The Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of the Ark-Tex Council of Governments (ATCOG) will meet at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, July 27, 2017, at the Titus County Extension Office, 1708 Industrial Road, Mt. Pleasant, Texas.

Item 1. Call to order.

Item 2. Invocation.


Item 4. Approve the minutes as submitted of the Ark-Tex Council of Governments Executive Committee Meeting held Thursday, April 27, 2017, in Mt. Pleasant, Texas.

Executive Closed Session

Item 5. The Executive Committee will recess the Open Session and go into Executive Closed Session to discuss personnel matters as allowed in the Texas Open Meetings Act, Section 551.074, Personnel Matters.

Open Session/Review and Comment

Item 6. The Executive Committee will reconvene in Open Session and take action on Item 5 above, as necessary. (To be presented by Board President, Judge L.D. Williamson)

Item 7. Review and comment on the Environmental Assessments to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for proposed Water Quality Permit Renewals by the following (see page 6 – to be presented by staff member Paul Prange):

   a) City of Hooks, proposed water quality permit renewal, authorizing the discharge of treated wastewater from the facility located at 449 Willow Oak Drive, Hooks, Bowie County, Texas, ultimately to the Lower Red River.

   b) City of Roxton, proposed water quality renewal, authorizing the discharge of treated wastewater from the facility located near the intersection of FM 137 and Chaparral Railroad, Lamar County, Texas, ultimately to the North Sulphur River.

Item 8. Review and comment on an Environmental Assessment to TCEQ for proposed major amendment and water quality permit renewal by International Paper Company to authorize the discharge of treated wastewater and the addition of new internal outfall 101 at the Texarkana Mill located at 9978 FM 3129, Queen City, Texas. (See page 10 – to be presented by staff member Paul Prange)

Item 9. Review and comment on an Environmental Assessment to TCEQ for proposed air quality permit renewal for Big Tex Trailer Manufacturing, Inc. located at 850 I-30 East, Mt. Pleasant, Titus County, Texas. (See page 12 – to be presented by staff member Paul Prange)

Item 10. Review and comment on an application by Detroit Independent School District to the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Head Start, for a grant in the amount of $9,308, to be matched with $2,327 in-kind, to provide a Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) for head start staff. (See page 14 – to be presented by Executive Director Chris Brown)

Item 11. Review and comment on an application by Sulphur Springs Independent School District to the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Head Start, for a grant in the amount of $12,708,
to be matched with $3,177 in-kind, to provide a COLA for head start staff. (See page 17 – to be presented by Executive Director Chris Brown)

Item 12. Review and comment on an application by Sulphur Springs Independent School District to the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Head Start, for a grant in the amount of $86,194, to be matched with $22,906 in-kind, to purchase one 2018 school bus and 40 child restraint systems for head start children. (See page 19 – to be presented by Executive Director Chris Brown)

Item 13. Review and comment on an application by Southwest Arkansas Development Council to the Department of Housing and Urban Development, for a Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) in the amount of $395,651 for personal care, transportation, energy assistance and case management services to very low income residents in Southwest Arkansas. (See page 22 – to be presented by Executive Director Chris Brown)

Regular Business

Item 14. Review and consider nomination (replacement of current member) to the Regional Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (RCJAC) to serve through December 31, 2017. (See attachment 1 – page 25) (To be presented by staff member Patricia Haley)

Item 15. Review and consider authorizing the Executive Director, as the ATCOG Authorized Official, to submit an application to the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, for a grant to provide Regional Law Enforcement Training in the ATCOG Region for FY2018 and FY 2019. (See attachment 2 – page 26) (To be presented by staff member Patricia Haley)

Item 16. Review and consider approval of a Resolution in support of the Executive Director’s Board Secretary nomination for the National Association of Development Organizations (NADO) Board of Directors. (Information to be provided at meeting - to be presented by Executive Director Chris Brown)

Item 17. Review and consider approval of a Resolution in support of certain EDA and CDBG programs outlining the effect on our region. (Information to be provided at meeting - to be presented by Executive Director Chris Brown)

Other Business

Item 18. Ratification of Services Agreement between ATMOS Energy and ATCOG. (See attachment 3 – page 28)

Item 19. Executive Director Report (For information only; see attachment 4 – page 35) (To be presented by Executive Director Chris Brown)

- Financial Report
- Update on North East Texas Economic Development District (NETEDD) Board
- Strategic planning for Regional Development
- September/Annual Meeting
- Review of Annual Memberships

Announcements

The next Executive Committee Meeting will be held Thursday, August 31, 2017, at 10:00 a.m., at the Titus County Extension Office, Mt. Pleasant, Texas.

Pursuant to the Texas Open Meeting Act, Government Code Chapter 551 one or more of the above items may be considered in executive session closed to the public, including but not limited to consultation with attorney pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 and Section 551.074 arising out of the attorney's ethical duty to advise ATCOG concerning legal issues arising from an agenda item. Any decision held on such matter will be taken or conducted in open session following the conclusion of the executive session.

Persons with disabilities who plan to attend this meeting and who may need auxiliary aids or services are requested to contact Administration at 903-832-8636 two (2) work days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

All agendas are sent electronically and available at www.atcog.org. Should any Board Member need a copy printed and available at the meeting, please call 903/255.3555 or email athurston@atcog.org.
The Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of the Ark-Tex Council of Governments (ATCOG) met at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, April 27, 2017 at the Titus County Extension Office, in Mt. Pleasant, Texas.

Item 1. L.D. Williamson, Judge, Red River County, called the meeting to order.


Item 3. Each attendee introduced themselves at this time. Chris Brown, Executive Director, introduced the following new ATCOG employees: Shena Washington, Controller, Melinda Tickle, Finance Manager, and April Carl, Regional Development Coordinator-Paris.

Item 4. The next order of business was to approve the minutes as submitted of the Ark-Tex Council of Governments Executive Committee meeting held Thursday, February 23, 2017, in Mt. Pleasant, Texas.

Motion to approve was made by Brian Lee, Judge, Titus County, and seconded by Lynda Munkres, Judge, Morris County. The minutes were approved as submitted.

Review and Comment

Item 5. Vickie Williamson, Regional Development Coordinator, presented for consideration an application to the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Head Start by Sulphur Springs Independent School District for a grant in the amount of $1,290,911, to be matched with $322,725 in-kind, for continuation/refunding of Head Start.

Motion to approve was made by Robert Newsom, Judge, Hopkins County, and seconded by M.C. Superville, Jr. Judge, Lamar County. It was approved.

Regular Business

Item 6. Sharon Pipes, Director of Administration, presented for consideration approval of revisions to the ATCOG Policies and Procedures Manual, as revised by the Board of Directors March 27, 2014.

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

Item 7. Ms. Pipes presented for consideration approval of revisions to the ATCOG Ethics Policy Manual dated December 16, 2010 to comply with the Department of Health and Human Services.

