

AGENDA
ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
January 29, 2026

The Executive Committee of Ark-Tex Council of Governments (ATCOG) will meet at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, January 29, 2026, at the Pilgrim's Community Center, 820 West Pecan Street, Mt. Pleasant, Texas, and via videoconference.

If attending via Zoom, use the following link to register for the meeting:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/ixt5t0zSSRyssgKYUTDcza>

If you experience issues while registering, please contact Marla Matthews no less than two (2) workdays prior to the meeting at 903.255.3555 or mmatthews@atcog.org.

1. Call to order – Quorum Determination.
2. Invocation.
3. Public Comment.

ATCOG invites members of the public to provide oral comments on any item included on this agenda under this item. Each person wishing to make a public comment shall be limited to 3 minutes, with comments directed to the Board as a whole. Reasonable accommodations shall be made for members of the public utilizing a translator for public comment.

4. Review and consider consent agenda items. (To be presented by Executive Director Mary Beth Rudel)
 - Approval of the minutes as submitted for the ATCOG Executive Committee meeting held Thursday, October 30, 2025. (See page 3)
 - Acceptance of the minutes as submitted for the ATCOG Area Agency on Aging Regional Council meeting held Thursday, December 11, 2025. (See page 8)
5. Executive Director Report (For information only, see page 11; to be presented by Executive Director Mary Beth Rudel)
 - Indirect Finance Quarterly Report
 - Quarterly Program Reports
 - Homeland Security Grant update
6. Review and consider ratification of the submission of an application for the Texas Regional Broadband Program. (See page 26; to be presented by Executive Director Mary Beth Rudel)
7. Review and consider authorizing the Executive Director to amend the contract with ALL4 LLC to conduct Air Quality Modeling and Emission Inventory in Bowie County, Texas, during 2026-2027. (See page 28; to be presented by staff member Paul Prange)
8. Review and consider approval of revisions to the Regional Criminal Justice Advisory Committee Bylaws. (See page 30; to be presented by staff member Patricia Haley)

9. Review and consider approval of the list of representatives as reappointments/appointments to serve on the Regional Criminal Justice Advisory Committee through December 31, 2027. (See page 33; to be presented by staff member Patricia Haley)
10. Review and consider approval of the submission of a grant application to the Office of the Governor-Public Safety Office, Criminal Justice Division, for the Juvenile Justice Services project for FY2027. (See page 38; to be presented by staff member Patricia Haley)
11. Review and consider approval of the submission of a grant application to the Office of the Governor-Public Safety Office, Criminal Justice Division, for the Specialized Regional Crisis Training Program for FY2027. (See page 40; to be presented by staff member Patricia Haley)
12. Computerized Criminal History System Update. (See page 42; to be presented by staff member Patricia Haley)

Executive Closed Session

13. The Executive Committee will recess the Open Session and go into Executive Closed Session to deliberate on matters concerning real property as allowed in the Texas Open Meeting Act, Section 551.072, Omaha Property.

Open Session/Regular Business

14. The Executive Committee will reconvene in Open Session and take action on Item 13, as necessary. (To be presented by Board Vice President Scott Norton, Executive Director/CEO of TexAmericas)
15. Adjourn

Announcements

A Workforce CEO meeting will be held immediately following this meeting. Judges, please reconvene at the front of the room or remain on Zoom. All others may move to the hallway or exit the Zoom meeting.

The next ATCOG Executive Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, February 26, 2026, at 10:00 a.m., at the Pilgrim's Community Center, 820 West Pecan Street, Mt. Pleasant, Texas, and via videoconference.

Pursuant to the Texas Open Meeting Act, Government Code Chapter 551 one or more of the above items may be considered in an executive session closed to the public, including but not limited to consultation with an 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 a matter will be taken or conducted in an open session following the conclusion of the executive session.

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MINUTES
ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
October 30, 2025

The Executive Committee of Ark-Tex Council of Governments (ATCOG) met at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, October 30, 2025, at the Pilgrim's Community Center, 820 West Pecan Street, Mt. Pleasant, Texas, and via videoconference.

1. Ms. Mary Beth Rudel introduced Dr. Helen You, Ph.D., Associate Director/Senior Demographer, for the Texas Demographics Center. Dr. You presented demographic information regarding the Texas population and the ATCOG region.
2. Bobby Howell, Judge, Bowie County, called the meeting to order.
3. Robert Newsom, Judge, Hopkins County, gave the invocation.
4. Public Comment.

No member of the public made a comment.

5. Ms. Mary Beth Rudel presented the following consent agenda items:
 - Approval of the minutes as submitted for the ATCOG Executive Committee meeting held Thursday, September 25, 2025.
 - Acceptance of the minutes as submitted for the ATCOG Homeland Security Advisory Committee meeting held Thursday, August 21, 2025.
 - Acceptance of the minutes as submitted for the ATCOG Area Agency on Aging Regional Council meeting held Thursday, September 4, 2025.
 - Acceptance of the minutes as submitted for the ATCOG Solid Waste Advisory Committee meeting held Wednesday, October 8, 2025.

Motion to approve was made by Judge Newsom, and seconded by Brandon Bell, Judge, Lamar County. It was approved.

6. Ms. Mary Beth Rudel presented the Executive Director's report for information only.
 - Indirect Finance Quarterly Report
 - Quarterly Program Reports

7. Ms. Daneshia Cherry presented for review and consideration approval of the ATCOG 2026 Fair Market Rent Payment Standards (FMRs) for the Housing Choice Voucher Program.

ATCOG Housing Choice Voucher program serves twelve counties: Bowie, Camp, Cass, Delta, Franklin, Hopkins, Lamar, Morris, Red River, Titus, Upshur, and Wood.

Each year, ATCOG sets payment standards for all unit sizes in each county based on the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) published FMRs. HUD allows payment standards to range between 90% and 110% of the FMR. ATCOG proposes adopting standards at 110% of FMR for FY2026.

Additionally, ATCOG administers Desegregated Housing Opportunity (DHO) zones within its service area. Separate payment standards are required for these zones, which are predetermined by HUD.

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

8. Mr. Paul Prange presented for review and consideration approval of the FY2026/2027 application to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to administer the Solid Waste Pass-Through Grant Program.

The Ark-Tex Council of Governments receives funding every two years from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to administer the Solid Waste Pass-Through Grant Program. An application must be submitted by ATCOG to TCEQ at the beginning of each biennium to execute the contract for the grant period.

ATCOG is seeking authorization to apply to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to administer the FY2026/2027 Solid Waste Pass-Through Grant Program. ATCOG staff plan to fund Community Collection Events and Illegal Dumping Cleanup Events throughout the region during this biennium.

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

9. Mr. Paul Prange presented for review and consideration approval of the funding priorities for the FY2026/2027 Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Solid Waste Pass-Through Grant Program.

The Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) held a meeting on Wednesday, October 8, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. to discuss the FY2026/2027 funding priorities. The SWAC recommended allocating funds in the amount of approximately \$60,000.00 to sponsor Community Collection Events/Illegal Dumping Cleanup Events throughout the ATCOG region during FY2027.

ATCOG is seeking authorization to utilize the funding allocation of approximately \$60,000.00 during FY2027 to sponsor Community Collection Events/Illegal Dumping Cleanup Events throughout the ATCOG region.

Motion to approve was made by Kent Cooper, Judge, Titus County, and seconded by Judge Newsom. It was approved.

10. Ms. Patricia Haley presented for review and consideration approval for the Executive Director to enter into a contract with Kilgore College/East Texas Police Academy not to exceed \$99,999.99 to provide police academy training services.

ATCOG is awaiting receipt of a 2-year Regional Law Enforcement Training grant from the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Division, for the FY26/FY27 grant period. Quotes were requested for a contracted police academy provider for the Regional Law

Enforcement Training program. Kilgore College/East Texas Police Academy (ETPA), which is ATCOG's current provider of law enforcement training, was the only provider to submit a quote. They will provide basic peace officer training, basic corrections/jailer training, and advanced/specialized courses.

Ms. Haley introduced Mr. Warren Egerton, Director of the East Texas Police Academy/Kilgore College, and invited him to greet the Executive Committee.

