

**SOUTH EAST TEXAS REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
2210 EASTEX FREEWAY, BEAUMONT, TX 77703
MAYOR HOMER E. NAGEL ROOM
FEBRUARY 21, 2024, 12:00 PM**

The South East Texas Regional Planning Commission (SETRPC) Executive Committee met on Wednesday, February 21, 2024. President Judge Wayne McDaniel, Hardin County, called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm. A roll call of Executive Committee members to establish a quorum was conducted by Ms. Suzanne Carver, Executive Assistant, SETRPC. SETRPC 2nd Vice-President Judge Mark Allen, Jasper County, gave the Invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

Judge Wayne McDaniel, Hardin County
Judge Mark Allen, Jasper County
Commissioner Cary Erickson, Jefferson County
Commissioner Vernon Pierce, Jefferson County
Councilmember Terri Gauthier, City of Bridge City
Mayor Anderson Land, Jr., City of Jasper
Councilmember Amanda Gates, City of Kirbyville
Councilmember Barbara Greer, City of Kountze
Councilmember Kimberly Cline, City of Lumberton
Mayor Cathy Nagel, City of Pine Forest
Mayor Glenn Johnson, City of Port Neches
Mayor Randy Branch, City of West Orange
Councilmember Jay Odom, City of West Orange
Ms. Laura Moore, Board Chair, Jasper County Hospital District
Mr. Joshua Allen, Sr., President, Jefferson County Drainage District #6 (DD6)
Ms. Risa King, Information Specialist, Lower Neches Valley Authority

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES NOT PRESENT

Commissioner L.W. Cooper, Jr., Hardin County
Commissioner Chris Kirkendall, Hardin County
Commissioner Ernie Koch, Hardin County
Commissioner Amanda Young, Hardin County
Commissioner Kevin Holloway, Jasper County
Commissioner Dennis Marks, Jasper County
Commissioner Seth Martindale, Jasper County
Commissioner Willie Stark, Jasper County
Judge Jeff Branick, Jefferson County
Mr. Fred Jackson, Representative for Judge Jeff Branick, Jefferson County
Commissioner Everette "Bo" Alfred, Jefferson County
Commissioner Michael Shane Sinegal, Jefferson County
Judge John Gothia, Orange County
Commissioner Kirk Roccaforte, Orange County
Commissioner Johnny Trahan, Orange County
Commissioner Chris Sowell, Orange County
Commissioner Robert Viator, Orange County
Mayor Roy West, City of Beaumont
Councilmember Chris Durio, City of Beaumont
Mayor Cheri Mitchell, City of Bevil Oaks
Councilmember Jim Wright, City of Bevil Oaks
Mayor David Rutledge, City of Bridge City
Mayor Matt Lopez, City of China
Councilmember (Vacant), City of China
Mayor Chris Borne, City of Groves
Councilmember (Vacant), City of Groves
Councilmember Demarcus Holmes, City of Jasper
Mayor Frank George, City of Kirbyville
Mayor Fred Williams, City of Kountze
Mayor Don Surratt, City of Lumberton
Mayor Don Albanese, City of Nederland
Councilmember Sylvia Root, City of Nederland
Mayor Kerry Abney, City of Nome
Councilmember (Vacant), City of Nome
Mayor Larry Spears, Jr., City of Orange
Councilmember David C. Bailey, Representative for Mayor Larry Spears, Jr., City of Orange
Councilmember Brad Childs, City of Orange

