

**NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**

Minutes — January 23, 2020

Transportation Council Room

616 Six Flags Drive | Arlington, Texas

President Clark called the regular meeting of the North Central Texas Council of Governments Executive Board to order at 12:47 pm.

Members of the Board Present:

1. J. D. Clark
2. Ray Smith
3. Kevin Strength
4. Kelly Allen Gray
5. Gary Caplinger
6. Yvonne Davis
7. Chris Hill
8. Bill Heidemann

Members of the Board Absent:

9. Clay Jenkins
10. Lee Kleinman
11. Bobbie Mitchell
12. Andrew Piel
13. Tito Rodriguez
14. Ken Shetter
15. Glen Whitley
16. Curtistene McCowan
17. Richard Stopfer
18. David Sweet

Members of the Staff Present:

Mike Eastland, Monte Mercer, Tim Barbee, Doni Green, Michael Morris, Edith Marvin, Molly McFadden, Molly Rendon, David Setzer, Stephanie Cecil, Dan Kessler, Ken Kirkpatrick, Karen Richard, Chris Klaus, Randy Richardson, Emily Beckham, Jon Blackman, Dana Buckholt, Debra Kosarek, Heather Mazac, Carmen Morones, Laurel Holdegraver, Roger Mann, Marcos Nunez, Anna Piasecki, Alayna Payne, Ashley Releford

Visitors Present:

David Johnson, Citizen, Flower Mound

Presentation of Service Awards

The following NCTCOG employees earned service awards this year.

40 Years

Michael Morris, Transportation

25 Years

Christopher Klaus, Transportation

20 Years

Omar Barrios, Transportation
Natalie Bettger, Transportation
Mary Ford, Workforce Development
Robert Hall, Transportation
Jan Henning, Area Agency on Aging
Richard Michael, Agency Administration
Mindy Mize, Transportation
Jeffrey Neal, Transportation
Leanna Russell, Nct9-1-1
Janet Smith, Public Affairs
Francisco Torres, Transportation
Lisa Walker, Area Agency on Aging
Barbara Walsh, Transportation
Amy Wright, Research & Info Svcs-Ops

15 Years

Tamara Cook, Environment & Development
Jenny Narvaez, Transportation
Kathleen Yu, Transportation

10 Years

Juan Barron-Luna, Transportation
Brian Geck, Environment & Development
Tommy Tran, Nct9-1-1

5 Years

Morgan Armstrong, Workforce Development
Andrea Bagsby, Workforce Development
Cindy Barron, Agency Administration
Denise Brown-Anderson, Agency Administration
Kasey Cox, Nct9-1-1
Jeremy Crabtree, Nct9-1-1
Kristhel Flores, Transportation
Elisabeth Hall, Agency Administration
Karlotta Hannibal, Area Agency on Aging
Brandi Harrison-Trotter, Workforce Development
Jeff Hathcock, Transportation
Renee Jimenez, Workforce Development
Michael Johnson, Transportation
Travis Liska, Transportation
Lashay Marshall, Research & Info Svcs-Ops
Heather Mazac, Agency Administration
Kathy Oleszkowicz, Workforce Development
Vivica Parker, Transportation

5 Years, cont.

Ashley Releford, Transportation
Lisa Renshaw, Workforce Development
Daniel Snyder, Transportation
Vivek Thimmavajjhala, Transportation
Jerri Watson, Agency Administration
Kate Zielke, Transportation

REGULAR SESSION

ACTION:

Item 1 Approval of Minutes

President Clark stated that the first item on the agenda was approval of the minutes from the December 2019 Executive Board meeting.

Upon a Motion by Judge Whitley (seconded by Commissioner Mitchell), and unanimous vote of all members present, the Board approved the minutes of the December 2019 Executive Board meeting.

