

**MINUTES  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
July 23, 2008**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Judge James Barden, Chairman  
Commissioner Tommy Adkisson  
Judge Diana Bautista  
Judge Richard Evans  
Judge Carlos Garcia  
Mayor Dan Heckler  
Judge Alger Kendall  
Mr. Michael Korus  
Mayor Jack Leonhardt  
Mayor Steve Lopez  
Mayor David Marne  
Commissioner Jay Millikin  
Judge Marvin Quinney  
Mayor Tom Schoolcraft  
Judge Mark Stroehrer  
Mr. Tom Weaver

**ALTERNATES PRESENT**

Victor Cavazos for Commissioner Paul Elizondo  
Billy Peche for Rep. Robert Puente  
Jacob Rodriguez for Senator Leticia Van de Putte

**STAFF PRESENT**

Gloria C. Arriaga  
Dean Danos  
Blanca Tapia  
Susan Lodge  
Don McFarland  
Carol Zernial  
Tiffany Pickens  
Melissa Pulido

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Councilman Louis Rowe  
Councilwoman Lourdes Galvan  
Commissioner Cesareo Guadarrama  
Councilwoman Delicia Herrera  
Commissioner Lyle Larson  
Katie Reed  
Linda Rivas  
Judge Gaylan Schroeder  
Mayor Don Tymrak  
Judge Mike Wiggins  
Commissioner Bill Williams

**GUESTS PRESENT**

JoAnne Govea  
Nick Page

1. The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Judge James Barden.
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. The next item was the Executive Directors Report

Ms. Arriaga gave her Executive Directors Report recognizing new board member Mayor Dan Heckler from the City of Boerne and that Mayor Leonhardt has been appointed to the

Transportation Task Force. Ms. Arriaga also recognized several employment anniversaries for Cora Kimble – 15 years, Esther Castaneda – 15 years, David Rivera – 10 years, Peter Bella – 10 years, Ann Edwards – 5 years and Mike Kohler – 5 years. Ms. Arriaga also highlighted several items on the AACOG Calendar.

Next, a presentation was made by JoAnne Govea from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) on Economic Stimulus Payments.

6. The next item was to consider the following on the consent agenda.

**Items on the consent agenda are considered being of a routine nature and may require only limited discussion. 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 June 11, 2008 Minutes and correction to May 28, 2008 Minutes.

B. Consider and act upon approval of the following personnel recommendations:

- 1) Administrative Services
  - a. Administrative Assistant – Pay Group 9 - \$34,444.80
  - b. Personnel Assistant – Pay Group 8 - \$29,411.20
- 2) Bexar Area Agency on Aging
  - a. Alamo Service Connection Lead Specialist – Pay Group 14 - \$39,436.80
- 3) Bexar Mental Retardation Authority
  - a. Mental Retardation Services Coordination Specialist – General Revenue – Pay Group 10 - \$32,406.40
  - b. Mental Retardation Services Coordination Specialist – Continuity of Services – Pay Group 10 - \$32,406.40
  - c. Contract Monitor – Pay Group 12 - \$35,755.20
  - d. Medical Records Clerk – Pay Group 3 - \$23,046.40
  - e. Budget Analyst – Pay Group 14 - \$39,436.80

The Committee recommends approving the above personnel recommendations.

C. Consider and act upon approval to enter into an interlocal agreement with VIA Metropolitan Transit in the amount of \$3,834 for the EZ Rider Bus Program.

The Committee recommends approving entering into an interlocal agreement with VIA Metropolitan Transit in the amount of \$3,834 for EZ Rider Bus Program.

D. Consider and act upon approval of expenditures in the amount of \$26,200.00 (in-kind: \$211,335) for part of the 2008 Commute Solutions and Air Quality Advertising Campaigns.

The Committee recommends approving the expenditures in the amount of \$26,200.00 (in-kind): \$211,335) for part of the 2008 Commute Solutions and Air Quality Advertising Campaigns.

- E. Consider and act upon entering into a contract with the Office of Rural Community Affairs for PY 2008 Community & Economic Development Assistance Funds in the amount of \$10,949.00.

