



**THURSDAY** AGENDA: JANUARY 23, 2025 1:45 P.M.

Association of Central Oklahoma Governments

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Vice-Chair

Glenn Berglan

**Goldsby Trustee** 

Secretary/Treasurer

Shelli Selby

Yukon Councilmember

**Executive Director** 

Mark W. Sweeney, AICP

THE ASSOCIATION OF CENTRAL OKLAHOMA GOVERNMENTS BOARD OF DIRECTORS (ACOG BOD) WILL HOLD A REGULAR MEETING ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 23, AT ACOG IN THE OKLAHOMA BOARD ROOM, 4205 N. LINCOLN BLVD., OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA.

Please notify ACOG at 405.234.2264 (TDD/TTY Call 711 Statewide or email <u>title.vi@acogok.org</u>) by noon Tuesday, January 21, if you require accommodations pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act or Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act.

# **AGENDA** -

- 1. CALL TO ORDER (ATTACHMENT 1)
- 2. APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 12, 2024, MINUTES (ATTACHMENT 2) Action requested.
- 3. COMMUNICATIONS:
  - A. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT
  - B. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT
- 4. PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS OR DELEGATIONS

# **BEGINNING OF CONSENT DOCKET -**

5. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT DOCKET:

**INFORMATION:** Requires a motion to approve, with a second, that all items under the Consent Docket be considered in one vote.

#### **CONSENT DOCKET ITEMS:**

- A. Finance Report December 2024 Claims: Deborah Cook, CPA, Finance Director (ATTACHMENT 5-A) Action requested.
- B. Regional Clearinghouse Review and Comment Report: John Harrington, Water Resources Director (ATTACHMENT 5-B) Action requested.
- C. ACOG Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Committee (MPO PC) Report: John Sharp, Deputy Director (ATTACHMENT 5-C) Action requested.
- D. Extension Request for Rural Economic Action Plan (REAP) Grant Town of Langston: Sharon Astrin, Community & Economic Development Manager (ATTACHMENT 5-D) Action requested.
- E. Extension Request for Rural Economic Action Plan (REAP) Grant Town of Luther: Sharon Astrin, Community & Economic Development Manager (ATTACHMENT 5-E) Action requested.

# END OF CONSENT DOCKET

- 6. REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS THAT MAY REQUIRE ACOG BOD ACTION:
  - A. Consideration of the ACOG Regional Air Quality Plan (RAQP): Eric Pollard, Air Quality & Clean Cities Manager (ATTACHMENT 6-A) Action requested.
- 7. NEW BUSINESS
- 8. ADJOURN

## **NEXT MEETING:**

Thursday, February 27, 2025, at 1:45 p.m.

# **ATTACHMENT 1**

# **ACOG BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

CITY/ORGANIZATION	MEMBERS	ALTERNATES			
BETHANY (9)	Hon. Nikki Lloyd	Hon. Chris Powell Vice-Mayor			
BETHANT (9)	Mayor	Hon. Kathy Larsen Councilmember			
CALUMET (1)	Hon. Terry Brungardt Trustee	Hon. Michael Snyder Trustee			
CEDAR VALLEY (1)	Hon. Tom Trello Vice-Mayor	Hon. Jerry Cole Trustee			
CHOCTAW (5)	Hon. Cody Brewer Councilmember	Hon. Chad Allcox Mayor			
CRESCENT (1)	Hon. Jim Neal Councilmember	Hon. Greg Cummings Mayor			
DEL CITY (O)	Hon. Floyd Eason	Hon. Pam Finch Vice-Mayor			
DEL CITY (9)	Mayor	Hon. Claudia Browne Councilmember			
EDMOND (34)	Hon. Darrell A. Davis Mayor	Hon. Barry K. Moore Councilmember			
EL DENO (O)	Hon. Amy Neathery	Hon. J. Steven Jensen Mayor			
EL RENO (8)	Councilmember	Hon. David Black Vice-Mayor			
FOREST PARK (1)	Hon. Rashanna Baker	Hon. Stephen Miller Trustee			
TOREST FARR (I)	Trustee	Hon. George H. Smith Mayor			
GEARY (1)	No Designee	Vacant			
GOLDSBY (2)	Hon. Glenn Berglan Trustee	Hon. Darrell Ingram Trustee			
GUTHRIE (5)	Hon. Steven J. Gentling Mayor	Hon. Adam Ropp Councilmember			
	Hon. Tim Rudek	Hon. Jeff Brzozowski Councilmember			
HARRAH (3)	Councilmember	Hon. Bernadette Klimkowski Councilmember			
JONES CITY (2)	Hon. Mark Boydstun Trustee	Hon. Casey Burwell Trustee			
LAKE ALUMA (1)	Hon. John Kenney Mayor  Hon. Tom Steiner Trustee				
LANGSTON CITY (1)	Hon. Michael Boyles	Hon. Magnus Scott Trustee			
LANGSTON CITY (1)	Mayor	Hon. Misty B. Mayes Trustee			

