

**JOINT AGENDA  
NORTHEAST TEXAS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, INC. AND  
ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
APRIL 30, 2026**

The Northeast Texas Economic Development District, Inc. (NETEDD) and the Executive Committee of the Ark-Tex Council of Governments (ATCOG) will meet at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, April 30, 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/join/register/NqKyBbijSUOZ3Od0TEoMMq>

*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](mailto: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 accommodation shall be made for members of the public utilizing a translator for public comment.*

**NETEDD Agenda Items**

4. Review and consider approval of the minutes as submitted for the NETEDD meeting held on Thursday, December 4, 2025. (See page 3)
5. NETEDD Program Report (Form information only; See page 7)

***This concludes all NETEDD agenda items.***

**ATCOG Board of Directors Agenda Items**

6. Review and consider consent agenda items.
  - Approval of the minutes as submitted for the ATCOG Executive Committee meeting held Thursday, February 26, 2026. (See page 10)
  - Acceptance of the minutes as submitted for the ATCOG Regional Criminal Justice Advisory Committee held Tuesday, April 7, 2026. (See page 15)
7. Executive Director Report (For information only, see page 19; to be presented by Executive Director Mary Beth Rudel)
  - Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA), Stakeholder Preparedness Review (SPR), and THSSP Implementation Plan (IP) Feedback Report
  - ATCOG FY25 9-1-1 Program Final Compliance Assessment
  - Indirect Finance Quarterly Report
  - Quarterly Program Reports

8. Review and consider approval of revisions to the ATCOG Rural Transit District Title VI Program Plan. (See page 42 and [addendum page 1](#); to be presented by Executive Director Mary Beth Rudel)
9. Review and consider approval of the Ark-Tex Area Agency on Aging Area Plan FFY2027-FFY2029. (See page 44 and [addendum page 31](#); to be presented by staff member Jenny Butler)
10. Adoption of a resolution authorizing recognition of Older Americans Month. (See page 46; to be presented by staff member Jenny Butler)
11. Review and consider approval of funding priorities to be submitted to the Office of the Governor Public Safety Office, Criminal Justice Division. (See page 47; to be presented by Executive Director Mary Beth Rudel)
12. Adoption of a resolution authorizing recognition of National Police Week. (See page 53; to be presented by Executive Director Mary Beth Rudel)
13. Computerized Criminal History System Update. (See page 54; to be presented by Executive Director Mary Beth Rudel)
14. 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 meeting of the ATCOG Board of Directors will be held on Thursday, May 28, 2026, 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  
NORTHEAST TEXAS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, INC., AND  
ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
DECEMBER 4, 2025**

The Northeast Texas Economic Development District, Inc. (NETEDD) and the Board of Directors of the Ark-Tex Council of Governments (ATCOG) met at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, December 4, 2025, at the Pilgrim's Community Center, 820 West Pecan Street, Mt. Pleasant, Texas, and via videoconference.

1. Bobby Howell, Judge, Bowie County, called the meeting to order.
2. Scott Norton, Executive Director/CEO, TexAmericas Center, gave the invocation.
3. Public Comment.

No members of the public made comments.

**NETEDD Agenda Items**

4. The next order of business was to review and consider approval of the minutes as submitted for the NETEDD meeting held on Thursday, August 28, 2025.

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

5. Ms. Mary Beth Rudel presented the NETEDD Program report for information only.

***This concludes all NETEDD agenda items.***

**ATCOG Board of Directors Agenda Items**

6. Ms. Mary Beth Rudel presented for review and approval of the consent agenda items.
  - Approval of the minutes as submitted for the ATCOG Board of Directors Meeting held Thursday, August 28, 2025.
  - Acceptance of the minutes as submitted for the ATCOG Regional Criminal Justice Advisory Committee meeting held Thursday, April 10, 2025.

Motion to approve was made by Chris Brown, Vice President, Hopkins County Hospital District, and seconded by Lowell Walker, Mayor, City of DeKalb. It was approved.

7. Ms. Leslie McBride presented for review and approval of revisions to the ATCOG Policies and Procedures Manual.

The following revisions to the policy and procedures manual were proposed:

- **7.04 Retirement Plan** - This revision clarifies ATCOG's contributions to employees' retirement accounts as follows: "Employees contribute 4% of their salary into their retirement fund each payday on a pre-taxed basis, and ATCOG matches employee contributions at 200% at retirement."

Upon Board approval, the policy revision will be distributed to all employees and added to our Policies and Procedures Manual.

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

8. Ms. Patricia Haley presented for review and approval of revisions to the Regional Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (RCJAC) Bylaws.

The RCJAC conducts an annual review of its bylaws. Amendments were needed for FY26. The Bylaws were reviewed, amendments were discussed, and the RCJAC approved the following revisions, as explained below.

- **Regular Meetings:** This revision includes an update to provide notice of the meeting at least three full days prior to the meeting date, 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 days prior to the meeting date, to align with the new Texas Open Meetings Act requirement.

Motion to approve was made by Judge Bell and seconded by Doug Reeder, Judge, Morris County. It was approved.

9. Ms. Patricia Haley presented for review and approval of revisions to the Regional Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (RCJAC) local priorities and the grant application scoring instrument.

The local priorities and scoring instruments are important tools used by the RCJAC to review and score criminal justice grant applications from the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office/Criminal Justice Division (PSO/CJD). The RCJAC conducts an annual review of the local priorities and the scoring instruments for each fund source.

Regional Criminal Justice Planning Focus Groups established the local priorities. Those recommendations, along with the scoring instrument, were reviewed and approved by the RCJAC for incorporation into the application scoring process, as required by the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office/Criminal Justice Division. Upon Board approval, the recommended local priorities and grant application scoring instrument will be incorporated into the application scoring process.

Motion to approve was made by Travis Ransom, Judge, Cass County, and seconded by Judge Lee. It was approved.

10. Ms. Whitney Fezell presented for review and approval of the Ark-Tex Council of Governments 2025 Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA), and State Preparedness Report (SPR).

The State requires each Council of Governments to revise and submit its THIRA, SPR, and Regional Implementation Plan annually. This year, the Implementation Plan was omitted. These documents are interrelated and provide an overview of the threats, risks, and resources in the ATCOG region. These documents ensure that ATCOG is fully integrated into the State of Texas

Homeland Security Strategic Plan and that it has identified the resources necessary to achieve homeland security preparedness goals for fiscal year 2026.

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

11. Ms. Whitney Fezell presented for review and approval of continual use of the allocation formula for FY2026 as the method for allocating State Homeland Security Program funds to jurisdictions.

The state requires the Homeland Security Advisory Committee (HSAC) to prioritize applications using a risk-informed methodology. The proposed scoring process will evaluate projects in several areas, including risk and prioritization. Adopting ATCOG's scoring process would reflect the region's priorities and align with state principles.

The ATCOG HSAC met on November 13, 2025, and discussed and reviewed the Risk Methodology and Allocation Process for FY26, as well as the means of prioritizing Statewide Emergency Radio Infrastructure (SERI) projects.

The scoring process will score projects equally in categories of risk, reasonableness, and priority level. The scoring process will allot additional points to applicants applying for regional projects, applicants who participated in the development of the Threat Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment, State Preparedness Report, and Implementation Plan (THIRA/SPR/IP), the Annual Communication Exercise, the Special Events data call, as well as for applicants who did not receive funding the previous grant year.

Scores will be calculated, and projects will be prioritized and ranked according to these scores and recommended for funding in that rank order. Applicants who submit multiple projects must identify their primary project for ATCOG prioritization ranking. Secondary projects, as well as any additional projects, will be ranked at the bottom based on their scores and will be funded only if sufficient funds are available after all primary projects are funded.

Motion to approve was made by Mayor Walker and seconded by Scott Norton. It was approved.

### **Announcements**

Ms. Mary Beth Rudel announced that the NADO Washington Policy Conference will be held March 8<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup>. This is a great time to visit with our House and Senate Members and their staff. Please contact Marla or Mary Beth if interested in attending.

Ms. Rudel stated that the next Executive Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, January 29, 2026, at the Pilgrim's Community Center, 820 West Pecan Street, Mt. Pleasant, Texas, and via videoconference.

Judge Howell called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion to adjourn was made by Judge Lee and seconded by Judge Bell. It was approved. Meeting adjourned.

### **NETEDD BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Bobby Howell, Judge, Bowie County

Scott Norton, Executive Director/CEO, TexAmericas Center

Travis Ransom, Judge, Cass County

Scott Lee, Judge, Franklin County  
Brandon Bell, Judge, Lamar County  
Robert Newsom, Judge, Hopkins County  
Doug Reeder, Judge, Morris County  
Marc Reiter, Mayor, City of Hooks  
Ann Rushing, Mayor, City of Clarksville

ATCOG EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Bobby Howell, Judge, Bowie County  
Scott Norton, Executive Director/CEO, TexAmericas Center  
Travis Ransom, Judge, Cass County  
Scott Lee, Judge, Franklin County  
Brandon Bell, Judge, Lamar County  
Robert Newsom, Judge, Hopkins County  
Doug Reeder, Judge, Morris County  
Marc Reiter, Mayor, City of Hooks  
Ann Rushing, Mayor, City of Clarksville

ATCOG BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Chris Brown, Vice President, Hopkins County Hospital District  
Juan Duenez, Board of Trustees, Mt. Pleasant Independent School District  
Becky Fellers, Board of Trustees, Liberty Eylau Independent School District  
Laney Harris, Director, City of Texarkana-AR  
Wesley Lyon, Mayor, City of Mt. Pleasant  
Gary Spraggins, Council Member, City of Sulphur Springs  
Shawn Tully, Red River County Appraisal District  
Lowell Walker, Mayor, City of DeKalb

GUESTS PRESENT

Nathan Carroll, Texas Division of Emergency Management  
Elizabeth Cockerham, Office of Representative Cole Hefner  
Reece DeWoody, Office of Senator Bryan Hughes  
Sherrie Houff, Department of State Health Services  
Janeth Moreno, Mt. Pleasant Economic Development Corporation  
Ray Wilson, Office of Senator Bryan Hughes

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Mary Beth Rudel, Executive Director  
Leslie McBride, Deputy Director  
Laura Cowling, Finance Director  
Whitney Fezell, Homeland Security Coordinator  
Patricia Haley, Criminal Justice Coordinator  
Marla Matthews, Executive Assistant  
Paul Prange, Environmental Resources Coordinator  
Debbie Purifoy, Compliance and Purchasing Officer  
Bobby Williams, Transportation Operations Coordinator

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Scott Norton, Vice President  
Board of Directors  
Northeast Texas Economic Development District Board

ATTEST:

# **REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT REPORT**

## **ENDING March 2026**

### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION (EDA)**

Through its competitive grant process, EDA evaluates all project applications to determine the extent to which they:

- Aligns with EDA's investment priorities,
- Effectively address the creation and/or retention of high-quality jobs, and
- Document that the applicant can or will leverage other resources, both public and private, and demonstrate the applicant's capacity to commence the proposed project promptly, to use funds quickly and effectively, and provide a clear scope of work that includes a description of specific, measurable project outputs.