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

11. Ms. Jenny Butler presented for review and consideration approval of the appointment of a new member and Vice-Chairperson to the Area Agency on Aging Regional Advisory Council.

AAA RAC member appointment for the vacant position to represent Hopkins County:

- Rachele Sills of Sulphur Springs, Texas/Hopkins County.

AAA RAC Vice-Chairperson appointment:

- Rhonda Rogers of Paris, Texas/Lamar County.

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

12. Mr. Mark Compton presented for review and consideration approval of a grant application to be submitted to the Martha, David, & Bagby Lennox Foundation in the amount of \$50,000.00 for ATCOG Transportation Operations.

The Martha, David, & Bagby Lennox Foundation has advocated for TRAX transportation for several years and has been a strong voice for Red River County and TRAX services. ATCOG will request grant funds in the amount of \$50,000.00 for FY2026. As part of the grant agreement, TRAX will continue to support transportation services within Red River County.

Motion to approve was made by Judge Bell and seconded by Judge Cooper. It was approved.

13. Mr. Mark Compton presented for review and consideration approval of a grant application to be submitted to the RAM Foundation in the amount of \$25,000.00 for ATCOG Transportation Operations.

The RAM FOUNDATION has advocated TRAX transportation for several years and has been a strong voice for Lamar County and TRAX services. ATCOG will request grant funds in the amount of \$25,000.00 for FY2026. As part of the grant agreement, TRAX will continue to support transportation services within Lamar County.

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

14. Ms. Rea Allen presented for review and consideration approval for the Executive Director to enter into a contract with Critical Response Group to provide indoor school mapping.

The Critical Response Group provides for the development of both macro and micro collaborative response graphics (CRGs) for campuses across thirty-one school districts within the ATCOG region. The services are being procured through a state contract, and a cost-share approach with school districts is also being utilized. The contract total is \$263,720. The cost includes site visits, as well as implementation and ongoing maintenance services to support the effective use of the graphics in emergency response efforts.

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

15. Ms. Rea Allen presented for review and consideration approval for the Executive Director to enter into a contract with RapidDeploy Eclipse Analytics for Management Information System services.

The Commission on State Emergency Communications (CSEC) Program requires that each Regional Planning Commission log via an MIS system all 9-1-1 call records. RapidDeploy Eclipse Analytics collects, analyzes, and reports all PSAPs' raw Call Detail Record (CDR) data in the ATCOG jurisdiction. Every 9-1-1 call routing trunk is profiled and reported in Eclipse. The purpose of the application is to deliver accurate call volume statistics for all PSAPs in the jurisdiction. These reports are used in calculating PSAP equipment needs, compliance assessments, and RPC reporting

The Management Information System contract with RapidDeploy, via AT&T, is being procured through a state contract, totaling \$457,910, for a 5-year contract term. The costs are based on region-wide MIS service, initial implementation, Text-to-9-1-1 reporting modules, individual PSAP dashboards, and Wireless Routing analysis.

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

Announcements

Ms. Mary Beth Rudel announced that the TEX-21 Statewide Meeting will be held on Thursday-Friday, November 6-7, at the Texarkana College Aviation Technology School Hangar, Texarkana Regional Airport, 60 Globe Avenue, Texarkana, Arkansas.

Ms. Rudel announced that the next Joint NETEDD and ATCOG Board of Directors meeting will be held on Thursday, December 4, 2025, at the Pilgrim's Community Center, 820 West Pecan Street, Mt. Pleasant, Texas, and via videoconference.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Judge Lee and seconded by Judge Cooper. The meeting was adjourned.

ATCOG EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Bobby Howell, Judge, Bowie County
Brandon Bell, Judge, Lamar County
Kent Cooper, Judge, Titus County
Tanner Crutcher, Judge, Delta County
Robert Newsom, Judge, Hopkins County
Doug Reeder, Judge, Morris County
Marc Reiter, Mayor, City of Hooks

ATCOG BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Laney Harris, Director, City of Texarkana-AR
Dana Reeves, General Manager, Franklin County Water District

GUESTS PRESENT

Warren Egerton, East Texas Police Academy
Donna Egerton
Dr. Helen You, Associate Director/Senior Demographer, Texas Demographics Center
Seth Cox, Board Member, Northeast Texas Economic Development District
Anna Thomas, Office of Senator Cornyn
Rea Donna Jones, Texarkana MPO

ATCOG STAFF PRESENT

Mary Beth Rudel, Executive Director
Leslie McBride, Deputy Director
Laura Cowling, Finance Director
Debbie Purifoy, Compliance and Purchasing Officer
Marla Matthews, Executive Assistant
Rea Allen, 9-1-1 Director
Jenny Butler, Area Agency on Aging Director
Daneshia Cherry, Housing Director
Mark Compton, Transportation Director
Whitney Fezell, Homeland Security Coordinator
Patricia Haley, Criminal Justice Coordinator
Paul Prange, Environmental Resources Coordinator
Bobby Williams, Transportation Operations Coordinator

Bobby Howell, President
Board of Directors
Ark-Tex Council of Governments

ATTEST:

ARK-TEX AREA AGENCY ON AGING (AAA)
Regional Advisory Council Meeting
MINUTES

The Ark-Tex Council of Governments (ATCOG) Area Agency on Aging (AAA) Regional Advisory Council met on Thursday, December 11, 2025, at the Titus Medical Plaza in Mount Pleasant and via video conference call. Rhonda Rogers, Vice-Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

Magen Watters, AAA Program Specialist, called Roll. Regional Advisory Council members present were as follows:

Ruth Brown, Health Care Representative
Judge Robert Newsom, Elected Official
Paul Lindsey, Titus County Representative
Mayor Ann Rushing, Elected Official
Rhonda Rogers, Lamar County Representative
Brenda Davis, Bowie County Representative
Rachelle Sills, Hopkins County Representative
Angela Hill, Cass County Representative

AAA staff present:

Jenny Butler, AAA Director
Magen Watters, AAA Program Specialist

Special Speaker:

Rachelle Sills, Lakes Regional Community Center and Hopkins County Representative

Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting

A motion was made by Brenda Davis to approve the minutes of the September 6, 2025, meeting. Motion was seconded by Mayor Ann Rushing. All members present were in favor.

Lakes Regional Community Center Information:

Rachelle Sills, Licensed Clinical Social Worker and Director at Lakes Regional's Mount Pleasant location, provided an overview of services offered by Lakes Regional, including counseling, assessments, and care coordination.

Her work directly supports Lakes Regional's mission to deliver comprehensive mental health, substance use recovery, and developmental disability services across twelve counties in Texas. Through her expertise, she ensures clients receive personalized, evidence-based care, strengthening the connection between community needs and available resources.

Budget Updates:

Jenny Butler, AAA Director, provided an update on the AAA budget. She reported that the closeout budget was submitted to the State prior to the November 19 deadline. Jenny commended Callie Anne Kennedy, ATCOG Finance Specialist, for her excellent work on the budget.

Rhonda Rogers asked whether any procedures had been updated due to the appointment of the new HHSC Director, Stephanie Muth. Jenny explained that procedural changes typically occur only after guidance or directives are issued by the Office of Area Agency Administration (OAAA), which oversees policy and compliance standards for AAA operations.

Jenny will distribute updated budget information and provide details regarding the potential need for a special meeting outside the regular quarterly schedule.

AAA Updates:

Medicare Open Enrollment for 2026 began on October 15 and concluded successfully on December 7, 2025. This year, the AAA team provided enhanced support with three State-certified SHIP Benefits Counselors available to assist Medicare beneficiaries in reviewing and selecting health care coverage. Assistance was offered both in-person and over the phone by appointment, with staff coordinating a regional schedule of locations to ensure accessibility.

Jenny informed RAC members about a new Information Management System called PeerPlace that will take the place of WellSky beginning February 2026. WellSky is the current data management system used by all Area Agencies on Aging. The goal of this change is to streamline data and reports and improve efficiency in delivering services.

Area Plan 2027-2029:

Jenny provided guidance on the upcoming Area Plan for 2027–2029. She noted that while this plan will be more simplified, it offers greater flexibility to include information tailored specifically to the needs of our region.

