NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
August 22, 2019 | 12:45 pm
NCT9-1-1 Training Room | 600 Six Flags Drive, Arlington, Texas

Vice-President Smith called the regular meeting of the North Central Texas Council of Governments Executive Board to order at 12:45 pm on August 22, 2019.

Members of the Board Present:
1. Ray Smith
2. Curtistene McCowan
3. Kevin Strength
4. Gary Caplinger
5. Yvonne Davis
6. Chris Hill
7. Bill Heidemann
8. Clay Jenkins
9. Lee Kleinman
10. Bobbie Mitchell
11. Andrew Piel
12. Tito Rodriguez
13. Ken Shetter
14. Richard Stopfer
15. David Sweet
16. Glen Whitley

Members of the Board Absent:
17. J. D. Clark
18. Kelly Allen Gray

Members of the Staff Present:

Visitors Present:
Aaron Mercer, Field Supervisor, Dikita

REGULAR SESSION

ACTION:

Item 1 Approval of Minutes

Vice-President Smith stated that the first item on the agenda was approval of the minutes for the June Executive Board Meeting, since the July meeting was cancelled.

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

Item 19 Resolution Endorsing a Contract Amendment with Servicemaster Quality Cleaning Services for Workforce Center Janitorial Services

Vice-President Smith explained that he had a request to move item 19 to the top of the agenda. David Setzer, Director of Workforce Development, explained that the existing contract with Servicemaster Quality Cleaning Services was ending on July 31, 2019. He said a procurement process for a janitorial services provider was completed in July of 2019, but due to the timing, staff executed a sixty-day contract extension through September 30, 2019. Costs are not anticipated to exceed $205,000 for the revised term and staff anticipates presenting a new vendor contract to the Board in September.

Exhibit: 2019-08-19-WF

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

Item 2 Resolution to Accept and Approve the Quarterly Investment Report

Molly Rendon, Director of Administration, presented the Quarterly Investment Report, showing the average rate of return, cumulative transactions, and beginning and ending balances for the quarter that ended June 30, 2019,
and asked the Board for acceptance and approval. In addition, she provided a supplementary schedule showing the State’s investment activity for Regional Toll Revenue funds and NTTA Hwy 161 funds.

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

Item 3 Resolution Authorizing a Contract Amendment with Structure Tone Southwest, LLC for General Contractor Services

Molly Rendon, Director of Administration, asked the Board to authorize a contract amendment with Structure Tone Southwest, LLC, for the renovation of NCTCOG facilities. This would increase the not to exceed amount of $3,800,000 by $750,000, for a revised total not to exceed amount of $4,550,000 - an increase of 19.7% of the allowable 25% increase in the original authorization. She explained that the original authorized budget for Tenant Improvement Allowance-funded renovations was sufficient to complete the building remodel. However, additional department-funded construction and the Centerpoint II restroom renovation project, funded by the building owners, have affected the original approved contract threshold.

Exhibit: 2019-08-03-AA

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

Item 4 Resolution Authorizing a Contract with SKC Communications Products LLC for Audio and Visual Equipment and Services Relating to Building Renovations

Molly Rendon, Director of Administration, explained that the contract with SKC Communication Products LLC, in an amount not to exceed $250,000, will be used to purchase audio/video equipment and support services necessary for the renovation of the meeting and conference rooms in Centerpoint II, 1st floor Conference Center (excluding the Transportation Council Room).

Exhibit: 2019-08-04-AA

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

Item 5 Resolution Authorizing a Contract Amendment and New Agreement with Cornerstone OnDemand for the SHARE Cooperative Purchasing Program

Monte Mercer, Deputy Executive Director, explained that in 2016, to train and develop agency staff, NCTCOG contracted with Cornerstone OnDemand for its learning management system. The contract included the option to extend training content and services to participating governmental entities through the SHARE Cooperative Purchasing Program, which several local governments have purchased. NCTCOG would like to transition these services to the typical referral relationship used by other SHARE Programs. This would allow entities to contract with Cornerstone directly. In order to “grandfather” five entities into the existing business model until the current contractual agreements end on February 22, 2024, NCTCOG would increase the existing contract amount by $262,500, and the period of performance by two years, for a revised total not to exceed amount of $1,312,500, and a revised total term of five years, ending September 30, 2021. A new Master Services Agreement for Subscription Services will be established with Cornerstone for the SHARE Cooperative Purchasing Program, in an amount not to exceed $350,000. This agreement will have a period of performance coterminous with the February 22, 2024 contract schedule.