**Competitive grant applications** will be **responsive** to the evaluation criteria listed under each individual funding announcement, **evaluated in the Regional Office**, and **approved by the Secretary Department of Commerce**. Grants must **include at least one** of the **investment priorities below**:

#### **EDA Investment Priorities**

1. **Critical Infrastructure:** Economic development planning or implementation projects that support development of public facilities, including basic public infrastructure, transportation infrastructure, or telecommunications infrastructure.
2. **Workforce:** Economic Development planning or implementation projects that:
  - a. Support job skills training to meet the hiring needs of the area in which the project is to be carried out and that results in well-paying jobs; or
  - b. Otherwise promote labor force participation.
3. **Innovation and Entrepreneurship:** Economic development planning or implementation projects that:
  - a. Support the development of innovation and entrepreneurship-related infrastructure,
  - b. Promote business development and lending; or
  - c. Foster the commercialization of new technologies that are creating technology-driven businesses and high-skilled, well-paying jobs of the future.
4. **Economic Recovery Resilience:** Economic development planning or implementation projects that enhance the ability of an area to withstand and recover from adverse short-term or long-term changes in economic conditions, including effects from industry contractions or economic impacts from natural disasters.
5. **Manufacturing:** Economic development planning or implementation projects that encourage job creation, business expansion, technology and capital upgrades, and productivity growth in manufacturing, including efforts that contribute to the competitiveness and growth of domestic suppliers or the domestic production of innovative, high-value products and production technologies.

**TEXAS DEPARTMENT of AGRICULTURE (TDA)**  
**Texas Community Development Block Grant Program**

**[Guide to Meeting a National Program Objective](#)**

Each proposed activity included in an application for Texas Community Development Block Grant (TxCDBG) program funds must meet one of the U.S. Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) three National Program Objectives (NPO):

1. Principally benefit low- and moderate-income (LMI) persons:
  - Low-to-moderate income area benefit
  - Low-to-moderate income limited clientele
  - Low-to-moderate income housing
  - Low-to-moderate income jobs.
2. Aid in the prevention or elimination of slums and blight.
  - Slum/blight area basis
  - Slum/blight spot basis
3. Meet other community development needs of particular urgency which represent an immediate threat to the health and safety of residents of the community.

Full details can be found online at Texas Department of Agriculture **TxCDBG Guide to Meeting a National Program Objective** (*click on Guide above*).

**INTERLOCAL (COOPERATION) AGREEMENTS**

ATCOG invites Counties, Cities, and EDCs to enter an Interlocal Agreement under Government Code Title 7 Chapter 791 Subchapter A. with the Development Department when preparing grants. For ***Texas Department of Agriculture, a “new” Interlocal Agreement*** must be ***created for each grant*** Notice of Funding Opportunity.

The Interlocal Agreement gives the Development Department the ability to discuss all aspects of the grant and provide information. If the locality is chosen for a TxCDBG phase 2, and you want ATCOG Development Department to write the grant, you will not have to go for procurement for a grant writer/administrator. The Interlocal Agreement is an allowable document for TxCDBG Community Development Block Grants. This agreement gives you the option to remain with ATCOG Development Department or to go out for procurement for a grant writer/administrator.

## HAZARD MITIGATION

Ark-Tex Council of Governments (ATCOG) partners recognize the importance of planning for hazards in their cities and/or counties. To remain in compliance with 44 CFR Part 201, all nine (9) of the Northeast Texas counties in the region participate in the Texas Standard Mitigation Plan (at a minimum). The State of Texas Hazard Mitigation Plan is updated every 5 years.

Each of the counties have individual Hazard Mitigation Plans. To be in compliance with 44 CFR, local mitigation plans must be updated at least every 5 years. Updated plans allow the counties the ability to participate in program funding when needed, which is outside of the funding that is allowed with the State of Texas Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Hazard Mitigation is important to economic development and economic resiliency and one of the greatest challenges facing the counties has been the ability to fund the five-year extensive updating requirements of a plan update. ATCOG has worked diligently researching options to assist the localities with maintaining a current Hazard Mitigation Plan. All Nine (9) Northeast Texas Counties are either current or in the process of plan update. ATCOG will be coordinating with the county emergency management divisions and/or designated officials to review plans to ensure that updating the 5-year plan is less of a burden and will assist with keeping a current plan.

### ATCOG HAZARD MITIGATION PLANS:

<b>Morris County</b>	In Process (In Review with FEMA)		
<b>Delta County</b>	In Process (In Review with TDEM)		
<b>Red River County</b>	In Process (Public Comment Phase)		
<b>Cass County</b>	In Process	Expiration Date	04/02/2027
<b>Hopkins County</b>		Expiration Date	01/23/2027
<b>Bowie County</b>		Expiration Date	01/17/2028
Lamar County		Expiration Date	10/18/2028
<b>Franklin County</b>		Expiration Date	01/14/2030
Mt. Pleasant (City)		Expiration Date	02/09/2030
<b>City of Texarkana</b>		Expiration Date	02/17/2030
<b>Titus County</b>		Expiration Date	04/29/2030

**MINUTES**  
**ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**  
**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**February 26, 2026**

The Executive Committee of Ark-Tex Council of Governments (ATCOG) met at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, February 26, 2026, at the Pilgrim's Community Center, 820 West Pecan Street, Mt. Pleasant, Texas, and via videoconference.

1. Bobby Howell, Judge, Bowie County, called the meeting to order.
2. Scott Norton, Executive Director/CEO of TexAmericas Center, gave the invocation.
3. Public Comment.

No member of the public made a comment.

4. Judge Howell presented Marc Reiter, Mayor, City of Hooks, with a dedicatory plaque commemorating his years of service on the ATCOG Board of Directors and Executive Committee.

Mayor Reiter expressed his appreciation to the Board for the recognition and the opportunity to serve on the Ark-Tex Council of Governments Board.

5. Judge Howell presented for review and approval of the minutes as submitted for the ATCOG Executive Committee meeting held on January 29, 2026.

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

6. Ms. Mary Beth Rudel, Executive Director, presented the Executive Director's Report for information only.

Ms. Rudel stated that ATCOG is on track for the quarter regarding expenses and finances, with all figures within proximity of the 25% mark.

Ms. Rudel presented the FY26 JAG Projects, VOCA, Criminal Justice, and regional development projects reports, along with the ATCOG regional and county reports for review.

7. Ms. Rudel, Executive Director, presented for review and ratification of the submission of an application for the Texas Regional Broadband Program (TRBP).

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 the Texas Broadband Development Office's statewide goals.

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

8. Ms. Whitney Fezell presented for review and approval of the submission of the applications for FY26 Statewide Emergency Radio Infrastructure (SERI) grant funds through the Office of the Governor, Homeland Security Grants Division.

ATCOG is applying for funding on behalf of jurisdictions in the ATCOG region up to a total amount of \$2 million. ATCOG will write and administer all of the emergency radio infrastructure grants on behalf of each county.

This application will include the following projects:

- Tower installation in Red River County
- Tower installation in Franklin County
- 2 Position dispatch console in Mt Pleasant
- 2 Position dispatch consoles in Hopkins County
- 4 Repeaters in Hopkins County
- 4 Repeaters in Sulphur Springs
- 5 Repeater site system in Bowie County
- 3 Repeater site system in Morris County

If awarded, the projects will provide jurisdictions with emergency radio equipment to improve communications and interoperability. The ATCOG Homeland Security Advisory Committee (HSAC) will prioritize these projects to fall within the \$2 million budgetary guidelines.

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

9. Ms. Fezell presented for review and approval of the submission of the following applications for FY26 State Homeland Security Program grant funds through the Office of the Governor, Homeland Security Grants Division.

- ATCOG Regional Planning, Training, and Exercises project - \$96,000
- ATCOG Regional Law Enforcement Planning Training project - \$76,000

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

10. Ms. Fezell presented for review and approval to authorize the Executive Director to enter into a contract with MAL Technologies Fleet, LLC, to purchase and install a communication tower with accessories for Delta County.

ATCOG Homeland Security Program utilized The Interlocal Purchasing System (TIPS) to obtain a quote from MAL Technologies Fleet, LLC to purchase/install the following:

- 1 Self-Supporting Communication Tower with accessories.

The total estimated cost for the tower and accessories is \$543,661.60. The grant will cover \$450,000 of the expenses, and any remaining costs over \$450,000 will be the responsibility of Delta County.

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

11. Ms. Fezell presented for review and approval to authorize the Executive Director to enter into a contract with MAL Technologies Fleet, LLC, to purchase and install a communication tower with accessories for Hopkins County.

ATCOG Homeland Security Program utilized The Interlocal Purchasing System (TIPS) to obtain a quote from MAL Technologies Fleet, LLC to purchase/install the following:

- 1 (400ft) Communication Tower with accessories.

The total contract estimated cost for the purchase/installation of the tower and accessories is \$446,683.80. The grant will cover expenses up to \$450,000.