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES NOT PRESENT, Continued

Councilmember James McCullar, City of Pine Forest
Mayor Sarah McClendon, City of Pinehurst
Councilmember Michael Shahan, City of Pinehurst
Mayor Thurman "Bill" Bartie, City of Port Arthur
Councilmember (Vacant), City of Port Arthur
Councilmember Robert Arnold, City of Port Neches
Mayor Tony Wilcoxson, City of Rose City
Mayor Pro Tem Sheila Faske, City of Rose City
Mayor David Lang, City of Rose Hill Acres
Mayor Pro Tem Cindy Mason, City of Rose Hill Acres
Mayor Danny Reneau, City of Silsbee
Mayor Pro Tem Mark Muckleroy, Representative for Mayor, City of Silsbee
Councilmember (Vacant), City of Silsbee
Mayor Bruce Robinson, City of Sour Lake
Councilmember (Vacant), City of Sour Lake
Mayor Phil Owens, City of Taylor Landing
Vacant, City of Taylor Landing
Mayor Misty Songe, City of Vidor
Councilmember (Vacant), City of Vidor
Mr. Nicholas Carter, President, Lumberton Municipal Utility District (MUD)
Mr. Brad Haeggquist, General Manager, Mauriceville Utility District
Mr. Jeremy Walton, Assistant General Mgr., Representative for Mr. Brad Haeggquist, Mauriceville Utility Dist.
Vacant, Jefferson County WCID #10
Mr. Frank Inzer, Director, Orange County WCID #1 (Vidor)
Mr. Tom Woolley, President, Orange County WCID #2 (West Orange)
Mr. Leroy McCall, Jr., Commissioner, Jefferson County Drainage District #3 (DD3)
Mr. Richard Beaumont, Commissioner, Jefferson County Drainage District #7 (DD7)
Mr. Don Carona, General Manager, Orange County Drainage District
Mr. Fritz Erbeling, President, Hardin County Emergency Services District #2
Mr. Billy Ted Smith, Commissioner, Jasper County Emergency Services District #1
Mr. Steve Hyden, Commissioner (President), Representative for Billy Ted Smith, Jasper County Emergency Services District #1
Mr. Sam Job, Commissioner Jasper County Emergency Services District #4
Chief Chris Gonzales, Jefferson County Emergency Services District #1
Mr. Daniel J. Diaz, Jefferson County Emergency Services District #3
Vacant, Orange County Emergency Services District #3
Ms. Lorrie Taylor, Port Director & CEO, Orange County Navigation & Port District
Ms. Georgine Guillory, President, Port of Beaumont
Mr. John Comeaux, Commissioner, Port of Port Arthur
Mr. Ken Duhon, Commissioner, Sabine-Neches Navigation District
Ms. Holly Smith, Chief Financial Officer/Water Resources Mgr., Sabine River Authority
Vacant, President, Southeast Texas Ground Water Conservation District
Dr. Shannon Allen, Superintendent, Beaumont ISD
Dr. Mike Kelly, Superintendent, Bridge City ISD
Dr. Dwaine K. Augustine, Superintendent, Hamshire-Fannett ISD
Dr. Mark Porterie, Superintendent, Port Arthur ISD
Ms. Julie Gauthier, Deputy Superintendent, Port Neches-Groves ISD

STATE DELEGATION EX-OFFICIO REPRESENTATIVES (Non-Voting) PRESENT

STAFF PRESENT

Ms. Shanna Burke, Executive Director, SETRPC
Ms. Suzanne Carver, Executive Assistant, SETRPC
Ms. Glenda Lacy, Director, Disaster Recovery Division (DRD / HR Manager, SETRPC
Mr. Jim Borel, Director of Finance, SETRPC
Mr. Jeff King, Deputy Director of Finance, SETRPC
Mr. Steve Curran, Director, Criminal Justice & Homeland Security Division (CJHSD) Ms.
Kaylan Arendale, Regional Planner, CJHSD
Mr. Pete De La Cruz, Director, 9-1-1 Emergency Network Division
Mr. Bob Dickinson, Director, Transportation & Environmental Resources Division
(T&ER) Ms. Rachael Robinson, Transportation Planner, T&ER
Ms. Stephanie Robertson, Fiscal Contract Manager, Community Services Division (CSD)
Ms. Bonnie Brooks, Community Outreach, CSD

STAFF PRESENT, Continued

Ms. Tyronna McKenzie, Director, SETX Foster Grandparent Program Division (FGP)
Ms. Hannah Klauss, Director, Golden Triangle RSVP
Ms. Halie Smith, Director, Director, Area Agency on Aging / 2-1-1 Texas