Motion to approve was made by Judge Munkres and seconded by Marc Reiter, Councilman, City of Hooks. It was approved.

Item 8. Patricia Haley, Criminal Justice Coordinator, presented for consideration approval of priorities/recommendations established by the Regional Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (RCJAC) concerning projects being submitted to the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division (CJD), for funding consideration through Violence Against Women Justice & Training Program, General Victims Assistance – Direct Services Program, Juvenile Justice Grant Program and Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program.

Motion to approve was made by Becky Wilbanks, Judge, Cass County, and seconded by Mr. Fisher. It was approved.
Item 9. Ms. Williamson presented for consideration approval to proceed in the creation of a non-profit corporation to administer various regional development projects, secure funding for those projects and make application to the Texas Community Capital to be a Community Lending Center of Northeast Texas.

After general discussion, motion to approve was made by Mr. Fisher and seconded by Judge Newsom. It was approved.

Item 10. Mr. Brown presented for consideration approval of support of designation of May 2017 as Older Americans Month.

Motion to approve was made by James Carlow, Judge, Bowie County, and seconded by Judge Munkres. It was approved.

Other Business

Item 11. Mr. Brown presented for approval ratification of a service agreement between Frontier Associates LLC and ATCOG.

Motion to approve was made by Judge Brian Lee and seconded by Ann Rushing, Mayor, City of Clarksville. It was approved.

Item 12. Mr. Brown presented an Executive Directors report providing an update on the following:

- Quarterly Financial Report
- Area Agency on Aging RAC Meeting Minutes
- Housing SEMAP Assessment Rating – ATCOG is considered a High Performer. Mr. Brown also mentioned a complaint filed by a tenant to HUD. Essentially, HUD sent ATCOG a conciliation agreement that Mr. Brown was not agreeable with. After much deliberation with HUD, the conciliation agreement was voided due to incorrect information on HUD's behalf and the tenant was able to get back on the program.
- TRAX passenger compliments from two riders in the region. ATCOG also received an award from the Texas Transit Association for the Paris Metro Bus System. There have also been two national recognitions for the Metro System, as well. Mr. Fisher commended Nancy Hoehn, Transportation Manager, Ms. Carl, Mr. Brown and all staff who had any involvement in the Metro System for the efforts put forth. Mr. Fisher also made mention of the recent Meals on Wheels Legislative Bill, asking all attendees to rally against the budget cuts being proposed.
- Update on Austin and Washington Legislative Visits

Announcements

Judge Williamson announced the next Executive Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, May 25, 2017 at the Titus Co. Extension Office, Mt. Pleasant, Texas.

There were no other announcements, so motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Reiter and seconded by Mayor Rushing. The meeting was adjourned.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT
L.D. Williamson, Judge, Red River County
M.C. (Chuck) Superville, Jr., Judge, Lamar County
James Carlow, Judge, Bowie County
Scott Lee, Judge, Franklin County
Lynda Munkres, Judge, Morris County
Robert Newsom, Judge, Hopkins County
Brian Lee, Judge, Titus County
Becky Wilbanks, Judge, Cass County
Ann Rushing, Mayor, City of Clarksville
Emily Glass, Mayor, City of Sulphur Springs
Bob Thorne, Mayor Pro Tem, City of Daingerfield
A.M. “Rip” Benefield, Councilman, Queen City
Marc Reiter, Councilman, City of Hooks
Brady Fisher, Northeast Texas Resource Conservation & Development District

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT
Ralph Robertson, Mayor Pro Tem, City of Mt. Vernon
Billy Trenado, Councilman, City of Paris

GUESTS PRESENT
Daniel Alders, Office of Senator Ted Cruz
Courtney Smith, Office of Senator Bryan Hughes
Ray Wilson, Office of Senator Bryan Hughes
Robbin Bass, Office of Congressman John Ratcliffe
Robert McGee, Chief of Police, Queen City
Susan Thorne, Member of the public

STAFF PRESENT
Chris Brown, Executive Director
Sharon Pipes, Director of Administration
Melinda Tickle, Finance Manager
Nancy Hoehn, Transportation Manager
Mae Lewis, Housing Manager
Shena Washington, Controller
Vickie Williamson, Regional Development Coordinator
April Carl, Regional Development Coordinator - Paris
Patricia Haley, Criminal Justice Coordinator
Leslie McBride, Human Resources Coordinator
Amber Thurston, Executive Assistant

L.D. Williamson, President
Ark-Tex Council of Governments

ATTEST:
## APPLICATION / PROJECT STAFF REVIEW FOR ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

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**Applicant:** City of Hooks, Texas.

**Project Description:** The City of Hooks, Texas has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to renew Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. WQ0010507001 to authorize the discharge of treated wastewater at a volume not to exceed a daily average flow of 900,000 gallons per day. The facility is located at 449 Willow Oak Drive, Hooks, Bowie County, Texas. The discharge route is from the plant site to Jones Creek; thence to Barkman Creek; thence to McKinney Bayou Diversion Canal; thence to the Lower Red River.

**PROJECT/EA REVIEW:**

**Area to be served:** Hooks, Bowie County, Texas.

**Does the project comply or furnish reasonable assurances of compliance with applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and ordinances?** Yes. The TCEQ executive director has determined that the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application.

**Is the project consistent with state, area wide, and/or local planning or does it contribute toward goals or objectives identified at one or more of governmental levels?** Yes. This permit application meets all statutory and regulatory requirements.

**Has this project been coordinated through the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality?** Yes, coordination is in progress.

**Does the project address a clearly defined need and does the project take into account preservation of the environment?** There is a clearly defined need for the renewal of this TPDES Permit to allow the continued operation of the domestic wastewater treatment facility. This facility serves approximately 1250 residents within the City of Hooks. All guidelines required by TCEQ to protect the environment are being followed, thus minimal disruption of the environment is expected.

**Is the project likely to produce any significant adverse effects on the environment?** No. The renewal of this permit will not authorize an increase in the number gallons of treated wastewater that can be discharged into the environment. This facility was constructed in 1991 and is in excellent operational condition. Before being discharged, the water passes through particulate filters and is then piped to sedimentation ponds located at this facility.

**Do the anticipated accomplishments of the project justify the disruption to the environment?** Yes. The renewal of this permit will allow the continued operation of this facility, which serves the entire population of the City of Hooks. The disruption of the environment is minimal compared to the accomplishments.

**STAFF ASSESSMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:** The permit renewal will not create any significant detrimental impact to the environment, as determined by TCEQ.