Item 2 Resolution to Accept and Approve the Quarterly Investment Report

Molly Rendon, Director of Administration, presented the Investment Report for management and Executive Board review. The Investment Report provided information on the investment activity for the quarter that ended December 31, 2019, and showed the average rate of return, cumulative transactions, and beginning and ending balances for the quarter. She also provided a supplementary schedule regarding the State's investment activity of the Regional Toll Revenue funds, as well as the NTTA Hwy. 161 funds.

Exhibit: 2020-01-02-AA

Upon a Motion by Commissioner Mitchell (seconded by Mayor Heidemann), and unanimous vote of all members present, the Board approved the resolution as presented.

Item 3 Resolution Authorizing a Lease Extension for the Denton Workforce Center

David Setzer, Director of Workforce Development, asked the Board to authorize the extension of the current lease at the Denton Workforce Center, located at 1300 Teasley Lane in Denton, for a period of six months. He explained that the lease expires on September 30, 2020, and the landlord has agreed to extend the current rental rate at \$18.25 per square foot. He reminded the Board that it is currently projected that 21 Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) staff will integrate within the Workforce Center when a location with enough space is located. He explained that the extension will allow sufficient time to locate a property and negotiate the most favorable lease terms.

Exhibit: 2020-01-03-WD

Upon a Motion by Judge Whitley (seconded by Commissioner Mitchell), and unanimous vote of all members present, the Board approved the resolution as presented.

Item 4 Resolution Adopting the 2020 Tarrant County Hazard Mitigation Action Plan

Molly McFadden, Director of Emergency Preparedness, asked the Board to approve and adopt the updated *2020 Tarrant County Hazard Mitigation Action Plan*. She explained that FEMA requires that jurisdictions have a current hazard mitigation action plan in order to apply for mitigation grant funding. NCTCOG serves as one of 33 participating jurisdictions required to adopt the Tarrant County Plan, which will provide eligibility to apply for grants for the next five years. This update of the 2015 plan includes changes in vulnerabilities and development, new participating jurisdictions and new mitigation action items. The Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) have reviewed and approved the 2020 Tarrant County Hazard Mitigation Action Plan, pending Executive Board adoption.

Exhibit: 2020-01-04-EP

Upon a Motion by Mayor Heidemann (seconded by Mayor Shetter), and unanimous vote of all members present, the Board approved the resolution as presented.

Item 5 Resolution Authorizing an Agreement for Receipt of Funds from the US Department of Energy

Michael Morris, Director of Transportation, requested authorization to enter into an agreement with the Department of Energy's contracting agent and accept funding in the amount of approximately \$450,000, over an anticipated five-year period, to support the Dallas-Fort Worth Clean Cities Coalition Program. He explained that NCTCOG has been designated as a Clean Cities Coalition since 1993 and the Dallas-Fort Worth Clean Cities (DFWCC) Coalition is housed at and supported by NCTCOG. Staff activities under this initiative currently focus on improving efficiency and reducing the negative air quality impacts of transportation.

Exhibit: 2020-01-05-TR

Upon a Motion by Councilmember Caplinger (seconded by Judge Whitley), and unanimous vote of all members present, the Board approved the resolution as presented.

Judge Jenkins entered the meeting.

Item 6 Resolution Endorsing Grant Application to the United States Department of Transportation Safety Data Initiative

Michael Morris, Director of Transportation, and Christy Williams, Director of North Central Texas Emergency Communications District (NCT9-1-1) Programs, requested endorsement of a grant application for approximately \$500,000 in federal funds from the United States Department of Transportation (US DOT) under the 2020 Safety Data Initiative (SDI) grant program entitled: *State and Local Government Data Analysis Tools to Support Policy and Decision Making for Roadway Safety*. The Transportation Department and NCT9-1-1 are jointly proposing to develop a tool that leverages low-cost and open source data to provide Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) with trans-jurisdictional situational awareness capabilities. With this tool, dynamic incidents that are moving through and across jurisdictions could be easily tracked by multiple PSAPs with a seamless handoff between jurisdictions - a capacity that is not presently available.