GUESTS PRESENT

Ms. Lanie Brown, Sr. Field Director, U.S. Congressman Brian Babin / Councilmember, City of West Orange
Ms. Michelle Bobo, Grant Works
Mr. Tom Henry, Gov. Board, Leadership Southeast Texas (LSET)
Ms. Maris Peno, Staff, LSET
Mr. Jacob Triska, Project Manager, Cobb Fendley
Mr. Rob Svoboda, Planner, Cobb Fendley

**24-015 APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 20, 2023 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES
APPROVAL OF JANUARY 18, 2024 ANNUAL MEETING AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS
MINUTES**

➤ Mayor Anderson Land, Jr., City of Jasper, made a motion to approve the December 20, 2023, Executive Committee Minutes and January 18, 2024, Annual Meeting and Installation of Officers Minutes. Judge Mark Allen, Jasper County, seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**24-016 APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 2023, NOVEMBER 2023, & DECEMBER 2023 TREASURER'S
REPORTS
APPROVAL OF INVESTMENT REPORT FOR QUARTER ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023**

➤ Mr. Josh Allen, President, Jefferson County Drainage District 6 (DD6), made a motion to approve the December 2023, November 2023, and December 2023 Treasurer's Reports and the Investment Report for Quarter Ended September 30, 2023. Mayor Anderson Land, Jr., City of Jasper, seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

24-017 TRANSPORTATION & ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES DIVISION

➤ Mr. Bob Dickinson, Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources Division (T&ER), provided an update on the Texas Broadband Development Office (BDO), a division of the Comptroller's Office, State Broadband Development Plan and grant application preparation. Local elected officials have been encouraged to be involved in the planning and the proposed implementation of the broadband plan, and the SETRPC has had strong cooperation from its four (4) counties. Consulting firms of Cobb, Fendley & Associates, through support from the counties, have been hired along with subcontractors Integrative Results and GrantWorks, to facilitate a unified effort to help local government officials with their involvement. Several workshops have been held to keep the cities and counties informed regarding what is being done and the approach.

The consultants will identify the areas in need, create a plan specific to each area, and will assist the SETRPC in implementing the plan with the objective of securing the funding necessary to bring broadband to people in rural areas, underserved and not served areas, as well as areas that have broadband, to provide better, more cost effective broadband with more broadband services. The regional approach may be considered more competitive within funding applications. The Texas Broadband Development Office will soon be taking out grant applications for broadband infrastructure improvements across the State.

Mr. Dickinson then introduced Mr. Jacob Triska, Project Manager, Cobb, Fendley & Associates, who provided a brief overview of what he and his team are doing. Mr. Triska stated that the biggest funding opportunity now is for the Broadband Equity, Access and Deployment Program (BEAD). While it's not the only one coming in at state and federal levels, it is the one offering the most money and is one of the nearest on the timeline.

Mr. Triska shared four (4) steps in the process to prepare for the State of Texas to receive \$3.3 billion for the infrastructure of the development plan:

- 1) Needs and Gap analysis (what is here now and where the gaps are present);
- 2) Promote infrastructure where there are currently gaps;
- 3) Make it work in terms of reality; and,
- 4) Completion and implementation.

Funding will be available through different opportunities in addition to BEAD, such as Bringing Online Opportunity to Texans Program (BOOT), the Digital Equity Capacity Grant, USDA reconnect (future rounds), and Texas Digital Opportunity Plan (TDOP). Last November, Proposition eight (8) was collectively voted on and

passed, which brought in an additional \$1.5 billion that is expected to go towards the Pole Replacement Program. Mr. Triska re-emphasized the importance of the region working together cooperatively. This was followed by a brief discussion.

