



Members Present: Cecil Jones, Kevin Couch, Spanky Carter, Phyllis James, Jeff Whitmire, Ronnie Bruce, Dan Busch, Karla Metzler, David Turner, Cliff Sicking, Keith Clegg, Jason Brinkley

Members Absent: Teresa Adams, Bob Thomas

- A. Jason Brinkley administered the Governing Board oath for Phyllis James who was then sworn in as a TCOG Governing Board Member serving as the Grayson County Community Representative.
- B. Jason Brinkley called the meeting to order and declared a quorum at 5:31 p.m.
- C. Cecil Jones provided the invocation followed by Keith Clegg who led the pledges.
- D. Welcome Guests & Staff: Delano Smith, Melinda Sinor, Mary Browning-Alquist, Mike Hayes, Les Cooks, Susan Ensley, Judy Fullylove, Janet Karam, Mindi Jones, Vicki Stover, Sheila Vaughan, Judy Hunt, Shawnee Bartlett, Michael Schmitz, Nathan Voight, Vicky Hestand, Beth Eggar, Mandy Krebs, Holly Booth, Virginia Rhodes, Theresa Doyle, Stephanie Davidson, Judy Conner, Deborah Adams, Kathy Steed, Brianna Sundberg, Sophia Pedraza, Anita Haliburton, Jeannie Davis, Miranda Harp, Joann Duncan, Gary Duncan, Michael Hutchins, Alex Maxwell, Alexis Dominguez, Sean Norton, Rodrigo Muyschondt, Nicole George, Shelli Courtney, Phyllis Thomas, Stephen Thomas, Brent Thomas, Randy McBroom, Lori Cannon, Allison Reider, Raj Croager, Susan Thomas, Bill Lindsay
- E. Executive Director's Report
 - 1. Judy Conner provided a presentation on the Area Agency on Aging of Texoma.
- F. David Turner made a motion to approve Meeting Minutes for March 16, 2017. This motion was seconded by Spanky Carter. Motion carried.
- G. Consent
 - 1. A motion was made by Kevin Couch to approve consent items as presented which included ratifying liabilities paid in the amounts as listed and ratifying an amendment to the contract with Texas Department of Housing & Community Affairs (TDHCA) for CEAP funding to serve Grayson, Fannin and Cooke counties to include an extension to June 30, 2017. This motion was seconded by Cecil Jones. Motion carried unanimously.
- H. Action
 - 1. At 5:47 p.m., Jason Brinkley announced that the Governing Board would convene into a closed executive session pursuant to Section 551.071 of the TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE to seek legal advice from its attorney regarding pending litigation – *Stacey Sloan Caskey v. Keith Clegg*, and *Stacey Sloan Caskey v. Susan Thomas, individually and as Executive Director, and the Texoma Council of Governments* matters.
 - a. At 6:34 p.m., the board reconvened into open session.
 - b. A motion was made by Jeff Whitmire to approve the settlement agreement and mutual release of all claims and authorize Jason Brinkley to sign the agreement and facilitate the ancillary documentation. This motion was seconded by Dan Busch. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Cecil Jones made a motion to receive the monthly financial oversight report for date listed as presented by Lori Cannon. This motion was seconded by Kevin Couch. Motion carried unanimously.
3. No action was taken regarding TCOG's FYE 2017 Budget.
4. A motion was made by Keith Clegg to approve the following items for the FYE 2018 Annual Financing Plan: approve the FTE and Salary Budget Authority; set indirect cost allocation rates to 18.72% for G&A and 10.25% for Offsite; set Central Service Information Technology Rate at 4.94%; set employee benefit rate at 52.71%; approve the holiday schedule; approve membership dues schedule; and delay annual principle/depreciation transfer this year. This motion was seconded by Kevin Couch. Motion carried unanimously.
5. A motion was made by Jeff Whitmire to approve the selection of officers to serve on the Community Services Advisory Committee (CSAC). This motion was seconded by Ronnie Bruce. Motion carried unanimously.
6. A motion was made by Cliff Sicking to ratify contract extensions and additional funding for the following contracts with TDHCA: Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program (CEAP) for the 4 newest counties and Low-Income Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) for the 19-county service area. This motion was seconded by Karla Metzler. Motion carried. Jeff Whitmire voted no.
7. A motion was made by Cliff Sicking to authorize submission and, if awarded, the acceptance of the State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) 2017 Grant Proposal of \$50,284. This motion was seconded by Kevin Couch. Motion carried unanimously.
8. A motion was made by David Turner to authorize submission and, if awarded, acceptance of the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) Foster Grandparent Program (FGP) and the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) Continuation Grants for the Texoma Senior Corps Program. This motion was seconded by Keith Clegg. Motion carried unanimously.
9. A motion was made by Cliff Sicking to approve the prioritized FY2017 TCOG Regional Homeland Security Projects, Resolution and Memorandum of Understanding. This motion was seconded by Cecil Jones. Motion carried.
10. A motion was made by Phyllis James to authorize the recommendations from the TCOG Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (CJAC) results from the scoring and ranking of applicants for the following funding categories for Funding Year (FY) 2018: Criminal Justice Program; General Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention Program Solicitation; General Victim Assistance Direct Service Program Solicitation; and Violent Crimes against Women Criminal Justice & Training Projects. This motion was seconded by Karla Metzler. Motion carried unanimously.
11. A motion was made by Spanky Carter to approve the TCOG 2017 Criminal Justice Community Plan. This motion was seconded by Cecil Jones. Motion carried unanimously.
12. No action was taken regarding recommended changes to the TCOG Personnel Policy Manual.
13. Kevin Couch made a motion to take action on proposed TCOG Bylaws amendments. This motion was seconded by David Turner. Motion carried unanimously.
14. Prior to Governing Board discussion, Dr. Thomas addressed the board and stated that she was willing to extend the May 30 deadline date in the name of justice. Keith Clegg made a motion to shorten the notification period regarding the extension or expiration of Dr. Thomas' Executive Director employment contract from 120 days to 90 days and postpone a decision until the May meeting. This motion was seconded by Ronnie Bruce. Spanky Carter and Jason Brinkley both indicated they would be unable to attend the May meeting. Motion failed by a