Exhibit: 2019-08-05-AA

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

Judge Jenkins left the meeting.
Item 6 Resolution Authorizing Contracts for Public Safety Strategic Consulting Services for the SHARE Cooperative Purchasing Program

Monte Mercer, Deputy Executive Director, explained that the services offered through this contract with Mission Critical Partners, LLC, and Federal Engineering, Inc., will be available to agencies throughout the United States via the SHARE Cooperative Purchasing Program. These are services such as: private switch ALL, emergency notification database services, call statistic reporting, regional GIS coordination, quality control of GIS data, data aggregation and conversion services, geospatial call routing solutions, public education, telecommunicator training, PSAP compliance, research and development of industry technology, and system installation and maintenance.

Exhibit: 2019-08-06-AA

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

Representative Davis left the meeting. Councilmember Kleinman arrived at the meeting.

Item 7 Resolution Authorizing Contracts with Managed Care Organizations for Nursing Home Relocation Services

Doni Green, Director of Aging, explained that contracts with managed care organizations Amerigroup, Cigna HealthSpring, Molina, and United Healthcare will provide nursing home relocation services for Medicaid-eligible nursing home residents with complex needs. The contracts, in an annual amount of approximately $35,000, will be for a maximum four-year term with the option to extend for up to three consecutive years. Through these services, relocation specialists help find affordable housing, arrange community-based services like transportation and money management, and access transition grants for the provision of essential goods and services.

Exhibit: 2019-08-07-AG

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

Item 8 Resolution Amending Previous Authorization for Case Management Services Contracts

Doni Green, Director of Aging, explained that four managed care organizations (MCOs) provide funding for intense case management services (known under the MCO contracts as “relocation services”), to their members who wish to return to community living. These services are provided to nursing home residents by the Area Agency on Aging through a combination of staff and contract relocation specialists. The current contracts for these services will expire August 31, 2019 and are eligible for the first of four consecutive one-year renewals. This amendment to the previous authorization will add CompliServices and DeWanda Harris Trimiar as contractors and revise the annual not to exceed amount from $1,000,000 to $650,000.

Exhibit: 2019-08-08-AG

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

Item 9 Resolution Authorizing Agreements for Information, Referral and Assistance Services

Doni Green, Director of Aging, explained that NCTCOG’s Area Agency on Aging receives federal and state funding to provide information, referral and assistance services to older persons and caregivers of older persons in its 14-county service region. These funds are designated as pass through to subrecipients through agreements that will have a one-year period of performance with an option to renew for up to four consecutive one-year terms. The Regional Aging Advisory Board (RAAC) has recommended funding the following organizations for a total of $80,000 per annum, as follows:

- Alzheimer’s Association—Dallas and Northeast Texas Chapter: $35,000
- Community Council of Greater Dallas: $25,000
- Maurice Barnett Geriatric Wellness Center, d.b.a. Wellness Center for Older Adults: $10,000

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• Meals on Wheels Senior Services of Rockwall County: $5,000
• Senior Connect: $5,000

Exhibit: 2019-08-09-AG

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

Item 10 Resolution Authorizing Allocations for Title III Nutrition and Transportation Services

Doni Green, Director of Aging, explained that NCTCOG’s Area Agency on Aging receives federal and state funding through Title III of the Older Americans Act to provide nutrition and transportation services to older persons in its 14-county service region. NCTCOG anticipates receiving a total of approximately $4,152,425 in federal and state funding during Fiscal Year 2019 and similar amounts in future years. FY2020 funds will be passed through to the 15 subrecipients that have been deemed qualified by staff reviewers. (See representative example of subrecipient funding for FY2020 below.) The entities will be given one-year subrecipient agreements, with options to renew for up to four consecutive one-year periods.

- City of Cleburne (Cle-Tran) $11,921
- Collin County Committee on Aging $803,315
- S.P.A.N. (Denton County) $557,092
- Erath County Senior Citizens, Inc. $136,962
- Meals on Wheels of Johnson and Ellis Counties $557,207
- Hood County Committee on Aging $238,852
- Senior Center Resources and Public Transit (Hunt County) $408,751
- Senior Connect ( Kaufman and Navarro counties) $652,670
- Meals on Wheels of Palo Pinto County $110,940
- Parker County Committee on Aging $234,949
- Meals on Wheels Senior Services (Rockwall County) $158,152
- Somervell County Committee on Aging $122,230
- Wise County Committee on Aging $105,502
- Public Transit Services (Palo Pinto and Parker counties) $26,882
- Sixty and Better $27,000

Exhibit: 2019-08-10-AG

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

Item 11 Resolution Authorizing the FY2020 Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with the Office of the Governor Public Safety Office

Kelly Schmidt, Criminal Justice Program Administrator, explained that beginning in FY2020, the Governor’s Public Safety Office (PSO) will execute a single Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with each region for both Criminal Justice Division (CJD) and Homeland Security Grants Division (HSGD) services. CJD and HSGD will each have a separate Statement of Work (SOW) attached to the Agreement.