**RECOMMENDED COMMENT:** Staff recommends support of this permit renewal application by the City of Hooks.
RESOLUTION OF THE ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS WITH REVIEW AND COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED RENEWAL OF TEXAS POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM PERMIT NO. WQ0010507001, BY THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY (TCEQ), FOR THE CITY OF HOOKS, BOWIE COUNTY, TEXAS TO AUTHORIZE THE DISCHARGE OF TREATED WASTEWATER AT A VOLUME NOT TO EXCEED A DAILY AVERAGE FLOW OF 900,000 GALLONS PER DAY. THE FACILITY IS LOCATED AT 449 WILLOW OAK DRIVE, HOOKS, BOWIE COUNTY, TEXAS. THE DISCHARGE ROUTE IS FROM THE PLANT SITE TO JONES CREEK; THENCE TO BARKMAN CREEK; THENCE TO MCKINNEY BAYOU DIVERSION CANAL; THENCE TO THE LOWER RED RIVER.

WHEREAS, under Section 204 of the Demonstration Cities and Metropolitan Development Act of 1966 and Title IV of the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act of 1968, the Ark-Tex Council of Governments has been designated as the area wide agency to review certain projects; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the public interest that certain development plans be reviewed by the Ark-Tex Council of Governments for their consistency with the overall development of the Region, and any environmental impacts resulting wherefrom.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS:

Section 1 - That the Board of Directors recognizes the Executive Director as the Authorized Official, and he has been given the power to comment upon projects having an environmental impact. This application has been reviewed by the Board of Directors and can reasonably be approved.

Section 2 - That the above-mentioned permit is desirable and needed for continued development in the Region.

REVIEWED AND APPROVED THIS 27TH DAY OF JULY, 2017.

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L. D. Williamson, President
Ark-Tex Council of Governments

ATTEST:
ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
APPLICATION / PROJECT STAFF REVIEW FOR
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

Project SAI No: TX-R-20170710-0002-05    Date Received: 7-10-17    Staff Assignment: Paul Prange

Applicant: City of Roxton, Lamar County, Texas.

Project Description: City of Roxton has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to renew Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. WQ0010204001 to authorize the discharge of treated wastewater at a volume not to exceed a daily average flow of 100,000 gallons per day. The domestic wastewater treatment facility is located approx. 2400 feet southeast of the intersection of FM 137 and Chaparral Railroad on the north side of Denton Creek and on the south side of the City of Roxton in Lamar County, Texas. Discharge route is from the plant site to Denton Creek; thence to Cane Creek; thence to the North Sulphur River.

PROJECT/EA REVIEW:

Area to be served: Roxton, Lamar County, Texas.

Does the project comply or furnish reasonable assurances of compliance with applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and ordinances? Yes. The TCEQ executive director has determined that the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application.

Is the project consistent with state, area wide, and/or local planning or does it contribute toward goals or objectives identified at one or more of governmental levels? Yes. This permit application meets all statutory and regulatory requirements.

Has this project been coordinated through the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality? Yes, coordination is in progress.

Does the project address a clearly defined need and does the project take into account preservation of the environment? There is a clearly defined need for the renewal of this TPDES Permit to allow the continued operation of the wastewater treatment plant, as it currently serves the needs of 277 residents of the City of Roxton. All guidelines required by TCEQ to protect the environment are being followed and minimal disruption of the environment is expected.

Is the project likely to produce any significant adverse effects on the environment? No. The renewal of this permit will not authorize an increase in the number gallons of treated wastewater that can be discharged into the environment.

Do the anticipated accomplishments of the project justify the disruption to the environment? Yes. The renewal of this permit will allow the continued operation of this plant which has received several upgrades, including a reinforced concrete holding tank and a recently installed aerator. The disruption of the environment is minimal compared to the accomplishments.

STAFF ASSESSMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT: The permit renewal will not create any significant detrimental impact to the environment, as determined by TCEQ.

RECOMMENDED COMMENT: Staff recommends support of this permit renewal application by the City of Roxton.
RESOLUTION NO. __________

RESOLUTION OF THE ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS WITH REVIEW AND COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED RENEWAL OF TEXAS POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM PERMIT NO. WQ0010204001, BY THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY (TCEQ), FOR THE CITY OF ROXTON, LAMAR COUNTY, TEXAS TO AUTHORIZE THE DISCHARGE OF TREATED WASTEWATER AT A VOLUME NOT TO EXCEED A DAILY AVERAGE FLOW OF 100,000 GALLONS PER DAY. THE DOMESTIC WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY IS LOCATED APPROX. 2400 FEET SOUTHEAST OF THE INTERSECTION OF FM 137 AND CHAPARRAL RAILROAD ON THE NORTH SIDE OF DENTON CREEK AND ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE CITY OF ROXTON IN LAMAR COUNTY, TEXAS. DISCHARGE ROUTE IS FROM THE PLANT SITE TO DENTON CREEK; THENCE TO CANE CREEK; THENCE TO THE NORTH SULPHUR RIVER.

WHEREAS, under Section 204 of the Demonstration Cities and Metropolitan Development Act of 1966 and Title IV of the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act of 1968, the Ark-Tex Council of Governments has been designated as the area wide agency to review certain projects; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the public interest that certain development plans be reviewed by the Ark-Tex Council of Governments for their consistency with the overall development of the Region, and any environmental impacts resulting wherefrom.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS:

Section 1 - That the Board of Directors recognizes the Executive Director as the Authorized Official, and he has been given the power to comment upon projects having an environmental impact. This application has been reviewed by the Board of Directors and can reasonably be approved.

Section 2 - That the above-mentioned permit is desirable and needed for continued development in the Region.

REVIEWED AND APPROVED THIS 27TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2017.

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L. D. Williamson, President
Ark-Tex Council of Governments

ATTEST:
ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
APPLICATION / PROJECT STAFF REVIEW FOR
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

| Project SAI No: TX-R-20170717-0001-05 | Date Received: 07-14-17 | Staff Assignment: Paul Prange |

**Applicant:** International Paper Company.

**Project Description:** International Paper Company, 9978 FM 3129, Queen City, Cass County, Texas, which operates an integrated pulp and paper mill has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for a major amendment and renewal to Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. WQ0001339000 to authorize the discharge of treated domestic wastewater via Outfalls 001A and 001B and the addition of a new internal Outfall 101 to monitor bacteria. Discharge volumes on an intermittent and flow variable basis are not to exceed 646,300,000 gallons per 24 hour period. The discharge route is from the plant site to a remnant channel of Baker Slough; thence to the Sulphur River below Lake Wright Patman.

**PROJECT/EA REVIEW:**

**Area to be served:** Cass County, Texas.

**Does the project comply or furnish reasonable assurances of compliance with applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and ordinances?** Yes. The TCEQ executive director has determined that the application is administratively complete, has conducted a technical review and may issue final approval of the application unless a timely contested case hearing request or request for reconsideration is filed.

**Is the project consistent with state, area wide, and/or local planning or does it contribute toward goals or objectives identified at one or more of governmental levels?** Yes. This permit application meets all statutory and regulatory requirements.

**Has this project been coordinated through the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality?** Yes, coordination is in progress.

