

**MINUTES**  
**ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**  
**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**January 27, 2022**

The Executive Committee of the Ark-Tex Council of Governments (ATCOG) met at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, January 27, 2022, at the Ark-Tex Council of Governments, located at 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. Judge Williamson, gave the invocation.

Item 3. Public Comment.

No members of the public made a comment.

Item 4. Chris Brown, Executive Director, presented the following consent agenda items.

- Approval of the minutes as submitted for the ATCOG Executive Committee meeting held Thursday, October 28, 2021.
- Acceptance of the minutes for the Homeland Security Advisory Committee meeting held Thursday, December 16, 2021.

Motion to approve was made by Brian Lee, Judge, Titus County, and seconded by Scott Norton, CEO, TexAmericas. It was approved.

**Review and Comment**

Item 5. Mr. Brown presented, for information only, the Executive Director report.

Mr. Brown advised the Board all staff have been working remotely for the past couple of weeks due to the COVID surge. All departments and communications are working efficiently.

Mr. Brown provided updates and statistics of all ATCOG programs.

Item 6. Whitney Fezell, Homeland Security Coordinator, 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 2022.

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

Item 7. Ms. Fezell presented for review and consideration approval for revisions to the Risk Methodology and Allocation Process for allocating State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) funds.

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

Item 8. Ms. Fezell presented for review and consideration for revisions to the Homeland Security Advisory Committee (HSAC) bylaws.

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

Item 9. Patricia Haley, Criminal Justice Coordinator, presented for review and consideration for approval of the Executive Director, as the ATCOG Authorized Official, to submit an application to the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, for the Purchase of Juvenile Justice Services Project for FY 2023.

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

#### **Other Business**

Item 10. Mr. Brown presented the ATCOG Building Renovations update. Mr. Brown provided a presentation of the architectural plans of the ATCOG Housing remodel. The project is near completion, and staff plan to move back into their offices. Phase II of the building addition consists of the 9-1-1 expansion and deferred maintenance repairs on the exterior of the main office, which is currently out for bid. Mr. Brown will provide the total cost and recommendation for payment at the February Executive Committee meeting.

Item 11. Mr. Brown discussed general ARPA funding. The U.S. Department of the Treasury has released reporting requirements. Mr. Brown and Ms. Toni Lindsey, Regional Development Director, provided the Board with reporting guidance. ATCOG will forward additional guidance web links and videos to each county within the region.

#### **Announcements**

Judge Williamson announced that a Workforce CEO's meeting will be held immediately following the meeting.

Judge Williamson announced that the next Executive Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, February 24, 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.

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

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

Becky Wilbanks, Judge, Cass County  
Bobby Howell, Judge, Bowie County  
Brian Lee, Judge, Titus County  
Doug Reeder, Judge, Morris County  
L.D. Williamson, Judge, Red River County  
Robert Newsom, Judge, Hopkins County  
Scott Lee, Judge, Franklin County  
Scott Norton, Executive Director/CEO, TexAmericas Center  
Stan Wyatt, NETX Municipal Water District  
Travis Ransom, Mayor, City of Atlanta

#### **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Lowell Walker, Mayor, City of DeKalb  
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  
Brad Hyman, Mayor, City of Mt. Vernon

GUESTS PRESENT

April Corbit, Northeast Texas Workforce Solutions  
Bart Spivey, Northeast Texas Workforce Solutions  
Kathy Comer, Office of United States Senator John Cornyn  
KiAnn Richardson, Northeast Texas Workforce Solutions  
Nathan Tofoya, Executive Director, Mt. Pleasant Economic Development Corporation  
Randy Reed, Northeast Texas Workforce Solutions  
Todd Kleiboer, Sulphur Springs News-Telegram

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Chris Brown, Executive Director  
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  
Toni Lindsey, Regional Development Director  
Paul Prange, Environmental Resources Coordinator  
Whitney Fezell, Homeland Security Coordinator



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

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