

**MINUTES  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
AUGUST 27, 2008**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Judge James Barden, Chairman  
Judge Richard Evans  
Mayor Dan Heckler  
Judge Alger Kendall  
Michael Korus  
Mayor Jack Leonhardt  
Commissioner Jay Millikin  
Mayor Tom Schoolcraft  
Katie Reed  
Linda Rivas  
Mayor Don Tymrak  
Commissioner Bill Williams  
Tom Weaver

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Judge Diana Bautista  
Councilwoman Lourdes Galvan  
Judge Carlos Garcia  
Commissioner Cesareo Guadarrama  
Councilwoman Delicia Herrera  
Mayor Steve Lopez  
Mayor David Marne  
Judge Marvin Quinney  
Councilman Louis Rowe  
Judge Mark Stroehler  
Judge Mike Wiggins

**ALTERNATES PRESENT**

Victor Cavazos for Commissioner Paul Elizondo  
Mario Llano for Commissioner Tommy Adkisson  
Billy Peche for Rep. Robert Puente  
Bobby Perez for Senator Leticia Van de Putte  
Ann Ressig for Judge Gaylan Schroeder  
Susan Farris for Commissioner Lyle Larson

**GUESTS PRESENT**

Marisol Rosales  
Dr. Ellen Snow  
Nick Page

**STAFF PRESENT**

Gloria Arriaga  
Dean Danos  
Susan Lodge  
Blanca Tapia  
Daniel Watford  
Tiffany Harris  
Melissa Pulido

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 recognized the employment anniversaries of Dean Danos – 10 years, Ann Edwards – 5 years and Martin Benrimo – 5 years. Ms. Arriaga introduced Gary Washington as the new Transportation Coordinator in Kerrville.

The next item was a U.S. Census Presentation by Marisol Rosales.

6. The next item was to consider 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 has 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 July 23, 2008 Minutes.
- B. Consider and act upon approval of the following personnel recommendations:
  - 1) 9-1-1
    - a) 9-1-1 Database Specialist

The Committee recommends approving the 9-1-1 Database Specialist at a pay group 14 - \$39,436.80.

- C. Consider and act upon authorizing the Executive Director to renew the contract with Ray Associates, Inc. for the agency's position classification consultant services for the period of September 17, 2008 through September 16, 2009.

The Committee recommends authorizing the Executive Director to renew the contract with Ray Associates, Inc. for the agency's position classification consultant services for the period of September 17, 2008 through September 18, 2009.

- D. Consider and act upon authorization for the Executive Director to contract for the agency's wireless voice and data service with Sprint/Nextel through the State's Department of Information Resources contract.

The Committee recommends authorizing the Executive Director to contract with Sprint/Nextel for the agency's wireless voice and data service through the State's Department of Information Resources (DIR) cooperative purchasing contract for a period of one year.

- E. Consider and act upon approval of a change order to the Commute Solutions River Cities ride share contract to enable identification of origins and destinations for carpooling in the amount not to exceed \$4,000.00.

The Committee recommends approving a change order to the Commute Solutions River Cities ride share contract to enable identification of origins and destinations for carpooling in the amount not to exceed \$4,000.00.

- F. Consider and act upon authorization for the Executive Director to purchase a 2009 Ford F-350 Diesel Crew Cab Vehicle for a not to exceed amount of \$28,991.00 through Grande Truck Center.

The Committee recommends authorizing the Executive Director to purchase a 2009 Ford F-350 Diesel Crew Cab Vehicle through Grande Truck Center in the amount not exceed \$28, 991.00 for the Alamo Area Regional Law Enforcement Academy.

- G. Consider and act upon membership renewal to the Greater San Antonio Chamber of Commerce in the amount of \$647.00.

The Committee recommends renewing membership with the Greater San Antonio Chamber of Commerce in the amount of \$647.00 for one year.

- H. Consider and act upon authorizing Commissioner Jay P. Millikin to attend the National Association of Development Organizations Annual Conference, October 3-8, 2008 in Anchorage, Alaska.

The Committee recommends approving Commissioner Jay P. Millikin to attend the National Association of Development Organizations Annual Conference, October 3-8, 2008 in Anchorage, Alaska to participate in a panel titled "Regional Air Quality Programs: A Breath of Fresh Air."

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

- 1) Grants
- 2) Recoveries
- 3) Balance Sheet
- 4) Income Statement
- 5) Board Expenditures
- 6) Budget Process

The Committee recommends acceptance of the above status reports.

- J. Consider and act upon approval of the fifth 2008 annual budget amendment.