The NCTCOG Emergency Preparedness Department annually leads the application process for the Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP), as outlined and accepted by the Regional Emergency Preparedness Advisory Committee (REPAC), the Emergency Preparedness Planning Council (EPPC), and the Executive Board. To manage and administer the 2020 Homeland Security Grant Program and application process, as specified in the Agreement’s Homeland Security Statement of Work, NCTCOG is requesting approximately $74,000.

The NCTCOG Criminal Justice Program annually leads the Criminal Justice application process, as outlined and accepted by the Criminal Justice Policy Development Committee (CJPDC) and the Executive Board. The program provides technical assistance to public and private agencies for the development and implementation of criminal justice projects, grant application workshops, preparation of grant applications, and grant management for the following programs: the General Victim Assistance Program, the Criminal Justice Program, the Juvenile Justice Program, and the Violence Against Women Justice and Training Program. To provide planning and
coordination activities as specified in the Agreement’s Criminal Justice Statement of Work, NCTCOG is requesting approximately $220,678.88.

Exhibit: 2019-08-11-CJ

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

Item 12 Resolution Endorsing the 2019 Update to the Water Quality Management Plan for the NCTCOG Region

Edith Marvin, Director of Environment and Development, reminded the Board that NCTCOG is the region’s water quality management planning agency, as designated by the Governor, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), and the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). She explained that NCTCOG annually updates a Water Quality Management Plan (WQMP) to support the implementation of programs and policies that improve water quality in North Central Texas. TCEQ provides funding for the WQMP, which is developed with input and endorsement from the Water Resources Council. Once approved, the 2019 Update for the NCTCOG Region will be forwarded to the TCEQ for approval.

Exhibit: 2019-08-12-ED

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

Item 13 Resolution Endorsing Submittal of Grant Application to the Department of Energy, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE), for the Solar Energy Technologies Program

Edith Marvin, Director of Environment and Development, explained that this joint effort between Environment and Development and Transportation Departments, along with with the Houston Advanced Research Center (HARC) and a team of six partner organizations, will support the development of a cost-effective solar+storage financing program. The program will operate within low to moderate income opportunity zones in the Houston and Dallas metropolitan statistical areas. The application for funds, in an amount not to exceed $40,000, was submitted to the Department of Energy (DOE), through the Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE) Solar Energy Technologies grant program on July 25, 2019.

Exhibit: 2019-08-13-ED

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

Item 14 Resolution Endorsing the FY2020 and FY2021 Unified Planning Work Program for Regional Transportation Planning

Dan Kessler, Assistant Director of Transportation, gave a brief summary of the FY2020 and FY2021 Unified Planning Work Program for Regional Transportation Planning (UPWP). He explained that the plan is required by federal planning regulations and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) in order to receive federal Transportation Planning Funds. The UPWP is developed by staff, local governments and transportation agencies. The plan describes transportation and related air quality planning activities (and funding sources) that will be carried out from October 1, 2019, through September 30, 2021 by the Regional Transportation Council (RTC). The FY2020 and FY2021 UPWP has been approved by the Surface Transportation Technical Committee and the RTC.

Exhibit: 2019-08-14-TR

Upon a Motion by Judge Sweet (seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez), and unanimous vote of all members present, the Board approved the resolution as presented.
Item 15 Resolution Endorsing Grant Application to the United States Department of Transportation

Michael Morris, Director of Transportation, explained that applications for the United States Department of Transportation’s (USDOT) 2019 Advanced Transportation and Congestion Management Technologies Deployment Initiative (ATCMTD) grant program were due on August 6, 2019. The funds support large-scale installation and operation of advanced transportation technologies to improve safety, efficiency, system performance, and infrastructure return on investment. The Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approved the submittal of an application for approximately $6 million total ($3 million USDOT + $3 million Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Interest/Credit Rebates or RTC Local, if TCEQ funding unsuccessful). The proposed project includes a data fusion platform and performance measures to assist in communications and data that will monitor, predict and influence transportation conditions across the region; have the capacity to receive data inputs from multiple sources and providers; and will incorporate regional objectives and interactions to manage a multimodal transportation system.

