

MINUTES
ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
JANUARY 29, 2015

The Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of the Ark-Tex Council of Governments (ATCOG) met at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, January 29, 2015, at the Mt. Pleasant Library, 601 N. Madison, Mt. Pleasant, Texas.

Item 1. Vice-President M.C. Superville, Jr., Judge, Lamar County, called the meeting to order.

Item 2. Mr. Brady Fisher, Northeast Texas Resource Conservation & Development, gave the invocation.

Item 3. At this time, each attendee introduced themselves.

Item 4. The next order of business was to approve the minutes as submitted in the mail of the Ark-Tex Council of Governments Executive Committee meeting held Thursday, October 30, 2014, in Mt. Pleasant, Texas. It was noted that this is an Executive Committee meeting, so only current members of that Committee are allowed to vote and make motions.

Motion to approve was made by Laura Mabey, Mayor Pro Tem, City of Daingerfield, and seconded by Ann Rushing, Mayor, City of Clarksville. The minutes were approved as submitted.

Review and Comment

Item 5. Genevieve Burtchell, Special Projects Director, presented for consideration an application by Eastern Cass Water Supply Corporation to the U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development for a grant/loan in the amount of \$3,400,000 to be matched with \$13,000 cash for water system improvements.

Motion to approve was made by Robert Newsom, Judge, Hopkins County, and seconded by Lynda Munkres, Judge, Morris County. It was approved.

Item 6. Paul Prange, Environmental Resources Planner, presented for consideration an Environmental Assessment by Priefert Manufacturing Co., Inc., to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for proposed renewal of an Air Quality Permit, authorizing continued operation of livestock equipment manufacturing facility located at 2630 South Jefferson, Mt. Pleasant, Titus County, Texas.

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

Item 7. Paul Prange presented for consideration an Environmental Assessment by Miller Bowie Supply Co., who has applied to TCEQ for proposed renewal of an Air Quality Permit, authorizing the continued operation of the Grain Elevator located at 801 Willis Street, Texarkana, Bowie County, Texas.

Motion to approve was made by Mayor Rushing and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Mabey. It was approved.

Item 8. Paul Prange presented for consideration an Environmental Assessment by Day & Zimmerman Lone Star LLC., to TCEQ for a proposed permit/compliance plan renewal with major amendment authorizing a new miscellaneous unit for a high explosive burning ground pad and acceptance of off-site waste for storage and processing on-site at the facility located at 9795 West New Boston Road, Hooks, Bowie County, Texas.

Motion to approve was made by Sandra Dunn, Mayor Pro Tem, City of Mt. Vernon, and seconded by Judge Newsom. It was approved.

Item 9. Paul Prange presented for consideration an Environmental Assessment by the City of Mt. Pleasant who has applied to TCEQ for proposed Permit Modification to authorize the use of synthetic tarps for

alternative daily cover in the Pleasant Oaks Landfill located at 3031 FM 3417 in Mt. Pleasant, Titus County, Texas.

Rob Hedges, Representative of Republic Services, explained the tarp use was the preferred method of TCEQ, which is why they are requesting the modification.

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

Item 10. Paul Prange presented for consideration an Environmental Assessment by the City of Annona to TCEQ for proposed renewal of a Water Quality Permit, authorizing the continued operation at the existing facility, which is located approximately 1,500 feet east and 4,400 feet south of intersection of US Hwy 82 and FM 44 in Red River County, Texas. The discharge route is from the plant site ultimately to the Sulphur/South Sulphur River.

George English, Mayor, City of Annona, thanked the Board for reviewing this item.

Motion to approve was made by Judge Newsom and seconded by Mayor Rushing. It was approved.

Item 11. Paul Prange presented for consideration an Environmental Assessment by Paris Generation, L.P., who has applied to TCEQ for proposed renewal of a Water Quality Permit authorizing the continued operation of the Paris Energy Center in Paris, Lamar County, Texas.

Motion to approve was made by Mr. Fisher and seconded by Mayor Rushing. It was approved.

Regular Business

Item 12. Patricia Haley, Criminal Justice Coordinator, presented for consideration approval of revisions to the Regional Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (RCJAC) local priorities and the grant application scoring instrument.

Motion to approve was made by Mayor Pro Tem Dunn and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Mabey. It was approved.

Ms. Haley also mentioned the application and scoring process would be starting shortly and she would be bringing the rankings to the Board for approval.

Chris Brown, Executive Director, notified the Board that Homeland Security operates in the same manner, and with the deadline approaching quickly, to please contact their respective Emergency Management Coordinators with any concerns.

Item 13. Patricia Haley presented for consideration approval of nominations to the RCJAC to serve through December 31, 2015.

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

Ms. Haley also updated the Board on current Computerized Criminal History (CCH) scores for each county and discussed the compliance requirements. There was general discussion on this announcement.

