

**MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
APRIL 1, 2009**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Councilman Louis Rowe, Chairman
Commissioner Jay Millikin, Vice-Chairman
Judge James Barden
Judge Diana Bautista
Judge Richard Evans
Judge Carlos Garcia
Mayor Dan Heckler
Judge Alger Kendall, Jr.
Michael Korus
Mayor Steve Lopez
Judge Marvin Quinney
Linda Rivas
Mayor Tom Schoolcraft
Judge Mark Stroehrer
Mayor Don Tymrak
Tom Weaver
Judge Mike Wiggins
Commissioner Bill Williams
Commissioner Kevin Wolff

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Leticia Cantu for Councilwoman Galvan
Victor Cavazos for Commissioner Elizondo
Mario Llano for Commissioner Adkisson
Billy Peche for Rep. Puente
Bobby Perez for Senator Van de Putte
Sonny Torres for Councilwoman Herrera

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mayor Jack Leonhardt
Mayor David Marne
Rep. Doug Miller
Katie Reed
Judge Gaylan Schroeder

GUESTS PRESENT

Sam Katz
Leilah Powell
Dr. Bill Thornton

STAFF PRESENT

Gloria Arriaga
Debbie Billa
Dean Danos
Tiffany Harris
Cindy Krueger
David Kruse
Susan Lodge
Melissa Pulido
Joe Ramos
Fran Randall
Blanca Tapia
Daniel Watford

1. The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Councilman Rowe.
2. Roll Call was taken and a quorum established.
3. The Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
4. There were no citizens to be heard.
5. Mrs. Arriaga gave her Executive Director's Report on the following items.
 - A. Senate Bill Testimony.
 - B. Upcoming Events:
 - 1) Fresh Air Friday – April 3, 2009.
 - 2) National Hurricane Conference – April 6-10, 2009.
 - 3) Free Foreclosure Workshop – May 2, 2009.

4) AACOG Newly Elected Officials Workshop – June 30, 2009.

6. The next item was a presentation of the San Antonio/Bexar County Transportation Task Force Report by Dr. Bill Thornton and Leilah Powell.

- A. Questions by Board Members.
- B. Public comment (3 minute limit per person).

Dr. Bill Thornton and Leilah Powell presented the San Antonio/Bexar County Transportation Task Force Report to the Board of Directors. No action was taken and there were no public comment.

7. The next item was to consider and act upon the following items on the 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 and) have been reviewed by the Management 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 March 4, 2009 Minutes.
- B. Consider and act upon Board members and Executive Director attending the National Association of Regional Councils 43rd Annual Conference and Exhibition May 31-June 3, 2009 in Denver, Colorado.

The Management Committee recommends approving up to three Board members and the Executive Director to attend the National Association of Regional Councils 43rd Annual Conference and Exhibition, May 31-June 3, 2009.

- C. Consider and act upon the following Personnel Recommendations for the Rural Public Transportation Program:
 - 1) Drivers
 - 2) Transportation Director

The Management Committee recommends approving the recommendation to increase the number of payroll service driver positions from 31 to 51. The Committee also recommends approving the position of Transportation Director at a proposed pay group 22, \$60,569.60.

- D. Consider and act upon authorization for the Executive Director to contract for additional customizations to the agency's Human Resource System through Spectrum HR in an amount not to exceed \$17,500.00.

The Management Committee recommends authorizing the Executive Director to contract with Spectrum HR in an amount not to exceed \$17,500.00. In addition the Committee requested who would own the rights for the customization. Mrs. Arriaga stated that the rights would be owned by Spectrum HR.

- E. Consider and act upon approval of the following draft December 31, 2008 status reports:
 - 1) Grants.
 - 2) Recoveries.
 - 3) Balance Sheet.
 - 4) Income Statement.

5) Board Expenditures.

The Management Committee recommends acceptance of the above status reports.

F. Consider and act upon the following regarding the FY 2010 State Planning Assistance Grant Application in the amount of \$164,006.43.

- 1) Ratify the submission of the grant.
- 2) Approve the resolution.

The Management Committee recommends approval to ratify the submission of the FY 2010 State Planning Assistance Grant in the amount of \$164,006.43 and a resolution on the submission of the grant.