Exhibit: 2020-01-06-TR

Upon a Motion by Mayor Shetter (seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez), and unanimous vote of all members present, the Board approved the resolution as presented.

Item 7 Resolution Authorizing a Contract with Kimley Horn and Associates, Inc. to Conduct Preliminary Engineering of the Bomber Spur Regional Veloweb Shared-Use Path

Michael Morris, Director of Transportation, requested approval to enter into a consultant contract with Kimley Horn and Associates, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$200,000 (\$160,000 in federal Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funds and \$40,000 in local match funds from partner agencies). The consultant will develop an alignment route for a Regional Veloweb shared-use path utilizing the abandoned Bomber Spur railway corridor, beginning at the intersection of SH 183 and Calmont Avenue and continuing south approximately three miles to its terminus at the intersection of SH 183 and W. Vickery Blvd. in Fort Worth.

Exhibit: 2020-01-07-TR

Upon a Motion by Judge Whitley (seconded by Commissioner Mitchell), and unanimous vote of all members present, the Board approved the resolution as presented.

Item 8 Resolution Authorizing Participation as a Subrecipient of Akimeka, LLC for an Electric Vehicle Data Collection Project

Michael Morris, Director of Transportation, asked the Board to authorize participation, as a subrecipient, in a grant awarded to Akimeka, LLC, by the Department of Energy (DOE) for a national electric vehicle (EV) data collection and dissemination project. NCTCOG would receive approximately \$40,000 in funds. He explained that NCTCOG is one of several Clean Cities Coalitions invited to participate as a subrecipient and would recruit fleets and EV drivers, provide data regarding current use of EVs and charging infrastructure and serve as a liaison between the project leads and local data providers. The Unified Planning Work Program for Regional Transportation Planning includes implementation of air quality initiatives and this initiative would also further efforts currently listed in the DFW Eight-Hour Ozone State Implementation Plan.

Upon a Motion by Mayor Heidemann (seconded by Councilmember Caplinger), and unanimous vote of all members present, the Board approved the resolution as presented.

Item 9 Resolution Authorizing Travel Outside North America

Michael Morris, Director of Transportation, asked the Board to approve travel to Indonesia for Jeffrey C. Neal, Senior Program Manager for the Transportation Department's Streamlined Project Delivery and Data Management Team. Mr. Neal has been invited to participate in workshops sponsored by the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) during February

2020. It is anticipated that most of the travel, lodging, and meals will be reimbursed by USDOT. He explained that the workshops were developed as part of the U.S. Infrastructure Transaction Assistance Network (ITAN) initiative. They are related to master planning and public/private collaboration strategies for large transportation infrastructure projects, including recent advancements dedicated to the potential implementation of innovative high-speed mass-transit applications.

Exhibit: 2020-01-09-TR

Upon a Motion by Judge Whitley (seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez), and unanimous vote of all members present, the Board approved the resolution as presented.

Item 10 Resolution Authorizing an Additional Staff Position for the Aging Department

Doni Green, Director of Aging, asked the board to approve one new full-time staff position to support Care Coordination and Caregiver Support Coordination programs. She explained that recent increases in grant funding will allow programs to serve a greater number of eligible persons and has increased case manager workloads. NCTCOG currently has three staff case managers who support this program, which works with older individuals who are at risk of premature nursing home placement by arranging temporary in-home services and supports that allow clients to remain in the community.

Exhibit: 2020-01-10-AG

Upon a Motion by Mayor Shetter (seconded by Judge Whitley), and unanimous vote of all members present, the Board approved the resolution as presented.

Item 11 Resolution Authorizing Submittal of Systems Change Application to United Way of Tarrant County

Doni Green, Director of Aging, requested authorization to submit a grant application for funds to the United Way of Tarrant County, in the amount of \$160,000. She explained that United Way is seeking applications for systems change activity and the Area Agency on Aging (NCTAAA) wishes to apply for these funds to improve the standard of care for Tarrant County persons with dementia by implementing a variety of initiatives with partner agencies. The grant has a 20% match requirement, and Meals on Wheels of Tarrant County and Dementia Friendly Fort Worth have agreed to contribute \$40,000 to meet this requirement.