The Committee recommends approving entering into a contract with the Office of Rural Community Affairs for PY 2008 Community & Economic Development Assistance Funds in the amount of \$10,949.00.

- F. Consider and act upon approval of the following status reports:

- 1) Grants
- 2) Recoveries
- 3) Balance Sheet
- 4) Income Statement
- 5) Board Expenditures
- 6) Texpool Quarterly
- 7) Mileage Rate Increase

The Committee recommends acceptance of the above status reports.

- G. Consider and act upon approval of payment in full for the Kerrville Transportation Center Chase Bank Note in the amount not to exceed \$84,666.64.

The Committee recommends approving the payment in full in the amount not to exceed \$84,666.64 for the Kerrville Transportation Center Chase Bank Note.

- H. Consider and act upon approval of the State Planning Assistance Grant 2009 Resolution in the amount of \$164,006.43.

The Committee recommends approving the State Planning Assistance Grant 2009 Resolution in the amount of \$164,006.43.

- I. Discussion on AACOG Memberships.

The Committee discussed this item. No action required.

- J. Consider and act upon approval of the following membership dues:

AACOG

- 1) Austin-San Antonio Corridor Council - \$500.00
- 2) Free Trade Alliance - \$250.00
- 3) International City/County Management Association - \$1,145.83

Executive Director

- 1) Rotary Club of San Antonio - \$415.00

The Committee recommends approving to renew the above memberships.

- K. Consider and act upon approval for the Executive Director to submit applications to the Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services for an additional \$92,000.00 in federal funding through the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services to be divided equally between the Alamo and Bexar Area Agencies on Aging.

The Committee recommends approving the Executive Director to submit applications to the Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services for an additional \$92,000.00 in federal funding through the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services to be divided equally between the Alamo and Bexar Area Agencies on Aging.

- L. Consider and act upon approval for the Executive Director to submit an application in response to the Aging and Disability Resource Center Subgrants Request for Proposal from the Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services to expand the Alamo Service Connection to all the counties in the region.

The Committee recommends approving the Executive Director to submit an application in response to the Aging and Disability Resource Center Subgrants Request for Proposal from the Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services to expand the Alamo Service Connection to all the counties in the region.

- M. Consider and act upon authorizing the Executive Director to approve and execute a fee for service rate adjustment for the Bexar Mental Retardation Authority (BMRA) Provider contracts for FY 2008 beginning on September 1, 2007.

The Committee recommends authorizing the Executive Director to approve the fee for service rate adjustment for the Bexar Mental Retardation Authority (BMRA) Provider contracts for FY 2008 beginning on September 1, 2007.

- N. Consider and act upon approval of the FY 2009 Solid Waste Pass-Through Grants in the amount of \$625,000.00 as recommended by the Resource Recovery Committee.

The Committee recommends approving the FY 2009 Solid Waste Pass-Through Grants in the amount of \$625,000.00.

- O. Consider and act upon authorizing the Executive Director to execute the following items for the Rural Public Transportation Program:
  - 1) Enter into a contract amendment with the Texas Department of Transportation for State funds – FY 2008-2009 biennium in the amount of \$943,262.00.
  - 2) Enter into a contract amendment with the Texas Department of Transportation Commission discretionary 5311 program in the amount of \$100,448.00.
  - 3) Enter into a contract amendment with the Texas Department of Transportation – 5310 Elderly & Persons with Disabilities grant in the amount of \$12,000.00.
  - 4) Purchase four (4) Type II – Wide Body Vehicles at \$58,733.00 each and four (4) Type III – Wide Body Vehicles at \$64,964.00 from the Texas Department of Transportation 5311 federal funds purchased through Texas Procurement & Support Services and Texas Bus Sales. Amount not to exceed \$456,000.00 in Federal Capital Funds or \$38,788.00 in local match.

The Committee recommends approving the above recommendations from Rural Public Transportation.

- P. Consider and act upon authorizing the Executive Director to submit a letter of request for 9-1-1 Mapped Automatic Location Identification (ALI) Funds in the amount of \$100,000.00.

