

NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Minutes — April 22, 2021

The NCTCOG Executive Board meeting was conducted as a videoconference meeting that was live broadcast at <https://nctcog.swagit.com/live>. Members of the public could provide comment on an Agenda item by calling a toll-free number.

Due to technical difficulties, Judge Sweet acted on behalf of President Smith and called the regular meeting of the North Central Texas Council of Governments Executive Board to order at 1:05 pm on April 22, 2021. Mike Eastland took attendance and determined that a quorum was present.

Members of the Board Present:

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| 1. Ray Smith | 9. Chris Hill |
| 2. David Sweet | 10. Clay Jenkins |
| 3. Kelly Allen-Gray | 11. Bobbie Mitchell |
| 4. J. D. Clark | 12. Andrew Piel |
| 5. Tammy Dana-Bashian | 13. Kayci Prince |
| 6. Alfonso Campos | 14. John Ryan |
| 7. Rick Carmona | |
| 8. Bill Heidemann | |

Members of the Board Absent:

15. Glen Whitley
16. Glenn Rogers
17. Lee Kleinman

Members of the Staff Present:

Mike Eastland, Monte Mercer, Tim Barbee, Doni Green, Michael Morris, Edith Marvin, Molly McFadden, Molly Rendon, David Setzer, Christy Williams, Lucille Johnson, Stephanie Cecil, Ken Kirkpatrick, James Powell, Michael Bort, Chris Klaus, Charles Covert, Angela Alcedo

Visitors Present:

Peter James, General Manager – Crystal Clear Automation, LLC

REGULAR SESSION

Public Comment on Agenda Items

The public telephone line was unmuted at 1:09 pm, and members of the public were invited to comment on any item on the agenda. Peter James, General Manager from Crystal Clear Automation, LLC, asked to speak to the Board regarding Item #7 and stated that he did not believe that Lea+Elliott was the most qualified firm to develop performance guidelines for an automated transportation system. Michael Morris, Director of Transportation, responded that a committee made up of non-Cog and Cog Transportation officials had scored the firms that had submitted proposals and Lea+Elliott was deemed to be the best suited to perform the expected deliverables specified in the Request for Proposals. Judge Sweet thanked Mr. James for his comments.

ACTION:

Item 1 Approval of Minutes

Judge Sweet stated that the first item on the agenda was approval of the minutes from the March Board meeting.

Upon a Motion by Mayor Carmona (seconded by Commissioner Mitchell), and unanimous vote of all members present, the Board approved the minutes of the March Executive Board meeting.

Mayor Dana-Bashian joined the meeting.

Item 2 Resolution to Accept and Approve the Quarterly Investment Report

Molly Rendon, Director of Administration, presented the Quarterly Investment Report for Board acceptance and approval and showing the investment activity for the quarter that ended March 31, 2021. She explained that the report is required by the Investment Policy and complies with the Public Funds Investment Act. She also provided a supplementary schedule showing the State's investment activity for Regional Toll Revenue funds as well as the NTTA Hwy 161 funds.

Exhibit: 2021-04-02-AA

Upon a Motion by Mayor Dana-Bashian (seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Prince), and unanimous vote of all members present, the Board approved the resolution as presented.

Item 3 Resolution Authorizing Alzheimer's Disease Programs Initiative Grant Application to the Administration for Community Living

Doni Green, Director of Aging, asked the Board to authorize the submittal of a grant application to the Administration for Community Living under the Alzheimer's Disease Programs Initiatives (ADPI) in the amount of \$1 million, with a required 25% match generated through cash and in-kind contributions. She explained that this funding is available to states and community-based organizations to strengthen supports for persons with dementia and their family caregivers and would benefit the 16-county service area and an additional 14 counties in East Texas. Innovative programs would identify those who live alone or have intellectual and developmental disabilities and are at risk of developing dementia, connect them with community-based services and provide expert consultation to their families. NCTCOG would execute performance-based contracts with the Alzheimer's Association, Dementia Friendly Fort Worth, Dementia Friendly Denton, the Alzheimer's Alliance of Smith County, the University of North Texas Health Science Center, Parkland Health and Hospital System, Meals on Wheels of Tarrant County, Baylor Scott and White, the James L. West Center for Dementia Care, the Maurice Barnett Geriatric Wellness Center, Tarrant County MHMR, the Community for Permanent Supported Housing, Stepping Stones, and Ardent Spirit.

Exhibit: 2021-04-03-AG

Upon a Motion by Judge Clark (seconded by Judge Sweet), and unanimous vote of all members present, except for Mayor Pro Tem Prince who abstained, the Board approved the resolution as presented.

Item 4 Resolution Endorsing Grant Application Submittal to the Texas Water Development Board for the Integrated Watershed Based Planning for Regional Transportation and Stormwater Management in the Upper Trinity River Basin

Edith Marvin, Director of Environment and Development, asked the Board to authorize the submittal of a grant application in the amount of \$3,000,000 to the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) for Flood Infrastructure Fund Category 1 - Flood Protection Planning for Watersheds. The Flood Infrastructure Funds (FIF) will be matched with Surface Transportation Block Grant funds awarded by the Regional Transportation Council, as required for the fifty percent match, for a total project cost of \$6 million. She explained the Integrated Transportation and Stormwater Management Project proactively engages communities in comprehensive planning efforts that integrate transportation, environmental, and stormwater needs in order to address the health, safety, and welfare concerns of the region while helping local governments manage their growth and development in a cost-effective manner.

