

**Ark-Tex Council of Governments
Homeland Security Advisory Committee Meeting**

**March 27, 2018
10:00 am**

AGENDA

- ❖ Call to Order
- ❖ Approve the minutes from the regular meeting on November 16, 2017
- ❖ Non-voting Items
 - Brief Homeland Security Update
- ❖ Voting Items
 - Chair and Vice Chair elections
 - Current Chair: Randy Tuttle
 - Current Vice Chair: Robin Betts
 - Past officers:
 - Larry McRae
 - Ann Rushing
 - Jason Ricketson
 - Prioritize FY2018 State Homeland Security Program funding projects via ballot
 - Dates of Annual Communication Exercise.
- ❖ Questions/Discussion
- ❖ Announcements
 - Next Scheduled Meeting: May 24th at 10:00 am at TRMC.
 - Next Repeater Test on April 3rd at 9am
 - NETPC next meeting on April 11th at 10am
- ❖ Adjourn

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**ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
HOMELAND SECURITY ADVISORY
COMMITTEE MEETING
November 16, 2017**

MINUTES

The meeting of the Ark-Tex Council of Governments Homeland Security Advisory Committee was called to order by **Randy Tuttle, Vice Chairperson**, at 10:22 a.m., November 16, 2017, at Titus Regional Medical Center in Mt. Pleasant, TX.

The minutes from Ark-Tex Council of Governments Homeland Security Advisory Committee meeting held on August 17, 2017 were reviewed for approval. Motion to approve was made by **Larry McRae** and seconded by **Jason Ricketson**. Motion passed by majority vote.

Mary Beth Rudel provided the committee with a FY2017 grant update. The committee was informed that all FY2017 grants were active and PPRI assessments had been completed. **Mary Beth Rudel** advised the committee to monitor their conditions of funding for projects, as well as advised the committee of projects performance periods. The committee was also informed of the PPRI and FSR reporting dates.

Mary Beth Rudel informed the committee of the eGrants cleanout notification. The committee was advised that the OOG would start cleaning out eGrants in 2021. **Mary Beth Rudel** emphasized not to rely on eGrants for record keeping, and to have records retained an alternate way.

Mary Beth Rudel advised the committee that risk methodology data was sent out and little feedback was received. **Mary Beth Rudel** opened discussion for the risk methodology data and received no response from the committee. **Mary Beth Rudel** proceeded to break down the estimated fund amount by jurisdiction, and advised the committee that multiple jurisdictions can combine funds for a project that would benefit all parties involved. **Mary Beth Rudel** also advised to committee to start thinking of projects based off of last year requirements, and to come to the grant workshop with an idea of what they will be applying for. The committee was informed that it would allow us to see if their project was allowable, as well as how far we were in regards to the LETPA 25% requirement. **Mary Beth Rudel** Advised the committee that the grant workshop would be January 3, 2018 at 10:00 am at the ATCOG office in Texarkana. The committee was also advised that funding notification will go out around December 1st and the RFA will be sent out shortly after its December 15th release.

Mary Beth Rudel advised the committee that the region took a large hit for not meeting the LETPA requirements for the FY2017 year. She asked to committee for regional LETPA projects to supplement as a back to the LETPA projects that are being submitted to ensure we fill any gaps. The committee was also advised that if we did not have enough LETPA projects in the region, the committee would have authority to increase those submitted LETPA projects to meet the 25% requirement. **Mary Beth Rudel** explained the

FY2018 submission process to the committee. The committee was informed that they will submit their own projects directly into eGrants, and the projects will be batched out to the COG after the state reviews them. The committee will then prioritize the projects. **Monty Hobbs** made a motion to do the regional law enforcement training project, **Robin Betts** seconded the motion, motion carried by majority vote.

Mary Beth Rudel explained to the committee that the THIRA only had a few changes. The committee was also informed to the work done in the subcommittee with forming the SPR. The committee was also informed that the IP consisted of the projects submitted for FY2017. The committee had no comments and a motion was made by **Monty Hobbs** to accept the THIRA, SPR, and IP documents, seconded by **Jason Ricketson**, motion carried by majority vote.

Randy Tuttle opened the floor for questions, discussion, and announcement.

Mary Beth Rudel informed the committee that the next HSAC meeting will be March 20, 2018.

Mary Beth Rudel informed the committee that the next COG repeater test will be December 5, 2017.

Mary Beth the committee that ATCOG will host a FirstNet meeting December 15, 2017 at Mt. Pleasant Civic center at 10am.

