

**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



Brian Lee (Apr 28, 2022 17:20 CDT)

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

ATTEST:



Scott Lee (Apr 29, 2022 11:05 CDT)
