presented for review and consideration approval of revisions to the ATCOG Policies and Procedures Manual.

Motion to approve was made by Mary Hart, Councilwoman, Texarkana, Texas, and seconded by Judge Lee. It was approved.

Item 8. Ms. Sheena Record presented for review and consideration approval of the purchase of Q'Straint Incline Floor Mount Winch Systems for the TRAX and Paris Metro fleets.

Motion to approve was made by Judge Howell and seconded by George Moore, Texarkana College. It was approved.

Item 9. Ms. Patricia Haley presented for review and consideration approval of the revisions to the Regional Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (RCJAC) Bylaws.

The RCJAC conducts an annual review of the current Bylaws. Amendments were necessary for FY23. The Bylaws were reviewed, amendments were discussed, and the RCJAC made the recommendations.

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

Item 10. Ms. Patricia Haley presented for review and consideration approval of the revisions to the Regional Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (RCJAC) local priorities and the grant application scoring instrument

The local priorities and the scoring instruments are tools used by the RCJAC to review and score criminal justice grant applications. The local priorities were reviewed and approved by the RCJAC.

Motion to approve was made by Judge Lee and seconded by Brandon Bell, Judge, Lamar County. It was approved.

Item 11. Ms. Whitney Fezell presented for review and approval of continual use of the allocation formula for FY2023 as the method for allocating State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) funds to jurisdictions.

Motion to approve was made by Judge Howell and seconded by Judge Bell. It was approved.

Item 12. Ms. Whitney Fezell presented for review and consideration approval of revisions to the Homeland Security Advisory Committee (HSAC) bylaws.

Motion to approve was made by Mayor Rushing and seconded by Mr. Moore. It was approved.

Item 13. Ms. Whitney Fezell presented for review and consideration approval of the Ark-Tex Council of Governments (ATCOG) Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA), State Preparedness Report (SPR), and the Homeland Security Implementation Plan for 2023.

Motion to approve was made by Councilwoman Hart and seconded by Judge Bell. It was approved.

Item 14. Mr. Chris Brown presented for review and consideration the adoption of a resolution supporting the ATCOG Region Broadband Survey and Awareness Project.

Motion to approve was made by Judge Howell and seconded by Mayor Rushing. It was approved

Item 15. Mr. Chris Brown presented for review and consideration approval of the removal of a current signature authority and approval of new additional signature authorities for Guaranty Bank and Trust.

Motion to approve was made by Judge Lee and seconded by Doug Reeder, Judge, Morris County. It was approved.

Item 16. Mr. Chris Brown presented for review and consideration approval of revisions to the ATCOG Accounting Policies and Procedures.

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

Item 17. Mr. Chris Brown presented for review and consideration authorizing the Executive Director to enter into a contract to complete renovations at the Paris office building.

Due to ongoing discussions, Mr. Brown deferred review and approval for Paris office renovations at a later date. No action is required at this time.

### **Other Business**

- Item 18. Mr. Stephen McLemore, Owner/Operator of Ark-La-Tex Processing in Linden, Cass County, Texas, provided a presentation regarding proper scrap tire disposal.
- Item 19. Judge Williamson presented Honorable Brian Lee with a plaque for his years of service on the ATCOG Board of Directors and Executive Committee.
- Item 20. Judge Brian Lee presented Honorable L.D. Williamson a plaque for his years of service on the ATCOG Board of Directors and Executive Committee.

### **Announcements**

The NADO Washington Policy Conference will be held March 12<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>. This is a great time to visit with our House and Senate members and their staff. A draft agenda was provided in the packet.

The next ATCOG Executive Committee meeting will be held Thursday, January 26, 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, and via teleconference/webinar.

With no further announcements, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Judge Lee and seconded by Mr. Norton. The meeting adjourned.

#### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT**

Bobby Howell, Judge, Bowie County  
Brandon Bell, Judge, Lamar County  
Brian Lee, Judge, Titus County  
Robert Newsom, Judge, Hopkins County  
Scott Norton, Executive Director/CEO, TexAmericas Center  
Doug Reeder, Judge, Morris County  
Ann Rushing, Mayor, City of Clarksville  
L.D. Williamson, Judge, Red River County

#### **ATCOG BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mary Hart, Councilwoman, City of Texarkana, Texas  
Ronald Humphrey, Mayor, City of New Boston  
George Moore, Texarkana College  
Harold Nash, Councilman, City of Sulphur Springs  
Mihir Pankaj, Councilman, City of Paris  
Lynn Reynolds, Mayor, City of Linden  
Gary Spraggins, Councilman, City of Sulphur Springs  
Lowell Walker, Mayor, City of DeKalb

#### **GUESTS PRESENT**

Gaye Beard, Office of United States Representative Pat Fallon

Dan Boyles, DeKalb, Texas  
Brenda Davis, Guest  
Reece DeWoody, Office of United States Senator John Cornyn  
Wayne Dial, City of New Boston  
Jo Anne Gray, Texarkana MPO  
Virginia Hannan, Office of United States Representative Pat Fallon  
Stephen McLemore, ArkLaTex Tire Processing  
Sharon Pipes, Guest  
Ray Wilson, Office of Texas State Senator Bryan Hughes

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Rea Allen, 9-1-1 Program Director  
Chris Brown, Executive Director  
Whitney Fezell, Homeland Security Coordinator  
Patricia Haley, Criminal Justice Coordinator  
Melody Harmon, Economic Development Director  
Mae Lewis, Housing Director  
Toni Lindsey, Regional Development Director  
Marla Matthews, Executive Assistant  
Leslie McBride, Human Resources Director  
Paul Prange, Environmental Resources Coordinator  
Debbie Purifoy, Compliance and Purchasing Officer  
Claude Ramsey, IT Director  
Sheena Record, Transportation Coordinator  
Lisa Reeve, Area Agency on Aging Director  
Mary Beth Rudel, Deputy Director  
Melinda Tickle, Finance Director  
Veronica Williams, Transportation Planner

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

ATTEST:

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**2022 Council of Governments’  
Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA), Stakeholder Preparedness Review  
(SPR), and THSSP Implementation Plan (IP)  
Feedback Report**

**Council of Governments: Ark-Tex      Date of Review: 02/28/2023**

#	Criteria	Score	Notes
<b>Threat and Hazard Identification Risk Assessment (15 points + possible 2 bonus points)</b>			
0-4	<b>A minimum of four (4) Scenarios addressed that provide level of detail in accordance with CPG 201 v.3</b>	4	4 scenarios provided, all of which feature enough detail to facilitate impact modeling.
0-3	<b>Standardized Impact Estimates provided for each Threat/Hazard Scenario, including scenario-appropriate impact categories</b>	3	Standardized Impact Estimates have been provided for each scenario, reflecting extensive stakeholder engagement and SME input.
+2	<b>Sources Used to Develop Context Description and Calculate Impacts Provided</b>	2	Sources provided, with a high level of information and detail.
0-4	<b>Standardized Capability Targets completed for all 32 Core Capabilities, indicating level to which the Region intends to build</b>	4	This has been done for all 32 Core Capabilities, and the values provided make sense.
0-4	<b>Capability Target Context statements provide logic behind the Capability Target numbers</b>	4	Capability Target Context statements clearly explain the Capability target values, reflecting solid stakeholder engagement.

#	Criteria	Score	Notes
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>17</b>	
<b>Stakeholder Preparedness Review (15 points)</b>			
0-2	<b>Capability Target language for each Core Capability cut-and-pasted from the THIRA for all 32 Core Capabilities</b>	2	This has been done throughout the SPR.
0-2	<b>Estimate of Current Capability uses same standardized language as the Capability Target for all 32 Core Capabilities</b>	2	This has been done throughout the SPR.
0-5	<b>Capability Change Description provided for all 32 Core Capabilities, describing any significant changes to the region's capability levels over the last year</b>	5	Capability Change Description entries have been completed for all 32 Core Capabilities, providing a clear picture of recent regional activities and up-to-date information throughout. Very well done.
0-6	<b>Capability Gaps clearly identify region-specific needs, including gaps for aspects of the Core Capability beyond areas covered in the Capability Targets, as applicable</b>	6	POETE charts clearly explain relevant capability gaps for each Core Capability, demonstrate a high level of stakeholder engagement, and convey a clear understanding of regional gaps and priority needs. Exemplary.
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>15</b>	
<b>Implementation Plan (15 points)</b>			
0-2	<b>Used the proper report format per 2023 IP template</b>	2	Proper format used.
0-1	<b>In Section II, identify recent trends. (<i>Consider demographics, impacts of weather, changes in industry, terrorist threats and criminal activity.</i>)</b>	1	Trends discussed in the Threats and Hazards section. Great level of detail and inclusion of up-to-date information and recent developments. Exemplary.