Jenny proposed a survey to the Council for review and approval to use for developing the Area Plan. The members present approved of the survey. This survey will be distributed to a broad range of participant groups, including but not limited to clients, service providers, government officials, caregivers, social workers, and other community members. The feedback collected will be analyzed and incorporated into the Area Plan to help identify regional needs, set priorities, and guide service improvements.

Announcements

Rhonda Rogers shared news that Horizon House – a transitional housing shelter in Paris, Texas is scheduled to close January 31, 2026.

Ms. Rogers invited RAC members to submit any older adult concerns that could be addressed as non-partisan issues by her and the Texas Silver-Haired Legislature. She noted that current initiatives include advocating for free fishing licenses for individuals aged sixty-five and older and eliminating taxes on electric bills for senior centers.

The next quarterly Regional Advisory Council Meeting will be held March 5, 2026.

Adjourn

A motion was made to adjourn by Paul Lindsey and seconded by Rachelle Sills. The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 am. The next RAC meeting is Thursday, March 5, 2026.

Rhonda Rogers, Vice-Chairperson

Date

Attest

Date

ARK TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
DIRECTORS REPORT

12.31.2025

Fiscal year thru period ending 09.30.2026

0010 - Executive

Description	Quarter to date	Year to date	Annual budget	Annual variance	% used
50110 SALARIES	102,574.54	102,574.54	371,978.00	(269,403.46)	0.28
50210 BENEFITS	54,951.49	54,951.49	194,917.00	(139,965.51)	0.28
50310 STAFF TRAVEL		-	11,000.00	(11,000.00)	-
50312 REGISTRATION		-	4,000.00	(4,000.00)	-
50319 TRAINING		-		-	-
50410 RENT/SPACE	1,675.60	1,675.60	20,553.00	(18,877.40)	0.08
50420 TELEPHONE	1,241.06	1,241.06	7,115.00	(5,873.94)	0.17
50422 CELL PHONE	111.66	111.66	1,421.00	(1,309.34)	0.08
50430 POSTAGE	436.00	436.00		436.00	
50440 COPIER	333.31	333.31	2,164.00	(1,830.69)	0.15
50510 OTHER INDIRECT	350.00	350.00		350.00	
50511 OFFICE SUPPLIES	689.91	689.91	6,000.00	(5,310.09)	0.11
50512 REPRODUCTION & PRINTING		-	250.00	(250.00)	-
50514 PERIODICALS		-	500.00	(500.00)	-
50515 MEMBERSHIP DUES	6,723.90	6,723.90	1,500.00	5,223.90	4.48
50515 MEMBERSHIP DUES - LOCAL		-		-	
50516 ADVERTISING		-		-	
50521 LEGAL & ACCOUNTING		-		-	
50523 SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE		-		-	
50525 INTEREST		-		-	
50540 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES		-		-	
50610 EQUIPMENT		-		-	
50612 COMPUTER SOFTWARE	3,061.00	3,061.00	2,500.00	561.00	1.22
Total EXPENSE	172,148.47	172,148.47	623,898.00	(451,749.53)	0.28

ARK TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
DIRECTORS REPORT

12.31.2025

Fiscal year thru period ending 09.30.2026

0020 - Administrative

Description	Quarter to date	Year to date	Annual budget	Annual variance	% used
50110 SALARIES	46,924.34	46,924.34	185,887.00	(138,962.66)	0.25
50210 BENEFITS	22,920.69	22,920.69	97,405.00	(74,484.31)	0.24
50310 STAFF TRAVEL			2,500.00	(2,500.00)	-
50312 REGISTRATION			4,000.00	(4,000.00)	-
50319 TRAINING	156.60	156.60		156.60	
50410 RENT/SPACE	1,865.70	1,865.70	10,271.00	(8,405.30)	0.18
50420 TELEPHONE	577.74	577.74	3,556.00	(2,978.26)	0.16
50422 CELL PHONE	223.32	223.32	474.00	(250.68)	
50430 POSTAGE	32.56	32.56	250.00	(217.44)	0.13
50440 COPIER	58.93	58.93	1,081.00	(1,022.07)	0.05
50510 OTHER INDIRECT			5,000.00	(5,000.00)	-
50511 OFFICE SUPPLIES	1,142.62	1,142.62	2,000.00	(857.38)	0.57
50512 PERIODICALS & PUBLICATIONS			500.00	(500.00)	-
50515 MEMBERSHIP DUES	798.90	798.90	500.00	298.90	1.60
50516 ADVERTISEMENT				-	
50521 LEGAL & ACCT FEES			-	-	
50522 INSURANCE/BONDING	1,000.00	1,000.00		1,000.00	
50612 SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE	289.59	289.59	3,500.00	(3,210.41)	
50524 BANKING SERVICES				-	
50530 CONTRACT LABOR				-	
50531 Contract - DRUG TESTING	1,145.00	1,145.00	800.00	345.00	
50540 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	176.70	176.70	2,500.00	(2,323.30)	
50623 SIGNAGE				-	
Total EXPENSE	77,312.69	77,312.69	320,224.00	(242,911.31)	0.24

ARK TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
DIRECTORS REPORT

12.31.2025

Fiscal year thru period ending 09.30.2026

0030 - Board

Description	Quarter to date	Year to date	Annual budget	Annual variance	% used
50310 BOARD TRAVEL			5,000.00	(5,000.00)	-
50312 BOARD REGISTRATION			4,500.00	(4,500.00)	-
50510 OTHER INDIRECT			2,000.00	(2,000.00)	
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Total EXPENSE	-	-	11,500.00	(11,500.00)	-
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ARK TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
DIRECTORS REPORT

12.31.2025

Fiscal year thru period ending 09.30.2026

0040 - Finance

Description	Quarter to date	Year to date	Annual budget	Annual variance	% used
50110 SALARIES	55,845.41	55,845.41	213,142.00	(157,296.59)	0.26
50210 BENEFITS	26,308.60	26,308.60	111,687.00	(85,378.40)	0.24
50310 TRAVEL		-	2,500.00	(2,500.00)	-
50312 REGISTRATION/TRAINING		-	4,500.00	(4,500.00)	-
50410 RENT/SPACE	912.44	912.44	11,777.00	(10,864.56)	0.08
50420 TELEPHONE	677.59	677.59	4,077.00	(3,399.41)	0.17
50422 CELL PHONE	343.59	343.59	474.00	(130.41)	0.72
50430 POSTAGE	267.88	267.88	3,500.00	(3,232.12)	0.08
50440 COPIER	20.25	20.25	1,240.00	(1,219.75)	0.02
50510 OTHER INDIRECT		-	3,000.00	(3,000.00)	-
50511 OFFICE SUPPLIES	264.15	264.15	5,000.00	(4,735.85)	0.05
50512 PERIODICALS & PUBLICATIONS		-		-	
50515 MEMBERSHIP DUES	798.90	798.90	500.00	298.90	1.60
50516 ADVERTISING		-		-	
50520 AUDIT & ACCOUNTING		-	35,000.00	(35,000.00)	-
50521 LEGAL & ACCOUNTING		-		-	
50522 INSURANCE & BONDING	19,840.46	19,840.46	25,000.00	(5,159.54)	0.79
50523 SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE		-		-	
50524 BANKING SERVICES			1,500.00	(1,500.00)	-
50525 INTEREST		-		-	
50530 CONTRACT LABOR		-		-	
50540 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES		-		-	
50612 COMPUTER SOFTWARE	31,227.33	31,227.33	-	31,227.33	
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Total EXPENSE	136,506.60	136,506.60	422,897.00	(317,617.73)	0.32
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FY2026 JAG Projects						
Grantee	Project Title	Grant Number	Grant Status	Current Award	Expended	Project Period
Cass County	Body Armor Purchase Compliance	5449701	Grant-Active	\$27,960.00	\$0.00	10/1/2025-9/30/2026
Chapel Hill ISD	Emergency Communications	5340001	Grant-Active	\$14,963.12	\$14,244.56	10/1/2025-9/30/2026
City of Daingerfield	Save a Life	5321301	Grant-Active	\$17,367.28	\$10,065.28	10/1/2025-9/30/2026
City of Mt. Vernon	Patrol/CID Desktop Computer	5457801	Grant-Active	\$13,878.00	\$0.00	10/1/2025-9/30/2026
City of Omaha	Traffic Safety	5360201	Grant-Active	\$10,492.40	\$0.00	10/1/2025-9/30/2026
Delta County	Mobile Radio Grant	5455501	Grant-Active	\$33,340.93	\$0.00	10/1/2025-9/30/2026
Franklin County	MDT Upgrade Project	5459201	Grant-Active	\$19,805.00	\$0.00	10/1/2025-9/30/2026