Exhibit: 2021-04-04-ED

Upon a Motion by Councilmember Allen-Gray (seconded by Mayor Heidemann), and unanimous vote of all members present, the Board approved the resolution as presented.

Item 5 Resolution Endorsing Grant Application to the Federal Transit Administration for the 2021 Low or No Emissions Grant Program

Michael Morris, Director of Transportation, requested endorsement of grant applications in the amount of approximately \$8 million of federal funds, which includes an amount not to exceed \$7.7 million of FTA funds and \$1.6 million of Regional Transportation Development Credits to serve as local match, and previously

approved by the Regional Transportation Council. He explained the funding would implement a project electrifying the Trinity Railway Express (TRE) Link shuttle service, which provides travelers a connection between the CentrePort TRE station to Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport. The scope of the project includes purchase of battery powered electric buses and associated supporting infrastructure. This project further supports efforts to attain the federal ozone standard and improve efficiency in the transit system.

Exhibit: 2021-04-05-TR

Upon a Motion by Mayor Carmona (seconded by Councilmember Ryan), and unanimous vote of all members present, the Board approved the resolution as presented.

Item 6 Resolution Authorizing a Contract with BKD, LLP for Professional Services to Support Transit Accounting Models for Transit Agencies

Michael Morris, Director of Transportation, requested approval of a contract between NCTCOG and BKD, LLP in an amount not to exceed \$250,000. He explained that the project is to be funded through Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funds and utilizing Transportation Development Credits (TDCs) in lieu of a local match. BKD will evaluate transit agencies' accounting models, establish allocation methodologies and provide staff training to ensure the transit agencies meet federal and state requirements. He also stated that BKD has committed to meet a minimum Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) participation goal of 7.5 percent, which exceeds the published goal of 4.9 percent.

Exhibit: 2021-04-06-TR

Upon a Motion by Mayor Carmona (seconded by Judge Campos), and unanimous vote of all members present, the Board approved the resolution as presented.

Item 7 Resolution Authorizing a Contract with Lea+Elliott, Inc. to Develop Performance Guidelines for an Automated Transportation System

Michael Morris, Director of Transportation, asked the Board to approve a consultant contract with Lea+Elliott, Inc. to develop performance guidelines for an automated transportation system to support freight and people-movement environments. The focus of the performance guidelines is to shape future engineering procurements for real-world freight and people-movement projects. Mr. Morris explained that the consultant contract will not exceed \$850,000 and will be funded with Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Program funds and 170,000 Regional Transportation Development Credits in lieu of local match, He also stated that Lea+Elliott committed to a minimum of 34% Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) participation goal.

Exhibit: 2021-04-07-TR

Upon a Motion by Mayor Carmona (seconded by Councilmember Allen-Gray), and unanimous vote of all members present, the Board approved the resolution as presented.

APPOINTMENTS:

Item 8 Appointments to the North Central Texas Economic Development District Board

Lucille Johnson, Assistant to the Executive Director, asked the Board to appoint three new members to the North Central Texas Economic Development District (NCTEDD) Board, to serve a three-year term and fill vacant seats - two representatives in the Principal Economic Interest Category, and one representative in the cities with populations less than 25,000 category. She explained the two representatives in the Principal Economic Interest Category are Dr. Maria Martinez-Cosio, Interim Dean and Full Professor for the College of Architecture, Planning and Public Affairs (CAPP) at the University of Texas at Arlington, and Leah Clark, Executive Director for the Bridgeport Economic Development Corporation (EDC). She stated Dr. Martinez-Cosio has been at UTA for more than 17 years, and Ms. Clark has been with the Bridgeport EDC since September 2016. Additionally, she requested an appointment for Jim Wehmeier, Economic Development Director for the City of Ennis, representing in the cities less than 25,000 population category, who brings 15 years of experience.

Exhibit: 2021-04-08-EDO

Upon a Motion by Commissioner Mitchell (seconded by Mayor Carmona), and unanimous vote of all members present, except for Judge Clark who abstained, the Board approved the appointments as presented.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Item 9 Old and New Business

Mike Eastland announced the passing of Past President Bob Hampton. He acknowledged his past service on the Regional Transportation Council and on state and national Regional Council Associations. Mr. Hampton also had served as Mayor of Hurst and as a Tarrant County Commissioner.

Item 10 Attendance and Calendar

The Board was provided with a Calendar of meeting and a record of Attendance.

Judge Sweet adjourned the meeting at 1:59 pm.

Approved by:

Ray Smith

Ray Smith, President
North Central Texas Council of Governments
Mayor, Town of Prosper

Checked by:

Mike Eastland

Mike Eastland, Executive Director
North Central Texas Council of Governments