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

12. Ms. Toni Lindsey presented for review and approval of the Ark-Tex Council of Governments Executive Director entering an interlocal agreement with the City of Sulphur Springs for the submission and administration of a grant application to the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA).

The City Council of Sulphur Springs met on February 3, 2026, and authorized an interlocal agreement between the City of Sulphur Springs and ATCOG for the Texas Community Development Block Grant (TxCDBG) Program 2026, Grant Administrative Services. The maximum known TDA amount at the time was \$750,000. The City of Sulphur Springs pledged a 15% match (\$112,500) of the TDA amount in their initial application. The administration fee in the Notice of Funding Announcement is a maximum 10% of the award or \$60,000, whichever is the lesser amount.

The Interlocal Agreement was signed by the City of Sulphur Springs on the day of their City Council Meeting and emailed to ATCOG for execution. Electronic signatures have been completed and returned to the City of Sulphur Springs to begin the process.

The TDA timeline required a public hearing to be held on February 27, 2026, to address information related to the application and administration process. To initiate this process, adhere to the necessary timelines, and ensure compliance with Community Development Block Grant administration regulations, a Development Staff meeting with the City of Sulphur Springs was held on February 19, 2026.

Ms. Lindsey confirmed that the City of Sulphur Springs has recently received a full funding notice for \$750,000, along with guidance that TDA has revised its timeline, changing the public hearing date to March.

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

13. Judge Howell called for the Executive Committee to recess the Open Session and go into Executive Closed Session at 10:21 a.m., to deliberate on matters concerning real property as allowed in the Texas Open Meeting Act, Section 551.072, Omaha Property.

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

14. Judge Howell reconvened the Executive Committee meeting into Open Session at 10:32 a.m. to take action on Item 13, as necessary.

Judge Lee made a motion to give Mary Beth Rudel, Executive Director, full control to negotiate for the Omaha Property and sale if needed. Judge Cooper seconded the motion. It was approved.

15. Judge Howell called for a motion to adjourn.

Motion to adjourn was made by Scott Norton and seconded by Judge Bell. It was approved. Meeting adjourned.

### **Announcements**

Ms. Rudel announced the next ATCOG Board of Directors meeting will be held on Thursday, March 26, 2026, at 10:00 a.m., at the Pilgrim's Community Center, 820 West Pecan Street, Mt. Pleasant, Texas, and via videoconference.

Due to a scheduling conflict with the March meeting, Ms. Rudel will poll the Board to determine a meeting date to ensure a quorum.

ATCOG EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Bobby Howell, Judge, Bowie County  
Scott Norton, Executive Director/CEO, TexAmericas Center  
Scott Lee, Judge, Franklin County  
Brandon Bell, Judge, Lamar County  
Kent Cooper, Judge, Titus County  
Robert Newsom, Judge, Hopkins County  
Doug Reeder, Judge, Morris County  
Ann Rushing, Mayor, City of Clarksville

ATCOG BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

John Booth, Ph.D., Board of Trustees, Texarkana College  
Laney Harris, Director, City of Texarkana-AR  
Steven King, Mayor, City of Cumby  
Dana Reeves, General Manager, Franklin County Water District  
Jeff Parker, Council Member, City of Hooks

GUESTS PRESENT

Brad Cecil, Executive Director, Northeast Texas Regional Advisory Council  
Marc Reiter, Mayor, City of Hooks

ATCOG STAFF PRESENT

Mary Beth Rudel, Executive Director  
Leslie McBride, Deputy Director  
Rea Allen, 9-1-1/GIS Director  
Jenny Butler, Area Agency on Aging Director  
Mark Compton, Transportation Director  
Daneshia Cherry, Housing Director  
Whitney Fezell, Homeland Security Coordinator  
Patricia Haley, Criminal Justice Coordinator  
Melody Harmon, Economic Development Director  
Toni Lindsey, Regional Development Director  
Marla Matthews, Executive Assistant  
Amber Murr, Human Resources Director  
Paul Prange, Environmental Resources Coordinator  
Debbie Purifoy, Compliance and Purchasing Officer

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

ATTEST:

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**ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (ATCOG)  
REGIONAL CRIMINAL JUSTICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RCJAC)  
April 7, 2026  
Mt. Pleasant Civic Center & via ZOOM**

**MINUTES**

The Ark-Tex Council of Governments (ATCOG) Regional Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (RCJAC) met April 7, 2026 10:00 a.m., at the Mt. Pleasant Civic Center and via ZOOM.

Max Cannaday, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

Patricia Haley performed a roll call to record those present in-person and on the teleconference, of RCJAC Members, applicant representatives, and any other visitors present. There were a total of 36 present in-person and on the teleconference. A quorum was confirmed.

The minutes from the November 18, 2025 meeting were reviewed and a motion was made by Angela Price and seconded by Sharyn Cary to approve the minutes. The motion carried.

The minutes from the December 11, 2025 special meeting were reviewed and a motion was made by Leah Thomas and seconded by Sharyn Cary to approve the minutes. The motion carried.

Nominations were accepted for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairman. Jack Martin was the only nomination received. A motion was made by Courtney Golden and seconded by Leah Thomas to cease nominations and accept Jack Martin as the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairman, Angela Price as the Chairman (was previously 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chairman), and Darrell Bruce as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chairman (was previously 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairman). The motion carried.

Patricia Haley gave an update of OOG/PSO/CJD FY26 funding awards for each fund source for the ATCOG region, to use as a guide until the FY27 estimated allocations are available for each fund source.

Patricia Haley reviewed important notes regarding the scoring instrument, including the recommendation to use the printed version to pencil in the scores prior to submitting the final electronic score sheet. Also reviewed were the maximum points allowed for each question, application amounts that could change due to OOG review, the local priorities, conflict of interest policy, Tx Open Meetings reminder, and the signature using the confidential code previously given to each RCJAC member. Ms. Haley also emphasized for the RCJAC members to keep their paper draft copies in case of an issue with the electronic submission and the need for resubmission if necessary.

Chairman Cannaday announced that each presenter would have a maximum of 5 minutes to speak about their project. There would be a pause between applicant presenters to allow the committee members time to complete each score sheet. All applicants were present by either zoom or in-person and spoke about their project(s) in the following categories:

General Victim Assistance – Direct Services Programs (VOCA) (3) were presented as listed on the attached page.

Justice Assistance Grant Programs (JAG) (7) were presented as listed on the attached page.

Juvenile Justice Program (1) was presented as listed on the attached page.

Truancy Prevention Program (1) was presented as listed on the attached page.

Patricia Haley announced that scores will be tabulated and the RCJAC will meet April 14, 2026 10:00 a.m. at the Mt. Pleasant Civic Center & via ZOOM for a Funding Recommendations Meeting to review the scoring results, discuss and determine funding recommendations to submit the ATCOG Board for approval, and that once the ATCOG Board approves, then the applicants will be notified of those approved results. Ms. Haley also informed applicants that they should at least be available on April 14<sup>th</sup> during the meeting time in case the RCJAC has further questions regarding their projects/applications as they are discussing and making funding recommendations and to give their phone number to contact them during that time period, if necessary.

Ms. Haley reminded RCJAC members to make sure that all score sheets are submitted and for those who pre-scored on paper copies, to keep them just in case their electronic score sheet(s) didn't go through.

A motion to adjourn was made by Tracey Climer and seconded by Leah Thomas. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 11:41 a.m.

#### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT**

Sherry Edwards, Red River County Juvenile Probation  
Courtney Golden, Cass County District Attorney  
Tracey Climer, Daingerfield Police Department  
Darrell Bruce, Lamar County Juvenile Probation  
Hayes Leshner, Mt. Pleasant ISD

Sharyn Cary, Titus County Citizen  
Melissa Simpson, Bowie County Juvenile Probation  
Michael Henry, Texarkana Texas Police Department  
Tom Whitten, Bowie County Commissioner  
Angela Price, Hopkins County Sheriff's Office  
Robert Vine, City of Mt. Pleasant  
Jason Ricketson, Sulphur Springs Police Department  
Amy Glenn, Lake Country CASA  
Leah Thomas, Mt. Vernon Police Department  
Max Cannaday, Franklin County Emergency Management  
Lance Hall, Bowie County Emergency Management  
Jim Roberts, City of Wake Village  
BD Dawson, Cass County Juvenile Probation  
Danny Huff, Lamar County Citizen  
Greg Restelle, Atlanta Police Department  
Scott Cass, Lamar County Sheriff's Office  
Jake Brockett, Red River County  
Laci Northam, Lake Regional MHMR-Paris

**GUESTS PRESENT**

Aaron Brower, Texarkana Texas Police Department  
Mary Ferguson, SAFE-T  
James Roberts, Domestic Violence Prevention, Inc.  
Bethany Daugherty, Domestic Violence Prevention, Inc.  
Robert Moore, Franklin County Sheriff's Office  
Jonna Tye, Bowie County District Attorney's Office  
Brett Gutierrez, Chapel Hill ISD Police Department  
Misty Moody, Bowie County Juvenile Probation  
Chris Hogg, Omaha Police Department  
Levi Havens, Naples Police Department  
Susan Laake, Daingerfield Police Department  
Anthony Harrison, Hughes Springs Police Department

**STAFF PRESENT**

Patricia Haley, ATCOG staff

**RCJAC MEETING  
April 7, 2026**

**GENERAL VICTIM ASSISTANCE – DIRECT SERVICES PROGRAM (VOCA)  
APPLICANT REPRESENTATIVES**

1.	Bowie County – Bowie County Victim Assistance Program	Jonna Tye
2.	Domestic Violence Prevention, Inc. – Comprehensive Victim Restoration Program	Bethany Daugherty
3.	SAFE-T - Children & Youth Services/Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, and Transitional Housing	Mary Ferguson

**JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM (JAG)  
APPLICANT REPRESENTATIVES**

1.	Chapel Hill ISD– Enhancing Student Safety and Community Outreach Through Dedicated ISD Police Transportation	Bret Gutierrez
2.	City of Daingerfield – Fleet Emergency Project	Susan Laake
3.	City of Hughes Springs – Public Safety Communications Project	Anthony Harrison
4.	City of Mt. Vernon – Mobile Data Terminal (M.D.T)	Leah Thomas
5.	City of Naples – Computer Project	Levi Havens
6.	City of Omaha – Communications Upgrade	Chris Hogg
7.	Franklin County – Handheld Radio Upgrade Project	Robert Moore

**JUVENILE JUSTICE GRANT PROGRAM  
APPLICANT REPRESENTATIVES**

1.	Ark-Tex Council of Governments – Juvenile Justice Services	Patricia Haley
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**TRUANCY GRANT PROGRAM  
APPLICANT REPRESENTATIVES**

1.	Bowie County – Juvenile Justice & Truancy Prevention	Misty Moody
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**2025 Council of Governments’  
Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA) and Stakeholder Preparedness Review  
(SPR) Feedback Report**

Council of Governments: **ATCOG**

Date of Review: **03/05/2026**

#	Criteria	Score	Notes
<b>Threat and Hazard Identification Risk Assessment (15 points + possible 2 bonus points)</b>			
0-4	<b>A minimum of four (4) Scenarios addressed that provide level of detail in accordance with CPG 201 v.3</b>	4	<p>4 scenarios provided, all of which feature adequate detail to facilitate impact modeling.</p> <p>Consider specifying which day of the week the Active Shooter scenario is occurring on, as this might impact the response, number of victims, etc (i.e., weekday vs weekend).</p> <p>Consider the same for the Explosive Devices scenario (i.e., instead of “July 12<sup>th</sup>” you could say “on a Tuesday night in July”).</p> <p>Consider adjusting the Cyber Attack narrative to read “At 3:10 PM on a Friday afternoon in August” so that the narrative does not go out of date year-to-year.</p>

#	Criteria	Score	Notes
0-3	Standardized Impact Estimates provided for each Threat/Hazard Scenario, including scenario-appropriate impact categories	3	Standardized Impact Estimates have been provided for each scenario, and the numbers seems reasonable and well-considered.
+2	Sources Used to Develop Context Description and Calculate Impacts Provided	2	Great sources provided. Bonus points awarded.
0-4	Standardized Capability Targets completed for all 32 Core Capabilities, indicating level to which the Region intends to build	4	This has been done for all 32 Core Capabilities and the values entered demonstrate SME outreach and stakeholder coordination.
0-4	Capability Target Context statements provide logic behind the Capability Target numbers	4	Capability Target Context statements look great, clearly explaining the Capability target values, referencing recent real-world events (to include 2024 and 2025 events and exercises) and indicative of solid stakeholder engagement. Exemplary.
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>17</b>	
<b>Stakeholder Preparedness Review (15 points)</b>			
0-2	Capability Target language for each Core Capability cut-and-pasted from the THIRA for all 32 Core Capabilities	2	This has been done throughout the SPR.
0-2	Estimate of Current Capability uses same standardized language as the Capability Target for all 32 Core Capabilities	2	This has been done throughout the SPR.
0-5	Capability Change Description provided for all 32 Core Capabilities, describing any significant changes to the region's capability levels over the last year	5	Capability Change Description entries have been completed for all 32 Core Capabilities, providing information on activities in 2025 that have

#	Criteria	Score	Notes
			<p>impacted this Core Capability in the ATCOG region. Exemplary.</p> <p>Consider editing out some activities that occurred before 2024 (on p.5, p.9, and p.15, for instance), as this section is supposed to focus on activities within the last year.</p> <p>Great to hear ATCOG was involved in the tri-annual airport exercise in 2025.</p>
0-6	<p><b>Capability Gaps clearly identify region-specific needs, including gaps for aspects of the Core Capability beyond areas covered in the Capability Targets, as applicable</b></p>	6	<p>POETE charts identify relevant capability gaps for each Core Capability with a high level of detail and clarity, especially with regards to what jurisdictions need to address capability gaps. Indicative of excellent stakeholder coordination. Great work, as always.</p>
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>15</b>	
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>32</b>	

April 14, 2026

Mary Beth Rudel  
Executive Director  
Ark Tex Council of Governments  
4804 Elizabeth St  
Texarkana, Texas 75504

Re: FY 2025 Final Compliance Assessment

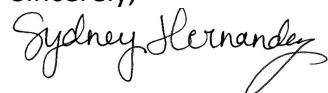
Dear Ms. Rudel:

The Commission on State Emergency Communications (CSEC) has concluded its review of the FY 2025 9-1-1 program activities for the Ark-Tex Council of Governments (Ark-Tex). The compliance review identified the Ark-Tex 9-1-1 program as being Moderate Risk.

The FY 2025 final compliance assessment report is attached. This assessment was presented to the Commission on March 25, 2026.

We appreciate you and your staff and the work you do to provide quality 9-1-1 services for your region. Should you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to call me at any time.

Sincerely,



Sydney Hernandez  
9-1-1 Program Specialist

cc: The Honorable Bobby Howell, Executive Board Chair/Ark-Tex  
Ms. Rea Allen, 9-1-1 Program Director/Ark-Tex  
Ms. Heather Barnes, Director of Programs/CSEC



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## AC-00068

<b>Annual Compliance Name</b>	AC-00068	<b>Strategic Plan Name</b>	Ark-Tex Council of Governments - 2024-2025 - Strategic Plan
<b>Status</b>	Final Assessment Complete	<b>Strategic Plan</b>	SP-0223
<b>Due Date</b>		<b>Fiscal Year</b>	2024-2025
<b>Initial Risk Rating</b>	Moderate Risk	<b>Final Risk Rating</b>	Moderate Risk
<b>Year</b>	Y2		

### GIS

<b>Risk Factor 1</b>	The ALI to Road Center Line match rate was greater than 99.50%	<b>Risk Factor 1 Actual</b>	98.10%
<b>RPC Response 1</b>	<p>Prior to the Arkansas data integration, ATCOG maintained a compliance rate of 99.68%. The migration to ESInet required inclusion of Arkansas data for the City of Texarkana, AR. Over the past year, ATCOG has improved the ALI-to-RCL percentage from 93.84% to 98.10%, largely through continued efforts to integrate data from Texarkana, Arkansas.</p> <p>Of the remaining 1.4 percentage-point gap needed to achieve 99.5% compliance, 92.01% is directly attributable to the Texarkana, AR data integration. Of the 726 outstanding records, 668 are associated with Arkansas.</p> <p>After multiple documented attempts, ATCOG obtained full access to provision data via PSP as of November 20, 2025. This access includes the ability to submit MSAG change requests for Arkansas data. Correspondence throughout the year, including communication with CSEC, reflects repeated requests and follow-up regarding access and permission issues.</p> <p>With full access now granted, a significant increase in corrections and measurable improvement in compliance is expected moving forward.</p>	<b>CSEC Comments 1</b>	As of January 2026, ATCOG's ALI to RCL rate is still under the threshold at 98.27%. Therefore, sufficient improvements have not been met to remove the risk.
<b>Category Score 1</b>	High Risk		

<b>Risk Factor 2</b>	The ALI to Site Structure Address Point match rate was greater than 98.5%	<b>Risk Factor 2 Actual</b>	93.83%
<b>RPC Response 2</b>	Of the remaining 4.67 percentage-point gap required to achieve 93.83% compliance for ALI to SSAP, 35.75% of	<b>CSEC Comments 2</b>	As of January 2026, ATCOG's ALI to SSAP rate is still under the threshold at 94.03%. Therefore, sufficient

the remaining numbers are directly attributable to the Texarkana, AR data integration. (2,017 outstanding records, 721 are associated with Arkansas)

improvements have not been met to remove the risk.

After multiple documented attempts, ATCOG obtained full access to provision Arkansas data via PSP as of November 20, 2025. This access includes the ability to submit both MSAG and TN change requests for Arkansas data.

With full access now granted, a significant increase in corrective activity and measurable improvement in compliance is anticipated moving forward.

**Category Score 2** High Risk

**Risk Factor 3** The total number of GIS errors is less than 1.1%.

**Risk Factor 3 Actual** 0.02%

**RPC Response 3**

**CSEC Comments 3**

**Category Score 3** Low Risk

**Risk Factor 4** GIS data was uploaded to the EGDMS provider at a minimum of once per month.

**Risk Factor 4 Actual** No

**RPC Response 4** ATCOG submitted its GIS data to the EGDMS provider monthly as required and, during Fiscal Year 2024, exceeded minimum requirements by performing uploads on a weekly basis.

**CSEC Comments 4** EGDMS Data was uploaded but not ESInet compliant for September 2024  
  
RPC has provided sufficient information to remove the risk.

Following the September 20 submission, critical validation errors were identified during the EGDMS review process. ATCOG immediately conducted an internal assessment to determine the root cause of the errors and implemented corrective measures prior to the next scheduled submission cycle. As part of the corrective action plan, ATCOG established a formal in-house validation review procedure to be completed prior to each EGDMS submission and in advance of the required due date. This process ensures that all GIS datasets are reviewed for compliance, validated internally, and corrected as needed before submission.

The subsequent October upload was completed successfully and met ESInet compliance standards.