24-018 ADMINISTRATION

Ms. Shanna Burke, Executive Director, South East Texas Regional Planning Commission (SETRPC), presented a request for approval to contract with Leadership Southeast Texas (LSET) for Program Administration. The SETRPC was contacted about a year ago to explore the idea of partnering with LSET. LSET is a local 501©(3) nonprofit organization that was founded in 1992 with the mission to educate, engage, and inspire regional leaders across Southeast Texas. It allows leaders to connect and better serve the region through promoting greater understanding and networking among individuals across nine (9) counties. Another component of the group is Youth Leadership Southeast Texas (YLSET), which helps to develop high school student leaders in the same counties via collaboration with LSET members, particularly through the creation and implementation of local community service projects.

Mr. Jim Borel, SETRPC Finance Director, Mr. Jeff King, SETRPC Deputy Finance Director, and Ms. Burke have attended various meetings with multiple LSET board members to discuss the possibility of a partnership. LSET concurred that the best path forward would be for LSET to contract with the SETRPC on a trial basis of one (1) year to administer the programs of the organization while LSET continues to oversee the fiscal responsibilities and maintains its primary board in order to maintain its 501©(3) status.

Ms. Burke then introduced Mr. Tom Henry, Governing Board, LSET who stated that LSET is in its 31st year and is looking for sustainability, as well as to prosper and go forward. Mr. Henry provided more background on LSET. In the mid-90's, with the help of Mr. Guy Goodson, Mr. Jim Rich, and others, LSET was transformed from a 501©(6) Corporation into a 501©(3) nonprofit. With the help of Ms. Maris Peno, who has been grant writing and has been awarded grants, and volunteer efforts, LSET has been successful in moving forward. Ms. Burke stated that the SETRPC is excited about this opportunity. If approved, the project would be part of the SETRPC's Transportation and Environmental Resources Division (T&ER) as a component of Economic Development under the leadership of T&ER staff member Ms. Rachael Robinson.

Commissioner Vernon Pierce, Jefferson County, made a motion to approve the request to contract with LSET to administer the programmatic portion of its operation for a one-year trial period of September 1, 2024 – August 31, 2025, as presented and recommended. Commissioner Cary Erickson, Jefferson County, seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

➤ Next, Ms. Glenda Lacy, Director, Human Resources, presented for approval the Adoption of the Internal Ethics and Compliance Program. The SETRPC is required to maintain and adopt an Internal Ethics and Compliance Program yearly. No policy changes have been made to the Internal Ethics and Compliance Program since it was last adopted. However, when the SETRPC Personnel Policy Manual was updated, there were general provision number changes. Those key provision numbers that were updated in this policy can be provided upon request.

Ms. Lacy also presented for approval the adoption of the Conflict of Interest Policy. This policy had no changes and is adopted annually. Ms. Lacy reviewed the following:

1. Who the representatives of the SETRPC are;
2. What a conflict of interest is; and
3. Types of procedures related to conflicts of interest.

Judge Mark Allen, Jasper County, made a motion to approve both the adoption of the Internal Ethics and Compliance Program and the adoption of the Conflict of Interest Policy as presented and recommended. Mayor Randy Branch, City of West Orange seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

24-019 CRIMINAL JUSTICE & HOMELAND SECURITY DIVISION

➤ Mr. Stephen Curran, Director, Criminal Justice and Homeland Security (CJHSD), on behalf of the CJHSD, presented for approval a Resolution Authorizing Submission of the SETRPC Statewide Emergency Radio Infrastructure (SERI) Grant Program for FY2025 to the Office of Governor, Public Safety Office for a radio tower, dispatch consoles, and microwave equipment in Jasper County and possibly in the City of Silsbee for an amount up to \$2,000,000 which:

- 1) \$2,000,000 is the cap allowed to apply for on the SERI grant;
- 2) Authorizes SETRPC Criminal Justice and Homeland Security Division to submit grant number 5027101 to the Office of Governor, Public Safety Office;
- 3) Names Shanna Burke, Executive Director, as the authorized official for this grant;
- 4) Agrees to return all grant funds in the event of loss or misuse.

(See Attachment A.)