The Committee recommends approving the fifth 2008 annual budget amendment due to the additional funding for the Rural Public Transportation program in the amount of \$112,448.00

- K. Consider and act upon approval to raise the fringe benefit rate from 28% to 30% effective July 1, 2008.

The Committee recommends approving raising the fringe benefit rate from 28% to 30% effective July 1, 2008.

- L. Consider and act upon authorizing use of local funds in the amount of \$4,285.98 for the City of San Antonio's Request for Proposal for Rural Child Care Services response.

The Committee recommends authorizing the use of local funds in the amount of \$4,285.98 for the City of San Antonio's Request for Proposal for Rural Child Care Services response.

- M. Consider and act upon approval of a new vendor for the Alamo Area Agency on Aging.

The Committee recommends approving new vendor, Katherine Compton, RN who will provide instruction and training for the Matter of Balance program in the Alamo Area Agency on Aging counties.

- N. Consider and act upon authorizing the Executive Director to execute the Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS) amendment packet No. 4 contract document changes to the FY 2008 and FY 2009 Performance Contract and FY 2009 allocation in the amount of \$4,989,013.00.

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- O. Consider and act upon approval of FY 2009 Providers for the Bexar Mental Retardation Authority.

The Committee recommends approving the FY 2009 Provider contracts beginning September 1, 2008 through August 31, 2009 for a total budget amount up to \$2.4 million.

- P. Consider and act upon authorizing the Executive Director to purchase 9-1-1 equipment and software through the agency's Interlocal Agreement with the Houston-Galveston Council of Governments for the Public Safety Answering Points (PSAP) at the Kendall County/Boerne Police Department and the Wilson County Sheriffs Office in an amount not to exceed \$200,000.00.

The Committee recommends authorizing the Executive Director to purchase 9-1-1 equipment and software through the agency's Interlocal Agreement with the Houston-Galveston Council of Governments for the Public Safety Answering Points (PSAP) at the Kendall County/Boerne Police Department and the Wilson County Sheriff's Office in an amount not to exceed \$200,000.00.

- Q. Consider and act upon authorization for the Executive Director to accept an award of \$157,259.00 from EPA's Blue Skyways Collaborative for a project to reduce air pollution emissions from school buses in the region.

The Committee recommends authorizing the Executive Director to accept an award of \$157,259.00 from EPA's Blue Skyways Collaborative for the project to reduce air pollution emissions from school buses in the region.

- R. Consider and act upon authorizing the purchase of six 12-passenger vans through Caldwell County Chevrolet for an amount not to exceed \$130,050.00.

The Committee recommends authorizing the Executive Director to purchase six 12-passenger vans through Caldwell County Chevrolet for an amount not to exceed \$130,050.00.

- S. Consider and act upon approval of the following from the Metropolitan Planning Organization:
  - 1) Amendments to the FY 2008-2009 Unified Planning Work Program – TRACS Review.
  - 2) Amendments to the FY 2008-2011 Transportation Improvement Program – TRACS Review.

A Motion was made by Mayor Tymrak, seconded by Ms. Rivas to approve the items on the consent agenda. The Motion carried unanimously.

7. Consider and act upon the following Committee Reports:

- A. Management Committee
  - 1) Consider and act upon approval of the following:
    - a) Texas County and Districts Retirement System (TCDRS) rate for 2009.
    - b) Lump Sum contribution to TCDRS in the amount not to exceed \$25,000.00.

Judge Barden stated the Committee recommended this item be sent directly to the Board of Directors for approval. Ms. Arriaga stated staff recommends the employer contribution rate beginning January, 1, 2009 be 8.06% (7.95 + .11%). The .11% is a 3% flat rate COLA increase. In addition, staff recommends approving a lump sum contribution, not to exceed \$25,000.00 to the TCDRS plan in 2008. After consideration, the Motion carried unanimously.

- 2) Consider and act upon the formation of an ACOG Rural Planning Organization. (RPO).

Judge Barden stated the Committee recommends approving the formation of an ACOG Rural Planning Organization (RPO) within the Alamo Area Council of Governments. After consideration, the Motion carried unanimously.

- 3) Consider and act upon authorizing the Executive Director to contract for supplies and equipment for the installation of a Distance Learning Center at Lackland Air Force Base.

Judge Barden stated the Committee recommended this item be sent directly to the Board of Directors for approval. Dean Danos stated staff recommends approving the Executive Director to purchase supplies and equipment from Digital Display Solutions in the amount of \$49,000.00 for the installation of a distance learning center at Lackland A.F.B. After consideration, the Motion carried unanimously.