**Does the project address a clearly defined need and does the project take into account preservation of the environment?** There is a clearly defined need for the continued operation of the International Paper Company Plant. The facility employs approximately 780 citizens who live within our region and provides valuable paper goods to numerous consumers. This facility has been in operation since 1970 and all guidelines required by TCEQ to protect the environment are being followed and minimal disruption of the environment is expected.

**Is the project likely to produce any significant adverse effects on the environment?** No. This facility manufactures paper products to be used as cup stock for both hot and cold beverages and this permit renewal will not allow for any increase in emissions. In addition, compliance assurance monitoring will be increased.

**Do the anticipated accomplishments of the project justify the disruption to the environment?** Yes. This plant produces goods that are consumed by many citizens within our region and is the largest single employer located within Cass County. The disruption of the environment is minimal compared to the benefits provided.

**STAFF ASSESSMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:** The permit amendment and renewal will not create any significant detrimental impact to the environment, as determined by TCEQ.

**RECOMMENDED COMMENT:** Staff recommends support of this TPDES Permit amendment and renewal by International Paper Company.
RESOLUTION NO. __________

RESOLUTION OF THE ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS WITH REVIEW AND COMMENT ON THE MAJOR AMENDMENT AND RENEWAL OF THE TEXAS POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (TPDES) PERMIT NO. WQ0001339000 FOR INTERNATIONAL PAPER COMPANY BY THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY (TCEQ) TO AUTHORIZE THE DISCHARGE OF TREATED DOMESTIC WASTEWATER VIA OUTFALLS 001A AND 001B AND THE ADDITION OF A NEW INTERNAL OUTFALL 101 TO MONITOR BACTERIA FOR ITS PAPERBOARD MILLS FACILITY (TEXARKANA MILL) LOCATED AT 9978 FM 3129, QUEEN CITY, CASS COUNTY, TEXAS.

WHEREAS, under Section 204 of the Demonstration Cities and Metropolitan Development Act of 1966 and Title IV of the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act of 1968, the Ark-Tex Council of Governments has been designated as the area wide agency to review certain projects; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the public interest that certain development plans be reviewed by the Ark-Tex Council of Governments for their consistency with the overall development of the Region, and any environmental impacts resulting wherefrom.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS:

Section 1 - That the Board of Directors recognizes the Executive Director as the Authorized Official, and he has been given the power to comment upon projects having an environmental impact. This application has been reviewed by the Board of Directors and can reasonably be approved.

Section 2 - That the above-mentioned permit is desirable and needed for continued development in the Region.

REVIEWED AND APPROVED THIS 27TH DAY OF JULY, 2017.

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L. D. Williamson, President
Ark-Tex Council of Governments

ATTEST:
**Application / Project Staff Review for Environmental Assessment**

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**Applicant:** Big Tex Trailer Manufacturing, Mount Pleasant, Titus County, Texas

**Project Description:** Big Tex Trailer Manufacturing, Inc. has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for renewal of Air Quality Permit No. 33646, which would authorize continued operation of the Big Tex Trailer World Facility located at 850 I-30 East, Mount Pleasant, Texas. The facility would emit organic compounds, nitrogen oxides (NOX), sulfur dioxides (SOX), carbon monoxide (CO), and particulate matter with diameters of 10 and 2.5 microns or less.

**PROJECT/EA REVIEW:**

**Area to be served:** Mount Pleasant, Titus County, Texas, and surrounding area.

Does the project comply or furnish reasonable assurances of compliance with applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and ordinances? The TCEQ Executive Director has determined that the applications are administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the applications.

Is the project consistent with state, area wide, and/or local planning or does it contribute toward goals or objectives identified at one or more of governmental levels? Yes.

Has this project been coordinated through the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality? Yes.

Does the project address a clearly defined need and does the project take into account preservation of the environment? Yes. There is a clearly defined need for this facility in our region as it employs approximately 225 citizens and has been in operation since 1995. All guidelines required by TCEQ to protect the environment are being followed, thus minimal disruption is expected.

Is the project likely to produce any significant adverse effects on the environment? No. The renewal of this permit will not allow an increase in emissions. This facility utilizes a thermal oxidizer to filter contaminants and the current permit allows up to 69 tons of emissions per year.

Do the anticipated accomplishments of the project justify the disruption to the environment? Yes. Big Tex Trailer World is the only company of its kind in the state that utilizes a thermal oxidation process to reduce the levels of contaminants in emissions. The issuance of this permit will allow Big Tex to regulate the use of the thermal oxidizer as production rates increase or decrease.

**STAFF ASSESSMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:** This permit renewal authorizes no discharge of new pollutants. Production is already occurring at this location, therefore no new impacts on the environment should be expected.

**RECOMMENDED COMMENT:** Staff recommends approval of this air quality permit renewal by Big Tex Trailer Manufacturing, Inc.
RESOLUTION NO. __________

RESOLUTION OF THE ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS WITH REVIEW AND COMMENT ON AN APPLICATION TO THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY (TCEQ) FOR RENEWAL OF AIR QUALITY PERMIT NO. 33646 FOR BIG TEX TRAILER MANUFACTURING, INC. LOCATED AT 850 IH-30 EAST IN MT. PLEASANT, TITUS COUNTY, TEXAS

WHEREAS, under Section 204 of the Demonstration Cities and Metropolitan Development Act of 1966 and Title IV of the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act of 1968, the Ark-Tex Council of Governments has been designated as the area wide agency to review certain projects; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the public interest that certain development plans be reviewed by the Ark-Tex Council of Governments for their consistency with the overall development of the Region, and any environmental impacts resulting wherefrom.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS:

Section 1 - That the Board of Directors recognizes the Executive Director as the Authorized Official, and he has been given the power to comment upon projects having an environmental impact. This draft environmental document has been reviewed by the Board of Directors and can reasonably be approved.

Section 2 - That the above-mentioned permit renewal is desirable and needed in order to ensure continued manufacturing and growth within the Region.

REVIEWED AND APPROVED THIS 27TH DAY OF JULY, 2017.

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L. D. Williamson, President
Ark-Tex Council of Governments

ATTEST:
ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
APPLICATION / PROJECT STAFF REVIEW

Project SAI No: TX-R-20170705-0004-05
Date Received: 7/5/2017
Staff Assignment: Vickie Williamson

Applicant: Detroit Independent School District Head Start

Project Title: Head Start Supplemental Application 2017-18

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Proposed Activity: Continue to provide Project Head Start for 54 three and four year olds.

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Personnel Required:
Program Director, Center Director, Systems Coordinator, Education Coordinator, Nutrition/Transportation Coordinator, Transition Coordinator, Center Assistant/Nutrition/Transportation/Translator Coordinator, Parent Family Community Engagement Coordinator, Health/Mental Health Coordinator, Disability Coordinator, 8 Teachers, 5 Assistants, Cook/Custodian, Business Manager

PROJECT REVIEW: (PROVIDE ADEQUATE DETAIL)

Area to be served:
Cities of Detroit and Clarksville

Does the project comply or furnish reasonable assurances of compliance with applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and ordinances?
Assurances included with application.