Item 14. Diane McKinnon, Manager, Area Agency on Aging, presented for consideration approval of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between ATCOG & Texoma Council of Governments (TCOG) to develop and implement the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) as contracted by the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) on behalf of the Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS).

After general discussion, motion to approval was made by Judge Newsom and seconded by Judge Munkres. It was approved.

Item 15. Amber Thurston, Executive Assistant, presented for consideration approval of a Resolution to add Judge Superville to the signatory cards at Regions Bank and Guaranty Bank, as provided for in Article V, Section 1.b of the Bylaws.

Motion to approve was made by Judge Lee and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Mabey. It was approved.

Item 16. Chris Brown presented for consideration approval of proposed brochure revisions and new logo design for ATCOG. Mr. Brown asked for a soft roll-out so that current materials could still be used before ordering any new supplies.

Motion to approve was made by Judge Newsom and seconded by Judge Munkres. It was approved.

Item 17. Chris Brown presented for consideration approval of deed of trust concerning the Transit building on Elizabeth St., next to ATCOG's main building.

Judge Superville inquired if the building would be deeded to the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) due to them being the trustees. Mr. Brown explained TxDOT is the lien holder of the building. L.D. Williamson, Judge, Red River County, inquired if the deed had an expiration date. After further discussion, it was decided no action to be taken until further information could be obtained.

Item 18. Chris Brown presented for consideration of action on TxDOT recommendation for payment of Transportation services provided by NETO.

Mr. Fisher asked if NETO was an on-going concern, to which Mr. Brown replied yes, due to a few site meals still being operated. Due to needing further guidance from TxDOT, it was decided no action be taken until that information was received.

Other Business

Item 19. Chris Brown announced the upcoming NADO Washington Policy Conference if there was any interest from the Board to attend. He explained there is more involvement for this conference rather than the summer session, so if any members wanted to attend, please contact Amber Thurston.

Item 20. Chris Brown distributed a list of committees ATCOG has. Discussion will be held at the next meeting.

Item 21. Judge Superville presented the appointment of the Nominating Committee which will consist of Judge Chuck Superville, Judge Lynda Munkres, Mayor Ann Rushing, Mayor Pro Tem Laura Mabey and Mr. Brady Fisher. These members will be officially elected in March.

Announcements

Amber Thurston announced the next Executive Committee meeting would be held at 10:00 a.m., on Thursday, February 26, 2015, at the Luminant Community Room in Mt. Pleasant.

Ms. Thurston also announced there would be a Workforce Board meeting and Open Government Training following the Executive Committee meeting for those needing to attend.

There was no further business, so motion to adjourn was made by Mayor Pro Tem Mabey and seconded by Judge Newsom. The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Chuck Superville, Judge, Lamar County
Lynda Munkres, Judge, Morris County
Brian Lee, Judge, Titus County
Robert Newsom, Judge, Hopkins County
Ann Rushing, Mayor, City of Clarksville

Laura Mabey, Mayor Pro Tem, Daingerfield
Saundra Dunn, Mayor Pro Tem, Mount Vernon
A.M. "Rip" Benefield, Councilman, Queen City
Brady Fisher, Northeast Texas Resource Conservation & Development District

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Becky Wilbanks, Judge, Cass County
Scott Lee, Judge, Franklin County
Jason Murray, Judge, Delta County
L.D. Williamson, Judge, Red River County
James Carlow, Judge, Bowie County
Danny Eudy, Councilman, City of Bogota

GUESTS PRESENT

Wayne Dial, City Manager, Clarksville
Robert McGee, Queen City Police Department
Randy Reed, NETX Workforce Solutions
April Corbit, NETX Workforce Solutions
Sharon Davis, NETX Workforce Solutions
Ki'Ann Richardson, NETX Workforce Solutions
Sandra Shingleur, NETX Workforce Solutions
Doyce Winchester, Texas Dept. of Emergency Management
Roger Feagley, Sulphur Springs/Hopkins County EDC
Glenda Bassham, Sulphur Springs/Hopkins County EDC
Emily Glass, Councilwoman, Sulphur Springs
Robbin Bass, Office of Congressman John Ratcliffe
Jason Ross, Office of Congressman John Ratcliffe
Rob Hedges, Republic Services
Lou Antonelli, Clarksville Times

STAFF PRESENT

Chris Brown, Executive Director
Genevieve Burtchell, Director, Special Projects
Paul Prange, Environmental Resources Planner
Diane McKinnon, Manager, Area Agency on Aging
Patricia Haley, Criminal Justice Coordinator
Vickie Williamson, Economic Development Coordinator
Amber Thurston, Executive Assistant

ATTEST:

M.C. Superville, Jr., Vice - President
Ark-Tex Council of Governments