# ACOG BOARD OF DIRECTORS (Cont.)

CITY/ORGANIZATION	MEMBERS	ALTERNATES		
LEVINGTON (I)	Hon. Mike Donovan	Hon. Max Punneo Councilmember		
LEXINGTON (1)	Mayor	Hon. Raul Trejo Councilmember		
LUTHER (1)	Hon. Terry Arps Mayor	Hon. Carla Caruthers Trustee		
MERIDIAN (1)	Hon. Ronald Dumas Mayor	Hon. Joyce Swanson Vice Mayor		
MIDWEST CITY (24)	Hon. Matt Dukes	Hon. Pat Byrne Vice-Mayor		
MIDWEST CITY (24)	Mayor	Hon. Rick Favors Councilmember		
MOORE (26)	Hon. Kathy Griffith Councilmember	Any Moore Councilmember		
MUSTANG (9)	Hon. Brian Grider Mayor	Hon. James Wald Councilmember		
NICHOLS HILLS (2)	Hon. E. Peter Hoffman, Jr. Mayor	Hon. Sody Clements Councilmember		
NICOMA PARK (1)	Hon. Mark Cochell	Hon. Jeff Caudill Councilmember		
NICOMA FARR (I)	Mayor	Hon. Steve West Vice-Mayor		
NORI E (4)	Hon. Phil Freeman	Hon. George Schmerer Councilmember		
NOBLE (4)	Mayor	Hon. Chad Terrill Councilmember		
NORMAN (38)	Hon. Larry Heikkila Mayor	Hon. Stephen Holman Councilmember		
OKARCHE (1)	Hon. Jeff Brueggen Trustee	Hon. Jeff Sadler Mayor		
OKLAHOMA CITY (119)	Hon. Matt Hinkle Councilmember	Any Oklahoma City Councilmember		
DIEDMONT (4)	Hon. Rob Jones	Hon. Byron Schlomach Councilmember		
PIEDMONT (4)	Councilmember	Hon. Ryan Aller Councilmember		
SLAUGHTERVILLE (2)	Hon. Leah Grady Trustee	Hon. Eugene Dicksion Trustee		

# ACOG BOARD OF DIRECTORS (Cont.)

CITY/ORGANIZATION	MEMBERS	ALTERNATES		
SPENCER (2)	Hon. Frank Calvin Mayor	Hon. Charmin Williams Vice Mayor		
THE VILLAGE (4)	Hon. David Bennett Mayor	Hon. Melodie Moore Vice-Mayor		
TUTTLE (4)	Hon. Trey Buck Councilmember	Hon. Larry Watson Councilmember		
	Hon. Keith Dennis	Hon. Bob McGregor Mayor		
UNION CITY (1)	Trustee	Hon. Ryan Dawson Vice-Mayor		
WARR ACRES (5)	Hon. Roger Godwin	Hon. Vickie Douglas Vice-Mayor		
WARR ACRES (3)	Mayor	Vacant		
YUKON (11)	Hon. Shelli Selby Councilmember	Hon. David Enmark Councilmember		
CANADIAN COUNTY (2)	Hon. Lacey Dawson	Hon. Tomas Manske Commissioner		
CANADIAN COUNTY (2)	Commissioner	Hon. Tracey Rider Commissioner		
CLEVELAND COUNTY (2)	Hon. Rod Cleveland Commissioner	Hon. Rusty Grissom Commissioner		
LOCAN COUNTY (O)	Hon. Mark Sharpton	Hon. Monty Piearcy Commissioner		
LOGAN COUNTY (2)	Commissioner	Hon. Floyd Coffman Commissioner		
OKLAHOMA COUNTY (2)	Hon. Myles Davidson Commissioner	Hon. Brian Maughan Commissioner		
TINKER AIR FORCE BASE (Associate Member)	Stephanie Wilson Base Civil Engineer  Vacant			

# **ATTACHMENT 2**



# **SUBJECT:**

# MINUTES OF THE ACOG BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

# **DATE:**

**DECEMBER 12, 2024** 

A regular meeting of the Association of Central Oklahoma Governments Board of Directors was convened at 1:47 p.m. Thursday, December 12, 2024, at Association of Central Oklahoma Governments (ACOG) in the Oklahoma Board Room, 4205 N. Lincoln Blvd., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The meeting was held, as indicated, by advance notice filed with the Oklahoma County Clerk and by notice posted at the ACOG offices at least 24 hours prior to the meeting.

PRESIDING CHAIR	ENTITY
Hon. Brian Grider, Mayor	Mustang

#### **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Edmond Hon. Darrell A. Davis, Mayor Hon. Glenn Berglan, Trustee Goldsby Hon. Steven J. Gentling, Mayor Guthrie Hon. Tim Rudek, Councilmember Harrah Hon. Misty B. Mayes, Trustee Langston City Hon. Terry Arps, Mayor Luther Hon, Matt Dukes, Mayor Midwest City Hon. Kathy Griffith, Councilmember Moore Hon. Peter Hoffman, Jr., Mayor Nichols Hills Hon. Jeff Caudill, Councilmember Nicoma Park Hon. Larry Heikkila, Mayor Norman Hon. Matt Hinkle, Councilmember Oklahoma City Hon. David Bennett, Mayor The Village Hon. Shelli Selby, Councilmember Yukon Hon. Mark Sharpton, Commissioner Logan County Hon. Charlie Meadows, Commissioner Logan County