Is the project consistent with state, area-wide, and/or local planning or does it contribute toward goals or objectives identified at one or more of governmental levels?
Application approved by the Red River County Head Start Policy Council and Detroit ISD Board of Trustees.

Does the project address a clearly defined need?
This supplemental application will provide for 1% cost of living adjustment (COLA) for all personnel for the 2017-2018 school year. These COLA increases were included in the Federal FY 2017 budget.
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<td>Detroit Head Start program is utilizing an increase in funding to provide a COLA increase to retain qualified staff. Each employee will receive 1% COLA increase in accordance with the established pay schedule.</td>
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<td>Yes</td>
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<td>Detroit ISD has compared compensation in their district to surrounding, comparable districts to ensure employees are not compensated at a rate which is in excess of the average rate of compensation for the area.</td>
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<td>All eligible employees will receive the COLA and appropriate step increases.</td>
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<td>Detroit Headstart employs 20 that are eligible to receive the 1% COLA increase.</td>
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<td>Does the applicant's prior performance indicate high probability that the proposed objectives will be accomplished?</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>The program has been in operation for since 1993. Currently, Head Start serves 136 students in two centers. They maintain successful program operations by hiring degreed/certified teachers and qualified, experienced management staff.</td>
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**STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Staff recommends a favorable review.
RESOLUTION NO. ________________

RESOLUTION OF THE ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS WITH REVIEW AND COMMENT ON AN APPLICATION BY DETROIT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, OFFICE OF HEAD START, FOR A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF $9,308.00, TO BE MATCHED WITH $2,327.00 IN-KIND, TO PROVIDE A COLA FOR HEADSTART STAFF.

WHEREAS, under Section 204 of the Demonstration Cities and Metropolitan Development Act of 1966 and Title IV of the Intergovernmental Cooperative Act of 1968, the Ark-Tex Council of Governments has been designated as the area wide agency to review certain applications for which federal financial assistance is requested, and

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the public interest that certain development plans be reviewed by the Ark-Tex Council of Governments for their consistency with the overall development of the Region.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS:

Section 1 - That the submission of an application by Detroit Independent School District to the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Head Start, for a supplemental grant in the amount of $9,308.00, to be matched with $2,327.00 cash and in-kind, for cost of living adjustments and step increases as provided in the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2016 has been reviewed by the Board of Directors and can reasonably be expected to become part of the overall regional plan.

Section 2 – That the above mentioned improvements are desirable and urgently needed for quality of services.

REVIEWED THIS 27th DAY OF JULY, 2017.

________________________________________
L.D. Williamson, President
Ark-Tex Council of Governments

ATTEST:

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**ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**  
**APPLICATION / PROJECT STAFF REVIEW**

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<td>Vickie Williamson</td>
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**Applicant:** Sulphur Springs Independent School District

**Project Title:**  
Head Start COLA Supplemental Application, 2017-18

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**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

**Proposed Activity:** Continue to provide Head Start and restore enrollment for 179 three and four year old children and families within the Sulphur Springs ISD.

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<td>$12,708</td>
<td>Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Head Start</td>
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<td>3,177</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>$15,885.00</strong></td>
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**Personnel Required:** 42 full-time and part-time including bus drivers, monitors, and custodians.

**PROJECT REVIEW: (PROVIDE ADEQUATE DETAIL)**

**Area to be served:**
Boundaries of Sulphur Springs Independent School District

**Does the project comply or furnish reasonable assurances of compliance with applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and ordinances?**
Yes. Assurances included with application.

**Is the project consistent with state, areawide, and / or local planning or does it contribute toward goals or objectives identified at one or more of governmental levels?**
Yes. Application approved by Policy Council and Board of Trustees.

**Does the project address a clearly defined need?**
Yes. The federal budget for FY 2017 has provided for a COLA increase for all Head Start employees. The intent of this grant application is to apply for those funds. There are 42 full-time and part-time Head Start staff in the Sulphur Springs Head Start program.
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<td>Provided the COLA increase allowed in the federal FY 2017 budget.</td>
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<td>Does the proposal demonstrate a feasible delivery strategy?</td>
<td>Yes.</td>
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<td>The Head Start program is a center based program to best meet the needs of the community. The design offers full day, 5 days per week, part year program and operates 6 hours per day. The yearly schedule corresponds with the SSISD board-approved calendar over the course of 10 months. Children attend class 180 days annually to meet state instructional standards. The program is currently serving 168 and plans to serve 179 three and four-year-old children after sequestration funds are restored. The Head Start program is located in the SSISD ECLC which is located at 390 Hillcrest Street.</td>
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<td>Does the project contribute to a balanced delivery of services among political subdivisions covered by the application?</td>
<td>Yes.</td>
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<td>Areas served are within the boundaries of the Sulphur Springs ISD.</td>
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<td>Do the anticipated accomplishments of the project justify the amount of funds requested? Cost / Benefit Analysis)</td>
<td>Yes.</td>
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<td>42 full and part-time employees will receive a 1% pay increase.</td>
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<td>Does the applicant's prior performance indicate high probability that the proposed objectives will be accomplished?</td>
<td>Yes.</td>
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<td>The program has been in operation over 20 years serving children and families.</td>
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**STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Staff recommends approval.
Project SAI No: TX-R-20170705-0004-05
Date Received: 7/5/2017
Staff Assignment: Vickie Williamson

Applicant: Sulphur Springs Independent School District

Project Title: Early Head Start – Transportation Sulphur Springs ISD

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Proposed Activity: One time request to purchase a 2018 school bus to transport Head Start children to and from the program and 40 child safety restraint systems.

Budget:

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<td>$114,531</td>
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Personnel Required: No additional personnel required

PROJECT REVIEW: (PROVIDE ADEQUATE DETAIL)

Area to be served:
Boundaries of Sulphur Springs Independent School District

Does the project comply or furnish reasonable assurances of compliance with applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and ordinances?
Yes.
Assurances included with application.