vote of 5-7. A motion was then made by Kevin Couch to not renew the contract effective at the end of the day on April 21, 2017 with the caveat that Dr. Thomas is paid through the end of her contract period of August 31, 2017. Jeff Whitmire seconded this motion. A request by David Turner was made to restate the motion. Kevin Couch restated the motion of not renewing the contract and accelerate her payment that would be due August 31, 2017. Dan Busch asked if Kevin Couch would be willing to alter his motion to allow a transition period headed by Judge Brinkley with Dr. Thomas. Kevin Couch altered his motion to allow for Judge Brinkley to head up the transition process. He reread his motion as to not extend her contract, expedite payment that she would be due August 31, 2017 and allow Judge Brinkley to head up the transition process. Spanky Carter indicated his disagreement with the motion and second. Jeff Whitmire restated his second for the amended motion made by Kevin Couch. Motion failed with a vote of 6-6. Keith Clegg then made a motion to table Item #14 until the regularly-scheduled June meeting. Cecil Jones seconded this motion. Jeff Whitmire, Phyllis James, Kevin Couch and Jason Brinkley voted no against this motion. Motion carried with a vote of 8 yes and 4 no.

I. President's Report

1. Jason Brinkley identified that under the new bylaws he must appoint a nominating committee which would include a Board Member from each of the three counties, and then an ex-officio, non-voting member of the Executive Leadership Team to assist. Jason Brinkley selected Dan Busch, Jeff Whitmire and Ronnie Bruce to nominate members for the Executive Committee (Board Officers), the Audit & Finance Subcommittee, and the Personnel/Human Resources subcommittee. He indicated the Executive Committee must be comprised of elected officials. Jason Brinkley asked that Dr. Randy McBroom serve as the ex-officio, non-voting member of the Executive Leadership Team to assist. The names of the nominations will be presented at the June 2017 meeting.

J. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.