## **BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT**

Hon. Nikki Lloyd, Mayor Bethany Hon. Terry Brungardt, Trustee Calumet Hon. Tom Trello, Vice-Mayor Cedar Valley Hon. Cody Brewer, Councilmember Choctaw Hon. Jim Neal, Councilmember Crescent Hon. Floyd Eason, Mayor Del City Hon. Amy Neathery, Councilmember El Reno Hon. Rashanna Baker, Trustee Forest Park No Designee Geary Hon. Chris Calvert, Vice-Mayor Jones City Hon. John Kenney, Mayor Lake Aluma Hon. Mike Donovan, Mayor Lexington Hon. Ronald Dumas, Mayor Meridian Hon. Phil Freeman, Mayor Noble Hon. Jeff Brueggen, Trustee Okarche Hon. Rob Jones, Councilmember Piedmont Hon. Leah Grady, Trustee Slaughterville Hon. Frank Calvin, Mayor Spencer Hon. Trey Buck, Councilmember Tuttle

#### **BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT (Cont.)**

Hon, Keith Dennis, Trustee

Hon. Tomas Manske, Commissioner

Hon. Rod Cleveland, Commissioner

Hon. Myles Davidson, Commissioner

#### ASSOCIATE MEMBER ABSENT

Stephanie Wilson, Base Civil Engineer

#### **GUESTS PRESENT**

Pete White, Attorney

Ryan Rushing, Director of Operations

Becky Bruce, 911 Communications Supervisor

Michael Taylor, Asst. City Manager

#### **ACOG STAFF**

Mark W. Sweeney

John Sharp

Debbie Cook

Rachel Meinke

John Harrington

Jennifer Sebesta

Sharon Astrin

Ethan Mazzio

Megan Cox

Jimmy Smith Beverly Garner

# **MINUTES-**

# 1. CALL TO ORDER

Presiding Chair Brian Grider called the meeting to order at 1:47 p.m. A quorum was present.

## 2. APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 14, 2024, MINUTES

Director Steven J. Gentling made a motion to approve the November 14, 2024, minutes of the ACOG Board of Directors meeting. Director Misty B. Mayes seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

# 3. COMMUNICATIONS

#### A. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Chair Grider wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

# B. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

# i. Introduction of Recently Hired ACOG Staff

Megan Cox - Mr. Sweeney said she is our new Accountant II/Procurement Administrator, and she started on October 9. Megan was born and raised here in Oklahoma City, left for a while and lived in Lincoln, NE, worked for the University of Nebraska-Lincoln as a grant's administrator, and owned and operated a small business while there. She graduated in 2005 with her Bachelor's in Business Administration from Hillsdale Freewill Baptist College, now Randall University in Moore, Oklahoma, and will graduate (hopefully) this May with her Master's in Human Resource Studies from OU. Megan is also the proud mother of a daughter who serves in the Army National Guard.

#### **ENTITY**

Union City

Canadian County

Cleveland County

Oklahoma County

Tinker Air Force Base

ACOG Legal Counsel

Midwest City

Midwest City

Nichols Hills

#### **POSITION**

**Executive Director** 

Deputy Director

Finance Director

**Public Information Director** 

Water Resources Director

Transportation Planning Services (TPS) Manager

Community & Economic Development Manager

Transportation Planner II - Mobility, TPS Accountant II/Procurement Administrator

IT Operations Specialist I

**Executive Assistant** 

Ethan Mazzio - Mr. Sweeney said on November 20, he joined ACOG as a Transportation Planner II - Mobility. Prior to joining the Association, he spent two years with the Mayors' Institute on City Design. Ethan received a Bachelor of Business Administration from Southwestern Oklahoma State University in 2020, and a Master of Regional & City Planning from the University of Oklahoma in 2022. While obtaining his master's degree, Ethan interned with the Alliance for Economic Development of Oklahoma City. If Ethan looks familiar to some of you, it is because he worked for ACOG as a CED Planning Assistant back in 2020. We are very glad to have Ethan back at ACOG.

# ii. Status of the ACOG Amended Agreement

ACOG received a letter dated November 22, 2024, from the State Attorney General, officially approving the Amended ACOG Agreement that was ratified by this Board and by a majority of our membership. The information has been filed with six County Clerks as requested by the Attorney General. The Amended ACOG Agreement is now officially in effect.

# iii. ACOG Annual Legislative Power Brunch - January 31, 2025

By now all of you should have received a save the date card informing you of the Annual Legislative Power Brunch scheduled from 10:00 a.m. to noon on Friday, January 31, 2025, at the Will Rogers Theater. Expect to also receive an official invitation to the event by the first week in January. Please RSVP and let us know if you are bringing a guest no later than January 23.

# iv. Washington Conferences and Congressional Delegation Visits - March 9-12, 2025

Mr. Sweeney said he recently sent out an email to the current ACOG Officers to verify their interest in attending one of two conference options and the Congressional Delegation meetings that will be scheduled for March 11 (unless there is a scheduling conflict that requires meeting on March 10). Please remember that each Officer participating in this endeavor will be paying for his or her own travel costs or will be covered by their respective local government.

We previously discussed a different approach this coming year as it pertains to attending a conference. The options are as follows:

- National League of Cities (NLC) Conference which occurs March 10-12
- National Association of Development Organizations (NADO) which will occur March 9-12.
- Or choose not to attend a conference and just participate in meetings with the Congressional Delegation, which would require some staff coordination as it relates to finding hotel rooms

Please note that John Sharp and I will likely attend the NADO Conference and will stay at the Conference Hotel (Crystal Gateway Marriott) in Arlington, VA.

