



Members Present: Edwina Lane, Bryan Wilson, Ken Keeler, Nathan Caldwell, Jim Atchison, Clay Barnett, Gayla Hawkins, Lisa Bellows, Scott Neu (Zoom)

Members Absent: Brian Eaves, Allen Sanderson, Newt Cunningham, John Roane, James Thorne

A. Call to Order & Declaration of a Quorum

President Edwina Lane called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. and recognized a quorum.

B. Invocation and Pledges

Ken Keeler provided the invocation and Nathan Caldwell led the pledges.

C. Welcome Guests

Guests included: Eric Bridges, Mindi Jones (Zoom), Beth Eggar, Miranda Harp, Bonnie Arrington, Rayleen Bingham, Judy Fullylove, Seth Evilsizer, Sabino Botello

D. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

E. Executive Director's Report

Eric Bridges provided an update on current activities highlighting highlighted the 211 Requests for Proposals, recent HVAC repairs to the building, and legislative updates regarding our AmeriCorps, LIHEAP/CSBG, and Area Agency of Aging programs. Mr. Bridges also referenced the various TCOG Advocacy documents made available to members.

F. Approval of Minutes

Clay Barnett made a motion to accept the meeting minutes for the March 20, 2025 meeting. Ken Keeler seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

G. Consent

A motion was made by Bryan Wilson to approve the Consent item accepting the Quarterly Investment Report for the period January 1, 2025 through March 31st, 2025. The motion was seconded by Gayla Hawkins. The motion carried unanimously.

H. Action

1. A motion was made by Bryan Wilson to authorize the submission to the Office of the Governor's Criminal Justice Division (CJD) recommendations and results from the TCOG Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (CJAC) FY26 grant scoring meeting. The motion was seconded by Clay Barnett. The motion carried unanimously.
2. A motion was made by Jim Atchison to ratify the FY 2025 Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program (CEAP) Contract #58250004400 Amendment #1. The motion was second by Lisa Bellows. The motion carried unanimously.
3. A motion was made by Ken Keeler to table the election of a member of the Governing Board to replace Ken Keeler (Gainesville) as Secretary/Treasurer and appoint said member to the Audit & Finance Committee. The motion was seconded by Lisa Bellows. The motion carried unanimously.
4. A motion was made Clay Barnett to to accept the Cost Pool Report and monthly financial statements. The motion was seconded by Ken Keeler. The motion carried unanimously.
5. With regard to the FYE 2026 TCOG Annual Financing Plan:
 - a.) A motion was made by Jim Atchison to amend the proposed Staffing and Salary Budget Authority to include a 3% increase in base salary to the Executive Director and add the position of Finance Director at a salary of \$60,000. The motion carried with Bryan Wilson opposed.
 - b.) A motion was made by Clay Barnett to set the Fixed Carry-Forward Indirect Cost Rate at 30.88%. The motion was seconded by Jim Atchison. The motion carried with Bryan Wilson opposed.
 - c.) A motion was made by Clay Barnett to accept the proposed Discretionary Funds budget(s); accept the proposed Membership Dues Schedule; and proposed Holiday Schedule. The motion carried unanimously.

I. Presidents Report



**TCOG Governing Board
Meeting Minutes**

Presiding Location: 1117 Gallagher Drive, Sherman, Texas
April 17, 2025

Edwina Lane offered a special thank you to Ken Keeler for his contributions to the Governing Board and support for the COG over the past seven years. She also thanked the board members for their continued support and participation and staff for their continued great work.

J. Adjourn

Clay Barnett made a motion to adjourn at 7:38. Ken Keeler seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.