The Committee recommends approving the Executive Director to submit a letter of request for 9-1-1 Mapped Automatic Location Identification (ALI) Funds in the amount of \$100,000.00.

- Q. Consider and act upon the following from the Health and Human Services Advisory Committee:
- 1) Avance Inc., San Antonio Chapter, "Early Head Start, 2008-2009 Continuing Refunding Application." Funding: Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families: \$2,978,423.00.
  - 2) Avenida Guadalupe Association, "Community Services Block Grant - Discretionary Awards." Funding: Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families: \$1,984,975.00.
  - 3) City of San Antonio, Department of Community Initiatives, "Head Start, Project Train Up; Bexar County." Funding: Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families: \$195,387.00.
  - 4) JOVEN, Inc, "Community Based Abstinence Education, Primero Yo (Me First)." Funding: Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families: \$425,000.00.
  - 5) K's Community Development Corporation, "Community Based Abstinence Education." Funding: Family and Youth Services Bureau; Administration on Children, Youth and Families: \$350,000.00.
  - 6) Northwest Vista College, "Higher Education - Institutional Aid, Strengthening Institutions Program." Funding: U.S. Department of Education: \$2,492,624.00.
  - 7) San Antonio College, "Higher Education - Institutional Aid." Funding: U. S. Department of Education: \$2,734,159.00.
  - 8) School of Excellence in Education, "Community - Based Abstinence Education, Project BOLD." Funding: Department of Health and Human Services: \$446,485.00.
- R. Consider and act upon amendments to the FY 2008-2009 Unified Planning Work Program – TRACS Review.

A Motion was made by Michael Korus, seconded by Mr. Weaver to approve the items A through P and R on the consent agenda. The Motion carried unanimously.

Susan Lodge stated the Health and Human Services Advisory Committee recommends favorable review on item Q, 1-8. After consideration, a Motion was made by Judge Bautista, seconded by Commissioner Millikin to approve item Q, 1-8. The Motion carried unanimously.

7. Consider and act upon the following Committee Reports:

A. Management Committee

- 1) Consider and act upon approval of the proposed lease amendment for the additional space (5,136 sq ft) and improvements on existing space.

Judge Barden stated the Committee recommends acceptance of the lease amendment to be effective August 1, 2008 and will run concurrently with AACOG's lease that ends December 31, 2012. With this addition, the total square footage will be 51,542. The Motion carried unanimously.

- 2) Consider and act upon extending AACOG's current auditor, Patillo, Brown and Hill, for a period of one year.

Judge Barden stated the Committee recommends approval extending AACOG's current auditor, Patillo, Brown and Hill for a period of one year with 3.175% increase in the AACOG audit cost and a 4.73% increase in the AADC audit cost. The Motion carried unanimously.

- 3) Consider and act upon authorizing staff and board members to attend the Texas Association of Regional Councils Annual Conference, October 1-3, 2008 in Corpus Christi, Texas. The Motion carried unanimously.

Judge Barden stated the Committee recommends authorizing up to five board members to attend the Texas Association of Regional Councils Conference, October 1-3, 2008 in Corpus Christi, Texas. The Motion carried unanimously.

- 4) Consider and act upon approval of the following:
  - a. Ratification of the Bexar MRA refund to Department of Aging Disability Services (DADS) for FY 2007 in the amount of \$332,888.00.
  - b. Payment of \$6,000 to DADS for findings on the annual quality assurance review and Texas Home Living review for FY 2007.

Judge Barden stated the Committee recommends approving the above items from the Bexar MRA. The Motion carried unanimously.

- 4) Discussion of Executive Director's Performance Evaluation and Compensation.

Judge Barden stated this item will be brought back to the Board next month for approval.

B. Bylaws Committee

Judge Evans reported on the Bylaws Committee meeting. No action required at this time.

C. Strategic Planning Committee

Presentation on Strategic Directives

Mayor Leonhardt reported on the Strategic Planning Committee meeting and gave a brief presentation on the Strategic Directives. No action required at this time.