Mr. Sweeney said he has now heard from most of the Officers. Directors Brian Grider, Shelli Selby, Phil Freeman, and Roger Godwin have said yes to the NLC. Knowing that we may be at different hotels (NLC and NADO), our biggest challenge will simply be keeping connected with each other throughout the trip and coordinating where and when we will need to meet for the visits and other planned activities. Directors Glenn Berglan, Matt Dukes, and Larry Heikkila will not be able to attend and Directors Tim Rudek and David Bennett will be checking with their cities as to whether they will attend and a response will be needed no later than Tuesday, December 17, to make the necessary arrangements. Mr. Sweeney said once he knows their intentions, he will follow up with more details about their March trip and what preparations need to be made.

Mr. Sweeney said we will be talking more about the Federal Priorities in January and February so that we will have our report ready for our five U.S. Congressional

Delegation. He said those Priorities are sent to them in advance of our meetings in Washington DC.

Director Peter Hoffman asked if he could attend the congressional meetings in Washington DC. Mr. Sweeney said there is nothing that says you cannot show up on the same date, time, and hotel, but only the ACOG Officers are being officially coordinated. Other Directors can sit in at the meetings, but remember that Mr. Sweeney would have to know if they are going to be present so that he can accommodate them. When he contacts the Congressional Delegation, he must tell them the names and number of people with whom they will be meeting due to security. Director Hoffman asked how long the visits last. Mr. Sweeney said that is usually subject to variations – typically 30 minutes or a bit longer and sometimes they only get to see staff because the Delegate must go to the House or Senate to vote. ACOG has seen everyone in DC except Representatives Stephanie Bice and Tom Cole. However, last year after returning to Oklahoma, ACOG officers and staff had the opportunity to meet a few weeks later with Tom Cole in Moore, Oklahoma, and that was a very productive meeting.

# v. Virtual Meeting with Congresswoman Stephani Bice's Staff

On December 11, ACOG staff conducted a virtual meeting with Congresswoman Stephani Bice's DC and local staff. The purpose of the meeting was to address some misconceptions about Electric Vehicles (EV) pertaining to a CNN interview with Representative Bice last week. The discussion was both frank and productive. We believe this interchange will result in a more open line of communication between ACOG and the Congresswoman on this and other important issues going forward. We emphasized the importance of using ACOG as a helpful resource for factual information on a variety of relevant topics and issues. The Congresswoman's staff stated that they look forward to receiving our 2025 Federal Priorities and to our planned visit to DC on March 11.

# vi. January Board & Policy Committee Meetings

Just a reminder again that the next Board and Policy Committee meetings are scheduled for Thursday, January 23, instead of the last Thursday of the month, January 30. We made this scheduling adjustment due to the Legislative Power Brunch (LPB) being conducted on Friday, January 31.

Director Glenn Berglan asked if ACOG gets commitments from the senators and representatives who are invited to the LPB. Mr. Sweeney said yes, some more than others, and sometimes we must reach out to their Legislative Assistants (LAs). ACOG always asks the Board members to contact their legislators, but Rachel Meinke has also prepared something that is a little more comprehensive that lists the state representatives and state senators for each member to use to invite them to the LPB. Mr. Sweeney also said to be sure to let ACOG know if they are bringing a guest.

#### 4. PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS OR DELEGATIONS

None.

#### 5. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT DOCKET

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Director Terry Arps asked for clarification on what the Regional Clearinghouse Review and Comment Report was about. Mr. Sweeney said, that as he explained at the last Board meeting, it is a state requirement that anytime there is a project or plan proposed for our region, that we provide a review to verify it complies with our goals and objectives as an organization, or in accordance with our policies and plans. It is a cursory and dated state requirement and almost means nothing now, but at one time it was supposed to have some significant impact. Most of these agencies and various cities will send ACOG information to look at and most of the time it is not impactful to ACOG, so we just verify compliance and send a letter back to that agency or city. The State needs to re-evaluate this requirement to decide if it is still worthwhile.

Director Peter Hoffman made a motion that all items under the Consent Docket be approved in one vote. Director Misty B. Mayes seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

## 6. REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS THAT MAY REQUIRE ACOG BOD ACTION

A. Consideration of the 2024 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for the Capital Area Economic Development District (CAPEDD) of Oklahoma

Sharon Astrin highlighted the information as detailed in the agenda memorandum, noting that this is the five-year update to the CEDS.

She then gave a presentation that can be viewed here: <a href="https://www.acogok.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/CEDS-Presentation-Video-2024.mp4">https://www.acogok.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/CEDS-Presentation-Video-2024.mp4</a>.

Mr. Sweeney said one of the main values of the updated CEDS, since it must go to the EDA in Austin for their acceptance, is that when any of the cities or counties or other entities in our region apply for an EDA grant, they get extra points for making sure they connect to the CEDS. It becomes the guiding document, so if they do not put information in their application about how it fulfills the goals and objectives of the CEDS, they do not get very far. Therefore, the CEDS is a very valuable document for both EDA and other types of grants that they are pursuing.

Director Glenn Berglan moved to approve the 2024 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for CAPEDD and submit the same to the U.S. EDA Austin Regional Office for final acceptance. Director Peter Hoffman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Approval of Consultant Services Contract for the Congestion Management Process (CMP) for Central Oklahoma

Jennifer Sebesta highlighted the information as detailed in the agenda memorandum. There was no discussion.

