

**ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
HOMELAND SECURITY ADVISORY
COMMITTEE MEETING
November 13, 2025**

MINUTES

The meeting of the Ark-Tex Council of Governments Homeland Security Advisory Committee was called to order by **Chad Graves** at 10:11 a.m., November 14, 2024, at Mt Pleasant Public Library.

Whitney Fezell provided the minutes from August 22, 2024 meeting, **Andy Endsley** made the motion to approve the minutes, seconded by **Lance Hall** and approved by majority.

First non-voting item is a brief homeland security update.

Whitney Fezell provided the committee with a homeland security update. The committee was advised that all FY24 grants has closed. They committee was advised on the current shutdown effects on the homeland security program. They committee was advised that we are unsure when FY25 grants will be awarded nor FY26 grant period will open. Committee was informed that SERI and NHSGP will open soon. The committee was advised to start working on SERI projects to submit.

The first voting item on the agenda is review and approve ATCOG THIRA/SPR/IP plans. **Whitney Fezell** advised the committee that a THIRA committee was formed and met in October to review and develop these docs. **Whitney Fezell** went over some of the changes and capabilities that was assessed by the committee. The committee was informed that the plans will go to ATCOG Board for final review and approval before they can be utilized. Motion was made by **Larry McRae** to approve the THIRA/SPR/IP, motion seconded by **Leah Thomas** and approved by majority.

Second voting items is to review and approve ATCOG funding methodology. **Whitney Fezell** provided the committee with the funding methodology and allocation process. The committee was informed how projects were scored and the bonus point section. The committee was advised that this is the formula that was used for the last few years. Motion was made by **Lance Hall** to approve the funding methodology, seconded by **Leah Thomas** and approved by majority.

Third voting item is to discuss and approve method for scoring SERI projects. **Whitney Fezell** discussed with the committee the current method of scoring HSAC projects without the inclusion of a risk score. Motion was made by **Randy Tuttle** to utilize the same method excluding the risk score, motion was seconded by **Leah Thomas**, and approved by majority.

Forth voting item is to review and approve HSAC bylaws. **Whitney Fezell** informed the committee that their was no needed changes to the HSAC bylaws and they are provided

to review and approve. Motion was to approve bylaws made by **Lance Hall**, seconded by **Andy Endsley** and approved by majority.

Fifth voting item is to review and approve ATCOG Planning Project and ATCOG LETPA project. **Whitney Fezell** provided the committee with budgets for both projects to review. The committee was advised that there was not changes to project scope or amounts. The committee was advised that ATCOG LEPTA project is only a backup project and will only be funded or partially funded if need to meet LETPA amounts. **Andy Endsley** made a motion to approve both projects, motion seconded by **Leah Thomas** and approved by majority.

Last voting item is to review and approve FY 26 HSAC meeting schedule of February 12th, August 20th, and November 12th. **Andy Ensley** made motion to approve meeting schedule, motion seconded by **Lance Hall** and approved by majority.

Chad Graves opened the floor for questions and discussion.

The committee discussed applying for a SWIC Regional radio system and conduction propagation studies with the next round of SERI funds.

Chad Graves opened the floor for Announcements

Chad Graves announced the next repeater test on January 7th at 9am

Chad Graves announced the application workshop will be January 7th at 10am via zoom

Chad Graves announced the next HSAC meeting will be February 12th 2026

Motion to adjourn was made by **Leah Thomas** and seconded by **Randy Tuttle** and approved by majority.

ATTENDING:

Whitney Fezell – ATCOG Homeland Security Coordinator

Andy Endsley- Hopkins County EMC

Chad Graves- City of Paris Fire

Larry McRae-EMC- Mt. Pleasant Fire Chief

Tanner Crump-Hopkins County SO

Calvin Nicholson-DSHS

Lance Hall-Bowie County

Leah Thomas-Mt Vernon PD

Jake Brocket- Red River County EMC

Randy Tuttle-City of Paris-EMC

Sherrie Houff-Guest

Signature

Title

Date