Is the project consistent with state, areawide, and / or local planning or does it contribute toward goals or objectives identified at one or more of governmental levels?
Yes.
Transportation is barrier in accessing Head Start services in rural communities

Does the project address a clearly defined need?
Yes.
Of the 179 enrolled children, approximately 50% of children enrolled in the program rely on bus services in order to attend the Head Start program on a regular basis.
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<td>This application is to purchase 1 2018 school bus and 40 child restraint systems. Currently the 5 buses used are 2001-2003 models.</td>
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<td>Does the proposal demonstrate a feasible delivery strategy?</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>The grantee is a Texas public school which fully supports the Head Start program with transportation services including: routing, fuel, vehicle maintenance/repair/tire service, insurance, and driver qualification/safety/training.</td>
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<td>Do the anticipated accomplishments of the project justify the amount of funds requested? Cost / Benefit Analysis)</td>
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<td>Costs include 1 2018 school bus $86,194 and 40 child restraint systems at $5,431 each.</td>
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<td>Does the applicant's prior performance indicate high probability that the proposed objectives will be accomplished?</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>SSISD has provided Head Start services since 1993 with excellent on-site reviews and financial audits.</td>
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**Additional Information:**

**STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Staff recommends approval.
RESOLUTION NO. ______________

RESOLUTION OF THE ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS WITH REVIEW AND COMMENT ON AN APPLICATION BY SULPHUR SPRINGS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, OFFICE OF HEAD START, FOR A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF $86,194.00, TO BE MATCHED WITH $22,906.00 IN-KIND, TO PURCHASE ONE 2018 SCHOOL BUS AND 40 CHILD RESTRAINT SYSTEMS FOR HEAD START CHILDREN.

WHEREAS, under Section 204 of the Demonstration Cities and Metropolitan Development Act of 1966 and Title IV of the Intergovernmental Cooperative Act of 1968, the Ark-Tex Council of Governments has been designated as the area wide agency to review certain applications for which federal financial assistance is requested, and

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the public interest that certain development plans be reviewed by the Ark-Tex Council of Governments for their consistency with the overall development of the Region.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS:

Section 1 - That the submission of an application by Sulphur Springs Independent School District to the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Head Start, for a grant in the amount of $86,194.00, to be matched with $22,906.00 in-kind, to purchase a 2018 school bus and 40 child restraint systems has been reviewed by the Board of Directors and can reasonably be expected to become part of the overall regional plan.

Section 2 – That the above mentioned improvements are desirable and urgently needed for public safety and welfare.

REVIEWED THIS 27th DAY OF JULY, 2017.

________________________________________
L. D. Williamson, President
Ark-Tex Council of Governments

ATTEST:

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ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
APPLICATION / PROJECT STAFF REVIEW

Project SAI No: AR-170170-021  Date Received: 07-01-2017  Staff Assignment: Vickie Williamson

Applicant: Southwest Arkansas Development Council

Project Title:
Community Services Block Grant through Housing and Urban Development Program Year 2017-2018

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:
Proposed Activity:

Budget: Amount Source / Funding Agency
Federal $395,651.00 Department of Housing and Urban Development
State
Local
Applicant
Other
Total $395,651.00

Personnel Required: Executive Director, 3 Case Managers, Finance Administrator, Data Coordinator, Administrator, Billing Administrator

PROJECT REVIEW: (PROVIDE ADEQUATE DETAIL)

Area to be served:
Miller, Lafayette, Hempstead, Nevada, Little River, Sevier, and Howard counties in Arkansas

Does the project comply or furnish reasonable assurances of compliance with applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and ordinances?
Yes.
Assurances included in application

Is the project consistent with state, areawide, and / or local planning or does it contribute toward goals or objectives identified at one or more of governmental levels?
Yes.
Application meets the goals and objectives of CSBG program.

Does the project address a clearly defined need?
Yes.
This project funds the Medicaid Personal Care Program which allows seniors to remain in their own homes or with relatives, ElderChoice services for those not eligible for Medicaid, Non-Emergency Medical Transportation to Medicaid clients, Case Management services to clients in economic crisis, Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, and Assurance 16 which assists low income residents on Household budgeting, energy conservation, and utility consumption.
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<td>Southwest Arkansas Development Council provides a gateway to economic independence by offering five primary pathways for client to access their comprehensive programs and services throughout their 7 county CSBG service area.</td>
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<td>Does the proposal demonstrate a feasible delivery strategy?</td>
<td>Yes.</td>
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<td>The Southwest Arkansas Development Council will continue the services and methods they have utilized for several years through direct services and working with other agencies to provide needed services to very low income residents, seniors, and disabled.</td>
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<td>Does the project contribute to a balanced delivery of services among political subdivisions covered by the application?</td>
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<td>Southwest Arkansas Development Council services seven counties in Arkansas – Miller, Little River, Hempstead, Nevada, Lafayette, Howard, and Sevier.</td>
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<td>Do the anticipated accomplishments of the project justify the amount of funds requested? Cost / Benefit Analysis)</td>
<td>Yes.</td>
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<td>Grant funding costs include: Personnel $200,293.00, Fringe Benefits $21,442.00, Travel $14,919.00, Supplies $19,200.00, Contractual costs $69,250.00, Office Expenses $4,075.00, and Direct Client Costs $66,472.00.</td>
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<td>Does the applicant's prior performance indicate high probability that the proposed objectives will be accomplished?</td>
<td>Yes.</td>
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<td>Southwest Arkansas Development Council has successfully operated and administered the CSBG grant for many years. They are a non-profit, community based organization with a mission of striving to alleviate poverty and creating empowerment opportunities to thereby improve the lives and living conditions of low-income individuals and their families through their Program Services and Community Partnerships.</td>
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RESOLUTION OF THE ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS WITH REVIEW AND COMMENT ON AN APPLICATION BY SOUTHWEST ARKANSAS DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, FOR AN COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF $395,651.00 FOR PERSONAL CARE, TRANSPORTATION, ENERGY ASSISTANCE, AND CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES TO VERY LOW INCOME RESIDENTS IN SOUTHWEST ARKANSAS.

WHEREAS, under Section 204 of the Demonstration Cities and Metropolitan Development Act of 1966 and Title IV of the Intergovernmental Cooperative Act of 1968, the Ark-Tex Council of Governments has been designated as the area wide agency to review certain applications for which federal financial assistance is requested, and

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the public interest that certain development plans be reviewed by the Ark-Tex Council of Governments for their consistency with the overall development of the Region.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS:

Section 1 - That the submission of an application by Southwest Arkansas Development Council to the Department of Housing and Urban Development for a grant in the amount of $395,000.00 to provide personal care, transportation, energy assistance, and case management services to very low income residents in seven counties in Southwest Arkansas has been reviewed by the Board of Directors and can reasonably be expected to become part of the overall regional plan.

Section 2 – That the above mentioned improvements are desirable and urgently needed for public safety and welfare.

REVIEWED THIS 27th DAY OF JULY, 2017.

______________________________
L. D. Williamson, President
Ark-Tex Council of Governments

ATTEST:
ITEM 14:

Review and consider nomination (replacement of current member), to the Regional Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (RCJAC) to serve through December 31, 2017.

BACKGROUND:

A vacancy exists on the RCJAC Regional membership list (nominated by the ATCOG Criminal Justice staff) for Red River County. ATCOG staff has nominated Leah Thomas to represent Red River County in the category of “Law Enforcement”. She would be replacing Shawn Roden.