FY2026 VOCA Projects						
Grantee	Project Title	Grant Number	Grant Status	Current Award	Expended	Project Period
Bowie County	Bowie County District Attorney's Victim Assistance Program	4823503	Grant-Active	\$76,528.51	\$0.00	10/1/2025-9/30/2026
Domestic Violence Prevention, Inc.	Comprehensive Victim Restoration Program	2907009	Grant-Active	\$276,007.72	\$64,291.41	10/1/2025-9/30/2026
SAFE-T	Children & Youth Services/Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, and Transitional Housing	2453112	Grant-Active	\$522,762.23	\$74,518.89	10/1/2025-9/30/2026

FY2026 Juvenile Justice Projects						
Grantee	Project Title	Grant Number	Grant Status	Current Award	Expended	Project Period
Ark-Tex Council of Governments	Purchase of Juvenile Services	1426627	Grant - Active	\$29,512.33	\$6,749.97	9/1/2025-8/31/2026

Regional Development Report as of December 2025

Status		Agency/Jurisdiction	Grant Name	Project Name	Grant Amount	Match Amount
<i>In Process</i>	ATCOG Region	ATCOG	FY26 EPA Brownfield Coalition Assessment Grant	ATCOG Coalition Assessment 2026	\$ 1,500,000	\$ -
<i>In Process</i>	Bowie County	ATCOG	2026 Defense Adjustment Assistance Grant	RRAD Drone Project - supported by TC & TAMUT	\$ 5,000,000	\$ 5,000,000
Active	ATCOG Region	ATCOG	FY25 EPA Brownfield Revolving Loan Fund	ATCOG Brownfield Revolving Loan Fund (New RLF)	\$ 1,000,000	\$ -
Active	Region	NETEDD	2024-2026 3-Year Partnership Planning Program Grant	EDA/NETEDD Partnership Planning Program	\$ 210,000	\$ 140,000
Active	Region	ATCOG	2025-2026 TDA Technical Assistance Award	Technical Assistance	\$ 12,685	\$ -
Active	Region	ATCOG	2022, 2023 & 2025 USDA Rural Business Development Grant(s) (RBDG)	Rural Business Development Grant Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) [USDA <i>deobligated \$419,318 old fund; Funded \$350,000 New Disaster Funds</i>]	\$ 562,500	\$ 100,000
Active	Region	NETEDD	2020 EDA Public Works & Economic Adjustment Revolving Loan Fund	NETEDD Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) Revolving	\$ 3,186,179	\$ 1,059,110
Active	Region	NETEDD	2020 EDA Cares Act Adjustment Revolving Loan Fund Grant	NETEDD COVID Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) Revolving	\$ 550,000	\$ -
Active	Bowie County	ATCOG	2025 Defense Adjustment Assistance Grant	Riverbend Water Resources District Industrial Wastewater Treatment Plant	\$ 5,000,000	\$ 5,000,000
Active	Bowie County	City of Nash	2023 EDA Disaster Supplemental Economic Adjustment Assistance Programs	Nash Business Infrastructure	\$ 2,550,000	\$ 542,632
Active	Bowie County	City of DeKalb	2020 EDA Public Works & Economic Adjustment	Wastewater, Sewer, Water Lines & Meters, Easement & Jobs	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 559,858

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Active	Lamar County	Paris EDC	2021 EDA ARPA Public Works & Economic Adjustment	Infrastructure Northwaest Industrial Park & Jobs	\$ 1,300,000	\$ 552,344
Close-out in Process	4-states	NETEDD	2021-2025 Public Works & Economic Adjustment Technical Assistance Grant	Reconstitution of the Red River Leadership Institute	\$ 260,470	\$ 111,630
Close-out in Process	Hopkins County	City of Sulphur Springs	2020 EDA CARES Act Public Works & Economic Adjustment	Coal Proport Development - Infrastructure & Jobs	\$ 2,380,000	\$ 596,960
Close-out in Process	Red River County	City of Avery	2022 TxCDBG FAST Fund Grant	Fire Truck & Equipment	\$ 516,606	\$ 7,500
Close-out in Process	Bowie County	City of Hooks	2021/2022 CDBG Community Development Fund	Sewer Infrastructure	\$ 350,000	\$ 35,000
Close-out in Process	4-states	NETEDD	2021-2025 Public Works & Economic Adjustment Technical Assistance Grant	Reconstitution of the Red River Leadership Institute	\$ 260,470	\$ 111,630
Close-out in Process	Region	ATCOG	2024-2025 TDA Technical Assistance Award	Technical Assistance	\$ 12,753	\$ -
Declined	Bowie County	TexAmericas Center	FY25 EPA Disaster Supplemental Grant	TexAmericas Center EDA 2025 Disaster Grant	\$ 19,983,491	\$ 4,995,873

ATCOG Regional Services

	Quarter 1 Oct-Dec 2026	Quarter 2 Jan-Mar 2026	Quarter 3 Apr-Jun 2026	Quarter 4 Jul-Sept 2026	Year-to-Date
Number of 9-1-1 calls/text received (All counties + training center)	53,123	-	-	-	53,123
Number of Rural Transportation Ride (Ages 60 and over)	3,520	-	-	-	3,520
Number of Home Delivered Meals Served (Ages 60 and over)	26,142	-	-	-	26,142
Number of Congregate Meals Served (Ages 60 and over)	7,076	-	-	-	7,076
Number of Illegal Dumping Camera Systems In Use	16	-	-	-	Not Cumulative
Number of "No Illegal Dumping" Signs In Use	57	-	-	-	Not Cumulative
Number of Housing Choice Vouchers (HCV) (including Camp, Upshur, & Wood Counties)	1,530	-	-	-	Not Cumulative
Amount of Housing Assistance Payments to Landlords (including Camp, Upshur, & Wood Counties)	\$ 2,897,908.00	\$ -	\$ -	-	\$ 2,897,908.00
Number of HCV Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Participants (including Camp, Upshur, & Wood Counties)	70	-	-	-	Not Cumulative
Number of HCV Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Graduates (including Camp, Upshur, & Wood Counties)	3	-	-	-	3
Number of Rural Transportation Rides (including paratransit & Paris Metro)	16,645	-	-	-	16,645
Number of Active Criminal Justice Grants (Including Juvenile and Regional Law Enforcement Training Grant)	13	-	-	-	Not Cumulative
Number of Students attending Law Enforcement Training	108	-	-	-	108
Number of active Economic Development loans	29	-	-	-	Not Cumulative
Number of active Regional Development grants	10	-	-	-	Not Cumulative
Number of Active Homeland Security Grants	-	-	-	-	Not Cumulative

ATCOG Services in Bowie County

	Quarter 1 Oct-Dec 2026	Quarter 2 Jan-Mar 2026	Quarter 3 Apr-Jun 2026	Quarter 4 Jul-Sept 2026	Year-to-Date
Number of 9-1-1 calls/text received (Bi-State Justice Center & New Boston PD)	26,239				26,239
Number of Rural Transportation Ride (Ages 60 and over)	637				637
Number of Home Delivered Meals Served (Ages 60 and over)	4,979				4,979
Number of Congregate Meals Served (Ages 60 and over)	2,534				2,534
Number of Illegal Dumping Camera Systems In Use	12				Not Cumulative
Number of "No Illegal Dumping" Signs In Use	45				Not Cumulative
Number of Housing Choice Vouchers (HCV)	806				Not Cumulative
Amount of Housing Assistance Payments to Landlords	\$ 1,602,620.00				\$ 1,602,620.00
Number of HCV Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Participants	41				Not Cumulative
Number of HCV FSS Graduates	2				2
Number of Rural Transportation Rides	1,134				1,134
Number of Active Criminal Justice Grants	2				Not Cumulative
Number of Students attending Law Enforcement Training	6				6
Number of active Economic Development loans	5				Not Cumulative
Number of active Regional Development grants	3				Not Cumulative
Number of Active Homeland Security Grants	-				Not Cumulative