Exhibit: 2019-08-15-TR

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

Item 16 Resolution Endorsing BUILD Grant Applications Submitted to the United States Department of Transportation

Michael Morris, Director of Transportation, explained that applications for $900 million in available funds under the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) Fiscal Year 2019 Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Discretionary Grant Program were due July 15, 2019. He requested endorsements of three submitted grant applications, in the amount of $75 million, that were approved by the Regional Transportation Council and submitted to USDOT on July 11, 2019: North Texas Multimodal Operations, Velocity, Efficiency, and Safety (MOVES) Program; State Highway (SH) 114 Frontage Road Gap Project; and U.S. Highway (US) 80/Interstate Highway (IH) 635 Reconstruction Project.

Exhibit: 2019-08-16-TR

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

Item 17 Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Bicycle and Pedestrian (Active Transportation) User Count Services and Equipment Technology Upgrades

Michael Morris, Director of Transportation, informed the Board that this agreement is for the continuation of electronic data transmission services and operations/maintenance assistance over an additional five-year period, and any necessary equipment technology upgrades during that period, in an amount not to exceed $90,000, with Eco-Counter, Inc. NTCOCG will also receive approximately $35,000 in local funds from participating partners. He explained that the counting and data transmission equipment is used for automated data collection (volume, direction, time of day, and types of users) of pedestrian and bicycle users on trails and bikeways in the region, as well as the associated operation and maintenance activities over a five-year period. The data is used for such things as trend analysis, updating air quality calculations for active transportation facilities, and to help identify non-motorized commuting patterns and volumes in the region.

Exhibit: 2019-08-17-TR

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

Item 18 Resolution Authorizing Grant Application to the Federal Highway Administration

Michael Morris, Director of Transportation, told the Board that this request is for approximately $80,000 from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) for Alternative Fuels Corridor Deployment Plans. He explained that the Fixing America’s Surface Transportation Act requires the US Department of Transportation to designate a network of nationwide highways as alternative fuel corridors. The FHWA initiated a process to designate highway segments as either corridor-ready or corridor-pending for propane, natural gas, electric, or hydrogen infrastructure. Interstate 45 has been designated as corridor-pending for both electric charging and hydrogen.
refueling infrastructure. Under this project, a Corridor Deployment Plan would be developed in collaboration with the Houston-Galveston Area Council to transition the status of I-45 to corridor-ready and establish it as a zero-emission vehicle (ZEV) corridor for both electric charging and hydrogen. The plan would prioritize infrastructure that facilitates use of ZEVs in the freight sector, which would be particularly impactful because the corridor is upwind of the Dallas-Fort Worth ozone nonattainment area. NCTCOG will provide the required minimum 20% non-federal match using RTC Local funds and has requested that the Houston-Galveston Area Council provide additional non-federal matching funds.

Exhibit: 2019-08-18-TR

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

Item 19 This Item was taken at the beginning of the meeting.

APPOINTMENTS:

Item 20 Appointment to the Regional Aging Advisory Committee

Doni Green, Director of Aging, asked the Board to appoint David Brown to represent Rockwall County and fill one of four vacancies on the Regional Aging Advisory Committee (RAAC). She explained that RAAC is comprised of 28 members, with two representatives from each county in the 14-county service area.

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

STATUS REPORTS:

Item 21 Status Report on Fiscal Year 2020 Proposed Annual Fiscal Program

Monte Mercer, Deputy Executive Director, gave an overview of the proposed Fiscal Year 2020 Annual Fiscal Program. He explained that the Finance Committee met before the Board meeting and thoroughly reviewed the program. He said there will be a public hearing and budget adoption resolution at September’s Board meeting.

Item 22 Appointments to Executive Board Standing Committees

In President Clark’s absence, Mike Eastland, Executive Director, explained that each year the President recommends the appointment of Board members to serve on the four standing committees. He presented the list of committee members appointed by President Clark for 2019-2020, as follows:

Executive Board Standing Committee Roster for 2019 – 2020
- Appointments: J.D. Clark, Chair; Gary Caplinger, Yvonne Davis, Kelly Allen Gray, Bill Heidemann, Chris Hill
- Audit: Ray Smith, Chair; Lee Kleinman; Andrew Piel; Ken Shetter; David Sweet; Glen Whitley
- Long Range Planning: Kevin Strength, Chair; J.D. Clark; Ray Smith; Curtistene McCowan
- Finance/Personnel: Curtistene McCowan, Chair; Clay Jenkins; Bobbie Mitchell; Tito Rodriguez; Rick Stopfer

MISCELLANEOUS:

Item 23 Old and New Business

There was no old or new Business.
Item 24  Attendance and Calendar

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

Vice-President Smith adjourned the meeting at 2:02 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