DISCUSSION:

Ms. Thomas has been with the Red River County Sheriff’s Office for the past three years where she serves as; Senior Patrol Deputy, FTO Officer, Civil Service Deputy, Livestock Deputy, Certified Mental Health Officer, Grant writer, Camera maintenance Officer, along with other duties. She is very eager to be involved and to serve on our regional committee.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the appointment of Leah Thomas to serve on the Regional Criminal Justice Advisory Committee through December 31, 2017.
BRIEFING PAPER - ACTION ITEM

ITEM 15:

Review and consider authorizing the Executive Director, as the ATCOG Authorized Official, to submit an application to the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, for a grant to provide Regional Law Enforcement Training in the Ark-Tex Council of Governments Region for FY2018 and FY2019.

BACKGROUND:

The Regional Law Enforcement Training Project provides required TCOLE certified training for peace officers (currently through a contract with Kilgore College/East Texas Police Academy). The project also provides funds for ATCOG to arrange/host specialized instructors/courses that are brought into the ATCOG region.

DISCUSSION:

The proposed budget includes an allocated amount for training through a TCOLE accredited police academy, and a separate amount for other specialized instructors/courses arranged/hosted by ATCOG.

Requesting (2 yr.) total of $154,267

Would include:
  Approximately $75,000 for contracted police academy training funds
  Approximately $15,100 for specialized instructors/courses

RECOMMENDATION:

The staff recommends approval of authorization for the Executive Director, as the Authorized Official, to submit the application for Regional Law Enforcement Training to the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division.
RESOLUTION NO. ____________

RESOLUTION OF THE ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS WITH REVIEW AND COMMENT ON AN APPLICATION TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR, CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION, FOR A GRANT TO PROVIDE REGIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING FOR BOWIE, CASS, DELTA, FRANKLIN, HOPKINS, LAMAR, MORRIS, RED RIVER, AND TITUS COUNTIES IN TEXAS. THIS RESOLUTION IS EFFECTIVE FOR FY2018 & FY2019.

WHEREAS, the rules and regulations of the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, require that this application be reviewed and approved by the Ark-Tex Council of Governments Board of Directors.

WHEREAS, the Ark-Tex Council of Governments finds it in the best interest of the citizens of the Region that the Regional Law Enforcement Training Project be operated for FY2018 & FY2019.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS:

Section 1 - That the Board of Directors recognizes the Executive Director as the Authorized Official, and he has been given the power to apply for, accept, reject, alter, or terminate a grant with the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division; for a grant to provide the Regional Law Enforcement Training for Bowie, Cass, Delta, Franklin, Hopkins, Lamar, Morris, Red River, and Titus Counties in Texas. This grant project has been reviewed by the Board of Directors and is listed as a priority in the Regional Strategic Plan, and is approved for submission to the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division.

Section 2 - That the above mentioned services are desirable and urgently needed for the public safety and welfare.

Section 3 - That the Board of Directors agrees that, in the event of loss or misuse of funds, that the funds will be returned to the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division.

REVIEWED AND APPROVED THIS 27th DAY OF JULY, 2017

L.D. Williamson, President
ATCOG Board of Directors

ATTEST:
KEEPING THE WARMTH AGREEMENT

This Keeping the Warmth Agreement ("Agreement") including exhibit (A) is made and entered into as of the ____ day of ________ 20__, ("Effective Date") by and between Atmos Energy Corporation, a Texas and Virginia corporation ("Atmos Energy") and ________________, a ______________________ ("Agency").

BACKGROUND:

Atmos Energy and Agency recognize the need for providing charitable assistance to persons in financial distress to reduce energy related costs by installing weatherization measures improving energy efficiencies in the home.

Atmos Energy has developed the low-income Keeping the Warmth Program ("KTW") to help meet that need and to be utilized as a supplement to government and community aid programs designed to assist persons in financial distress weatherize their homes.

Agency is organized, inter alia, to provide charitable assistance to persons in financial distress, and Agency recognizes that Keeping the Warmth is a program for providing charitable weatherization assistance to individuals.

Atmos Energy will act merely as a conduit for contributions made by others so that Agency and such other nonprofit charitable organizations can use and apply such contributions for the charitable purposes of the Keeping the Warmth Program.

AGREEMENT:

In consideration of the mutual covenants hereinafter set forth, Atmos Energy and Agency hereby agree as follows:

1. Keeping the Warmth

Agency acknowledges that Atmos Energy has established Keeping the Warmth and that said program is funded by contributions from Atmos Energy shareholders and its customers. Agency further acknowledges that the policies and procedures governing the collection and the disbursement of the funds contributed to Keeping the Warmth (KTW) shall be established and may be modified by Atmos Energy from time to time, provided that Keeping the Warmth Funds shall always be disbursed to one or more Agencies, and shall never be retained by Atmos Energy for any other purpose and must be used solely for Atmos Energy customers.
2. Funds

Any Keeping the Warmth Funds obtained by Atmos Energy are deemed to be collected on behalf of one or more Agencies for the purposes described above. Atmos Energy will act merely as a conduit for monies collected so that Agency and such other nonprofit charitable organizations can use and apply such funds for the charitable purposes of the Keeping the Warmth Program.

3. Fund Guidelines

The Agency shall have the sole right to determine who receives the Keeping the Warmth Funds (such person being the “Resident”) subject, however, to the following conditions and restrictions:

3.1 KTW partner agencies and/or associated contractors are prohibited from using KTW funds for personal properties.

3.2 KTW partner agencies and/or associated contractors are prohibited from serving multi-family housing, and if the eligible Resident is renting, agency and/or associated contractor must secure no less than ten percent payment of the total cost for any and all natural gas appliances. Owner/landlord payment must be deducted and documented on the agency/contractor invoice.

3.3 Agency is required to process all Keeping the Warmth invoices and all other required information for payment using the MAACLINK web based software.

3.4 A Resident is eligible to receive a maximum of $1,800.00 in Keeping the Warmth weatherization assistance per 12 month program year.

3.5 Although a Resident does not have to meet federal low-income WAP guidelines in order to be eligible to receive Keeping the Warmth Funds, such Resident shall be at or below the Federal Poverty rate of 200%, a person experiencing higher than average energy burden and financial hardship that limit their ability to make weatherization improvements to their primary residence.

3.6 A Resident must be the named person or full-time resident on the Atmos Energy gas account for which weatherization assistance is being requested.