ATCOG Services in Cass County

	Quarter 1 Oct-Dec 2026	Quarter 2 Jan-Mar 2026	Quarter 3 Apr-Jun 2026	Quarter 4 Jul-Sept 2026	Year-to-Date
Number of 9-1-1 calls received (Atlanta PD and Cass CO SO)	4,340				4,340
Number of Rural Transportation Ride (Ages 60 and over)	442				442
Number of Home Delivered Meals Served (Ages 60 and over)	1,379				1,379
Number of Congregate Meals Served (Ages 60 and over)	1,916				1,916
Number of Illegal Dumping Camera Systems In Use	-				Not Cumulative
Number of "No Illegal Dumping" Signs In Use	-				Not Cumulative
Number of Housing Choice Vouchers (HCV)	51				Not Cumulative
Amount of Housing Assistance Payments to Landlords	\$ 89,784.00				\$ 89,784.00
Number of HCV Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Participants	-				Not Cumulative
Number of HCV FSS Graduates	-				-
Number of Rural Transportation Rides	725				725
Number of Active Criminal Justice Grants	1				Not Cumulative
Number of Students attending Law Enforcement Training	19				19
Number of active Economic Development loans	2				Not Cumulative
Number of active Regional Development grants	-				Not Cumulative
Number of Active Homeland Security Grants	-				Not Cumulative

ATCOG Services in Delta County

	Quarter 1 Oct-Dec 2026	Quarter 2 Jan-Mar 2026	Quarter 3 Apr-Jun 2026	Quarter 4 Jul-Sept 2026	Year-to-Date
Number of 9-1-1 calls received (Delta CO SO)	30				30
Number of Rural Transportation Ride (Ages 60 and over)	-				-
Number of Home Delivered Meals Served (Ages 60 and over)	1,503				1,503
Number of Congregate Meals Served (Ages 60 and over)	-				-
Number of Illegal Dumping Camera Systems In Use	-				Not Cumulative
Number of "No Illegal Dumping" Signs In Use	-				Not Cumulative
Number of Housing Choice Vouchers (HCV)	5				Not Cumulative
Amount of Housing Assistance Payments to Landlords	\$ 9,268.00				\$ 9,268.00
Number of HCV Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Participants	-				Not Cumulative
Number of HCV FSS Graduates	-				-
Number of Rural Transportation Rides	11				11
Number of Active Criminal Justice Grants	1				Not Cumulative
Number of Students attending Law Enforcement Training	-				-
Number of active Economic Development loans	-				Not Cumulative
Number of active Regional Development grants	-				Not Cumulative
Number of Active Homeland Security Grants	-				Not Cumulative

ATCOG Services in Franklin County

	Quarter 1 Oct-Dec 2026	Quarter 2 Jan-Mar 2026	Quarter 3 Apr-Jun 2026	Quarter 4 Jul-Sept 2026	Year-to-Date
Number of 9-1-1 calls received (Franklin CO SO)	1,141				1,141
Number of Rural Transportation Ride (Ages 60 and over)	44				44
Number of Home Delivered Meals Served (Ages 60 and over)	550				550
Number of Congregate Meals Served (Ages 60 and over)	-				-
Number of Illegal Dumping Camera Systems In Use	-				Not Cumulative
Number of "No Illegal Dumping" Signs In Use	-				Not Cumulative
Number of Housing Choice Vouchers (HCV)	34				Not Cumulative
Amount of Housing Assistance Payments to Landlords	\$ 75,477.00				\$ 75,477.00
Number of HCV Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Participants	2				Not Cumulative
Number of HCV FSS Graduates	-				-
Number of Rural Transportation Rides	212				212
Number of Active Criminal Justice Grants	2				Not Cumulative
Number of Students attending Law Enforcement Training	3				3
Number of active Economic Development loans	-				Not Cumulative
Number of active Regional Development grants	-				Not Cumulative
Number of Active Homeland Security Grants	-				Not Cumulative

ATCOG Services in Hopkins County

	Quarter 1 Oct-Dec 2026	Quarter 2 Jan-Mar 2026	Quarter 3 Apr-Jun 2026	Quarter 4 Jul-Sept 2026	Year-to-Date
Number of 9-1-1 calls received (Sulphur Springs PD and Hopkins CO SO)	5,881				5,881
Number of Rural Transportation Ride (Ages 60 and over)	761				761
Number of Home Delivered Meals Served (Ages 60 and over)	2,060				2,060
Number of Congregate Meals Served (Ages 60 and over)	-				-
Number of Illegal Dumping Camera Systems In Use	4				Not Cumulative
Number of "No Illegal Dumping" Signs In Use	-				Not Cumulative
Number of Housing Choice Vouchers (HCV)	160				Not Cumulative
Amount of Housing Assistance Payments to Landlords	\$ 259,900.00				\$ 259,900.00
Number of HCV Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Participants	7				Not Cumulative
Number of HCV FSS Graduates	-				-
Number of Rural Transportation Rides	1,641				1,641
Number of Active Criminal Justice Grants	-				Not Cumulative
Number of Students attending Law Enforcement Training	-				-
Number of active Economic Development loans	2				Not Cumulative
Number of active Regional Development grants	-				Not Cumulative
Number of Active Homeland Security Grants	-				Not Cumulative

ATCOG Services in Lamar County

	Quarter 1 Oct-Dec 2026	Quarter 2 Jan-Mar 2026	Quarter 3 Apr-Jun 2026	Quarter 4 Jul-Sept 2026	Year-to-Date
Number of 9-1-1 calls received (Paris PD)	7,027				7,027
Number of Rural Transportation Ride (Ages 60 and over)	426				426
Number of Home Delivered Meals Served (Ages 60 and over)	10,454				10,454
Number of Congregate Meals Served (Ages 60 and over)	647				647
Number of Illegal Dumping Camera Systems In Use	-				Not Cumulative
Number of "No Illegal Dumping" Signs In Use	-				Not Cumulative
Number of Housing Choice Vouchers (HCV)	115				Not Cumulative
Amount of Housing Assistance Payments to Landlords	\$ 200,962.00				\$ 200,962.00
Number of HCV Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Participants	7				Not Cumulative
Number of HCV FSS Graduates	-				-
Number of Rural Transportation Rides (including paratransit & Paris Metro)	10,441				10,441
Number of Active Criminal Justice Grants	-				Not Cumulative
Number of Students attending Law Enforcement Training	72				72
Number of active Economic Development loans	4				Not Cumulative
Number of active Regional Development grants	1				Not Cumulative
Number of Active Homeland Security Grants	-				Not Cumulative

ATCOG Services in Morris County

	Quarter 1 Oct-Dec 2026	Quarter 2 Jan-Mar 2026	Quarter 3 Apr-Jun 2026	Quarter 4 Jul-Sept 2026	Year-to-Date
Number of 9-1-1 calls received (Morris CO SO)	2,295				2,295
Number of Rural Transportation Ride (Ages 60 and over)	97				97
Number of Home Delivered Meals Served (Ages 60 and over)	1,434				1,434
Number of Congregate Meals Served (Ages 60 and over)	975				975
Number of Illegal Dumping Camera Systems In Use	-				Not Cumulative
Number of "No Illegal Dumping" Signs In Use	-				Not Cumulative
Number of Housing Choice Vouchers (HCV)	58				Not Cumulative
Amount of Housing Assistance Payments to Landlords	\$ 118,714.00				\$ 118,714.00
Number of HCV Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Participants	3				Not Cumulative
Number of HCV FSS Graduates	-				-
Number of Rural Transportation Rides	266				266
Number of Active Criminal Justice Grants	2				Not Cumulative
Number of Students attending Law Enforcement Training	-				-
Number of active Economic Development loans	-				Not Cumulative
Number of active Regional Development grants	-				Not Cumulative
Number of Active Homeland Security Grants	-				Not Cumulative