Mary Beth Rudel announced that the FY2018 Request for Application (RFA) will be released from the OOG on December 15, 2017.

Mary Beth Rudel announced that ATCOG FY2018 Application Workshop will be January 3, 2018 at ATCOG office in Texarkana at 10am.

Mary Beth Rudel opened discussion regarding the structure of NETPC. The committee was informed of feedback received from other NETPC members. Several HSAC members voiced their feedback to the NETPC structural changes. **Mary Beth Rudel** informed the committee that we will speak to the HPP coordinator about restructuring before the next January meeting.

Doyce Winchester opened discussion regarding the nursing facilities and their inclusion in emergency preparedness plans. He advised the committee that DPS and state representatives will be conducting a meeting to address the issues presented with the nursing facilities and emergency preparedness plans.

Robin Betts made a motion to adjourn, **Larry Betts** seconded the motion, motion carried by majority vote.

ATTENDING:

Randy Tuttle – EMC, City of Paris

Whitney Fezell – ATCOG Homeland Security Specialist
Mary Beth Rudel – ATCOG Public Safety Manager
Danny Richard – VFD, City of Daingerfield
Larry Betts- Morris County EMC
David Wood- DSHS
Becky Wilbanks- Cass County Judge
Robin Betts- City of Atlanta EMC
Nathan Carroll- Texas Forest Service
Andy Endsley- Hopkins County EMC
Monty Hobbs- EMC, Delta County
Jason Ricketson- EMC, City of Sulphur Springs
Doyce Winchester- TDEM
Tamar Cretcher- Delta County
Calvin Nicholson- DSHS
Sherri Thigpen- DSHS

Signature

Title

Date

FY18 Homeland Security Project Summary

Jurisdiction	Project Name	Project Description	Amount	LE?
Ark-Tex Council of Governments	ATCOG Planning, Training and Exercises Project	Provide planning, training, and exercise services to the region. Items include: personnel, training and travel, supplies, contractual and professional services, and operating expense.	\$83,000.00	
Ark-Tex Council of Governments	ATCOG Regional Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Training Project	Provide training to Law Enforcement agencies in the ATCOG region.	\$76,000.00	Y
City of Naples	Facility Security System	Securing critical infrastructure by installing security equipment to monitor the police and fire station. Will also provide keyless entry for the facility.	\$3,959.61	
City of Sulphur Springs and Hopkins County (Administered by Sulphur Springs)	Special Response Team Project	Provide Sulphur Springs/Hopkins County joint tactical team with night vision and ballistic shields. Will also provide Ballistic Vest to Fire and EMS responding with Law Enforcement.	\$33,625.70	Y

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City of Daingerfield	P25 Compliant Project	Enhance communications by purchasing P25 compliant portable radios	\$4,962.24	
Morris County	Homeland Security	Enhance communications by purchasing P25 compliant mobile radios	\$8,035.94	
Lamar County, City of Paris & City of Reno (Administered by Lamar County)	Regional Hazmat Response Team	Providing the regional Hazardous Material Response Team with radio-logical detection and personal dosimetry equipment to monitor incidents for Gamma and Neutron radiation.	\$20,101.00	Y
Lamar County, City of Paris & City of Reno (Administered by Lamar County)	SWAT Team Equipment	Provide the City of Paris SWAT Team with Level IV entry best.	\$10,137.50	Y
Lamar County, City of Paris & City of Reno (Administered by Lamar County)	Surveillance Equipment Project	Provide Law Enforcement in Lamar County with surveillance equipment to identify suspects in hazardous situations. Equipment includes Thermal Imaging Monoculars, and a Under Door Pole Camera.	\$15,301.60	Y

Red River County and Clarksville (Administered by Red River County)	Communications Radio Tower Replacement	Will install a 340 ft radio tower to reduce loss of communication between first responders.	\$16,530.15	
City of Texarkana	City of Texarkana, Texas Night Vision Project	Provide the City of Texarkana with Night Vision equipment to identify suspects in hazardous situations.	\$28,107.34	Y

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Delta County	Delta County EOC Communications Upgrade Project	Enhance communications by purchasing P25 compliant portable and mobile radios	\$7,080.82	
Bowie County	Bowie County HAZMAT Trailer Enhancements Project	Provide equipment for specialized CBRNE/HAZMAT response team. Equipment includes Thermal Imager, and Long Range Sensor Array.	\$28,860.28	

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