G. Consider and act upon the agency's vision insurance.

The Management Committee recommends approval to cancel the contract for the agency's vision insurance through Safeguard and contract with Dental Select. In addition, the Committee requested clarification on the cancellation of the contract. Mrs. Arriaga stated that the contract can be cancelled at any time.

H. Consider and act upon changes to the Accounting Policies and Procedures.

The Management Committee recommends approval of the amended Accounting Policies and Procedures, Section 9.01. Audit Requirements "equal to or greater than \$300,000.00 the amounts approved in the state and federal guidelines for determining audit requirements."

I. Consider and act upon new and revised vendor agreements for the Bexar and Alamo Area Agencies on Aging.

The Management Committee recommends approving the Young Women's Christian Association (YMCA) and AVIONN as vendors for the Bexar Area Agency on Aging, and Ortiz Carpentry and Comal County Senior Citizens Foundation as vendors for the Alamo Area Agencies on Aging.

J. Consider and act upon authorizing the Executive Director to purchase two vehicles from Texas Bus Sales, utilizing the Texas Department of Transportation Vehicle Capital Replacement Program, procurement thorough Houston-Galveston Area Council (HGAC) in the amount not to exceed \$220,000.00.

The Management Committee recommends authorizing the Executive Director to purchase two vehicles form Texas Bus Sales in the amount not to exceed \$220,000.00.

K. Consider and act upon approval for the Executive Director to submit a work plan to the San Antonio-Bexar County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for an amount not to exceed \$1,003,000.00 for the FY 2010-2011.

The Management Committee recommends approving the Executive Director to submit a work plan to the San Antonio-Bexar County MPO for an amount not to exceed \$1,003,000.00 for the FY 2010-2011.

L. Consider and act upon authorizing the Executive Director to execute a five year Preventative Maintenance Agreement with Verizon Select Services, Inc. for designated technical support services to AACOG and the seven 911 counties at an annual rate of \$168,212.76 for a total of \$841,063.80.

The Management Committee recommends authorizing the Executive Director to execute a five year Preventative Maintenance Agreement with Verizon Select Services, Inc. in the total amount of \$841,063.80.

A Motion was made by Judge Barden, seconded by Judge Evans to approve the items on the Consent agenda. The Motion carried unanimously.

8. Consider and act upon the following Committee Reports:

A. Management Committee

1) Consider and act upon the process for evaluating Executive Director.

Commissioner Millikin stated the Committee recommends the Board members fill out the Executive Director Performance Evaluation form and return to the Board Chairman in the envelope provided by April 15, 2009. An Executive Session will be scheduled for both the April 22, 2009 Management Committee and the April 29, 2009 Board of Directors meetings to discuss the Executive Director Performance evaluation. After consideration, the Motion carried unanimously.

2) Consider and act upon the following from the Weatherization Assistance Program:

- a) Authorize the Executive Director to accept \$2,433,387.00 from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs for the AACOG Weatherization Assistance Program for PY 2009-2010.
- b) Status Report on CPS Energy funding in the amount of \$300,000.00.

The Committee recommends authorizing the Executive Director to accept \$2,433,387.00 from the Texas Department and Community Affairs for the AACOG Weatherization Program for PY 2009-2010. After consideration, the Motion carried unanimously.

B. Airco.

- 1) Ozone and Particulate Matter Update.
- 2) AIR Public Education/Outreach Update/Air Quality Health Alert School Policies.
- 3) Clean Air Plan Update/Local strategy analysis update/report from City of San Antonio/action on voluntary ozone reductions.
- 4) Environmental Protection Agency's review on the 8-hour ozone standard – 180 day delay/action on funding issues: Rider 8 support.
- 5) Business of the AIR Executive/Advisory Committee/Nonattainment Areas proposed by Governor Perry/Bills in the State Legislature

Commissioner Millikin reported on the Airco meeting. No action required.

C. Area Judges.

- 1) Briefing on Rural Planning Organization Legislation – HB 2589.