Mayor Anderson Land Jr., City of Jasper, made a motion to approve the Resolution Authorizing the Submission of the SETRPC Statewide Emergency Radio Infrastructure (SERI) Program for FY2025 as presented and recommended. Commissioner Vernon Pierce, Jefferson County seconded the motion, The motion carried unanimously.

➤ First, Ms. Kaylan Arendale, Regional Emergency Planner, CJHSD, on behalf of the CJHSD, presented for approval the Resolution Authorizing Submission of the Office of the Governor, Homeland Security Planning Grant to the Office of Governor, Homeland Security Grant Division for FY2024. The grant is submitted every year and is a continuation project. The Resolution:

- 1) Authorizes SETRPC Criminal Justice and Homeland Security Division to submit grant number #2959610 to the Office of the Governor in the amount of \$135,000.00;
- 2) Names Shanna Burke, Executive Director, as the authorized official for this grant;
- 3) Agrees to return all grant funds in the event of loss or misuse.

(See Attachment B.)

Second, Ms. Arendale, on behalf of the CJHSD, presented for approval a Resolution Authorizing Submission of the Office of Governor, Regional Juvenile Alternatives Grant (RJA) to the Criminal Justice Division for FY2025. This is also a continuation grant for all four (4) counties to provide counseling services, residential placement, treatment, and psychological assessments. This grant will help with juvenile counseling services for juveniles who are entering the juvenile probation departments. The Resolution:

- 1) Authorizes SETRPC Criminal Justice and Homeland Security Division to submit grant number 3554607 to the Office of the Governor in the amount of \$66,924.34;
- 2) Names Shanna Burke, Executive Director, as the authorized official for this grant;
- 3) Agrees to return all grant funds in the event of loss or misuse.

(See Attachment C.)

Third, Ms. Arendale presented for approval the Emergency Management Planning Advisory Committee (EMPAC) 2024 voting designation list. The list includes primary and alternate voting members selected by the jurisdiction's chief elected official to serve as an EMPAC member. (See Attachment D)

Councilmember Barbara Greer, City of Kountze, made a motion to approve (1) the Resolution Authorizing Submission of the Office Governor, Homeland Security Planning Grant for FY2024, (2) the Resolution Authorizing Submission of the Office of Governor, Regional Juvenile Alternatives Grant (RJA) for F2025, and (3) the Emergency Planning Advisory Committee Member 2024 Voting Designee List as recommended and presented. Mayor Anderson Land Jr., City of Jasper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

24-020 FUTURE CALENDAR

Ms. Suzanne Carver, Executive Assistant, SETRPC, reported that the next Executive Committee Meeting will be March 20, 2024, in the Mayor Homer E. Nagel conference room. Also, the SETRPC offices will be closed on Friday, March 29, 2024, in observance of Good Friday. Last, Ms. Carver informed the Committee that the next Stand Down will be held at the Orange Convention Center in Orange, Texas on May 17, 2024.

24-021 OTHER, OLD, AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

➤ Tell Me Something Good:

Ms. Shanna Burke, Executive Director, SETRPC, shared that the "Something Good" item will be put on hold. She then shared with the committee that SETRPC retiree, Mr. Jimmie Lewis, passed unexpectedly. He had previously worked with Mr. Bob Dickinson in the Transportation and Environmental Resources Division and was also retired from the City of Orange. Ms. Burke asked if everyone would keep his wife Ms. Pam Lewis, who manages the Lighthouse Program in the SETRPC Community Services Division, and his daughter in their thoughts and prayers during this time of tragedy.