#	Criteria	Score	Notes
0-1	Listed highest overall Priorities for the region in Section III Overview	1	This has been done.
0-1	At least 5 HSSP objectives addressed in Section III	1	13 Objectives addressed.
0-2	Provided Recent Accomplishments (per each objective)	2	<p>Recent accomplishments have been provided for each objective addressed.</p> <p>Consider deleting activities that did not happen in the preceding year (for example, on pg. 13, you can probably delete “Host fire safety week at school around the region October 2020.”)</p> <p>On p. 20, recent accomplishments are dated 2023. Since these are upcoming exercises, probably best to just list them in the POETE chart (as you’ve done). However, if you’ve been involved in the planning since 2022, then just spell that out.</p>
0-2	Listed quality performance measures (per each objective)	2	Performance measures are measurable and reasonable.
0-4	POETE Charts provide detailed information on: tasks, responsible agency(s), dollar amounts of grants or other funding, source of funding, date of completion/milestones	4	POETE charts provide a clear vision of what the region plans to accomplish in 2023, with solid detail on activities, responsible agencies, cost, and timeframe.
0-2	Implementation Plan makes sense as a whole	2	IP definitely makes sense.
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>15</b>	

#	Criteria	Score	Notes
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>47</b>	Once again, ATCOG has submitted gold-standard work.

## **BRIEFING PAPER**

### **ITEM 6:**

Review and consider approval of an appointment to serve on the Area Agency on Aging (AAA) Regional Advisory Council (RAC).

### **BACKGROUND:**

The AAA RAC is an advisory council to the Ark-Tex Council of Governments (ATCOG) Board of Directors. A vacancy exists on the AAA RAC for the Elected Official Representative position, formerly held by the Honorable L.D. Williamson.

### **DISCUSSION:**

The nominee for the vacant Elected Official Representative position is the Honorable Ann Rushing, Mayor of Clarksville, Texas. Mayor Rushing has lived in Clarksville her entire life and has served as Mayor for 22 years.

Mayor Rushing serves on many boards and committees in the community, including the Executive Committee of the ATCOG Board of Directors. Her compassion and kindness for older adults, as well as her years of service to the community, will be an asset to the AAA RAC and the Ark-Tex Region.

The AAA RAC approved the recommendation to the ATCOG Board of Directors of the appointment of Mayor Rushing at its meeting on March 2, 2023.

The AAA is seeking approval from the ATCOG Board of Directors for the appointment of Mayor Ann Rushing to serve on the AAA RAC as the Elected Official Representative.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval.

**RESOLUTION NO. ABD23-11**

**RESOLUTION OF THE ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (ATCOG) APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF THE HONORABLE ANN RUSHING TO THE AREA AGENCY ON AGING REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL (AAA RAC).**

**WHEREAS**, the AAA RAC is an advisory council to the ATCOG Board of Directors; and

**WHEREAS**, a vacancy existed on the AAA RAC for the Elected Official Representative position; and

**WHEREAS**, Mayor Ann Rushing was nominated due to her compassion and kindness for older adults and her many years of service to the community; and

**WHEREAS**, the appointment of Mayor Ann Rushing was approved for recommendation by the AAA RAC on March 2, 2023.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS:**

Section 1 - That the ATCOG Board of Directors approves the appointment of Mayor Ann Rushing to the AAA RAC to serve in the Elected Official Representative position.

Section 2 - That the Executive Director, Chris Brown, has full authority to act on behalf of the ATCOG Board in all matters pertaining to the AAA RAC appointments.

Section 3 - That this resolution is approved by majority vote in accordance with the bylaws of Ark-Tex Council of Governments and applicable law, and shall be in effect immediately upon its adoption.

**REVIEWED AND APPROVED THIS 30TH DAY OF MARCH, 2023.**

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

**ATTEST:**

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## **BRIEFING PAPER**

### **ITEM 7:**

Review and consider approval of the purchase of one Dodge Ram ProMaster 3500 vehicle for the Ark-Tex Council of Governments (ATCOG) Transportation Program (TRAX).