ATCOG Services in Red River County

	Quarter 1 Oct-Dec 2026	Quarter 2 Jan-Mar 2026	Quarter 3 Apr-Jun 2026	Quarter 4 Jul-Sept 2026	Year-to-Date
Number of 9-1-1 calls received (Red River CO SO)	2,235				2,235
Number of Rural Transportation Ride (Ages 60 and over)	-				-
Number of Home Delivered Meals Served (Ages 60 and over)	2,456				2,456
Number of Congregate Meals Served (Ages 60 and over)	-				-
Number of Illegal Dumping Camera Systems In Use	-				Not Cumulative
Number of "No Illegal Dumping" Signs In Use	-				Not Cumulative
Number of Housing Choice Vouchers (HCV)	31				Not Cumulative
Amount of Housing Assistance Payments to Landlords	\$ 59,178.00				\$ 59,178.00
Number of HCV Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Participants	1				Not Cumulative
Number of HCV FSS Graduates	-				-
Number of Rural Transportation Rides	15				15
Number of Active Criminal Justice Grants	-				Not Cumulative
Number of Students attending Law Enforcement Training	1				1
Number of active Economic Development loans	2				Not Cumulative
Number of active Regional Development grants	-				Not Cumulative
Number of Active Homeland Security Grants	-				Not Cumulative

ATCOG Services in Titus County

	Quarter 1 Oct-Dec 2026	Quarter 2 Jan-Mar 2026	Quarter 3 Apr-Jun 2026	Quarter 4 Jul-Sept 2026	Year-to-Date
Number of 9-1-1 calls received (Mt. Pleasant PD)	3,921				3,921
Number of Rural Transportation Ride (Ages 60 and over)	1,113				1,113
Number of Home Delivered Meals Served (Ages 60 and over)	1,327				1,327
Number of Congregate Meals Served (Ages 60 and over)	1,004				1,004
Number of Illegal Dumping Camera Systems In Use	-				Not Cumulative
Number of "No Illegal Dumping" Signs In Use	12				Not Cumulative
Number of Housing Choice Vouchers (HCV)	188				Not Cumulative
Amount of Housing Assistance Payments to Landlords	\$ 320,824.00				\$ 320,824.00
Number of HCV Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Participants	8				Not Cumulative
Number of HCV FSS Graduates	1				1
Number of Rural Transportation Rides	2,200				2,200
Number of Active Criminal Justice Grants	2				Not Cumulative
Number of Students attending Law Enforcement Training	7				7
Number of active Economic Development loans	4				Not Cumulative
Number of active Regional Development grants	-				Not Cumulative
Number of Active Homeland Security Grants	-				Not Cumulative

BRIEFING PAPER

ITEM 6:

Review and consider ratification of the submission of an application for the Texas Regional Broadband Program.

BACKGROUND:

The Texas Broadband Development Office (BDO) has partnered with the Texas Association of Regional Councils (TARC) to develop the Texas Regional Broadband Program (TRBP). This program will enhance the capacity of local councils of governments (COGs) to spearhead regional digital opportunity strategies and local broadband planning. With TARC acting as a pass-through entity, COGs will receive funding to support dedicated broadband staffing for three years. This program will enable each COG to lead local planning efforts to foster successful broadband adoption and implementation of digital opportunity initiatives at the regional level.

DISCUSSION:

ATCOG submitted a grant application for the TRBP on January 14, 2026. This reimbursement grant will provide a minimum annual allocation of approximately \$107,000 for each of the three program years. These funds will support staff efforts in:

- Designing and implementing local digital opportunity strategies, including developing a regional digital opportunity and broadband planning.
- Facilitating regional collaboration by engaging with stakeholders.
- Conducting asset mapping.
- Developing regional and statewide partnerships.

The primary focus of the TRBP is to foster collaboration and build partnerships to develop and prioritize locally tailored programs and strategies. This initiative also supports regions in creating sustainable coalitions to secure funding, implement solutions, and bridge digital access gaps over the long term, while aligning with BDO's statewide goals.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommend approval.

RESOLUTION NO. AEC26-10

RESOLUTION OF THE ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (ATCOG) RATIFYING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR THE TEXAS REGIONAL BROADBAND PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, the Texas Broadband Development Office (BDO) has partnered with the Texas Association of Regional Councils (TARC) to develop the Texas Regional Broadband Program (TRBP); and

WHEREAS, this program will enhance the capacity of local councils of governments (COGs) to spearhead regional digital opportunity strategies and local broadband planning.; and

WHEREAS, this program will enable each COG to lead local planning efforts to foster successful broadband adoption and implementation of digital opportunity initiatives at the regional level.; and

WHEREAS, this reimbursement grant will provide a minimum annual allocation of approximately \$107,000 for each of the three program years.

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

Section 1 - That the Executive Committee approves the submission of an application for the Texas Regional Broadband Program.

Section 2 - That the Executive Director, Mary Beth Rudel, has full authority to act on behalf of the ATCOG Board in all matters pertaining to the application for the Texas Regional Broadband Program.

Section 3 - That this resolution is approved by majority vote in accordance with the bylaws of Ark-Tex Council of Governments and applicable law, and shall be in effect immediately upon its adoption.

REVIEWED AND APPROVED THIS 29TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2026.

**Scott Norton, Vice President
Board of Directors
Ark-Tex Council of Governments**

ATTEST:

BRIEFING PAPER

ITEM 7:

Review and consider authorizing the Executive Director to amend the contract with ALL4 LLC to conduct Air Quality Modeling and Emission Inventory in Bowie County, Texas, during 2026-2027.

BACKGROUND:

In 2024, ATCOG secured funding through the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) Rider 7 PM2.5 Air Quality Grant to conduct emission inventories and air quality modeling in Bowie County, Texas. At that time, ATCOG completed the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) process to secure an Air Quality Consultant, and the Board approved a contract with All4, LLC, to complete the emission inventories and air quality modeling through 2025. The final report was submitted to TCEQ in December 2025.

DISCUSSION:

TCEQ amended the Air Quality Grant contract with ATCOG in November 2025 to continue air quality services through 2027. ATCOG has received \$281,250.00 in additional funds from TCEQ to conduct the Rider 7 PM2.5 Air Quality Grant Program. The grant will pay the consultant approximately \$253,125.00, and ATCOG will use the remaining funds of \$28,125.00 to administer the grant program.

The previous RFQ for an Air Quality Consultant included wording that permits ATCOG to modify an existing contract with All4, LLC. without repeating the RFQ process:

Modification and Renewals

ATCOG reserves the right to negotiate a modification in connection with any executed agreement/contract funded through this RFQ without repeating the RFQ process for a period of up to five (5) years from the original proposal initiation. Vendor modifications and renewals shall be considered based upon the vendor's ability to meet ATCOG needs.

Since this is a continuation of an existing project, ATCOG would like to amend the contract with All4, LLC. to include an additional \$253,125.00 for services requested by TCEQ through 2027.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommend approval.

RESOLUTION NO. AEC26-11

RESOLUTION OF THE ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (ATCOG) AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AMEND THE CONTRACT WITH ALL4 LLC TO CONDUCT AIR QUALITY MODELING AND EMISSION INVENTORY IN BOWIE COUNTY, TEXAS, THROUGH 2027.

WHEREAS, in 2024, ATCOG secured funding through the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) Rider 7 PM2.5 Air Quality Grant to conduct emission inventories and air quality modeling in Bowie County, Texas; and

WHEREAS, ATCOG completed the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) process to secure an Air Quality Consultant, and the Board approved a contract with All4, Inc, to provide services; and

WHEREAS, TCEQ amended the grant contract in November of 2025 to provide additional funding for additional services in FY2026/2027; and

WHEREAS, ATCOG received funding in the amount of \$281,250.00; and

WHEREAS, the previous RFQ for an Air Quality Consultant included wording that permits ATCOG to modify an existing contract with All4, LLC. without repeating the RFQ process for a period up to five years; and

WHEREAS, ATCOG wishes to amend the contract with All4,LLC. to include an additional \$253,125.00 for services requested by TCEQ through 2027.

