

**MINUTES  
ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
February 24, 2022**

The Executive Committee of the Ark-Tex Council of Governments (ATCOG) met at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, February 24, 2022, at the Northeast Texas Small Business Development Center (SBDC), located at 105 North Riddle Avenue, Mt. Pleasant, Texas, as well as, via teleconference/webinar.

Item 1. Brian Lee, Judge, Titus County, called the meeting to order.

Item 2. Judge Brian Lee, gave the invocation.

Item 3. Public Comment.

No members of the public made a comment.

Item 4. Judge Brian Lee recognized and expressed appreciation of Honorable Bob Thorne's service on the ATCOG Board of Directors and Executive Committee. A plaque was presented to Honorable Thorne by Judge Brian Lee and Mr. Chris Brown, Executive Director.

Item 5. Mr. Brown presented for review and consideration for approval of the minutes as submitted for the ATCOG Executive Committee meeting held Thursday, January 27, 2022.

Motion to approve was made by Becky Wilbanks, Judge, Cass County, and seconded by Scott Lee, Judge, Franklin County. It was approved.

**Regular Business**

Item 6. Whitney Fezell, Homeland Security Coordinator, presented for review and consideration for approval of the submission of the following applications for FY22 State Homeland Security Program grant funds through the Office of the Governor.

- ATCOG Planning, Training and Exercises project - \$96,000
- ATCOG Regional Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Training project - \$76,000
- ATCOG Cybersecurity Planning, Training project - \$32,747

Motion to approve was made by Travis Ransom, Mayor, City of Atlanta, and seconded by Judge Scott Lee. It was approved.

Item 7. Ms. Fezell presented for review and consideration for approval of prioritization of 2022 Homeland Security Grant Program funds.

Motion to approve was made by Judge Wilbanks and seconded by Judge Scott Lee. It was approved.

Item 8. Patricia Haley, Criminal Justice Coordinator, presented for review and consideration for approval of the list of representatives to serve on the Regional Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (RCJAC) through December 31, 2023.

Motion to approve was made by Bobby Howell, Judge, Bowie County, and seconded by Judge Scott Lee. It was approved.

Item 9. Sheena Record, Transportation Coordinator, presented for review and consideration for 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 Scott Lee, and seconded by Judge Wilbanks. It was approved.

Item 10. Rea Allen, 911 Program Director, presented for review and consideration for approval of the Emergency Call Tracking System (ECaTS) contract renewal for Management Information System (MIS).

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

### **Announcements**

The ATCOG Board of Directors meeting will be held on March 31, 2022, 10:00 a.m., at the Northeast Texas Small Business Development Center (SBDC), located at 105 North Riddle Avenue, Mt. Pleasant, Texas, as well as via teleconference/webinar.

A Rural Transportation Planning Organization (RTPO) meeting will be held in conjunction with the ATCOG Board of Directions meeting in March. TxDOT representatives will be presenting on the development of the FY23-26 Rural Transportation Improvement Program and Plan.

With no other announcements, a motion to adjourn was made by Judge Scott Lee, and seconded by Judge Howell. The meeting was adjourned.

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

Ann Rushing, Mayor, City of Clarksville  
Becky Wilbanks, Judge, Cass County  
Bobby Howell, Judge, Bowie County  
Brandon Bell, Judge, Lamar County  
Brian Lee, Judge, Titus County  
Doug Reeder, Judge, Morris County  
Marc Reiter, Mayor Pro Tem, City of Hooks  
Robert Newsom, Judge, Hopkins County  
Scott Lee, Judge, Franklin County  
Scott Norton, Executive Director/CEO, TexAmericas Center  
Travis Ransom, Mayor, City of Atlanta

#### **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Ronald Humphry, Mayor, City of New Boston  
Jean Matlock, Councilwoman, City of Texarkana  
Mary Hart, Councilwoman, City of Texarkana  
George Moore, Board Member at Large, Texarkana College

#### **GUESTS PRESENT**

Bob Thorne, Past ATCOG Board Member  
Charlene Thorne  
Nathan Tofoya, Executive Director, Mt. Pleasant Economic Development Corporation  
Reese DeWoody, Office of United States Senator John Cornyn

#### **STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT**

Chris Brown, Executive Director

Jenny Butler, AAA Coordinator  
Leslie McBride, Human Resources Director  
Lisa Reeve, Area Agency on Aging Director  
Mae Lewis, Housing Director  
Marla Matthews, Executive Assistant  
Mary Beth Rudel, Deputy Director  
Melinda Tickle, Finance Director  
Melody Harmon, Economic Development Director  
Patricia Haley, Criminal Justice Coordinator  
Paul Prange, Environmental Resources Coordinator  
Rea Allen, 911 Program Director  
Sheena Record, Transportation Coordinator  
Toni Lindsey, Regional Development Director  
Whitney Fezell, Homeland Security Coordinator



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Brian Lee, Vice President  
Board of Directors  
Ark-Tex Council of Governments

ATTEST:



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