D. Area Judges Committee

Judge Quinney reported on the Area Judges Committee meeting. No action required at this time.

E. TARC 2010 Conference Planning Committee

Mayor Leonhardt reported on the TARC 2010 Conference Planning Committee meeting. No action required.

F. Alamo Area Development Corporation

Judge Barden reported on the Alamo Area Development Corporation meeting. No action

required.

8. The next item was to consider and act upon approval of the following as recommended by the Economic Development Environmental Review Committee:
  - A. Kendall County. "Road & Low Water Crossing Improvements." Funding: Office of Rural Community Affairs Disaster Relief Fund: \$443,412.50.
  - B. Addison's Attic Storage Solutions. "Loan and re-finance for expansion of a self-storage facility." Funding: United States Department of Agriculture: \$1,353,400.00.
  - C. Medina County. "County Road Repairs." Funding: Office of Rural Community Affairs Disaster Relief Fund: \$1,308,500.00.
  - D. Somerset Economic Development Corporation. "Intermediary Re-Lending Program." Funding: United States Department of Agriculture: \$850,000.00.
  - E. Lytle Independent School District. "Distant Learning Consortium." Funding: United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development Telecommunications Program: \$1,039,941.00.
  - F. City of Pearsall. "Pearsall Multi-Purpose Community Center." Funding: United States Department of Agriculture – Rural Development Community Facilities Loan and Grant Program: \$900,000.00.
  - G. City of San Antonio Metropolitan Health District. "Health Education Program Near Former Kelly Air Force Base." Funding: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: \$421,505.00.
  - H. Randolph Air Force Base. "Air Installation Compatible Use Zone." Funding: United States Air Force.

Nick Page stated the Committee recommends favorable review on items A through H. After consideration, a Motion was made by Judge Evans, seconded by Mayor Lopez to approve the items from the Economic Development Environmental Review Committee. The Motion carried unanimously.

9. Consider and act upon approval of the following as recommended by the Housing Advisory Committee:
  - A. San Antonio Housing Authority. "HUD HOPE VI Revitalization." Funding: Housing and Urban Development: \$19,522,000.00.
  - B. Approval of letter of support for the Merced Housing Texas' 202 Elderly Housing HUD Grant application in amount of \$4,039,121.00 for the development of the Casitas de Villa Corona.

Rose Jackson stated the Committee recommends favorable review on items A through B. After consideration, a Motion was made by Commissioner Adkisson, seconded by Mayor Leonhardt to approve the items from the Housing Advisory Committee. The Motion carried unanimously.

10. The next item was to consider and act upon approval of the following as recommended by the Alamo Senior Advisory Committee:
  - A. Continuation grant submitted by Texas Lutheran University for the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program in the amount of \$103,542.00.

Debbie Billa stated the Committee recommends approving the above recommendation from the Alamo Senior Advisory Committee. After consideration, a Motion was made by Judge Quinney, seconded by Commissioner Millikin to approve the recommendation from the Alamo Senior Advisory Committee. The Motion carried unanimously.

11. The next item was to consider and act upon nomination of new member and alternates to the

Regional Emergency Preparedness Advisory Committee.

Dean Danos stated the Committee recommends approving the nominations of Mayor Johnny Stahl of City of Stockdale, Edwin Baker of City of Stockdale as alternate for Mayor Stahl and Commissioner Larry A. Wiley as alternate for LeAnn Hosek of Wilson County to the Regional Emergency Preparedness Advisory Committee (REPAC). After consideration, a Motion was made by Judge Quinney, seconded by Judge Evans to approve the new member and alternates to the REPAC Committee. The Motion carried unanimously.

12. Judge Barden stated the next meeting date will be Wednesday, August 27, 2008 at 1:00 p.m.
13. Ms. Arriaga stated the staff will begin to implement the EZ Rider Program and would like to thank the Board of Directors on behalf of the AACOG employees. Judge Bautista stated that today, July 23, 2008 is Gabe Garcia Day in Atascosa County.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.