Director Matt Dukes moved to authorize the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a contract for services with Olsson as the selected consultant for the Congestion Management Process (CMP) at an amount not to exceed \$245,520 for an anticipated 12-month time frame. Director David Bennett seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Clean Cities Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Between ACOG & INCOG

Eric Pollard said ACOG and the Indian Nations Council of Governments (INCOG) intend to execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to formalize statewide Clean Cities and Communities technical assistance coverage. He highlighted the information as detailed in the agenda memorandum and referred to the map that illustrates the dividing line between the ACOG and INCOG Coalitions. He said this MOU does not provide additional funding, but it could eventually lead to greater leverage with the Department of Energy on future funding. This item was for information only.

#### D. 2025 ACOG Legislative Priorities Survey Results

Rachel Meinke gave a presentation that can be reviewed here: <a href="https://www.acogok.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/State-Legislative-Priorities-Survey-Results.pdf">https://www.acogok.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/State-Legislative-Priorities-Survey-Results.pdf</a>.

Director Mark Sharpton asked for an explanation of what was meant by "Comprehensive Tax Reform." Mr. Sweeney said we already see the bills about lowering the state income tax, or doing away with it by 2035, so you will see a flood of similar bills over the next month. The problem, as with the removal of the state grocery sales tax that they did last time, was that the cities were all having to wait to get their revenues because of the miscalculation of what was included in the term grocery. Nobody looks at the details when they do legislation down at the Capitol. So, what ACOG is saying is that we want you to take a comprehensive view, take an analytical perspective of all forms of taxation: ad valorem tax, sales tax, and state income tax, etc. Create a planned tax structure that makes sense today and 20 years from now. They do spot changes and do not think about collateral damage. Tell the legislators not to do a piecemeal approach. Mr. Sweeney said that at the City Managers luncheon last month, they talked about what an unbelievable mess they had with the grocery sales tax, because the definition of what is grocery and what is not is very complex.

Director Charlie Meadows asked for a definition of "Energy Diversification." Mr. Sweeney said that is a multi-level piece - everything including all types of energy sources, including oil and gas and taking advantage of natural gas, which is somewhat shunned, but is a valuable commodity for Oklahoma. It also includes looking at all the sources of energy, including fuel cells, taking a comprehensive view without putting all our eggs in one basket. Director Meadows asked if we are looking at the malt and salt nuclear generation. Mr. Sweeney said it does not exclude nuclear. Director Hoffman said it will contemplate everything; basically, it says in thinking of the grid as we know it now is a bad way to go about it. There are all these new technologies - let us at least think about them and see if they apply because Oklahoma is a pariah state in a lot of ways right now and could actually be the home run of the century, especially with all our natural gas supplies and pipelines already there and paid for. We could use that to attract data centers, cheap labor, a lot of space, centrally located, good laws, and legislature to approve laws. Oklahoma could go from being the bottom of the barrel to the top as the main attractor for the next multi-trillion dollar industry, which these data centers are representing for an industrial revolution. We have the chance of a lifetime. Director Hoffman wanted to compliment Ms. Meinke, Ms. Astrin, and their team for working on all this; it contemplates everything we are thinking about, but keeps us from rifle shooting and getting exclusive by the rearview mirror of living. Director Meadows said the malt and salt nuclear technology could actually fuel these data centers without needing a long distribution line of solar and wind generation, which is creating a real stir in this state right now.

Regarding the water resources priorities, Director Meadows asked for a definition of Non-Domestic Wells. John Harrington said it is an industrial or commercial well, like for irrigating crops (like marijuana crops), municipal wells; a rural water supply, etc. it is not something that a domestic household would drill.

Director Meadows asked if there is a reason we do not request an increase in REAP funding. Director Sharpton said we are lucky to have it. Mr. Sweeney said we learned from Majority Plus (consultant that we use through OARC) that the Governor wants first thing on the list to be tax reform, so he will probably receive his State Income Tax Reduction right off the bat, and they will build the budget around that. The surplus of funds is already gone and we are already \$400 million in the hole which means that any increase in funding is not likely to get through. Director Grider noted that REAP increased by 50 percent a couple of years ago and was one of those things where OML, ACOG, and others were just asking that it be maintained for a while. Mr. Sweeney said these dynamics can change, but with the new

leadership in both the House and Senate, it is a whole different ball game, and we must wait to see what they will do between now and the end of January.

Regarding if the State Income Tax Reduction passes, then they will go on the other side to gain revenue by deleting items off the sales tax exemption list. There are 13 new legislators statewide who have not heard anything we have talked about the last several years, so we will need to help them understand and educate them as to why ACOG is valuable to them and what we can do for them.

## 7. NEW BUSINESS

Chair Brian Grider asked if there was any new business to be presented. No new business was presented.

# 8. ADJOURN

There being no further business, Chair Grider	adjourned the meeting at 2:40 p.m.
ADOPTED THIS 23 <sup>rd</sup> DAY OF JANUARY 2025	).
CHAIR	SECRETARY/TREASURER

# CONSENT DOCKET



# **ATTACHMENT 5-A**



# **SUBJECT:**

# FINANCE REPORT - DECEMBER 2024 CLAIMS

# **DATE:**

**JANUARY 23, 2025** 

# FROM:

# DEBORAH COOK, CPA

Finance Director

# **INFORMATION:**

In accordance with the ACOG claims list process, December claims were paid biweekly during the applicable month. A copy of the <u>December claims</u> for payment is included for ratification. The December cash status report is also included for information.

# **ACTION REQUESTED:**

Motion to ratify payment of all claims paid during the month of December 2024.

# In accordance with the revised claims process, this list of claims paid in December 2024 is offered for the Board of Directors to ratify.

