

**ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
REGIONAL CRIMINAL JUSTICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
November 18, 2025 10:00 a.m.
via ZOOM teleconference**

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AGENDA

1. Call to order.
2. RCJAC member roll call.
3. Approve the minutes as submitted from the RCJAC Meeting held April 10, 2025 at the Mt. Pleasant Civic Center and via teleconference (ZOOM).
4. Review, discuss, and consider approval of the bylaws.
5. Review and consider approval of the local priorities, as previously reviewed and recommended by the criminal justice planning focus groups.
6. Review, discuss/establish, and consider approval of the top 5 overall local priorities (across all categories), to be included in the Executive Summary of the ATCOG Regional Criminal Justice Strategic Plan (to be updated in 2026).
7. Review, discuss, and consider approval of the scoring instrument for each funding category (VOCA, VAWA, JJTP, JAG).
8. Other business/announcements.
9. Adjourn.

**ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (ATCOG)
REGIONAL CRIMINAL JUSTICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RCJAC)**

April 10, 2025

Mt. Pleasant Civic Center & via ZOOM

MINUTES

The Ark-Tex Council of Governments (ATCOG) Regional Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (RCJAC) met April 10, 2025 9:00 a.m., at the Mt. Pleasant Civic Center and via ZOOM.

Darrell Bruce, 2nd Vice Chairman, called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

Patricia Haley performed a roll call to record those present in-person and on the teleconference, of RCJAC members and any other visitors present. There were a total of 18 present (RCJAC members, ATCOG staff) in-person and on the teleconference. A quorum was confirmed.

The minutes from the April 1, 2025 meeting were reviewed and a motion was made by Tom Whitten and seconded by Sharyn Cary to approve the minutes. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Patricia Haley discussed OOG-PSO/CJD's funding allocations for the ATCOG region. The conflict of interest policy was also reviewed.

Patricia Haley discussed the layout of the funding recommendation template for each fund source, as used to submit scores and recommendations to OOG-PSO/CJD in past years. The Acceptable "Quality" Project Line and the Allocated Funding Depletion Line were explained.

The Juvenile Justice score and RBE/estimated allocation was reviewed. A motion was made by Ronnie Humphrey to place the quality line and allocated funding depletion line below ATCOG (the only applicant), and to fund ATCOG with the available allocation amount and if more funding is available recoup ATCOG's requested amount as much as possible, and if less funding is available ATCOG would receive what is available. The motion was seconded by Leah Thomas. All were in favor and the motion carried.

The JAG scores and the RBE/estimated allocation were reviewed. After discussion of the applications and the amount of funds available, a motion was made by Ronnie Humphrey to place the quality line and allocated funding depletion line below the 7th application, which would recommend that all applicants receive funding since there is enough funding available in the allocation to fully fund applicants 1-7. If the additional funds exceed that, then consider allowing the applicants to expand the scope of their current requested project, in 1 thru 7 order until the funding is depleted. The motion also recommended that in the event that

less JAG funding is available, the recommended amounts would decrease in descending order of ranking. The motion was seconded by Melissa Horton. All were in favor and the motion carried.

The Truancy Prevention score and RBE/estimated allocation was reviewed. A motion was made by Leah Thomas to place the quality line and allocated funding depletion line below Bowie County (the only applicant), and to fund Bowie County with the available allocation amount and if more funding is available recoup their requested amount as much as possible, and if less funding is available, they would receive what is available. The motion was seconded by Robert Vine. All were in favor and the motion carried.

The VOCA scores and rankings were reviewed. After discussion, a motion was made by Tracey Climer to place the quality line below the 3rd application (which would recommend that all applicants receive funding if enough funding was available for all three) and to recommend that:

- If Total Allocation is \$1,179,086.54, 100% of requested amount goes to SAFE-T, Bowie Co., DVP Inc.
- If Total Allocation is less than \$1,179,086.54, 59.36799% of the Total Allocation goes to SAFE-T, 8.82039% of the Total Allocation goes to Bowie County, and 31.81162% goes to DVP Inc.

The motion was seconded by Sharyn Cary. One member opposed and all others were in favor and the motion carried.

Patricia Haley explained the process of getting the recommendations approved by the ATCOG Board and after they are approved, the applicants would be notified of the results and those would be submitted to OOG.

A motion to adjourn was made by Robert Newsom and seconded by Leah Thomas. All were in favor and the motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:49 a.m.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Rex Bloodworth, Cass County Sheriff's Office

Sherry Edwards, Red River County Juvenile Probation

Tracey Climer, Daingerfield Police Department

Angela Price, Hopkins County Sheriff's Office

Ronnie Humphrey, Mt. Pleasant ISD Police Department

Courtney Shelton, Cass County DA

Darrell Bruce, Lamar County Juvenile Probation

Scott Dupree, Cass County Juvenile Probation

Jack Martin, Morris County Sheriff's Office

Lance Hall, Bowie County Emergency Management

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Sharyn Cary, Titus County Citizen

Tom Whitten, Bowie County Commissioner

Leah Thomas, Franklin County Sheriff's Office

Robert Vine, City of Paris

Robert Newsom, Hopkins County Judge

Melissa Simpson, Bowie County Juvenile Probation

Melissa Horton, Mt. Pleasant Police Department

STAFF PRESENT

Patricia Haley, ATCOG staff