➤ There being no other, old, and unfinished business, the meeting adjourned at 12:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

~~Commissioner Vernon Pierce~~
Secretary

Mayor Cathy Nagel
Mayor Cathy Nagel
Treasurer

Attachment A



**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF THE SETRPC
STATEWIDE EMERGENCY RADIO INFRASTRUCTURE (SERI) GRANT PROGRAM FOR FY2025**

AN APPLICATION TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR, PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICE

- WHEREAS, Local public safety agencies in the SETRPC region have supported and ensured interoperable communications among all public safety agencies in the region; and,
- WHEREAS, The COMMC Committee recently approved recommending closing gaps in interoperable communication for Jasper County and possibly in the City of Silsbee by recommending submitting tower equipment, dispatch consoles, and microwave equipment to the FY2025 Statewide Emergency Radio Infrastructure (SERI) Grant program; and,
- WHEREAS, The Executive Committee of the South East Texas Regional Planning Commission finds it in the best interest of the residents of Hardin, Jasper, Jefferson, and Orange Counties that the FY2025 Statewide Emergency Radio Infrastructure (SERI) Program Grant be funded;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SOUTH EAST TEXAS REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE THAT:

The Criminal Justice and Homeland Security Division is authorized to submit the SETRPC Planning Grant number 5027101 for FY2025 Statewide Emergency Radio Infrastructure (SERI) Grant program in the amount of up to \$2,000,000, which is the maximum amount allowed, to the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office,

That, SETRPC Executive Director, Shanna Burke, is designated as the authorized official to apply for, accept, reject, alter, or terminate the SETRPC FY2023 Statewide Emergency Radio Infrastructure (SERI) Program Grant.

That, in the event of loss or misuse of SETRPC FY2023 Statewide Emergency Radio Infrastructure (SERI) Grant funds, SETRPC will return all funds to the Office of the Governors, Public Safety Office.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 21ST day of February 2024.

Wayne McDaniel, President, SETRPC

County Judge, Hardin County

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "VERNON PIERCE".

Vernon Pierce, Secretary, SETRPC

Commissioner, Jefferson County

Grant Number: #5027101

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Attachment B



**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF THE SETRPC REGIONAL HOMELAND SECURITY
PLANNING GRANT FUNDING FOR FY2024**

**APPLICATION TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR, PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICE, HOMELAND SECURITY
GRANT DIVISION**

WHEREAS, The SETRPC Homeland Security Planning Grant provides planning assistance to all jurisdictions in the region including the compilation of the Threat and Hazard Identification Risk Assessment (THIRA), Stakeholder's Preparedness Report (SPR), Implementation Plan (IP), Mitigation Action Plans, and other activities critical to enhance public safety in the South East Texas region;

WHEREAS, The Executive Committee of the South East Texas Regional Planning Commission finds it in the best interest of the citizens of Hardin, Jasper, Jefferson, and Orange Counties that the Homeland Security Planning Grant be funded; and

WHEREAS, The Executive Committee of the South East Texas Regional Planning Commission agrees that in the event of loss or misuse of the Office of the Governor funds, the Executive Committee of the South East Texas Regional Planning Commission assures that the funds will be returned to the Office of the Governor in full;

WHEREAS, The Executive Committee of the South East Texas Regional Planning Commission designates Shanna Burke, SETRPC Executive Director as the grantee's authorized official. The authorized official is given the power to apply for, accept, reject, alter, or terminate the grant on behalf of the applicant agency;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Committee of the South East Texas Regional Planning Commission approves submission of the grant application for the SETRPC Homeland Security Planning grant #2959610 to the Office of the Governor not to exceed the amount of \$135,000.00.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 21st day of February 2024.


Wayne McDaniel, SETRPC President
South East Texas Regional Planning Commission
County Judge, Hardin County

ATTEST:


Vernon Pierce, SETRPC Secretary
South East Texas Regional Planning Commission
Commission, Jefferson County

Grant Number: #2959610

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**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF THE REGIONAL JUVENILE ALTERNATIVES
GRANT FUNDING FY2025**

**APPLICATION TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR, PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICE, CRIMINAL JUSTICE
DIVISION**

WHEREAS, Juvenile Detention Centers in Hardin, Jasper, Jefferson, and Orange Counties rely upon the Regional Juvenile Alternatives Grant to provide counseling, substance abuse, and other services that mitigate recidivism among youth in the Juvenile Justice System;

WHEREAS, The Executive Committee of the South East Texas Regional Planning Commission finds it in the best interest of the citizens of Hardin, Jefferson, and Orange Counties that the Regional Juvenile Alternative grant be operated funded;