Aldosarry, Rayyan (Mileage - 911)	480.00
AT&T Mobility (Telephone)	82.46
Chase Card Services (Supplies, Development)	12,543.41 Paid on-line
Choate, Jeff (Mileage 911)	174.20
Crescent, City of  (REAP Grant ED1-2024-3)	117,417.29
DesignTunnel (Videographer)	4,587.50
Electradigital (Internet - 911 \$9.00)	1,701.91
First Choice Coffee Service (Supplies)	231.33
Frick, David (Travel)	76.91
Gatehouse Media OK Holdings, Inc  (Public Notice)	157.80
go hosted (Telephone)	1,102.81

# December 2024 Claims (Cont.)

Harrington, John (Travel)	206.36
Impressions Printing (Printing)	126.82
Jimenez, Jose (Mileage)	810.65
Kimley-Horn and Associates (Subcontract)	5,200.00
Management and Enterprise Services (Internet)	294.00
Mudd Print & Promo (Printing - LPB)	210.00
NADO (Development)	3,000.00
NENA (Membership - 911)	1,650.00
Nuso, LLC (Telephone)	369.38
Oklahoma County Public Building Authority  (Office Rent)	21,951.63
Oklahoma Environmental Management Authority (Fleet Grant Conversion)	269,419.00
Peak Uptime (Repairs & Maintenance)	1,665.21

# December 2024 Claims (Cont.)

Pendergraft, Art  (Consultant - UPWP)	5,833.00
Penna, Giovanni (Travel - 911)	480.00
Peter S White, P.C.  (Legal - 911 \$525.00)	1,575.00
Phillips, Rachel (Travel - 911)	480.00
Pollard, Eric (Mileage)	4.56
R.K. Black (Shredding)	75.00
ROK Global Applications Group, LLC  (Hosting - 911 \$1,398.26)	3,920.00
Scott Rice (Furniture)	1,878.15
Scout Benefits Group LLC  (FSA Benefits Administration)(2 mo)	150.00
Smedlund, Julie (Mileage)	19.10
Southwest Region Economic Development Association (Membership Dues)	250.00
Sweeney, Mark W (Travel)	53.60

December 2024 Claims (Cont.)	
Thompson Information Services	528.00
(Publications & Subscriptions)	
Total Compliance Connection, LLC	850.00
(HR Consultant)	
Verizon Wireless	174.12
(Telephone, Internet)	
TOTAL DECEMBER 2024 CLAIMS	\$ 459,729.20
APPROVED THIS 23 <sup>rd</sup> DAY OF JANUARY 2025.	
CHAIR	SECRETARY/TREASURER

# ACOG CASH STATUS REPORT

# FOR THE MONTH ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

	CHASE OPERATING			CHASE SAVINGS		CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT		TOTAL
Beginning Balance								
December 1, 2024								
Cash	\$ 3	3,099,051.13	\$71	377.57	\$	563,947.43	(	3,734,376.13
Petty Cash		44.21						44.21
Total Beginning Balance	_\$3	3,099,095.34	\$71	377.57	\$	563,947.43	_\$3	3,734,420.34
Cash Receipts								
Grants & Contracts	\$	83,481.26	\$	-	\$	-		83,481.26
Memberships		-		-		-		-
Transfers of Funds-		-		-		-		-
Interest/Dividend Earned		-		1.23		-		1.23
Miscellaneous-		250.00		-		-		250.00
Petty Cash - Reimbursement								
Total Cash Receipts	\$	83,731.26	\$	1.23	\$	-	_\$_	83,732.49
Cash Disbursements								
Personnel Cost	\$	246,268.27	\$	_	\$	-		246,268.27
(detail next page)		-		_		-		-
Bank Service Charges		-		-		-		-
Investment Sweep Fee		-		_		_		-
Transfer of Funds		-		_		-		-
Claims Expenditures:		459,729.20		_		-		459,729.20
(detail next page)		-		-		-		-
Miscellaneous		-		_		_		-
Petty Cash				-				
Total Cash Disbursements	\$	705,997.47	\$		\$		\$	705,997.47
December 31, 2024								
Cash	\$ 2	2,476,784.92	\$71.	378.80	\$	563,947.43	\$3	3,112,111.15
Petty Cash		44.21				<u> </u>		44.21
Total Ending Balance	\$ 2	2,476,829.13	\$71	378.80	\$	563,947.43	\$3	3,112,155.36

# **SCHEDULE OF GENERAL OPERATING EXPENSES**

# FOR THE MONTH ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

Salaries	149,403.38
Payroll Taxes	66,423.46
Payroll Processing Fees	1,057.61
Group Health & Life Insurance	25,491.80
Pension Contribution & Expense	1,625.00
EBC Flex Plan Contributions	2,157.86
United Way Contributions	109.16

# Total Operating Personnel Expenditures

246,268.27

Claims	<b>Expenditures:</b>
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Ciairiis Experiorures.	
Accounting and Auditing	-
Contract Personnel	-
Copiers	-
Credit Card	12,543.41
Development and Recruitment	-
Equipment & Furniture	3,543.36
Equipment Rental	-
Insurance	-
Internet Service	6,035.94
Legal	1,575.00
Maintenance & Repair - Equipment	-
Maintenance & Repair - Software	-
Mileage	601.06
Miscellaneous	-
Office Cleaning	-
Office Rent	21,951.63
Office Leasehold Improvements	-
Penalties	-
Postage	-
Printing	126.82
Professional Dues	4,900.00
Projects -911	-
Projects -CMAQ	269,419.00
Projects - UPWP	-
Projects-NonAttainment Studies Cost	-
Projects - REAP	117,417.29
Projects - Traffic Counts	-
Projects - Legislative Brunch	4,797.50
Public Education -	-
Public Notice/Advertising	157.80
Publications & Subscriptions	528.00
Sect 125 Plan Administation	150.00
Subcontracts/Consultants	11,883.00
Supplies	306.33
Supplies - Software	-
Telephone	1,608.74
Temporary Labor	-
Travel	2,184.32
Vehicle Expense	