**Category Score 4** Low Risk

**Risk Factor 5** RPC populated the required fields within the provisioning boundary and road center line layers.

**Risk Factor 5 Actual** Yes

**RPC Response 5**

**CSEC Comments 5**

Category Score 5 Low Risk

**Program**

Risk Factor 6 Monitoring was done per Strategic Plan Risk Factor 6 Actual Yes

RPC Response 6 CSEC Comments 6

Category Score 6 Low Risk

Risk Factor 7 Findings made by CSEC during validation process Risk Factor 7 Actual No

RPC Response 7 CSEC Comments 7

Category Score 7 Low Risk

Risk Factor 8 RPC reported unresolved PSAP findings lasting longer than six months Risk Factor 8 Actual No

RPC Response 8 CSEC Comments 8

Category Score 8 Low Risk

**Finance**

Risk Factor 9 Percentage of Admin budget expended is less than 85% or more than 100%. Risk Factor 9 Actual 85.59%

RPC Response 9 CSEC Comments 9

Category Score 9 Low Risk

Risk Factor 10 Percentage of Program budget expended is less than 75% or more than 100%. Risk Factor 10 Actual 79.34%

RPC Response 10 CSEC Comments 10

Category Score 10 Low Risk

Risk Factor 11 Percentage of overall budget spent on administrative costs exceeds 12.5 % if greater than \$100,000 Risk Factor 11 Actual 7.66%

RPC Response 11 CSEC Comments 11

Category Score 11 Low Risk

Signature of 9-1-1 Coordinator

Date of 9-1-1 Coordinator

Signature of Executive Director

Date of Executive Director

**Files**

**AC-00068 FY24 25 Annual Compliance Response Revised - signed (1)**

**ATCOG FY24\_25 Annual Compliance Response**

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ARK TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
DIRECTORS REPORT

03.31.2026

Fiscal year thru period ending 09.30.2026

0010 - Executive

Description	Quarter to date	Year To Date	Annual budget	Annual variance	% used
50110 SALARIES	78,568.84	181,143.38	371,978.00	(190,834.62)	0.49
50210 BENEFITS	41,170.06	96,121.55	194,917.00	(98,795.45)	0.49
50310 STAFF TRAVEL	3,051.26	3,051.26	11,000.00	(7,948.74)	0.28
50312 REGISTRATION	965.00	965.00	4,000.00	(3,035.00)	0.24
50319 TRAINING	39.31	39.31	-	39.31	-
50410 RENT/SPACE	2,228.32	3,903.92	20,553.00	(16,649.08)	0.19
50420 TELEPHONE	1,657.76	2,898.82	7,115.00	(4,216.18)	0.41
50422 CELL PHONE	486.41	598.07	1,421.00	(822.93)	0.42
50430 POSTAGE	22.20	458.20	-	458.20	-
50440 COPIER	137.18	470.49	2,164.00	(1,693.51)	0.22
50510 OTHER INDIRECT	-	350.00	-	350.00	-
50511 OFFICE SUPPLIES	232.95	922.86	6,000.00	(5,077.14)	0.15
50512 REPRODUCTION & PRINTING	-	-	250.00	(250.00)	-
50514 PERIODICALS	-	-	500.00	(500.00)	-
50515 MEMBERSHIP DUES	125.00	6,848.90	1,500.00	5,348.90	4.57
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	2,500.00	561.00	1.22
50810 CONTRACTS	72.00	72.00	-	72.00	-
<b>Total EXPENSE</b>	<b>128,756.29</b>	<b>300,904.76</b>	<b>623,898.00</b>	<b>(322,993.24)</b>	<b>0.48</b>

ARK TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
DIRECTORS REPORT

03.31.2026

Fiscal year thru period ending 09.30.2026

0020 - Administrative

Description	Quarter to date	Ytd encumbrnce	Annual budget	Annual variance	% used
50110 SALARIES	40,861.29	87,785.63	185,887.00	(98,101.37)	0.47
50210 BENEFITS	19,041.40	41,962.09	97,405.00	(55,442.91)	0.43
50310 STAFF TRAVEL	1,011.58	1,011.58	2,500.00	(1,488.42)	0.40
50312 REGISTRATION	-	-	4,000.00	(4,000.00)	-
50319 TRAINING	-	156.60	-	156.60	-
50410 RENT/SPACE	2,795.12	4,660.82	10,271.00	(5,610.18)	0.45
50420 TELEPHONE	885.94	1,463.68	3,556.00	(2,092.32)	0.41
50422 CELL PHONE	223.26	446.58	474.00	(27.42)	0.94
50430 POSTAGE	-	32.56	250.00	(217.44)	0.13
50440 COPIER	33.86	92.79	1,081.00	(988.21)	0.09
50510 OTHER INDIRECT	-	-	5,000.00	(5,000.00)	-
50511 OFFICE SUPPLIES	884.32	2,026.94	2,000.00	26.94	1.01
50512 PERIODICALS & PUBLICATIONS	-	-	500.00	(500.00)	-
50515 MEMBERSHIP DUES	-	798.90	500.00	298.90	1.60
50516 ADVERTISEMENT	-	-	-	-	-
50521 LEGAL & ACCT FEES	-	-	-	-	-
50522 INSURANCE/BONDING	3,644.00	4,644.00	-	4,644.00	-
50612 SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE	3,444.00	3,733.59	3,500.00	233.59	1.07
50524 BANKING SERVICES	-	-	-	-	-
50530 CONTRACT LABOR	-	-	-	-	-
50531 Contract - DRUG TESTING	650.00	1,795.00	800.00	995.00	2.24
50540 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	-	176.70	2,500.00	(2,323.30)	0.07
50623 SIGNAGE	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total EXPENSE</b>	<b>73,474.77</b>	<b>150,787.46</b>	<b>320,224.00</b>	<b>(169,436.54)</b>	<b>0.47</b>

ARK TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
DIRECTORS REPORT

03.31.2026

Fiscal year thru period ending 09.30.2026

0030 - Board

Description	Quarter to date	Ytd encumbrnce	Annual budget	Annual variance	% used
50310 BOARD TRAVEL	4,615.67	4,615.67	5,000.00	(384.33)	0.92
50312 BOARD REGISTRATION	1,150.00	1,150.00	4,500.00	(3,350.00)	0.26
50510 OTHER INDIRECT	-	-	2,000.00	(2,000.00)	-
<b>Total EXPENSE</b>	<b>5,765.67</b>	<b>5,765.67</b>	<b>11,500.00</b>	<b>(5,734.33)</b>	<b>0.50</b>

ARK TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
DIRECTORS REPORT

03.31.2026

Fiscal year thru period ending 09.30.2026

0040 - Finance

Description	Quarter to date	Ytd encumbrnce	Annual budget	Annual variance	% used
50110 SALARIES	49,293.57	105,138.98	213,142.00	(108,003.02)	0.49
50210 BENEFITS	18,580.66	44,889.26	111,687.00	(66,797.74)	0.40
50310 TRAVEL	872.03	1,744.06	2,500.00	(755.94)	0.70
50312 REGISTRATION/TRAINING	-	-	4,500.00	(4,500.00)	-
50410 RENT/SPACE	1,295.34	2,207.78	11,777.00	(9,569.22)	0.19
50420 TELEPHONE	1,025.49	1,703.08	4,077.00	(2,373.92)	0.42
50422 CELL PHONE	334.89	678.48	474.00	204.48	1.43
50430 POSTAGE	650.21	918.09	3,500.00	(2,581.91)	0.26
50440 COPIER	-	20.25	1,240.00	(1,219.75)	0.02
50510 OTHER INDIRECT	230.44	460.88	3,000.00	(2,539.12)	0.15
50511 OFFICE SUPPLIES	521.92	786.07	5,000.00	(4,213.93)	0.16
50512 PERIODICALS & PUBLICATIONS	-	-	-	-	-
50515 MEMBERSHIP DUES	-	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	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	-
<b>Total EXPENSE</b>	<b>72,804.55</b>	<b>210,413.62</b>	<b>422,897.00</b>	<b>(212,483.38)</b>	<b>0.50</b>

FY2026 JAG Projects						
Grantee	Project Title	Grant Number	Grant Status	Current Award	Expended	Project Period
Cass County	Body Armor Purchase Compliance	5449701	Grant-Closed	\$27,960.00	\$27,960.00	10/1/2025-9/30/2026
Chapel Hill ISD	Emergency Communications	5340001	Grant-Active (Fund Hold)	\$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 (Vendor Hold)	\$13,878.00	\$0.00	10/1/2025-9/30/2026
City of Omaha	Traffic Safety	5360201	Grant-Pending Closeout (Vendor Hold)	\$8,389.00	\$8,389.00	10/1/2025-9/30/2026
Delta County	Mobile Radio Grant	5455501	Grant-Active (Fund Hold/Vendor Hold)	\$33,340.93	\$33,340.93	10/1/2025-9/30/2026
Franklin County	MDT Upgrade Project	5459201	Grant-Active (Fund Hold/Vendor Hold)	\$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	\$9,609.97	10/1/2025-9/30/2026
Domestic Violence Prevention, Inc.	Comprehensive Victim Restoration Program Children & Youth Services/Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, and Transitional Housing	2907009	Grant-Active	\$276,007.72	\$126,393.44	10/1/2025-9/30/2026
SAFE-T		2453112	Grant-Active	\$522,762.23	\$266,605.98	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

<b>Grantee</b>	<b>Project Title</b>	<b>Grant Number</b>	<b>Grant Status</b>	<b>Current Award</b>	<b>Expended</b>	<b>Project Period</b>
Ark-Tex Council of Governments	ATCOG Regional Emergency Radio Infrastructure Project	5086901	Active	\$1,346,833.00	\$1496.84	11/1/24-10/31/26
Ark-Tex Council of Governments	ATCOG Planning, Training, and Exercise Project	2946011	Pending Award	\$96,000	\$0.00	9/1/25-08/31/26
Hopkins County	Portable Radio Project	4858703	Pending Award	\$21,934.00	\$0.00	11/1/25-10/1/26
Bowie County	VFD Radio Project upgrades	5487801	Pending Award	\$79,146.00	\$0.00	11/1/25-10/1/26
Sulphur Springs, City of	Night Vision Monocular	5352301	Pending Award	\$33,625.00	\$0.00	11/1/25-10/1/26
Texarkana, City of	Police Thermal Imaging Cameras	5400901	Pending Award	\$13,745.00	\$0.00	11/1/25-10/1/26
Lamar County	SWAT Night Vision	5415201	Pending Award	\$39,084.00	\$0.00	11/1/25-10/1/26
Cass County	ATCOG HSGP Hazard Training	5456601	Pending Award	\$40,000.00	\$0.00	11/1/25-10/1/26
Franklin County	City of Texarkana Communication Project	5468801	Active	\$23,547.60	\$0.00	10/1/2025-9/30/2026
Titus County	APX 8000 Radio Acquisition for Public Safety	5536201	Pending Award	\$70,834.32	\$0.00	9/1/25-05/30/26

\*FY 25 grants are conditionally approved and are pending awards.