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

Section 1 - That the ATCOG Executive Committee authorizes the Executive Director to amend the contract with ALL4 LLC to conduct Air Quality Modeling and Emission Inventory in Bowie County, Texas, through 2027.

Section 2 - That the Executive Director, Mary Beth Rudel, has full authority to act on behalf of the ATCOG Board in all matters pertaining to the contract.

Section 3 - That this resolution is approved by majority vote in accordance with the bylaws of Ark-Tex Council of Governments and applicable law, and shall be in effect immediately upon its adoption.

REVIEWED AND APPROVED THIS 29TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2026.

ATTEST:

**Scott Norton, Vice President
Board of Directors
Ark-Tex Council of Governments**

BRIEFING PAPER

ITEM 8:

Review and consider approval of the revisions to the Regional Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (RCJAC) Bylaws.

BACKGROUND:

The Bylaws are very important in conducting the business of the RCJAC and scoring the PSO/CJD grant applications. The Office of the Governor – PSO/CJD requires ATCOG Criminal Justice Staff to submit a copy of the current RCJAC Bylaws upon request, and to also provide a copy to potential PSO/CJD grant applicants.

DISCUSSION:

The RCJAC conducts an annual review of the current RCJAC Bylaws. Amendments were necessary for FY26. The Bylaws were reviewed, amendments were discussed, and recommendations were approved by the RCJAC. It was determined that further clarification and wording were needed to be amended to explain the meeting notice posting requirements. Therefore, the RCJAC met again on December 11, 2025, to review and approve the necessary additions to the wording. The revisions are explained below.

Regular Meetings: This revision includes an update to provide notice of the meeting at least three full business days prior to the meeting date. Also included is the clarification of the statement, “Business days exclude weekends and holidays”, to align with the new Texas Open Meetings Act requirement.

Special Meetings: This revision includes an update to provide notice of the meeting at least three full business days prior to the meeting date. Also included is the clarification of the statement, “Business days exclude weekends and holidays”, to align with the new Texas Open Meetings Act requirement.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommend approval.

Quorum and Action

Twenty-five percent (25%) of the total membership will constitute a quorum at any meeting, whether at a location or by teleconference or webinar. If by teleconference or webinar, an official roll call will be taken to ensure a quorum is present.

Action taken by the committee shall be by a simple majority vote of the members present at the meeting by which a quorum is present.

Regular Meetings

The RCJAC shall meet as necessary during the year on a day, time and place specified by the ATCOG Executive Director, the ATCOG Criminal Justice liaison or the RCJAC as a whole.

RCJAC meetings can be conducted at a location, via teleconference, or via webinar as is allowable by the Texas Open Meetings Act.

Written notice, including an agenda, of each regular meeting shall be prepared by the ATCOG Criminal Justice liaison and electronically transmitted to each RCJAC member **at least three full business days prior to the meeting date. Business days exclude weekends and holidays.**

Special Meetings

The RCJAC shall hold a special meeting if called by the ATCOG Executive Director, the ATCOG Criminal Justice liaison, the RCJAC Chairman or requested in writing by at least one-third of the RCJAC membership. Only business reasonably related to the purpose or purposes described in the request may be conducted at a special meeting.

Notice of any special meeting shall be given **at least three full business days prior to the special meeting date. Business days exclude weekends and holidays.**

Special meetings can be conducted in person, via teleconference, or via webinar as is allowable by the Texas Open Meetings Act.

ARTICLE V - SUBCOMMITTEES

The RCJAC Chairman shall appoint temporary subcommittees as the need arises to perform specific tasks related to the business and activities of the RCJAC.

ARTICLE VI - BYLAWS AMENDMENTS

RCJAC Bylaws Review

RESOLUTION NO. AEC26-12

RESOLUTION OF THE ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (ATCOG) APPROVING THE REVISIONS OF THE REGIONAL CRIMINAL JUSTICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RCJAC) BYLAWS.

WHEREAS, the Regional Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (RCJAC) is an advisory subcommittee of the ATCOG Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, the bylaws of the committee regulate committee affairs and the behavior of its members.

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

Section 1 - That the ATCOG Executive Committee approves the RCJAC Bylaws revisions as shown in the attachment.

Section 2 - That all other previous bylaws adopted by the ATCOG Board of Directors are now null and void.

Section 3 - That this resolution is approved by majority vote in accordance with the bylaws of Ark-Tex Council of Governments and applicable law, and shall be in effect immediately upon its adoption.

REVIEWED AND APPROVED THIS 29TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2026.

**Scott Norton, Vice President
Board of Directors
Ark-Tex Council of Governments**

ATTEST:

BRIEFING PAPER

ITEM 9:

Review and consider approval of the list of representatives as reappointments/appointments to serve on the Regional Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (RCJAC) through December 31, 2027.

BACKGROUND:

The members of the RCJAC are appointed or reappointed at the beginning of each even-numbered year and are nominated for appointment/reappointment by their respective County Judges. There is a total of 29 members on the committee, and the number of members per county is based on population. If a vacancy should exist during the two-year term, a new appointment shall be presented to the ATCOG Board of Directors/Executive Committee for approval to fill the vacancy.

DISCUSSION:

A list of all appointed or reappointed members of the RCJAC has been provided (See attachment). These members will serve their two-year membership term during the 2026/2027 calendar years.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommend approval.

**ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
REGIONAL CRIMINAL JUSTICE
ADVISORY COMMITTEE
2026/2027**

BOWIE COUNTY
Melissa Simpson, Chief Juv. Probation Officer Bowie County Juvenile Probation Category: Juvenile Justice
Michael Henry, Texarkana (TX) Police Department Category: Law Enforcement
Lance Hall, Emergency Management Coordinator Bowie County Category: Other
Jim Roberts, City Administrator City of Wake Village Category: Other
Tom Whitten, County Commissioner Bowie County Category: Prosecution/Courts

CASS COUNTY
Greg Restelle, Chief of Police Atlanta Police Department Category: Law Enforcement
Rex Bloodworth, Cass County Sheriff's Office Category: Law Enforcement
Courtney Shelton, Cass County District Attorney Category: Prosecution/Courts
BD Dawson, Chief Juv. Probation Officer Cass County Juvenile Probation Category: Juvenile Justice

DELTA COUNTY
Cynthia Humphries, Attorney at Law Category: Prosecution/Courts

FRANKLIN COUNTY

Max Cannaday, Emergency Management Coordinator
Franklin County
Category: Other

Leah Thomas, Mt. Vernon Police Department
Category: Law Enforcement

HOPKINS COUNTY

Robert Newsom, Hopkins County Judge
Category: Prosecution/Courts

Jason Ricketson, Chief of Police
Sulphur Springs Police Department
Category: Law Enforcement

Angela Price, Administrative Secretary
Hopkins County Sheriff's Office
Category: Other

Amy Glenn, Executive Director
Lake Country CASA
Category: Victim Services (Non-Profit)/Mental Health

LAMAR COUNTY

Darrell W. Bruce, Chief Juv. Probation Officer
Lamar County Juvenile Probation
Category: Juvenile Justice

Scott Cass, Lamar County Sheriff
Category: Law Enforcement

Danny Huff
Lamar County Citizen
Category: Other

Ronnie Bass, County Commissioner
Lamar County
Category: Prosecution/Courts

Kim Farris, Executive Director
Lakes Regional MHMR-Paris
Category: Mental Health

MORRIS COUNTY

Jack Martin, Morris County Sheriff
Category: Law Enforcement

Tracey Climer, Chief of Police
Daingerfield Police Department

Category: Law Enforcement

RED RIVER COUNTY

Sherry Edwards, Chief Juv. Probation Officer
Red River County Juvenile Probation
Category: Juvenile Justice

Jake Brockett, Emergency Management Coordinator
Red River County
Category: Other

TITUS COUNTY

Melissa Horton, Victims Coordinator
Mt. Pleasant Police Department
Category: Victim Services

Sharyn Cary
Titus County Citizen
Category: Other

Ronnie Humphrey, Chief of Police
Mt. Pleasant ISD Police Department
Category: Law Enforcement

Robert Vine, City Manager
City of Mt. Pleasant
Category: Other

To be approved by ATCOG Board 01/29/26

RESOLUTION NO. AEC26-13

RESOLUTION OF THE ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (ATCOG) APPROVING THE REGIONAL CRIMINAL JUSTICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RCJAC) MEMBER LIST FOR THE 2026/2027 TERM, TO SERVE THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2027.