### **BACKGROUND:**

The Ark-Tex Council of Governments (ATCOG) Transportation program (TRAX) operates rural demand response service in 9 counties in NE Texas. The need for safe and reliable vehicles is paramount to our passengers and operators' safety.

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) 5339 Bus and Bus Facilities Formula (BBF) Program, administered by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), provides capital funding to replace, rehabilitate and purchase buses, vans, and related equipment and to construct bus-related facilities. FTA apportions a discretionary component and a small urban (population 50,000 to 200,000) formula component to Governors of each State annually.

ATCOG Transportation program capital purchases are funded by the 5339 program in accordance with TxDOT requirements, which allow ATCPG to serve clients in Bowie, Cass, Delta, Franklin, Hopkins, Lamar, Morris, Red River, and Titus Counties.

### **DISCUSSION:**

The need for a replacement vehicle was identified when working on vehicle inventory for the Transit Asset Management plan. ATCOG evaluated which vehicles were beyond their useful life (130%), and concluded that the one of the vehicles was eligible for replacement.

The Dodge ProMaster 3500 bus has many features; one is the benefits of a low-floor bus making accessibility easier for our passengers. They no longer must contend with steps. The Dodge ProMaster 3500 has an accessible entranceway that provides equal access to passengers of all abilities, including wheelchair riders and users of power scooters. It ensures that every member of the community has equal access to public services and support.

TxDOT approved the ATCOG Transportation Department to use \$125,000.00 of its 5339 Rural BBF grant funds for the vehicle purchase, and local salvage funds will be used to cover the remaining \$46,264.45. The vehicle will be procured through a state contract.

The ATCOG Procurement Policy states that all purchases of \$50,000 and above require ATCOG Board approval.

ATCOG requests approval to purchase the Dodge Ram ProMaster 3500 vehicle in the amount of \$171,264.45, with both the TxDOT grant and local transportation funds.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval.

**RESOLUTION NO. ABD23-12**

**RESOLUTION OF THE ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (ATCOG) APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF ONE DODGE RAM PROMASTER 3500 VEHICLE.**

**WHEREAS**, ATCOG Board of Directors approved the ATCOG Procurement Policy and Procedure Manual on December 14, 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, ATCOG Procurement Policy and Procedure Manual states ATCOG Board approval is required for all purchases of \$50,000 and above; and

**WHEREAS**, the Transportation Program needs to purchase one Dodge Ram ProMaster vehicle to replace a vehicle beyond its useful life to improve passenger quality of service; and

**WHEREAS**, the funding for the purchase is available through the Federal Transit Administration 5339 Bus and Bus Facilities Formula Program.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS:**

Section 1 - That the Board of Directors approves the purchase of one Dodge Ram ProMaster 3500 vehicle.

Section 2 - That the Executive Director, Chris Brown, has full signature authority to act on behalf of the ATCOG Board of Directors relating to the aforementioned purchase.

Section 3 - That this resolution is approved by majority vote in accordance with the bylaws of Ark-Tex Council of Governments and applicable law, and shall be in effect immediately upon its adoption.

**REVIEWED AND APPROVED THIS 30TH DAY OF MARCH, 2023.**

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

**ATTEST:**

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## **BRIEFING PAPER**

### **ITEM 10:**

Review and consider approval of the recommended Ark-Tex Council of Governments (ATCOG) Board of Directors Executive Committee member appointments.

### **BACKGROUND:**

Article V, Section A, of the ATCOG Bylaws provides that the vacancies on the Executive Committee because of death, resignation, removal, disqualification, or otherwise may be filled immediately by a vote of the Board of Directors at a regular meeting of the Ark-Tex Council of Governments on the recommendation of a nominating committee of not less than three Directors appointed by the highest officer of the then active Executive Committee.

### **DISCUSSION:**

The ATCOG Nominating Committee consists of Bobby Howell, Judge, Bowie County/Chair; Scott Norton, Executive Director/CEO of TexAmericas/Vice Chair; Scott Lee, Judge, Franklin County; Robert Newsom, Judge, Hopkins County; and Ann Rushing, Mayor, City of Clarksville.