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Status		Agency/Jurisdiction	Grant Name	Project Name	Grant Amount	Match Amount
<b>In Process</b>	ATCOG Region	ATCOG	FY26 EPA Brownfield Coalition Assessment Grant	ATCOG Coalition Assessment 2026	\$ 1,500,000	\$ -
<b>In Process</b>	Hopkins County	City of Sulphur Springs	FY 25 CDBG Infrastructure	<b>TBD</b>	\$ 750,000	\$ 112,500
Active	ATCOG Region	ATCOG	FY25 EPA Brownfield Revolving Loan Fund <b>RLF</b>	ATCOG Brownfield Revolving Loan Fund ( <b>New RLF</b> )	\$ 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) <b>RLF</b>	Rural Business Development Grant Revolving Loan Fund ( <b>RLF</b> ) [ <i>USDA 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 <b>RLF</b>	NETEDD Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) <b>Revolving</b>	\$ 3,186,179	\$ 1,059,110
Active	Region	NETEDD	2020 EDA Cares Act Adjustment Revolving Loan Fund Grant <b>RLF</b>	NETEDD COVID Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) <b>Revolving</b>	\$ 550,000	\$ -
Active	Bowie County	ATCOG	2026 Defense Adjustment Assistance Grant <b>DEAAG</b>	RRAD Drone Project - supported by TC & TAMUT	\$ 5,000,000	\$ 5,000,000
Active	Bowie County	ATCOG	2025 Defense Adjustment Assistance Grant <b>DEAAG</b>	Riverbend Water Resources District Industrial Wastewater Treatment Plant	\$ 5,000,000	\$ 5,000,000
Active	Bowie County	City of Nash	2023 <b>EDA</b> Disaster Supplemental Economic Adjustment Assistance Programs	Nash Business Infrastructure	\$ 2,550,000	\$ 542,632

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Active	Bowie County	City of DeKalb	2020 <b>EDA</b> Public Works & Economic Adjustment	Wastewater, Sewer, Water Lines & Meters, Easement & Jobs	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 559,858
Close-out in Process	Lamar County	Paris EDC	2021 <b>EDA</b> ARPA Public Works & Economic Adjustment	Infrastructure Northwaest Industrial Park & Jobs	\$ 1,300,000	\$ 552,344
Close-out in Process	Hopkins County	City of Sulphur Springs	2020 <b>EDA</b> CARES Act Public Works & Economic Adjustment	Coal Propert Development - Infrastructure & Jobs	\$ 2,380,000	\$ 596,960
Close-out in Process	Red River County	City of Avery	2022 TxCDBG FAST Fund Grant <b>TDA</b>	Fire Truck & Equipment	\$ 516,606	\$ 7,500
Close-out in Process	Bowie County	City of Hooks	2021/2022 CDBG Community Development Fund <b>TDA</b>	Sewer Infrastructure	\$ 350,000	\$ 35,000
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	52,002	-	-	105,125
Number of Rural Transportation Ride (Ages 60 and over)	3,520	3,355	-	-	6,875
Number of Home Delivered Meals Served (Ages 60 and over)	26,142	24,549	-	-	50,691
Number of Congregate Meals Served (Ages 60 and over)	7,076	6,054	-	-	13,130
Number of Illegal Dumping Camera Systems In Use	16	16	-	-	Not Cumulative
Number of "No Illegal Dumping" Signs In Use	57	57	-	-	Not Cumulative
Number of Housing Choice Vouchers (HCV) (including Camp, Upshur, & Wood Counties)	1,530	1,488	-	-	Not Cumulative
Amount of Housing Assistance Payments to Landlords (including Camp, Upshur, & Wood Counties)	\$ 2,897,908.00	\$ 2,810,078.00	\$ -	-	\$ 5,707,986.00
Number of HCV Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Participants (including Camp, Upshur, & Wood Counties)	70	76	-	-	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	16,205	-	-	32,850
Number of Active Criminal Justice Grants (Including Juvenile and Regional Law Enforcement Training Grant)	13	10	-	-	Not Cumulative
Number of Students attending Law Enforcement Training	108	31	-	-	139
Number of active Economic Development loans	29	28	-	-	Not Cumulative
Number of active Regional Development grants	10	9	-	-	Not Cumulative
Number of Active Homeland Security Grants	-	2	-	-	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	25,990			52,229
Number of Rural Transportation Ride (Ages 60 and over)	637	612			1,249
Number of Home Delivered Meals Served (Ages 60 and over)	4,979	4,212			9,191
Number of Congregate Meals Served (Ages 60 and over)	2,534	1,894			4,428
Number of Illegal Dumping Camera Systems In Use	12	12			Not Cumulative
Number of "No Illegal Dumping" Signs In Use	45	45			Not Cumulative
Number of Housing Choice Vouchers (HCV)	806	787			Not Cumulative
Amount of Housing Assistance Payments to Landlords	\$ 1,602,620.00	\$ 1,554,646.00			\$ 3,157,266.00
Number of HCV Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Participants	41	41			Not Cumulative
Number of HCV FSS Graduates	2	0			2
Number of Rural Transportation Rides	1,134	1,013			2,147
Number of Active Criminal Justice Grants	2	2			Not Cumulative
Number of Students attending Law Enforcement Training	6	18			24
Number of active Economic Development loans	5	5			Not Cumulative
Number of active Regional Development grants	3	4			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	4,318			8,658
Number of Rural Transportation Ride (Ages 60 and over)	442	471			913
Number of Home Delivered Meals Served (Ages 60 and over)	1,379	969			2,348
Number of Congregate Meals Served (Ages 60 and over)	1,916	1,835			3,751
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	51			Not Cumulative
Amount of Housing Assistance Payments to Landlords	\$ 89,784.00	\$ 88,355.00			\$ 178,139.00
Number of HCV Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Participants	-	-			Not Cumulative
Number of HCV FSS Graduates	-	-			-
Number of Rural Transportation Rides	725	709			1,434
Number of Active Criminal Justice Grants	1	1			Not Cumulative
Number of Students attending Law Enforcement Training	19	-			19
Number of active Economic Development loans	2	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	5			35
Number of Rural Transportation Ride (Ages 60 and over)	-	0			-
Number of Home Delivered Meals Served (Ages 60 and over)	1,503	1,412			2,915
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	5			Not Cumulative
Amount of Housing Assistance Payments to Landlords	\$ 9,268.00	\$ 8,259.00			\$ 17,527.00
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	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	1,208			2,349
Number of Rural Transportation Ride (Ages 60 and over)	44	38			82
Number of Home Delivered Meals Served (Ages 60 and over)	550	710			1,260
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	34			Not Cumulative
Amount of Housing Assistance Payments to Landlords	\$ 75,477.00	\$ 79,008.00			\$ 154,485.00
Number of HCV Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Participants	2	3			Not Cumulative
Number of HCV FSS Graduates	-	-			-
Number of Rural Transportation Rides	212	203			415
Number of Active Criminal Justice Grants	2	2			Not Cumulative
Number of Students attending Law Enforcement Training	3	1			4
Number of active Economic Development loans	-	-			Not Cumulative
Number of active Regional Development grants	-	-			Not Cumulative
Number of Active Homeland Security Grants	-	1			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	5,631			11,512
Number of Rural Transportation Ride (Ages 60 and over)	761	741			1,502
Number of Home Delivered Meals Served (Ages 60 and over)	2,060	1,937			3,997
Number of Congregate Meals Served (Ages 60 and over)	-				-
Number of Illegal Dumping Camera Systems In Use	4	4			Not Cumulative
Number of "No Illegal Dumping" Signs In Use	-	-			Not Cumulative
Number of Housing Choice Vouchers (HCV)	160	155			Not Cumulative
Amount of Housing Assistance Payments to Landlords	\$ 259,900.00	\$ 262,052.00			\$ 521,952.00
Number of HCV Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Participants	7	10			Not Cumulative
Number of HCV FSS Graduates	-	-			-
Number of Rural Transportation Rides	1,641	1,563			3,204
Number of Active Criminal Justice Grants	-	-			Not Cumulative
Number of Students attending Law Enforcement Training	-	5			5
Number of active Economic Development loans	2	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	6,551			13,578
Number of Rural Transportation Ride (Ages 60 and over)	426	343			769
Number of Home Delivered Meals Served (Ages 60 and over)	10,454	10,700			21,154
Number of Congregate Meals Served (Ages 60 and over)	647	492			1,139
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	111			Not Cumulative
Amount of Housing Assistance Payments to Landlords	\$ 200,962.00	\$ 183,615.00			\$ 384,577.00
Number of HCV Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Participants	7	8			Not Cumulative
Number of HCV FSS Graduates	-	-			-
Number of Rural Transportation Rides (including paratransit & Paris Metro)	10,441	10,285			20,726
Number of Active Criminal Justice Grants	-	-			Not Cumulative
Number of Students attending Law Enforcement Training	72	2			74
Number of active Economic Development loans	4	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	2,411			4,706
Number of Rural Transportation Ride (Ages 60 and over)	97	112			209
Number of Home Delivered Meals Served (Ages 60 and over)	1,434	1,158			2,592
Number of Congregate Meals Served (Ages 60 and over)	975	832			1,807
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	55			Not Cumulative
Amount of Housing Assistance Payments to Landlords	\$ 118,714.00	\$ 111,888.00			\$ 230,602.00
Number of HCV Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Participants	3	3			Not Cumulative
Number of HCV FSS Graduates	-	-			-
Number of Rural Transportation Rides	266	287			553
Number of Active Criminal Justice Grants	2	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 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	2,000			4,235
Number of Rural Transportation Ride (Ages 60 and over)	-	0			-
Number of Home Delivered Meals Served (Ages 60 and over)	2,456	2,344			4,800
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	29			Not Cumulative
Amount of Housing Assistance Payments to Landlords	\$ 59,178.00	\$ 60,100.00			\$ 119,278.00
Number of HCV Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Participants	1	1			Not Cumulative
Number of HCV FSS Graduates	-	-			-
Number of Rural Transportation Rides	15	77			92
Number of Active Criminal Justice Grants	-	-			Not Cumulative
Number of Students attending Law Enforcement Training	1	1			2
Number of active Economic Development loans	2	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	3,882			7,803
Number of Rural Transportation Ride (Ages 60 and over)	1,113	1,038			2,151
Number of Home Delivered Meals Served (Ages 60 and over)	1,327	1,107			2,434
Number of Congregate Meals Served (Ages 60 and over)	1,004	1001			2,005
Number of Illegal Dumping Camera Systems In Use	-	-			Not Cumulative
Number of "No Illegal Dumping" Signs In Use	12	12			Not Cumulative
Number of Housing Choice Vouchers (HCV)	188	185			Not Cumulative
Amount of Housing Assistance Payments to Landlords	\$ 320,824.00	\$ 318,003.00			\$ 638,827.00
Number of HCV Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Participants	8	8			Not Cumulative
Number of HCV FSS Graduates	1	-			1
Number of Rural Transportation Rides	2,200	2,068			4,268
Number of Active Criminal Justice Grants	2	2			Not Cumulative
Number of Students attending Law Enforcement Training	7	1			8
Number of active Economic Development loans	4	5			Not Cumulative
Number of active Regional Development grants	-	-			Not Cumulative
Number of Active Homeland Security Grants	-	-			Not Cumulative