Exhibit: 2020-01-11-AG

Upon a Motion by Councilmember Rodriguez (seconded by Commissioner Mitchell), and unanimous vote of all members present, the Board approved the resolution as presented.

APPOINTMENTS:

Item 12 Appointments to the Regional Aging Advisory Committee (RAAC)

Doni Green, Director of Aging, asked the Board to approve seven appointments to the Regional Aging Advisory Committee, which assists in representing the interests of older persons. Nominations were received from County Judges and county-based subrecipients. Nominees by county are:

- Erath County: Debbie Byers (first-time nominee)
- Hunt County: Berniece Reeves-Brown (re-nominee)
- Kaufman County: Dr. Bruce Wood (first-time nominee)
- Palo Pinto County: Carla Hay Perdue (re-nominee)
- Parker County: Dr. Mike Zepeda (re-nominee)
- Rockwall County: Monte Allred (re-nominee)
- Wise County: Debbie Bounds (first-time nominee)

She also informed the Board that RAAC has selected the following officers for Calendar Year 2020:

- President: Berniece Reeve-Brown of Hunt County
- Vice-President: Sue Whitehurst of Collin County
- Secretary: Pat Rodgers of Collin County

Upon a Motion by Judge Jenkins (seconded by Judge Whitley), and unanimous vote of all members present, the Board approved the appointments as presented.

STATUS REPORTS:

Item 13 Status Report on the Virgin Hyperloop One Certification Center Proposal

Michael Morris, Director of Transportation, explained that the Dallas-Fort Worth region has been shortlisted as a potential site for the Virgin Hyperloop One Certification Center, which has moved from the testing phase to the certification phase. He

outlined the next steps in the selection process and the proposed efforts to meet the application deadline of February 28, 2020.

Item 14 Status Report on Flood Related Funding and New Regional Planning Groups for Texas

Edith Marvin, Director of Environment and Development, briefed the Board on flood related planning and funding issues in the state and region. She outlined the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Texas CDBG-Disaster Relief/Mitigation (DR/MIT) Grants that have been awarded and used, currently open and soon to be available funds for long-term disaster recovery and mitigation, that are administered by the Texas General Land Office. She also discussed legislation enacted in 2019, by the 86th Texas Legislature, that would provide grants and loans for flood control and mitigation projects, including:

- A constitutional amendment, which was approved by voters on November 5, 2019, providing for the creation of the Flood Infrastructure Fund (FIF) into which the legislature transferred \$793 million from the Economic Stabilization or "Rainy Day" Fund.
- The creation of the Texas Infrastructure Resiliency Fund (TIRF) and funds appropriated to the Floodplain Management Account within the TIRF.
- The development of the first State Flood Plan, a responsibility assigned to the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB), which will be patterned after the existing State Water Plan.

To prepare for the State Flood Plan, regional flood planning groups will develop reports identifying needed projects on a five-year planning cycle. The first funding applications will be solicited in early 2020; the first Regional Flood Plans will be due in January 2023; and the first State Flood Plan is due to the legislature in September 2024. NCTCOG staff has hosted discussions of regional expectations regarding coordinating and administering the Regional Flood Planning Group and has begun and will continue coordinating with the TWDB to discuss future funding and planning opportunities.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Item 15 Old and New Business

There was no old or new Business.

Item 16 Future Calendar and Attendance

The Board was provided with a Calendar of meetings and a record of Attendance.

President Clark adjourned the meeting at 2:05 pm.

Approved by:



J. D. Clark, President
North Central Texas Council of Governments
County Judge, Wise County

Checked by:



Mike Eastland, Executive Director
North Central Texas Council of Governments