

**MINUTES  
SEMI-ANNUAL  
AREA COUNCIL/BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
JUNE 24, 2009**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Commissioner Jay Millikin, Chairman  
Judge James Barden, Vice-Chairman  
Judge Diana Bautista  
Judge Richard Evans  
Judge Carlos Garcia  
Mayor Dan Heckler  
Michael Korus  
Mayor A. David Marne  
Representative Doug Miller  
Judge Marvin Quinney  
Katie Reed  
Linda Rivas  
Mayor Tom Schoolcraft  
Judge Mark Stroehrer  
Mayor Don Tymrak  
Senator Leticia Van de Putte  
Mayor Ruby Vera  
Tom Weaver  
Commissioner Bill Williams  
Mayor John Williams

**ALTERNATES PRESENT**

Victor Cavazos for Commissioner Elizondo  
Byron Gibson for Rep. Robert Puente  
Allison Greer for Commissioner Wolff  
Bobby Perez for Senator Leticia Van de Putte

**VACANT**

3 -City of San Antonio

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Commissioner Tommy Adkisson  
Judge Alger Kendall  
Judge Gaylan Schroeder

**GUESTS PRESENT**

Ginny Funk  
Councilwoman Lourdes Galvan  
Esther Garcia  
Councilwoman Delicia Herrera  
Steve Hester  
Sam Katz  
Mayor Jack Leonhardt  
Dr. Bruce Leslie  
Mayor Steve Lopez  
Denver McClendon  
Shannon Nesbit  
Phillip Reidinger  
Tracy Talley  
Mary Will  
Linda Williams  
Dr. Federico Zaragoza

**STAFF PRESENT**

Gloria Arriaga  
Debbie Billa  
Dean Danos  
Mario Gutierrez  
Susan Lodge  
Melissa Pulido  
Joe Ramos  
Martha Spinks  
Blanca Tapia  
Sarah Valdez  
Daniel Watford

1. The meeting called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Commissioner Jay Millikin
2. Roll Call was taken and a quorum established
3. Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
4. There were no Citizens to be Heard.

5. Consider and act upon approval of a memoriam resolution for Judge Sid Williams.

A Motion was made by Judge Garcia, seconded by Judge Bautista to approve a memoriam resolution for Judge Sid Williams. The Motion carried unanimously. Linda Williams accepted the resolution.

6. Mrs. Arriaga gave her Executive Director's Report on the following items:

- A. Introduction of new Bexar Aging Director Martha Spinks, Ph.D.
- B. Anniversaries.
  - 1) Deborah Billa – 5 years (June 1)
  - 2) Sarah Valdez – 5 years (June 7)
- C. Upcoming Events:
  - 1) Texas Public Radio Forum on Air Quality – Thursday, June 25, 2009.
  - 2) Newly Elected Officials Workshop – Tuesday, June 30, 2009.
  - 3) Texas Procurement Workshop – Thursday, July 23, 2009.
- D. Speaker for December Semiannual Meeting – Senator Judith Zaffirini.
- E. Briefing and discussion on advertising opportunities and story ideas for the upcoming 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of the Alamo Area Business Images Magazine.

7. Presentation on Alamo Colleges by Dr. Bruce Leslie, Chancellor.

Dr. Leslie gave a status report on what is happening with the Alamo Colleges. No action required.

8. Consent Agenda.

**Items on the consent agenda are considered being of a routine nature and may require only limited discussion. The items listed on consent agenda (other than A) have been reviewed by the Management/Audit Committee and they recommend approval. Any member of the Board may request that items be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately for purpose of discussion and voting.**

- A. Consider and act upon approval of the following:
  - 1) Correction to the April 29, 2009 Minutes
  - 2) May 27, 2009 Minutes.
- B. Consider and act upon approving the Texas Municipal League dues increase for 2009.
- C. Consider and act upon approving the following membership dues for the Executive Director:
  - 1) Rotary Club of San Antonio - \$415.00
  - 2) International City Management Association (ICMA) - \$1,248.33

- D. Consider and act upon personnel change to the Housing Manager position.
- E. Consider and act upon approving the following status reports:
  - 1) Grants.
  - 2) Recoveries.
  - 3) Balance Sheet.
  - 4) Income Statement.
  - 5) Board Expenditures.
- F. Consider and act upon approving the Fourth AACOG 2009 Annual Budget Amendment.
- G. Discussion and appropriate action regarding the 2009 auditor.
  - 1) Approval of the second (1) year extension of AACOG's current auditors Patillo, Brown and Hill for fiscal year ending December 31, 2009.
- H. Consider and act upon approving proposed changes to personnel policies regarding the reporting of fraud or other illegal activities by employees.
- I. Consider and act upon authorizing the Executive Director to submit a grant application for the Bexar Area Agency on Aging to the Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services for Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act (MIPPA) funds in the amount of \$205,842.00.
- J. Consider and act upon authorizing the Executive Director to accept Fiscal Year 2009 funding for the Alamo and Bexar Area Agencies on Aging from the Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services in the amounts of \$2,577,275.00 and \$6,287,542.00 respectively.
- K. Consider and act upon authorizing the Executive Director to submit the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act (ARRA) application to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) for \$14,396,113.00 for the AACOG Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP).
- L. Consider and act upon the following from the Bexar Mental Retardation Authority (BMRA):
  - 1) Status Report on the Bexar Mental Retardation Authority (BMRA) and Texas Home Living Program Authority (TxHmL) Quality Assurance Reviews for the Fiscal Year 2009.
  - 2) Review of Senate Bill 1, Rider 48 Legislative Initiative regarding Home and Community-based Services (HCS) Case Management Requirements.
- M. Consider and act upon authorizing the Executive Director to purchase 9-1-1 equipment and software through an interlocal agreement with the Houston-Galveston Council of Governments Cooperative Agreement for Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) at Bandera County in the amount of \$59,303.14.