## BRIEFING PAPER

### **ITEM 8:**

Review and consider approval of revisions to the ATCOG Rural Transit District Title VI Program Plan as required by the Federal Transit Administration.

### **BACKGROUND:**

ATCOG'S Rural Transit District's Title VI Program Plan is reviewed every three years to capture updates and demographic changes. Title VI is a federal law that protects individuals or groups, regardless of citizenship, from discrimination based on race, color, and national origin. Other related regulations prohibit discrimination based on sex, age, and disability. The Title VI plan summarizes how any person who believes he or she, individually or as a member of any specific class, has been subject to discrimination, may file a complaint. The TRAX Title VI Plan outlines the department's roles, responsibilities, and procedures to ensure compliance with Title VI.

### **DISCUSSION:**

This update includes the following revisions:

- Contact information for the new Title VI Coordinator, Ms. Sheena Record (Transportation Coordinator)
- Executive Order 14151: Ending Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Program\*\* – This Executive Order has removed environmental justice from Title VI.
- Executive Order 14244: Designation of English as the Official Language\*\* – This Executive Order does not mandate a four-factor analysis or require a Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Plan.

The Plan includes information for Bowie, Cass, Titus, Lamar, Red River, Delta, Hopkins, Franklin, and Morris Counties.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval.

**RESOLUTION NO. ABD26-13**

**RESOLUTION OF THE ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (ATCOG) APPROVING REVISIONS TO THE ATCOG RURAL TRANSIT DISTRICT (RTD) TITLE VI PROGRAM PLAN AS REQUIRED BY THE FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION (FTA).**

**WHEREAS**, ATCOG is a Regional Planning Commission established pursuant to the authority granted by Article 1011m, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, and Arkansas Interlocal Cooperation Act 430; and

**WHEREAS**, ATCOG is governed by a Board of Directors with the responsibility to oversee the operation and management of a rural transportation system and to oversee the provision of rural transportation services within the ATCOG RTD; and

**WHEREAS**, the FTA has required that the ATCOG RTD Title VI Program Plan include revisions that meet all updated requirements issued by the FTA.

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

- Section 1 - That the ATCOG Board of Directors approve the revisions to the ATCOG RTD Title VI Program Plan as required by the Federal Transit Administration.
- 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 ATCOG RTD Title VI Plan.
- Section 3 - That the meeting at which this Resolution is passed is open to the public and that public notice of the time, place, and purpose of said meeting was given as required by law.
- Section 4 - 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 30TH DAY OF APRIL, 2026.**

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

**ATTEST:**

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## BRIEFING PAPER

### **ITEM 9:**

Review and consider approval of the Ark-Tex Area Agency on Aging Area Plan FFY2027-FFY2029.

### **BACKGROUND:**

The Older Americans Act (OAA) Section 306 Area Plans requires each area agency on aging (AAA) to prepare an area plan for a planning and service area (PSA). The 28 approved area plans from all the AAAs in Texas help to inform the State Plan on Aging (OAA Section 307) and enable Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) to speak to how OAA services are implemented throughout the state to older Texans. The HHSC provided the template for the Area Plan FFY2027-FFY2029.

### **DISCUSSION:**

The Area Plan FFY2027-FFY 2029 document describes in detail the identified needs within the Ark-Tex PSA and how the AAA plans to address these needs through the development and expansion of new and existing community services. It provides information on service priorities and targeted outreach to vulnerable older individuals. The area plan also states the goals and objectives that the AAA and its staff plan to accomplish during the planning period, subject to the availability and limitations of funding and the authorization of services provided by or through the AAA. The plan reflects the AAA's efforts to develop and implement current and future plans. The Area Plan for FFY2027-FFY2029 is included in the addendum.

This area plan, developed for FFY2027-FFY2029, is scheduled to be reviewed and approved on April 27, 2026, by the AAA Regional Advisory Council. The proposed plan will complete the required 30-calendar day public input period on April 29, 2026.

The area plan must be approved by the ATCOG Board of Directors prior to submission to HHSC for final approval.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval.

**RESOLUTION NO. ABD26-14**

**RESOLUTION OF THE ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (ATCOG) APPROVING THE ARK-TEX AREA AGENCY ON AGING (AAA) AREA PLAN FFY2027 – FFY2029.**

**WHEREAS**, the Older Americans Act (OAA) Section 306 Area Plans requires each AAA to prepare an area plan for a planning and service area (PSA); and

**WHEREAS**, the twenty-eight (28) approved area plans from all the AAAs in Texas help to inform the State Plan on Aging and enable Texas Health and Human Services Commission to speak to how OAA services are implemented throughout the state to older Texans; and

**WHEREAS**; the Area Plan FFY2027 – FFY 2029 document describes, in detail, the identified needs within the Ark-Tex PSA and how the AAA plans to address these needs through the development and expansion of new and existing community services; and

**WHEREAS**, the AAA Regional Advisory Council (RAC) reviewed and approved the plan on April 27, 2026; and

**WHEREAS**, upon ATCOG Board of Directors approval, the plan will be sent to Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) for final approval.

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

Section 1 - That the ATCOG Board of Directors approves the Ark-Tex AAA Area Plan FFY2027 – FFY2029.

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 Ark-Tex AAA Area Plan FFY2027 – FFY2029.

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 30TH DAY OF APRIL, 2026.**

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

**ATTEST:**

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**RESOLUTION NO. ABD26-15**

**RESOLUTION OF THE ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (ATCOG) AUTHORIZING RECOGNITION OF MAY 2026 AS OLDER AMERICANS MONTH.**

**WHEREAS**, ATCOG's region includes a growing number of older Americans who contribute their strength, wisdom, and experience to our community; and

**WHEREAS**, ATCOG communities benefit when people of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds are welcomed, included, supported; and

**WHEREAS**, ATCOG recognizes our need to create a community that provides the services and supports older Americans' need to thrive and live independently for as long as possible; and

**WHEREAS**, ATCOG can work to build an even better community for our older residents by:

- Providing minor residential repairs that may allow an older adult to remain in their home.
- Providing evidence-based programs that are proven to increase balance and prevent falls, such as Tai Chi for Arthritis and A Matter of Balance.
- Providing caregiver respite services to support the caregiver to stay healthy while caring for a loved one.
- Providing information and services for people on Medicare, to include assistance during open enrollment.
- Providing resource information for services that may benefit the caller.
- Providing advocacy for residents in nursing homes and assisted living facilities.

**WHEREAS**, the President of the United States has historically acknowledged the month of May as Older Americans Month.

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

Section 1 – The ATCOG Board of Directors hereby declares the month of May 2026 to be Older Americans Month.

Section 2 – That the ATCOG Board of Directors recognizes our older citizens' contributions, help create an inclusive society, and join efforts to support older Americans' choices about how they age in their communities.

Section 3 – The ATCOG Board of Directors encourages all local governments to sign a similar resolution to celebrate this month with the appropriate activities and commemorations.

**REVIEWED AND APPROVED THIS 30TH DAY OF APRIL, 2026.**

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

**ATTEST:**

## BRIEFING PAPER

### **ITEM 11:**

Review and consider approval of funding priorities to be submitted to the Office of the Governor Public Safety Office, Criminal Justice Division (OOG PSO/CJD).

### **BACKGROUND:**

Each year, applications are submitted to OOG PSO/CJD through eGrants by agencies/organizations in the ATCOG region. After the applications have been submitted, OOG PSO/CJD requires ATCOG to distribute the applications to the Regional Criminal Justice Advisory Committee to be reviewed and scored, and the ATCOG Board to approve funding recommendations to submit to OOG PSO/CJD, who will then make the final funding decisions.

### **DISCUSSION:**

The RCJAC met on April 7, 2026, and applicants gave a brief presentation about their project. RCJAC members then had an opportunity to ask questions to each presenter regarding their project. Applications were scored, and the RCJAC had a follow-up meeting on April 14, 2026, to review the scoring results and further discuss the projects and determine funding recommendations for all funding categories. The RCJAC's recommendations are reflected in the attachments.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval.

**Juvenile Justice Grant Program**

\_\_\_\_\_ = Acceptable "Quality" Project Line

OOG's Reasonable Budget Expectation for ATCOG Region **\$29,222.03**

\_\_\_\_\_ = Allocated Funding Depletion Line

\* If additional funding is available, recoup Ark-Tex Council of Government's Requested Amount (as much as possible).

