ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
REGIONAL CRIMINAL JUSTICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
November 17, 2026 10:00 a.m.
via ZOOM teleconference

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AGENDA

1. Call to order.
2. RCJAC member roll call.
3. Approve the minutes as submitted from the RCJAC Meeting held April 14, 2026 at the Mt. Pleasant Civic Center and via teleconference (ZOOM).
4. Review, discuss, and consider approval of the bylaws.
5. Review and consider approval of the local priorities, as previously reviewed and recommended by the criminal justice planning focus groups.
6. Review, discuss, and consider approval of the scoring instrument for each funding category.
7. Other business/announcements.
8. Adjourn.

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April 14, 2026
Mt. Pleasant Civic Center & via ZOOM

MINUTES

The Ark-Tex Council of Governments (ATCOG) Regional Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (RCJAC) met April 14, 2026 10:00 a.m., at the Mt. Pleasant Civic Center and via ZOOM.

Angela Price, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

Patricia Haley performed a roll call to record those present in-person and on the teleconference, of RCJAC members and any other visitors present. There were a total of 17 present (RCJAC members, ATCOG staff) in-person and on the teleconference. A quorum was confirmed.

The minutes from the April 7, 2026 meeting were reviewed and a motion was made by Max Cannaday and seconded by Robert Vine to approve the minutes. All were in favor and the motion carried.

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

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

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

The JAG scores and the RBE/estimated allocation were reviewed. After discussion of the applications and the amount of funds available, a motion was made by Courtney Golden to place the quality line below the 7th application (which would recommend that all applicants receive funding if enough funding was available), fully fund applicants 1-5, and the remaining allocation balance would go to #6 (Applicant in the #7 ranking would not receive funding in the initial estimated allocation), and in the event that additional JAG funding is available, recoup #6's requested amount as much as possible and if the additional funds exceed that, then

fund #7's request as much as possible. The motion also recommended that in the event that less JAG funding is available, the recommended amounts would decrease in descending order of ranking. The motion was seconded by Max Cannaday. All were in favor and the motion carried.

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

The VOCA scores and rankings were reviewed. After discussion, a motion was made by Sharyn Cary to place the quality line below the 3rd application (which would recommend that all applicants receive funding if enough funding is available for all three), the allocation funding depletion line below the 2nd application and to recommend that:

- 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.

The motion was seconded by Melissa Simpson. Two members, Lance Hall and Tom Whitten, opposed and the majority were in favor. The motion carried.

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

A motion to adjourn was made by Max Cannady and seconded by Sharyn Cary. All were in favor and the motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 11:16 a.m.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

B.D. Dawson, Cass County Juvenile Probation
Sherry Edwards, Red River County Juvenile Probation
Hayes Lesher, Mt. Pleasant ISD
Angela Price, Hopkins County Sheriff's Office
Jake Brockett, Red River County Emergency Management
Courtney Golden, Cass County DA
Darrell Bruce, Lamar County Juvenile Probation

Jim Roberts, City of Wake Village
Max Cannaday, Franklin County Emergency Management
Lance Hall, Bowie County Emergency Management
Sharyn Cary, Titus County Citizen
Tom Whitten, Bowie County Commissioner
Scott Cass, Lamar County Sheriff
Robert Vine, City of Mt. Pleasant
Melissa Simpson, Bowie County Juvenile Probation
Melissa Horton, Mt. Pleasant Police Department

STAFF PRESENT
Patricia Haley, ATCOG staff