- 2) Presentation by the Capital Area Planning Council of Governments and Brazos Valley Council of Governments regarding their Rural Planning Organization governance structure.
- 3) Discussion and appropriate action on the following:
 - a) Rural Planning Organization Bylaws.
 - b) Recommendation from the San Antonio/Bexar County Transportation Task Force Report regarding the integration of the San Antonio/ Bexar County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) with AACOG.
- 4) Consider and act upon authorizing the Executive Director to purchase two Type XI vehicles through the Interlocal Agreement with the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) and Texas Bus Sales, utilizing the TxDOT Vehicle Capital Replacement Program in an amount not to exceed \$220,000.00.

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

D. 9-1-1 Area Judges

- 1) Consider and act upon authorizing the Executive Director to execute a five-year Preventative Maintenance Agreement with Verizon Select Services, Inc. for designated technical support services to AACOG and the seven 911 counties at an annual rate of \$168,212.76 for a total of \$841,063.80.

Judge Kendall reported on the 9-1-1 Area Judges meeting. No action required.

E. Alamo Area Development Corporation.

- 1) Consider and act upon approval of the \$15,500.00 in costs for the 2008 AADC Audit to be performed by Patillo, Brown, and Hill.
- 2) Consider and act upon authorizing the Executive Director to Voluntarily De-Obligate Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) transportation money in an amount not to exceed \$55,000.00 and Food Stamp Employment and Training (FS E&T) transportation money in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00.

Mayor Tymrak reported on the AADC meeting. No action required.

F. Strategic Planning Committee.

- 1) Progress Report on Strategic Planning.

Mayor Tymrak stated that no meeting was held and that there would be a report presented at the April 29, Board meeting.

G. TARC 2010 Conference Committee.

Linda Rivas stated the Committee will meet after the Board meeting.

9. Consider and act upon the following as recommended by the Economic Development

Environmental Review Committee:

- A. City of Stockdale. "Stockdale Central Park." Funding: Texas Parks and Wildlife: \$75,000.00.
- B. City of San Antonio. "Development of Max and Minnie Voelcker Park." Funding: Texas Parks and Wildlife: \$1,000,000.00.
- C. City of Hondo Police Department. "Purchase of Fleet Vehicles." Funding: City of Hondo: \$47,421.98.00.

Joe Ramos stated the Committee recommends favorable review on items A through C. After consideration, a Motion was made by Mayor Lopez, seconded by Commissioner Williams, favorable review. The Motion carried unanimously.

10. Consider and act upon the following from the Health and Human Services Advisory Committee:

- A. Northside Independent School District (NISD), "A Model for Change: Rigor, Relevance, and Readiness for the 21st Century American History Teacher." Funding: U. S. Department of Education: \$1,666,144.00.
- B. San Antonio Independent School District (SAISD), "Fitness of HOPE," Funding: U. S. Department of Education: \$442,259.00.
- C. San Antonio Independent School District (SAISD), "Get R.E.A.L.! Project," Funding: U. S. Department of Education: \$519,128.00.
- D. South San Antonio Independent School District (SSAISD), "The ALAMO Mission," Funding: U. S. Department of Education: \$1,427,361.00.
- E. South San Antonio Independent School District (SSAISD), "Classroom Library Connection," Funding: U. S. Department of Education: \$499,961.00.
- F. The New Beacon Hill Baptist Church, "'Fitness of HOPE'," Funding: U.S. Department of Education: \$369,093.00.

Susan Lodge stated the Committee recommends favorable review on items A through F. After consideration, a Motion was made by Mr. Weaver, seconded by Ms. Rivas, favorable review. The Motion carried unanimously.

11. Consider and act upon the following as recommended by the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee:

- A. Atascosa Family Crisis Center, "Atascosa Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Advocacy Program". Funding: General Victims Assistance - Direct Services: \$169,468.08.
- B. Kendall County, "Kendall County Crime Victim Assistance/Advocacy Program". Funding: General Victims Assistance - Direct Services: \$141,549.60.
- C. Guadalupe County Children's Advocacy Center, Inc., "Children's Advocacy Project". Funding: General Victims Assistance - Direct Services: \$100,000.00.
- D. St. Peter - St. Joseph Children's Home, "St. PJ's Trauma Recovery Program". Funding: General Victims Assistance - Direct Services: \$124,570.00.