- N. Consider and act upon authorizing the Executive Director to accept three federal grant awards from the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) for AACOG's Rural Public Transportation Program totaling \$1,285,473.00.
- O. Consider and act upon authorizing the Executive Director to contract for advertising about ozone awareness in an amount not to exceed \$16,000.00.
- P. Consider and act upon the following from the Natural Resources/Transportation Program:
  - 1) Authorize the Executive Director to submit a grant application for Transportation Improvement Program funds from the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) in support of AACOG's Commute Solutions program in an amount not to exceed \$213,600.00 with the requirement of a 20% match.
  - 2) Resolution in support of the FY 2009 Commute Solutions Program.
- Q. Consider and act upon the following from the Criminal Justice Department:
  - 1) Ratifying the submission a grant in the amount of \$307,159.00 from the Office of the Governor – Criminal Justice Division.
  - 2) Passing a resolution supporting the fiscal year 2010 Criminal Justice Regional Training and Equipment Enhancement Program.
- R. Consider and act upon authorizing the Executive Director to submit an application for funding for Regionally Coordinated Transportation Planning Activities Grant for Fiscal Years 2010-2012 from the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) in an amount not to exceed \$390,000.00.

A Motion was made by Mayor Marne, seconded by Katie Reed to approve the items on the consent agenda. The Motion carried unanimously.

- 9. Consider and act upon the following Committee Reports:
  - A. Area Judges. (also reviewed by the Management/Audit Committee)
    - 1) Consider and act upon authorizing the Executive Director to accept three federal grant awards from the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) for AACOG's Rural Public Transportation Program totaling \$1,285,473.00.
    - 2) Consider and act upon authorizing the Executive Director to submit an application for funding for Regionally Coordinated Transportation Planning Activities Grant for Fiscal Years 2010-2012 from the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) in an amount not to exceed \$390,000.00.

Commissioner Williams reported on the Area Judges meeting. No action required.

- 10. Consider and act upon the following Texas Review and Comments System (TRACS) recommendations from the Economic Development Environmental Review Committee:
  - A. Kerr County. "Design and Construction of a new wastewater Transmission line

serving Center Point and Kerr County.” Funding: U.S. Department of Agriculture.

- B. City of San Antonio, Parks and Recreation Department. “Friedrich Park Visitor Facility Project.” Funding: Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Urban Outdoor Recreation Grant Application: \$117,275.00.
- C. Bexar County. “Bexar County’s Mission County Park I-Phase I Redevelopment, Historic View Corridor, Portal, Trail and Parking Project.” Funding: Texas Parks and Wildlife Department: Urban Outdoor Recreation Grant Application: \$750,000.00.

Joe Ramos stated the Committee recommends favorable review on items A through C. After consideration, a Motion was made Judge Evans, seconded by Judge Garcia to approve items A through C. The Motion carried unanimously.

- 11. Consider and act upon the following Texas Review and Comments System (TRACS) recommendations from the Regional Health and Human Services Advisory Committee:
  - A. Connections Individual and Family Services, Inc. “Basic Center Program.” Funding: Department of Health and Human Services: \$186,642.00.
  - B. Bexar County Commissioner’s Court. “Bexar County Re-Entry Court.” Funding: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration: \$400,000.00.
  - C. Riverwalk Education Foundation, Inc. “Foreign Language Assistance.” Funding: U.S. Department of Education: \$615,000.00.
  - D. Northside Independent School District. “Achieving Academic Excellence for Military Students.” Funding: Department of Defense Education Agency: \$1,450,800.00.
  - E. Region 20 Education Service Center. “Head Start/Early Head Start.” Funding: Health and Human Services/ACF/OHS: \$2,110,711.00.
  - F. Region 20 Education Service Center. “Readiness and Emergency Management for Schools.” Funding: U.S. Department of Education: \$63,631.00.
  - G. Region 20 Education Service Center. “Readiness and Emergency Management for Schools.” Funding: U.S. Department of Education: \$936,885.00.
  - H. Economic Opportunities Development Corporation (EODC) of Atascosa, Karnes and Wilson (AKW). “Cost of Living Allowance.” Funding: Health and Human Services/ ACF/OHS: \$71,812.00.
  - I. Economic Opportunities Development Corporation of Atascosa, Karnes and Wilson. “ARRA and Quality Improvement Funds.” Funding: Health and Human Services/ACF/OHS: \$173,944.00.
  - J. Stonewall Head Start, Inc. “Head Start/ Early Head Start.” Funding: Health and Human Services/ACF/OHS: \$1,020,950.00.
  - K. Avance – San Antonio. “Head Start/ Early Head Start.” Funding: Health and Human Services/ACF/OHS: \$2,382,738.00.