- B. Airco

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

- C. Alamo Area Housing Finance Corporation

Judge Evans reported on the Alamo Area Housing Finance Corporation meeting. No action required.

- D. Area Judges

Judge Evans reported on the Area Judge meeting. No action required.

- E. Alamo Area Development Corporation

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

- F. Planning and Program Development

1. Consider and act upon Committee appointments for the following:

- a) Economic Development and Environmental Review Committee – Ray Kroll
- b) Criminal Justice Advisory Committee – Sam Katz
- c) Regional Health and Human Services Advisory Committee – extended appointments – Anne Hoischeit, Janice Randolph, Ray Stahl and Katherine Schwesinger
- d) Regional Health and Human Services Advisory Committee – Dr. Ellen Snow as Chair, Kellie Stalling as Vice-Chair
- e) Bexar Senior Advisory Committee – Brenda Armstrong-Devers and Valerie Taylor
- f) Planning and Network Advisory Committee – Iracheta-Cruz

Commissioner Williams stated the Committee recommends approving the above Committee appointments. After consideration, the Motion carried unanimously.

G. Strategic Planning

Mayor Leonhardt reported on the Strategic Planning Committee meeting. No action required.

H. TARC 2010 Conference Planning

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

8. Consider and act upon approval of the following as recommended by the Economic Development Environmental Review Committee:
  - A. City of Jourdanton. "New Wastewater Treatment Plan." Funding: United States Department of Agriculture: \$4,153,364.00.
  - B. City of Karnes City. "Improvements to City's Water Supply and Distribution." Funding: Texas Water Development Board: \$3,600,000.00.
  - C. City of Schertz. "Schertz Recreation Center." Funding: Texas Parks and Wildlife Department: \$750,000.00.
  - D. City of Stockdale. "Stockdale Central Park." Funding: Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Outdoor Recreation Grant: \$123,240.00.

Nick Page stated the Committee recommends favorable review on items A through D. After consideration, a Motion was made by Mayor Tymrak, seconded by Commissioner Williams favorable review on items A through D. The Motion carried unanimously.

9. Consider and act upon approval of the following as recommended by the Regional Health and Human Services Advisory Committee:
  - A. Intercultural Development Research Association, "Civil Rights Training and Advisory Services." Funding: U.S. Department of Education: \$797,406.00.
  - B. School of Excellence in Education, "Advanced Placement Incentive Program." Funding: U. S. Dept of Education: \$3,343,886.00.
  - C. South San Antonio Independent School District, "Advanced Placement Incentive Program." Funding: U. S. Dept of Education: \$2,859,117.00.

Dr. Ellen Snow stated the Committee recommends favorable review on items A through C. After consideration, a Motion was made by Mayor Leonhardt, seconded by Commissioner Williams for favorable review on item A through C. The Motion carried unanimously.

10. Consider and act upon approval of the following as recommended by the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee:
  - A. Bexar County Juvenile Board, "Streetwise, Business Smart". Funding: Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention: \$491,892.00.
  - B. City of San Antonio, Department of Community Initiatives, "La Placa: Mentoring through the Arts". Funding: Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention: \$500,000.00.

Dean Danos stated the Committee recommends favorable review on items A and B. After consideration, a Motion was made by Commissioner Millikin, seconded by Ms. Reed for favorable review on items A and B. The Motion carried unanimously.

11. Consider and act upon changes to the AACOG Bylaws.

Judge Evans reported on the changes to the AACOG Bylaws. After discussion, a Motion was made by Mayor Schoolcraft, seconded by Mr. Perez to postpone action until the September 24<sup>th</sup> board meeting. The Motion carried unanimously.

12. Consider and act upon approval of the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) Coordination Planning Grant in the amount of \$60,000.00.

Dean Danos stated staff recommends approving the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) Coordination Planning Grant in the amount of \$60,000.00. After consideration, a Motion was made by Judge Evans, seconded by Commissioner Millikin approving the TXDOT Coordination Planning Grant. The Motion carried unanimously.

13. Executive Session.

Pursuant to 551.074 of the Texas Government Code, an Executive Session will be held to discuss the Executive Director's Performance Evaluation and Compensation.

The Board members did not adjourn into Executive Session.

14. Consider and act upon approval of the Executive Director's Performance Evaluation and Compensation.

Judge Barden stated the Management Committee is recommending a 2.7% merit increase for the Executive Director with the effective date to coincide with the AACOG employees merit increases. This year's effective date was April 25, 2008. After consideration, the Motion carried unanimously.

15. Judge Barden stated the next meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 24, 2008 at 12:45 p.m.

16. There were no information items.

17. The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.