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## Heart of Texas Council of Governments

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

The Heart of Texas Council of Governments Executive Committee, in accordance with Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, as amended, met in regular session, on Thursday, the 22<sup>nd</sup> Day of July 2021, at 2:00 p.m., at the Heart of Texas Council of Governments , 1514 South New Road, Waco, Texas by **Virtual/Telephone Conferencing (as approved by the Texas Attorney General)**. <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/356389549>

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#### **Members Present**

Judge Linda Grant, *President*  
Councilmember Jim Holmes, *Vice-President*  
Judge Jay Elliott, *Secretary-Treasurer*  
Judge Justin Lewis  
Judge Cindy Vanlandingham  
Commissioner Nita Wuebker  
Councilmember Jimmy Rogers  
Co. Treasurer Jeannie Keeney  
Mayor Geary Smith  
Councilmember Andrea Barefield

Freestone County  
City of Waco  
Falls County  
Hill County  
Bosque County  
Falls County  
City of Robinson  
Freestone County  
City of Mexia  
City of Waco

#### **Members Absent**

Judge Scott Felton  
Judge Richard Duncan  
Mayor Dillon Meek  
Mr. Calvin Rueter  
Commissioner Jim Smith  
Mayor Andy Smith  
Mayor Johnnie Hauerland

McLennan County  
Limestone County  
City of Waco  
Special Districts  
McLennan County  
City of Hillsboro  
City of Meridian

#### **Staff Present**

Russell Devorsky  
Mary McDow  
Dorthy Jackson  
Falen Bohannon  
Harold Ferguson  
Amy Derrick

Executive Director  
Personnel Manager  
Regional Economic Development Manager  
Environmental/Economic Dev, Coordinator  
Economic Development Planner  
Emergency Preparedness Planner

Visitors/Guest

**AGENDA**

I. Call to Order and Determination of a Quorum

President Linda Grant called the meeting to order (roll call) and determined that a quorum was present.

II. Proof of Posting of notice in accordance with Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, as amended, known as the Texas Open Meetings Act.

Proof of posting was provided by Mary McDow.

III. Introduction of Guests

Guests introduced themselves.

IV. Consideration of and/or action on the following:

A. New Business

1. Resolution to apply for Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) grant for the Texas Emergency Mortgage Assistance Program (TEMAP) Round 2.

Mrs. Dorothy Jackson stated the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) has opened Round 2 of the Texas Emergency Mortgage Assistance Program (TEMAP) grant program. This grant is for \$500,000 to provide assistance to low-and moderate-income (LMI) persons who were affected by the Covid-19 pandemic. The coverage area will be all of the HOTCOG region unless TDHCA awards other entities within the region this grant. TDHCA will inform HOTCOG which areas they will cover after their determination of grant awards. TDHCA requested that we ask for full coverage so that citizens whose communities do not apply for this program will still have the ability to seek mortgage relief. HOTCOG staff will be administering this program for all of the region. Mrs. Jackson provided a spread sheet of the allocation of funds per county. A resolution was presented for approval giving the executive director the signature authority to apply for the funding.

A motion was made by Judge Jay Elliott and seconded by Commissioner Nita Wuebker to approve and give HOTCOG staff authority to apply for the Texas Emergency Mortgage Assistance Program Round 2; a Community Development Block Grant Cares Act program CFDA #14.228 through the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs in the amount up to \$500,000; and appointing Executive Director, Russell Devorsky, the authorization signatory authority to sign

and execute contractual documents as per the resolution presented. Motion passed.

2. Regional Solid Waste Advisory Committee appointment

Mrs. Falen Bohannon presented a recommendation for the appointment of Kody Patillo, Assistant Director of Solid Waste for the City of Waco to serve a 2 year term on the Solid Waste Advisory Committee.

A motion was made by Judge Jay Elliott and seconded by Judge Justin Lewis to approve the appointment of Kody Patillo to the Solid Waste Advisory Committee. Motion passed.

3. Approval of Regional Solid Waste Management Plan, Volume 1

Mrs. Bohannon stated that the Regional Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) met on July 22, 2021 to review the changes made to the Regional Solid Waste Management Plan (RSWMP) Volume 1 as requested by Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. The SWAC recommended that the Regional Solid Waste Management Plan Volume 1 be approved in conformance with the Heart of Texas Regional Solid Waste Management Volume II Update that was conducted and approved in 2013.

A motion was made by Judge Jay Elliott and seconded by Mayor Geary Smith to approve the Regional Solid Waste Management Plan Volume 1 as presented. Motion passed.

B. Report of the Executive Director – No report.

V. Other Reports – None.

VI. Public Comment – None.

VII. Adjournment. A motion and second was made to adjourn. Motion passed.

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Linda Grant, President  
Freestone County Judge

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Jay Elliott, Secretary Treasurer  
Falls County Judge