**Total Claims Expenditures:** 

\$ 459,729.20

# **ATTACHMENT 5-B**



# **SUBJECT:**

# REGIONAL CLEARINGHOUSE REVIEW AND COMMENT REPORT

# **DATE:**

**JANUARY 23, 2025** 

# **FROM:**

# JOHN HARRINGTON

Water Resources Director

# **INFORMATION:**

The following project was reviewed through the Clearinghouse Review Process by staff during the past month. A final comment letter has been submitted to the applicant and can be viewed on the next page.

**Agency Applicant:** Oklahoma City Planning Department

Project Location: Oklahoma City

Date Reviewed: December 27, 2024

Project Review Request: ID#L272401 - OKC EPA EJG2G Grant Submission

# **ACTION REQUESTED:**

Motion to concur with staff assessment of the submitted project.

# ASSOCIATION OF CENTRAL OKLAHOMA GOVERNMENTS

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4205 N. Lincoln Blvd. | Oklahoma City, OK 73105 | 405.234.2264 | acogok.org

December 27, 2024

Amanda Alewine, EDFP Senior Brownfields Planner Oklahoma City Planning Department 420 W. Main, 9th Floor Oklahoma City, OK 73102

RE: ID#L272401 - OKC EPA EJG2G Grant Submission

OKLAHOMA CITY

Dear Ms. Alewine:

The Association of Central Oklahoma Governments has completed its Regional Clearinghouse Review of the above referenced proposals recently submitted by your office. The proposed project is consistent with ACOG area-wide goals and objectives.

Please notify this office of any subsequent modifications, supplements, or amendments to this proposal if such occurs. At that point we will conduct an additional regional review of the modified proposal as necessary.

You are also requested to notify this office of the official action taken on this proposal by the agency from which you are requesting assistance.

Please be advised that this letter only intends to assist you in the process of your application. No commitment of funds for your proposal from any funding source is intended or implied.

Please include the ID number listed above for any future communication regarding this proposal. We appreciate this opportunity for review and comment on your proposal.

Sincerely,

Mark W. Sweeney

Mark W. Sweeney, AICP Executive Director

# **ATTACHMENT 5-C**



# **SUBJECT:**

# ACOG METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION POLICY COMMITTEE (MPO PC) REPORT

# DATE:

**JANUARY 23, 2025** 

# FROM:

# JOHN SHARP

**Deputy Director** 

# **INFORMATION:**

Requesting endorsement of the following regular agenda action items that are included in the ACOG MPO PC agenda as Items D-1 and D-2, if approved by the ACOG MPO PC:

- D-1 Amendment to the FFY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program: Jennifer Sebesta, Transportation Planning Services (TPS) Division Manager *Action requested.*
- D-2 Amendment to the FY 2025 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP): Jennifer Sebesta, TPS Division Manager *Action requested.*

# **ACTION REQUESTED:**

Motion to endorse ACOG MPO Policy Committee (PC) approval of action items D-1 and D-2, which are included in the January 23, 2025, ACOG MPO PC agenda and anticipated to be approved by the Committee.

# **ATTACHMENT 5-D**



# **SUBJECT:**

# EXTENSION REQUEST FOR RURAL ECONOMIC ACTION PLAN (REAP) GRANT - TOWN OF LANGSTON

# **DATE:**

**JANUARY 23, 2025** 

# **FROM:**

# **SHARON ASTRIN**

Community & Economic Development Manager

# **INFORMATION:**

The Town of Langston was awarded REAP Grant #T4-2023-4 in the amount of \$150,000 in May 2023 for road repairs. On April 19, 2024, they requested a ninety (90) day extension due to delays in the project. In September 2024, they requested an additional extension due to further delays in the drainage improvement and allocation of funds.

Today, they are requesting a third extension to utilize the remaining funds to repair potholes, drop-offs, washouts, and depressions throughout the town.

This extension would be set to last 90 days from approval, until Wednesday, April 23, 2025. ACOG staff concurs with this extension.

# **ACTION REQUESTED:**

Motion to approve a REAP Grant Extension of 90 days to the Town of Langston.



Home of the WM Conrad Veterans Memorial Gardens

Michael Boyles, Mayor Magnus Scott, Trustee Misty B. Mayes, Trustee Raymond Johnson, Clerk-Treasurer

December 17, 2024

Ms. Maria DeLoera
CED Planner 1
Community and Economic Development
Association of Central Oklahoma Governments
4205 North Lincoln Blvd.
Oklahoma City, OK 73105

Dear Ms. Deloera,

On behalf of the Mayor and Trustee Board of the Town of Langston, I am writing this letter to request a 90- day contract extension to REAP T4-2023-4, a street repair project in the Town of Langston.