- L. Economic Opportunities Development Corporation EODC of AKW. "Purchase of land and construction of building for re-location of Karnes City Head Start Center." Funding: Health and Human Services/ACF/OHS: \$908,500.00.
- M. Corazon Ministries. "Corazon y Anima (Heart and Soul)." Funding: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA): \$350,000.00.

Shannon Nesbit stated the Committee recommends favorable review on items A, B and D through M. Item C will be considered next month. Katie Reed recommended that item D be considered separately. A Motion was made by Judge Barden, seconded by Mayor Tymrak to approve items A, B, E through M. The Motion carried unanimously. A Motion was made by Judge Barden, seconded by Mayor Tymrak to approve item D. Katie Reed abstained. The Motion carried.

- 12. Consider and act upon the following Texas Review and Comments System (TRACS) recommendations from the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee:
  - A. Bexar County, "Coordinated Intake Program". Funding: Bureau of Justice Assistance: \$206,036.00.
  - B. Kerrville, City of, "Interoperable Radio Equipment and In-Car Mobile Computer Technology". Funding: Bureau of Justice Assistance: \$42,460.00.
  - C. Comal County Sheriff's Office, "COPS Grant 2009". Funding: Office of Community Oriented Policing Services: \$1,063,962.00.
  - D. Kerr County Sheriff's Office, "Kerr County 2009 COPS Grant". Funding: Office of Community Oriented Policing Services: \$262,810.00.
  - E. Kerrville, City of, "Hiring Officers to Enhance Community Policing Strategies". Funding: Office of Community Oriented Policing Services: \$779,300.00.

Sam Katz stated the Committee recommends favorable review on items A through E. After consideration, a Motion was made by Judge Garcia, seconded by Commissioner Williams, favorable review. The Motion carried unanimously.

- 13. Consider and act upon approving the nomination of Ms. Audrey Cavazos as alternate to Dr. Allen Castro to represent Bexar County to the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee.

Sam Katz stated the Committee recommends approving the nomination of Ms. Audrey Cavazos as alternate to Dr. Allen Castro to represent Bexar County to the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee. After consideration, a Motion was made by Judge Quinney, seconded by Judge Garcia to approve the nomination. The Motion carried unanimously.

- 14. Awards Presentation:
  - A. Outgoing Board Chairmen:
    - 1) Former City of San Antonio Councilman Louis E. Rowe  
AACOG Board of Directors Chairman January-May 2009  
AACOG Board of Directors Member March 2005-May 2009
    - 2) Bandera County Judge Richard A. Evans  
AACOG Board of Directors Chairman 2006

- B. Outgoing Committee Chairwomen:
  - 1) Ginny Funk  
Alamo Service Advisory Committee Chairwoman 2007-2008  
ASAC Member 2000-2008
  - 2) Mary Will  
Bexar Senior Advisory Committee Chairwoman 2007-2008  
BSAC Member 2004-2008
  - 3) Nancy Hunter  
Planning Network and Advisory Committee Chairwoman 2008-2009  
PNAC Member 2003-2009
- C. Outgoing Board Members:
  - 1) Former City of Devine Mayor Steve A. Lopez  
AACOG Board of Directors Member 2005-2009
  - 2) Former City of Windcrest Mayor Jack H. Leonhardt  
AACOG Board of Directors Chairman 2007  
AACOG Board of Directors Member 2004-2009
  - 3) Former City of San Antonio Councilwoman Delicia Herrera  
AACOG Board of Directors Member 2005-2009
  - 4) Former City of San Antonio Councilwoman Lourdes Galvan  
AACOG Board of Directors Member 2007-2009
- D. Governmental Regional Project of the Year:  
Alamo Colleges Regional Technical Training Centers
- E. Community Projects of the Year:  
Ft. Sam Houston Christmas Along the Corridor Grand Finale and Fair
- F. Corporate Citizen of the Year:  
Big Brothers Big Sisters of South Texas
- G. Regional Citizen of the Year:  
Tracy Talley, RN

Commissioner Millikin, Judge Barden and Mayor Tymrak presented the 2009 Regional Awards to the above recipients.

- 15. Commissioner Millikin stated the next meeting date will be on Wednesday, July 29, 2009 at 1:00 p.m.
- 16. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m. to a reception honoring the 2009 Regional Award Recipients.