The Nominating Committee met on March 23, 2023, and approved the recommendation of the following ATCOG Board Directors for appointment to the Executive Committee.

- Tanner Crutcher, Judge, Delta County
- Robert Bridges, Judge, Red River County

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

The Nominating Committee and staff recommend approval.

**RESOLUTION NO. ABD23-13**

**RESOLUTION OF THE ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (ATCOG) APPROVING APPOINTMENTS TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.**

**WHEREAS**, Article V, Section A, of the ATCOG Bylaws provide for vacancies on the Executive Committee because of death, resignation, removal, disqualification, or otherwise may be filled immediately by a vote of the Board of Directors at a regular meeting of the Ark-Tex Council of Governments on the recommendation of a nominating committee of not less than three Directors appointed by the highest officer of the then active Executive Committee.

**WHEREAS**, the ATCOG Nominating Committee consists of Bobby Howell, Judge, Bowie County/Chair; Scott Norton, Executive Director/CEO of TexAmericas/Vice Chair; Scott Lee, Judge, Franklin County; Robert Newsom, Judge, Hopkins County; and Ann Rushing, Mayor, City of Clarksville.

**WHEREAS**, the Nominating Committee met on March 23, 2023, and approved the recommendation of the following ATCOG Board of Directors' appointments to the Executive Committee.

- Honorable Tanner Crutcher, Judge, Delta County
- Honorable Robert Bridges, Judge, Red River County

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS:**

Section 1 - That the ATCOG Board of Directors approves the recommended appointments of the ATCOG Executive Committee members to serve a two-year term effective this day.

Section 2 - That this resolution is approved by majority vote in accordance with the bylaws of Ark-Tex Council of Governments and applicable law, and shall be in effect immediately upon its adoption.

**REVIEWED AND APPROVED THIS 30TH DAY OF MARCH 2023.**

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

**ATTEST:**

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**RESOLUTION NO. ABD23-14**

**RESOLUTION OF THE ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (ATCOG) AUTHORIZING RECOGNITION OF APRIL AS NATIONAL FAIR HOUSING MONTH.**

**WHEREAS**, the ATCOG is a political subdivision of the State serving Bowie, Cass, Delta, Franklin, Hopkins, Lamar, Morris, Red River, and Titus counties; and

**WHEREAS**, ATCOG is committed to providing safe, sanitary, and decent housing to the residents of the region; and

**WHEREAS**, ATCOG recognizes the professional services provided by the ATCOG housing staff to ensure fair housing standards are met; and

**WHEREAS**, April is recognized as National Fair Housing Month to commemorate the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, known as the Fair Housing Act of April 11, 1968; and

**WHEREAS**, the Fair Housing Act is a national law that prohibits discrimination in the sale, rental, and financing of housing based on race, color, national origin, religion, and gender, and was later amended to include protections for people with disabilities and families with children; and

**WHEREAS**, the President of the United States has historically acknowledged April as National Fair Housing Month.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS:**

Section 1 - That the ATCOG Board of Directors hereby declares the month of April 2023 to be National Fair Housing Month.

Section 2 - That the ATCOG Board of Directors encourages all local governments to sign a similar resolution and reach out to all housing agencies to celebrate April with appropriate activities and commemorations.

**REVIEWED AND APPROVED THIS 30TH DAY OF MARCH, 2023.**

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

**ATTEST:**

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**Red River**  
Leadership Institute  
presents:

# LEADERSHIP & INNOVATION SYMPOSIUM

**WHEN**  
**April 14, 2023**  
**8am - 4pm**

**WHERE**  
**Greater Shreveport Chamber**  
400 Edwards Street  
Shreveport, LA 71101

**REGISTRATION & PAYMENTS**  
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**9:00 AM**  
**LEADERSHIP**  
**TRAINING**



**Dr. George Manning**  
**The Art of Leadership**  
**Session 5**  
(previous attendance not required)

**LUNCH PROVIDED**

**12:00 PM**  
**INNOVATION**  
**IN NORTHWEST**  
**LOUISIANA**



**Dave Smith,**  
**Entrepreneurial**  
**Accelerator Program**

**1:30PM**  
**TOUR METRO**  
**AVIATION**



**Kenneth Morrow**  
**Chief Operating Officer**

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