**1-YEAR PROJECTS & BUDGET AMOUNTS**

Funding Source ID	Ranking	Score	Grant Number	Agency	Project Title	Project Details	Applicant's Requested Amount	Amount According to Ranking & Allocation Amount Remaining	Additional Information	% of Total Juv. Justice Allocation Amount	% of Requested Amount
SF	1	98.450	1426628	Ark-Tex Council of Governments	Juvenile Justice Services	Juvenile mental health services (counseling, psychiatric/psychological evals, sex offender counseling/treatment, anger management counseling, parent/family training & parent/family support services), 1 personnel position (partially paid-Criminal Justice Coordinator), mileage, supplies & operating expenses.	\$55,000.00	\$29,222.03		100.00000%	53.13096%
<b>Total Requested Amount</b>							<b>\$55,000.00</b>	<b>\$29,222.03</b>	<b>Total COG/RCJAC Recommended Amount</b>		

Funding Allocation Line \_\_\_\_\_  
 Quality Line \_\_\_\_\_

**Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program**

OOG's Reasonable Budget Expectation for ATCOG Region **\$156,617.53**

\_\_\_\_\_ = Acceptable "Quality" Project Line

\_\_\_\_\_ = Allocated Funding Depletion Line

\* If additional funding is available, recoup applicant(s) ranked 6, 7 "Requested Amount" (as much as possible) in that order, until the funding is depleted.

\* If less funding is available, follow the ranked order under "COG/RCJAC Recommended Amount" in 6,5,4,3,2,1 order until the funding is depleted.

**1-YEAR PROJECTS & BUDGET AMOUNTS**

Funding Source ID	Ranking	Score	Grant Number	Agency	Project Title	Project Details	Applicant's Requested Amount	Amount According to Ranking & Allocation Amount Remaining	Additional Information	% of Total JAG Allocation Amount	% of Requested Amount
DJ	1	94.400	5705401	City of Omaha	Communications Upgrade	4 mobile radios for patrol cars & hand held radios for officers	\$12,919.00	\$12,919.00		8.24876%	100.00000%
DJ	2	93.650	5706701	City of Hughes Springs	Public Safety Communications Project	4 Kenwood portable radios, 4 Kenwood mobile radios, with accessories/trunking package/installation	\$27,034.84	\$27,034.84		17.26169%	100.00000%
DJ	3	92.500	5798801	Franklin County	Handheld Radio Upgrade Project	5 Kenwood handheld radios	\$30,807.40	\$30,807.40		19.67047%	100.00000%
DJ	4	92.105	5737801	City of Mt. Vernon	Mobile Data Terminal (M.D.T.)	7 MDT systems for patrol officers	\$32,200.81	\$32,200.81		20.56016%	100.00000%
DJ	5	90.400	5703101	City of Naples	Computer Project	4 desktop computer systems, accessories, 4 semi-rugged laptops/docks/vehicle adaptor, and mobile direct thermal printer	\$32,014.04	\$32,014.04		20.44090%	100.00000%
DJ	6	85.474	5701501	City of Daingerfield	Fleet Emergency Project	1 rugged laptop/mount 1 2026 Chevrolet Tahoe Police Pursuit Vehicle	\$62,723.00	\$21,641.44		13.81802%	34.50320%
DJ	7	81.300	5738901	Chapel Hill ISD	Enhancing Student Safety and Community Outreach Through Dedicated ISD Police Transportation	1 Ford F-150 for ISD PD	\$30,000.00	\$0.00			0.00000%

**Total Requested Amount \$227,699.09    \$156,617.53    Total COG/RCJAC Recommended Amount 100.00000%**

Funding Allocation Line \_\_\_\_\_  
Quality Line \_\_\_\_\_

**Youth Diversion (Truancy Prevention) Grant Program**

OOG's Reasonable Budget Expectation for ATCOG Region **\$37,673.84**

           = Acceptable "Quality" Project Line  
           = Allocated Funding Depletion Line  
\* If additional funding is available, recoup Bowie County's Requested Amount (as much as possible).

**1-YEAR PROJECTS & BUDGET AMOUNTS**

Funding Source ID	Ranking	Score	Grant Number	Agency	Project Title	Project Details	Applicant's Requested Amount	Amount According to Ranking & Allocation Amount Remaining	Additional Information	% of Total Juv. Justice Allocation Amount	% of Requested Amount
TP	1	90.611	5353402	Bowie County	Juvenile Justice & Truancy Prevention	2 Juvenile Case Managers (fully paid positions-1 currently filled & 1 vacant)	\$132,200.00	\$37,673.84		100.00000%	28.49761%
<b>Total Requested Amount</b>							<b>\$132,200.00</b>	<b>\$37,673.84</b>	<b>Total COG/RCJAC Recommended Amount</b>		

Funding Allocation Line  
Quality Line

**General Victim Assistance - Direct Services (VOCA)**

OOG's Reasonable Budget Expectation for ATCOG Region **\$831,533.54**

**\_\_\_\_\_ = Acceptable "Quality" Project Line**  
**\_\_\_\_\_ = Allocated Funding Depletion Line**

If Total Allocation is \$1,019,131.59 SAFE-T, DVP, Bowie Co. should receive 100% of their requested amount.  
 If Total Allocation is less than \$1,019,131.59, then 68.05261% of the Total Allocation goes to SAFE-T, 31.94739% of the Total Allocation to Domestic Violence Prevention, Inc., up to their requested amounts, and the remaining balance goes to Bowie County.

**1-YEAR PROJECTS & BUDGET AMOUNTS**

Funding Source ID	Ranking	Score	Grant Number	Agency	Project Title	Project Details	Applicant's Requested Amount	Amount According to Ranking & Allocation Amount Remaining	Additional Information
VC	1	91.400	2453113	SAFE-T	Children & Youth Services/Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, and Transitional Housing	Shelter/crisis services, legal advocacy/support groups/counseling/prot.order assist.  21 partially paid personnel positions, (currently filled) operating expenses & supplies	\$625,493.00	\$565,880.24	
VC	2	89.600	2907010	Domestic Violence Prevention, Inc	Comprehensive Victim Restoration Program	Shelter/crisis services, legal advocacy/multi-discip coord services/support groups/counseling/prot.order assist.  9 partially paid personnel positions (currently filled), operating expenses & supplies	\$293,638.59	\$265,653.30	
VC	3	76.842	4823504	Bowie County	Bowie County District Attorney's Victim Assistance Program	2 fully paid personnel positions providing victim assistance services (1 currently filled & 1 vacant)	\$100,000.00	\$0.00	

% of Total VOCA Allocation Amount  
 % of Applicant's Requested Amount

is total allocation divided by total requested amount of SAFE-T & DVP (as a result of their close scores)

**Total Requested Amount \$1,019,131.59    \$831,533.54    Total COG/RCJAC Recommended Amount 100.00000%**

Funding Allocation Line \_\_\_\_\_  
 Quality Line \_\_\_\_\_

**RESOLUTION NO. ABD26-16**

**RESOLUTION OF THE ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS APPROVING THE PRIORITIES AND FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE REGIONAL CRIMINAL JUSTICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RCJAC) FOR THE JAG, JUVENILE JUSTICE, YOUTH DIVERSION (TRUANCY PREVENTION), AND VOCA APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR (OOG), PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICE (PSO) – CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION (CJD).**

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

**WHEREAS**, the rules and regulations of the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office - Criminal Justice Division require that these applications be reviewed and priorities/funding recommendations be established by the Ark-Tex Council of Governments.

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

Section 1 - That the applications submitted to the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office-Criminal Justice Division for funding consideration through the JAG, Juvenile Justice, Youth Diversion (Truancy Prevention), and VOCA categories for FY2027 have been reviewed.

Section 2 - That the JAG, Juvenile Justice, Youth Diversion (Truancy Prevention), and VOCA applications are given priority with the funding recommendations as indicated on the attachment.

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 30TH DAY OF APRIL, 2026.**

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

**ATTEST:**

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**RESOLUTION NO. ABD26-17**

**RESOLUTION OF THE ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS AUTHORIZING RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL POLICE WEEK.**

**WHEREAS**, the Ark-Tex Council of Governments (ATCOG) is a political subdivision of the State serving Bowie, Cass, Delta, Franklin, Hopkins, Lamar, Morris, Red River and Titus, Texas counties and Miller County, Arkansas; and

**WHEREAS**, ATCOG is committed to providing technical assistance and training services for law enforcement officers in the region; and

**WHEREAS**, ATCOG recognizes the professional and unending services of the law enforcement officers as they respond to, and strive to serve the communities of our region on a daily basis; and

**WHEREAS**, National Police Week offers honor, remembrance, and peer support, while allowing law enforcement, survivors, and citizens to gather and pay homage to those who gave their lives in the line of duty; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed a proclamation which designated May 15 as Peace Officers Memorial Day in honor of the Federal, State, and local officers who have been killed, disabled, or otherwise injured in the line of duty, and the week in which that date falls as Police Week; and

**WHEREAS**, since the original proclamation, the President of the United States has historically acknowledged May 15 of each year as Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week in which it falls as National Police Week.

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

Section 1 - That, on behalf of the law enforcement officers serving in the ATCOG region and those who have given their lives in service to our communities across the nation, state, and region, the ATCOG Board of Directors hereby declares the week of May 10-16, 2026, to be National Police Week.

Section 2 - That the ATCOG Board of Directors encourages all local governments to sign a similar resolution to offer honor, remembrance, and peer support, with appropriate activities and/or memorials to allow law enforcement, survivors, and citizens to gather and pay homage to those who gave their lives in the line of duty.

**REVIEWED AND APPROVED THIS 30TH DAY OF APRIL, 2026.**

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

**ATTEST:**

## BRIEFING PAPER

### ITEM 13:

#### **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 April 13, 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.***

<b>As of April 13, 2026</b>	Adult criminal history disposition completeness avg.	Juvenile criminal history disposition completeness avg.
Bowie	96.55	99.65
Cass	90.78	98.80
Delta	91.53	100
Franklin	91.87	100
Hopkins	97.53	100
Lamar	92.73	87.30
Morris	92.55	100
Red River	92.19	100
Titus	88.97	86.90

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