The Langston board appreciates ACOG's understanding of the many challenges encountered with this project. Your consideration regarding this request for extension is another testament to your desire to help our community. Along with this request for more time to complete the project, the board thanks you for your recent decision to allow a project Change of Scope.

Due to many contributing factors, the town found itself unable to complete the original plan. Originally the board voted to re-pave three streets within the town. Your permission to amend the plans allows us the ability to utilize remaining funds for the repair of pot-holes, drop-offs, wash-outs and depressions on various streets throughout the town, thus making overall street travel in Langston less hazardous.

Maria, thank you for your patience as I commit to implementing a much better reporting and accounting process and thanks to ACOG's governing board for any consideration given to this request for a 90-day extension to REAP T4-2023-4.

Sincerely,

Raymond Johnson

Clerk-Treasurer / LPWA Secretary

Raymond Johnson

222 N. Tolson Blvd. P.O. Box 1256 Langston, OK 73050 (405) 466-2271 (405) 466-9703 fax

# **ATTACHMENT 5-E**



# **SUBJECT:**

# EXTENSION REQUEST FOR RURAL ECONOMIC ACTION PLAN (REAP) GRANT - TOWN OF LUTHER

# **DATE:**

JANUARY 23, 2025

# FROM:

## SHARON ASTRIN

Community & Economic Development Manager

# **INFORMATION:**

The Town of Luther was awarded REAP Grant #E10-2023-10 in the amount of \$208,550 in February 2023 for the construction of a public building/workshop. On January 18, 2024, they requested a ninety (90) day extension due to a delay in receiving the architectural plans from Myers Engineering. On May 30, 2024, they requested an additional extension because they had terminated the original contract and planned to re-bid the project.

On August 29, 2025, the Town of Luther requested an extension due to delays in the architectural phase of the project. The project was contracted to Cimarron Valley Engineering for completion. While construction was expected to be finished by December 28, 2024, additional delays in acquiring necessary materials caused setbacks in both laying the foundation and constructing the building's frame.

Today, the Town of Luther has submitted a request for another extension, proposing a new completion date of February 28, 2025. ACOG staff has agreed to approve a final extension until Wednesday, April 23, 2025, providing sufficient time for project completion. The extension is contingent upon the CED Department receiving weekly progress updates from the Town of Luther.

# **ACTION REQUESTED:**

Motion to approve a REAP Grant Extension of 90 days to the Town of Luther, contingent on receipt of weekly progress updates from the Town of Luther.



TOWN OF LUTHER 108 S MAIN, PO BOX LUTHER, OK 73054 405-277-3833 www.townoflutherok.com

Dec. 9, 2024

Association of Central Oklahoma Governments 4205 N Lincoln Blvd. Oklahoma City, OK 73105

Re: Grant contract #E10-2023-10 - Town of Luther / Shop Building

Dear Sirs,

The Town of Luther has experienced additional delays in the actual construction phase of our Public Works project. A determination was made that a specific fill was needed for the foundation. Delays in acquiring the necessary materials have created a domino effect for the construction of the framing of the building. The fill material issue is resolved but it is unlikely that construction will be complete by our target date of 20 December 2024.

I am therefore respectfully requesting a further extension to 28 February 2025 in consideration of OK weather conditions, to allow for completion of the project.

This shop/shelter is an essential need for the Town and the Luther Public Works Authority as the Town continues to grow.

Thank you for your consideration in extending our grant timeline. I look forward to hearing from you on this issue.

**Best Regards** 

Wm. Terry Arps, Town Mayor

# REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS THAT MAY REQUIRE ACOG BOD ACTION

# **ATTACHMENT 6-A**



# **SUBJECT:**

# CONSIDERATION OF THE ACOG REGIONAL AIR QUALITY PLAN (RAQP)

# DATE:

**JANUARY 23, 2025** 

# FROM:

## **ERIC POLLARD**

Air Quality & Clean Cities Manager

# **INFORMATION:**

As a follow-up to the 2022 Cost of Nonattainment Study and decades of air quality planning, ACOG, working with selected consultants Reagan Smith and MHT Consulting, have developed a Regional Air Quality Plan. This endeavor provides for the first time a strategic roadmap of how Central Oklahoma can remain in-attainment with the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS).

The proposed Plan is one of the recommended actions that addresses the ACOG Board's 2022 Air Quality Regional Vision Statement: "Continue to lead the effort to maintain the OKC Metropolitan area in attainment of EPA's NAAQS, which includes ozone, particulate matter (PM) standards, and support regional approaches to greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) reduction strategies."

The RAQP is designed to help the region:

- Reduce pollution levels and improve outdoor ambient air quality within the eightcounty Oklahoma MSA and Oklahoma City-Shawnee CSA
- Reduce emissions from within the region
- Mitigate the health, environmental, economic, and social impacts of regional air pollution

With this plan, ACOG members and stakeholders will better understand current air quality status and sources of emissions, understand what other regions are doing to improve air quality, identify private sector emissions reduction strategies, further establish transportation sector emissions reduction plans, explore policy and funding opportunities, prioritize equity considerations and environmental justice, as well as air quality improvement action and implementation items for ACOG members and staff.

This Plan was funded using \$169,000 of Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) planning funds through the ACOG MPO.

Please review the <u>RAQP Guide</u> and <u>Executive Summary</u>. Representatives of Reagan Smith will be present at the Board meeting to make a brief presentation and to answer questions.

# **ACTION REQUESTED:**

Motion to approve the proposed ACOG Regional Air Quality Plan.