WHEREAS, The Executive Committee of the South East Texas Regional Planning Commission agrees that in the event of loss or misuse of the Office of the Governor funds, the Executive Committee of the South East Texas Regional Planning Commission assures that the funds will be returned to the Office of the Governor in full;


WHEREAS, The Executive Committee of the South East Texas Regional Planning Commission designates Shanna Burke, SETRPC Executive Director as the grantee's authorized official. The authorized official is given the power to apply for, accept, reject, alter, or terminate the grant on behalf of the applicant agency;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Committee of the South East Texas Regional Planning Commission approves submission of the grant application for the Regional Juvenile Alternatives #3554607 to the Office of the Governor not to exceed the amount of \$66,924.34.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 21st day of February 2024.



Wayne McDaniel, President, SETRPC
County Judge, Hardin County



Vernon Pierce, Secretary, SETRPC
Commissioner, Jefferson County

Grant Number: #3554607

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EMPAC Committee Designees 2023-2024

<u>Jurisdictions</u>	<u>Designee/Alternate(s)</u>
Hardin County	Aaron Tupper – EMC
	Wayne McDaniel
Jasper County	Billy Smith – EMC
	Mark Allen – County Judge
Jefferson County	Robert Grimm – EMC
	Jeffry Phillips – Deputy EMC
Orange County	Joel Ardoin – EMC
	Leon George – Deputy EMC
Beaumont, City of	Tim Ocnaschek – Captain/EMC
	Bart Bartkowiak – Public Works Director
Bevil Oaks, City of	Sabreena Crain – City Clerk
	Barbara Emmons – Mayor
Bridge City, City of	Tod McDowell – Police Chief/EMC
	David Rutledge – Mayor
	Robert Bergeron – Asst. Police Chief
China, City of	Matt Lopez - Mayor
	Whitney Gray – Mayor Pro Tem
Groves, City of	Lance Billéaud – Fire Chief
	Chris Robins – Detective Deputy Marhsall
	Robert “Tony” Phillips – Lieutenant
Kountze, City of	George T. Drake – Public Works Director/EMC
	Brent Slaughter – Police Chief
Lumberton, City of	Danny Sullins – Police Chief
	Steve Clark – City Manager
Nederland, City of	Terry Morton – Fire Chief
	Robert Woods – Public Works
Nome, City of	Kerry Abney – Mayor
Orange, City of	Mike Zeto – CIS Manager
	Payton Smith – Deputy Fire Chief/EMC
	John Bilbo – Fire Chief
Pine Forest, City of	Cathy Nagel – Mayor

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	James McCullar – Mayor Pro Tem
	Michelle Josey – City Secretary
	Lacey Tuner
Pinehurst, City of	
Port Arthur, City of	Robert “Louie” Havens – Deputy Fire Chief/Deputy EMC
	Jermey Houston – Deputy Police Chief/ EMC
Port Neches, City of	Eloy Vega – Fire Chief/EMC
	Cheri Griffith – Police Chief
	David Reeves – Asst. Police Chief
Rose City, City of	Tony Wilcoxson – Mayor
	Dora Tarbox – City Secretary
Rose Hill Acres, City of	Rick Thomisee – Municipal Judge
	David Lang – Mayor
Silsbee, City of	Shawn Blackwell – Police Chief
	DeeAnn Zimmerman – Asst EMC/City Manager
	Danny Reneau - Mayor
	Robert Peden – Asst. Police Chief
Sour Lake, City of	Jack Provost – City Manager
	Bruce Robinson – Mayor
Taylor Landing	John Durkay – Mayor
Vidor, City of	Rodney Johnson – Police Captain/EMC
	Nick Garsee – Asst. EMC
	Rod Carroll – Police Chief
West Orange, City of	Michael Stelly – Police Chief
	Matt Frederick – Lieutenant
	Jessie Romero – Asst. Police Chief
	Tod McDowell – Bridge City Police Chief

Approved by the SETRPC Executive Committee on November 15, 2023