3.7 Keeping the Warmth Funds may only be used for energy efficient weatherization of the customer’s primary residence and include such items as:

3.7.1 Natural Gas Piping – inside home repair
3.7.2 Customer owned natural gas yard line repair
3.7.3 Natural gas water heater replacement
3.7.4 Natural gas main heating source replacement
3.7.5 Insulation – Attic and Walls
3.7.6 Natural Gas water heater insulation blanket
3.7.7 Duct sealing, caulking, weather-stripping, wall outlet insulation covers, and aerators.
4 Keeping the Warmth Report

4.1 In the event Atmos Energy ceases to use the MAACLINK Web-based program for any reason, Agency agrees to complete a Keeping the Warmth Report in the form and content provided by Atmos Energy (the “Keeping the Warmth Report”) for each month during the term of this Agreement. The Keeping the Warmth Report shall be sent to Atmos Energy no later than the tenth (10th) day of the month following the month for which the report was prepared. Atmos Energy may from time to time amend the form, content and information requested in the Keeping the Warmth Report by providing thirty (30) days' advance written notice to Agency. The monthly report is not required during periods when Agency does not have Keeping the Warmth Funds available to disburse to Beneficiaries.

4.2 Any information provided by Agency relating to estimated thermal savings, whether entered through the MAACLINK web-based program or through a Keeping the Warmth Report, shall be solely for informational purposes. Atmos Energy acknowledges that Agency does not warrant the accuracy or completeness of any thermal savings estimates, and Atmos Energy uses such information at its own risk.

5 Right to Audit

Atmos Energy and its designated agents, representatives, accountants and attorneys shall have full access, at all reasonable times, to the properties, books and records of Agency for examination of Agency’s administration of Keeping the Warmth Funds and compliance with Section 7 below; provided however, this Section shall not be interpreted as granting Atmos Energy the right to control how Agency determines which Beneficiaries will be entitled to receive Keeping the Warmth Funds or how Agency governs its day to day business.

6 Compliance with Codes

Agency represents and warrants that either:

6.1 It is a state, county, municipal agency who provides on a consistence basis weatherization assistance or

6.2 it is and shall continue to be during the term of this Agreement an organization described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and it Regulations as they now exist or as they may be amended from time to time (the “Code”), is exempt from federal income taxes under Section 501(a) of the Code, and contributions to Agency are deductible from federal income taxes of the donor, within limits and guidelines of Section 170 of the Code. Agency covenants and agrees that it will take no action or omit to perform any act that will prejudice its status under said provisions of the Code.

Agency will immediately notify Atmos Energy if at any time during the term of this Agreement any of the representations made in this Section cease to be true.
7 Non-exclusive Agreement

Agency acknowledges that Atmos Energy may enter into one or more agreements with other charitable organizations, including charitable organization located within Agency’s service area, pursuant to which such organization will be eligible to participate in Keeping the Warmth.

8 Term and Termination

The term of this Agreement is for one program year beginning July 1st and ending on June 30th and becomes effective as of the date Atmos Energy and Agency executes the agreement. This Agreement shall automatically renew for successive one year periods. Either Agency or Atmos Energy may terminate this Agreement, with or without cause, upon thirty (30) days written notice to the other party.

9 Miscellaneous

9.1 Governing Law. This Agreement will be governed by the laws of the State of Texas without regard to conflicts of laws principles.

9.2 Waiver. The rights and remedies of the parties to this Agreement are cumulative and not alternative. Neither the failure nor any delay by either party in exercising any right, power or privilege under this Agreement will operate as a waiver of such right, power or privilege. No single or partial exercise of any such right, power or privilege will preclude any other or further exercise of such right, power or privilege or the exercise of any other right, power or privilege. To the maximum extent permitted by applicable law, (a) no claim or right arising out of this Agreement can be discharged by one party, in whole or in part, by a waiver or renunciation of the claim or right unless in writing signed by the other party; (b) no waiver that may be given by a party will be applicable except in the specific instance for which it is given; and (c) no notice to or demand on one party will be deemed to be a waiver of any obligation of such party or of the right of the party giving such notice or demand to take further action without notice or demand as provided in this Agreement.

9.3 Binding Effect; Delegation of Duties Prohibited. This Agreement inures to the benefit of, and is binding upon, the parties hereto and their respective successors, assigns, heirs and legal representatives, including any entity with which the Atmos Energy may merge or consolidate or to which all or substantially all of its assets may be transferred. The duties and covenants of the Agency under this Agreement, being personal, may not be delegated.

9.4 Notices. Whenever it is provided in this Agreement that any notice, demand, request, consent, approval, declaration or other communication be given to or served upon any of the parties by another, such notice, demand, request, consent, approval, declaration or other communication will be in writing and will be deemed to have been duly given (i) when received if personally delivered, (ii) when transmitted if transmitted by telecopy (except that telememos transmitted after 5:00 p.m. in the recipient’s time zone will be deemed delivered the next business day), electronic or digital transmission method, (iii) the business day after it is sent,
if sent for next business day delivery to a domestic address by a nationally recognized overnight delivery service (i.e. Federal Express) and (iv) three business days after it is sent, if sent by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested. In each case notice will be sent to:

If to Atmos Energy:
Atmos Energy Corporation
Attn: Keeping the Warmth Program
P.O. Box 650205
Dallas, TX 75265-0205

or at such other address as the intended recipient will from time to time designate by written notice delivered in accordance herewith.

9.5 Entire Agreement; Amendments. This Agreement contains the entire agreement between the parties with respect to subject matter hereof and supersedes all prior agreements and understandings, oral or written, between the parties hereto with respect to the subject matter hereof. This Agreement may not be amended orally, but only by an agreement in writing signed by each of the parties hereto.

9.6 Section Headings and Construction. The headings of Sections in this Agreement are provided for convenience only and will not affect its construction or interpretation. All references to “Section” refer to the corresponding Section of this Agreement unless otherwise specified. All words used in this Agreement will be construed to be of such gender or number as the circumstances require. Unless otherwise expressly provided, the word “including” does not limit the preceding words or terms.

9.7 Severability. If any provision of this Agreement is held invalid or unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, the other provisions of this Agreement will remain in full force and effect. Any provision of this Agreement held invalid or unenforceable only in part or degree will remain in full force and effect to the extent not held invalid or unenforceable.

9.8 Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which will be deemed to be an original copy of this Agreement and all of which, when taken together, will be deemed to constitute one and the same agreement.

9.9 Replacement of Existing Agreement. This Agreement replaces the entire Keeping the Warmth Agreement entered into by the parties.

[Signature Page Follows]
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed and delivered this Agreement as of the date above first written above.

ATMOS ENERGY CORPORATION
a Texas and Virginia corporation

Ark-Tex Council of Governments
a 501-C3 organization (Agency Name)

__________________________________________________________  __________________________________________________________
Energy Assistance Program Manager  Executive Director
Exhibit A
Schedule of Payment to Administer the Keeping the Warmth (KTW) Program

In consideration for the strict adherence to the terms and conditions of the Agreement and subject to the Agency performance of the work set forth in the Agreement, to the satisfaction of Atmos Energy Corporation’s authorized representative, Atmos Energy agrees to compensate the Agency in the following manner.

Quarterly, Agency will receive from Mid-America Assistance Coalition (MAAC) five (5) percent of the quarterly amount spent of KTW funds for low-income weatherization.
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