WHEREAS, the rules and regulations of the Office of the Governor-Public Safety Office, Criminal Justice Division require that the RCJAC, representing the Ark-Tex Council of Governments (ATCOG) region, be maintained by ATCOG Criminal Justice staff; and

WHEREAS, according to the RCJAC Bylaws, RCJAC terms of membership shall be two years, and members may be reappointed to serve additional terms.

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

Section 1 - That the ATCOG Executive Committee approves the RCJAC Member List for the 2026/2027 term, to serve through December 31, 2027.

Section 2- In the event that there is an RCJAC member vacancy during 2026/2027, a new appointment shall be presented to the ATCOG Board of Directors/Executive Committee for approval to fill the vacancy.

Section 3 - That this resolution is approved by majority vote in accordance with the bylaws of Ark-Tex Council of Governments and applicable law, and shall be in effect immediately upon its adoption.

REVIEWED AND APPROVED THIS 29TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2026.

**Scott Norton, Vice President
Board of Directors
Ark-Tex Council of Governments**

ATTEST:

BRIEFING PAPER

ITEM 10:

Review and consider approval of the submission of a grant application to the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, for the Juvenile Justice Services project for FY2027.

BACKGROUND:

The Juvenile Justice Services project provides the necessary funds to allow county juvenile probation departments in the ATCOG nine-county region to purchase quality services for juveniles referred to them. Services previously purchased and provided include psychological and psychiatric evaluations, as well as professional therapy and mental health counseling services, anger management, juvenile sex offender counseling/treatment, and possibly substance abuse counseling/treatment if applicable/eligible, and funds are available.

DISCUSSION:

The proposed budget will include an approximate total of \$32,500 for contracted Juvenile Justice Services and approximately \$22,500 for personnel/indirect/travel/direct operating/supply expenses.

Upon approval, ATCOG will apply for a total of \$55,000 for this project.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommend approval.

RESOLUTION NO. AEC26-14

RESOLUTION OF THE ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (ATCOG) APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR-PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICE, CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION, THROUGH THE FY2027 JUVENILE JUSTICE & TRUANCY PREVENTION GRANT PROGRAM, TO PROVIDE JUVENILE JUSTICE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES.

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

WHEREAS, the Ark-Tex Council of Governments finds it in the best interest of the citizens of the Region that the Juvenile Justice Services Project be operated for FY2027.

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

Section 1 - That the ATCOG Executive Committee recognizes the Executive Director as the Authorized Official and has been given the power to apply for, accept, reject, alter, or terminate a grant with the Office of the Governor-Public Safety Office, Criminal Justice Division for a grant to provide the juvenile justice mental health services.

Section 2 - That the ATCOG Executive Committee recognizes the Accounting Specialist for Criminal Justice Programs as the Financial Officer and has been given the power to submit financial and/or programmatic reports or alter a grant on behalf of ATCOG.

Section 3- That this grant project has been reviewed by the Executive Committee and is listed as a priority in the Regional Strategic Plan and is approved for submission to the Office of the Governor-Public Safety Office, Criminal Justice Division.

Section 4 - That the above-mentioned juvenile services are desirable and urgently needed in the region, and the Board of Directors agrees that, in the event of loss or misuse of funds, that funds will be returned to the Office of the Governor-Public Safety Office, Criminal Justice Division.

Section 5 - That the ATCOG Executive Director, Mary Beth Rudel, has full authority to act on behalf of the ATCOG Board in all matters pertaining to the grant submission.

Section 6 - That this resolution is approved by majority vote in accordance with the bylaws of Ark-Tex Council of Governments and applicable law, and shall be in effect immediately upon its adoption.

REVIEWED AND APPROVED THIS 29TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2026.

**Scott Norton, Vice President
Board of Directors
Ark-Tex Council of Governments**

ATTEST:

BRIEFING PAPER

ITEM 11:

Review and consider approval of the submission of a grant application to the Office of the Governor-Public Safety Office, Criminal Justice Division, for the Specialized Regional Crisis Training Program for FY2027.

BACKGROUND:

The Specialized Regional Crisis Training program will provide specialized training for law enforcement and investigators, as well as for prosecutors, judges, victim coordinators/staff, child advocacy staff, and other professionals responding to child abuse and high-risk situations.

DISCUSSION:

Upon approval, ATCOG will apply for a total of \$48,503 to include approximately \$20,480 in contracted training costs and approximately \$28,023 in personnel/indirect/travel/direct operating/supply expenses. Training will be conducted by a TCOLE-approved specialized training instructor/provider and arranged/hosted by ATCOG at various locations across the region. Contracted training to be included in the program will be Child Abuse Investigations and Search Warrants training. This program will have a 12-month project period.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommend approval.

RESOLUTION NO. AEC26-15

RESOLUTION OF THE ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (ATCOG) APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR-PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICE, CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION, THROUGH THE FY2027 STATE CRISIS INTERVENTION GRANT PROGRAM, TO PROVIDE SPECIALIZED REGIONAL CRISIS TRAINING.

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

WHEREAS, the Ark-Tex Council of Governments finds it in the best interest of the citizens of the Region that the Specialized Regional Crisis Training Program be operated for FY2027.

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

- Section 1 - That the ATCOG Executive Committee recognizes the Executive Director as the Authorized Official and has been given the power to apply for, accept, reject, alter, or terminate a grant with the Office of the Governor-Public Safety Office, Criminal Justice Division for a grant to provide Specialized Regional Crisis Training for law enforcement, investigators and other professionals responding to child abuse and high-risk situations.
- Section 2 - That the ATCOG Executive Committee recognizes the Accounting Specialist for Criminal Justice Programs as the Financial Officer and has been given the power to submit financial and/or programmatic reports or alter a grant on behalf of ATCOG.
- Section 3- That this grant project has been reviewed by the Executive Committee and is listed as a priority in the Regional Strategic Plan and is approved for submission to the Office of the Governor-Public Safety Office, Criminal Justice Division.
- Section 4 - That the above-mentioned training services are desirable and urgently needed in the region, and the Board of Directors agrees that, in the event of loss or misuse of funds, that funds will be returned to the Office of the Governor-Public Safety Office, Criminal Justice Division.
- Section 5 - That the ATCOG Executive Director, Mary Beth Rudel, has full authority to act on behalf of the ATCOG Board in all matters pertaining to the grant submission.
- Section 6 - That this resolution is approved by majority vote in accordance with the bylaws of Ark-Tex Council of Governments and applicable law, and shall be in effect immediately upon its adoption.

REVIEWED AND APPROVED THIS 29TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2026.

**Scott Norton, Vice President
Board of Directors
Ark-Tex Council of Governments**

ATTEST:

BRIEFING PAPER

ITEM 12:

CCH Eligibility Requirement for all FY2027 grant applications:

1) In order for an applicant to be eligible for FY27 grant funding through the Office of the Governor-Public Safety Office (OOG/PSO), the county (or counties) in which the applicant is located must have a 90% average on both adult and juvenile criminal history dispositions to the Texas Department of Public Safety for calendar years 2020 through 2024. The disposition completeness percentage is defined as the percentage of arrest charges a county reports to DPS for which a disposition has been subsequently reported and entered into the computerized criminal history system. See percentages as of January 7, 2026, in the table below.

This OOG/PSO requirement must be met by August 1, 2026.

2) Beginning January 1, 2021, counties applying for grant awards from the Office of the Governor must commit that the county will report at least 90 percent of convictions and other dispositions ***within five business days*** to the Criminal Justice Information System at the Department of Public Safety. ****All ATCOG counties are in compliance with this portion of the requirement.***

As of January 7, 2026	Adult criminal history disposition completeness avg.	Juvenile criminal history disposition completeness avg.
Bowie	96	99
Cass	87	98
Delta	90	85
Franklin	91	100
Hopkins	97	100
Lamar	92	87
Morris	88	100
Red River	91	100
Titus	86	85

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