- E. Kerr County, "Crime Victims' Rights Coordinator". Funding: General Victims Assistance - Direct Services: \$56,893.00.
- F. Comal County Family Violence Shelter, Inc., "Victims Aid Project". Funding: General Victims Assistance - Direct Services: \$133,260.00.
- G. Hill Country Crisis Council, Inc., "Crime Victim Assistance and Restoration Project". Funding: General Victims Assistance - Direct Services: \$363,622.00.
- H. Seton Home, "Project Safe Haven". Funding: General Victims Assistance - Direct Services: \$98,386.00.
- I. Alamo Children's Advocacy Center dba ChildSafe, "Victim Services for Sexually Abused Children". Funding: General Victims Assistance - Direct Services: \$115,440.00.
- J. Jewish Family Service of San Antonio, "Victims of Crime - Counseling". Funding: General Victims Assistance - Direct Services: \$246,796.00.
- K. Bexar County, "Community Advocate Program". Funding: General Victims Assistance - Direct Services: \$118,060.00.
- L. St. Jude's Ranch for Children, Inc., "Child Guidance and Services". Funding: General Victims Assistance - Direct Services: \$122,173.14.
- M. Guadalupe Valley Family Violence Shelter, Inc., "Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Victims Services". Funding: General Victims Assistance - Direct Services: \$39,687.00.
- N. Alamo Area Rape Crisis Center, "Sexual Violence Hotline & Comprehensive Counseling Project". Funding: General Victims Assistance - Direct Services: \$291,846.00.
- O. Catholic Charities, Archdiocese of San Antonio, Inc., "Catholic Charities Crime Victims Counseling Program". Funding: General Victims Assistance - Direct Services: \$111,092.00.
- P. Bluebonnet Children's Center, "Bluebonnet Children's Advocacy Center". Funding: General Victims Assistance - Direct Services: \$27,021.00.
- Q. Bexar County Family Justice Center Foundation, "Victim's Empowerment Counseling Program". Funding: General Victims Assistance - Direct Services: \$136,276.00.
- R. San Antonio, City of, "Project EASE". Funding: General Victims Assistance - Direct Services: \$30,880.00.
- S. Southwest Family Life Centers, Inc., "Domestic Violence". Funding: General Victims Assistance - Direct Services: \$43,587.00.
- T. Consider and act upon approval of the General Victims Assistance – Direct Services Priority Ranking Sheet.

Sam Katz stated the Committee recommends favorable review of items A through T. After consideration, a Motion was made by Mayor Lopez, seconded by Mayor Tymrak, favorable

review. The Motion carried unanimously.

12. Consider and act upon appointments and reappointments to the Bexar Mental Retardation Authority Planning Network Advisory Committee.

Susan Lodge stated the Planning and Network Advisory Committee (PNAC) recommends approving the following appointments and reappointments:

Appointments

Nana Marie Knowles, Family Member
Terri Blades, Family Member
Mary Hanlon-Hillis, Community Member
(Alamo Heights ISD Connect Program
Coordinator)

Reappointments

Irma Canfield, Family Member
Martha Moyer, Family Member
Sandra S. Iracheta – Cruz, Community Member
(Southwest ISD Social Worker)

After consideration, a Motion was made by Judge Garcia, seconded by Ms. Rivas to approve the above appointments and reappointments to the PNAC Committee. The Motion carried unanimously.

13. Consider and act upon approval of a resolution recognizing April 2009 as Fair Housing Month.

Susan Lodge stated staff recommends approving a resolution recognizing April 2009 as Fair Housing Month. After consideration, a Motion was made by Mayor Tymrak, seconded by Mayor Lopez to approve the resolution recognizing April 2009 as Fair Housing Month. The Motion carried unanimously.

14. Consider and act upon authorizing the Executive Director to submit a Regional Centers of Excellence Initiative grant in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00 to the National Association of Regional Councils (NARC).

Gloria Arriaga stated staff recommends authorizing the Executive Director to submit a Regional Center of Excellence Initiative grant in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00 to the National Association of Regional Councils (NARC). After consideration, a Motion was made by Commissioner Williams, seconded by Judge Kendall to approve submitting the grant to NARC. The Motion carried unanimously.

15. Councilman Rowe stated the next meeting date is Wednesday, April 29, 2009, at 1:00 p.m.

16. The meeting was adjournment at 2:10 p.m.