

PANHANDLE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 30, 2026

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission was held at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 30, 2026. This meeting was held in a hybrid format via video conference, pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.127, with more than three counties in the State of Texas represented on the Board. Board members and individuals from the public who desired to attend in person attended the meeting at 415 S.W. 8th Ave., Amarillo, Potter County, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

- Pat Sims, Mayor, City of Dumas
- Ronae Bunn, Citizen Representative, City of Borger
- Rank Cogdell, Briscoe County Judge
- Dr. John Howard, Donley County Judge
- Dan Looten, Carson County Judge
- Cole Stanley, Mayor, City of Amarillo
- Nancy Tanner, Potter County Judge
- Ronnie Gordon, Hartley County Judge
- Kimberly Jones, Childress County Judge
- Tobe Shields, Mayor, City of Spearman
- Kerry Symons, Mayor, City of Perryton
- Aldo Gallegos, Citizens Representative, City of Cactus
- Lt. Armando Renteria, Citizen Representative, City of Pampa
- Shawn Ballew, Oldham County Judge
- Michael Clawson, Swisher County Judge
- Eddie Edwards, Canadian River Municipal Water Authority
- Phillip Self, Greenbelt Municipal & Industrial Waste Authority
- Chalone Hefley, Wheeler County Judge

MEMBERS ABSENT:

- Isabel "Izzy" Carrasco, Parmer County Judge
- Daniel Jackson, Citizen Representative, City of Dimmitt
- Greg Lewellen, Mayor, City of Friona
- Sal Rivera, Sheriff, Castro County
- Christy Dyer, Randall County Judge
- Mitchell Locke, Roberts County Judge
- Oscar Ostos, Citizen Representative, City of Amarillo
- Juan Cantu, Lipscomb County Commissioner

STAFF PRESENT: Mr. Michael Peters, Executive Director; Mr. Trent Taylor, Finance Director; Mr. Alex Guerrero, Local Government Services Director; Mr. Jarian Fred, Local Government Services Manager; Mr. Mark Barons, Local Government Services Program Specialist; Ms. Lori Gunn, Regional Government Services Director; Mr. Shane Brown, Regional Emergency Communications & Preparedness Program Manager; Ms. Katrena Volden, Regional Government Services Program Specialist; Ms. Abby Sanders, Regional Emergency Management Planning Program Coordinator; Mr. John Schaumburg, Regional 9.1.1 Director; Ms. Khasi Campos, Regional 9.1.1 Network Administrative Assistant; Mr. Marin Rivas, Workforce Development Director; Ms. Heather Reid, Workforce Development Contract/Accounting Manager; Ms. Debra King, Area Agency on Aging Director; Ms. Melissa Whitaker, Executive Assistant.

OTHERS PRESENT: Mr. Blake Vineyard, West Texas Deputy Director for Senator Ted Cruz; Mr. Luke Jones, City of Amarillo Intelligence Liaison; Captain Adam St. Clair, Texas Department of Public Safety.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Pat Sims called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. and noted that a quorum was present.

2. **INVOCATION**

Mr. Eddie Edwards gave the invocation.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comments were made.

4. **MINUTES**

Mayor Kerry Symons motioned to accept the minutes from the Board of Directors meeting held on March 19, 2026. Judge Dan Looten seconded the motion; the motion carried by unanimous vote.

5. **PLANNING & SERVICE AREA 5 MEMBERSHIP MEETING – PRPC BOARD MEMBER**

Mr. Mike Peters informed the Board of Directors that a vacancy currently exists on the Board of Directors of the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission (PRPC) from Planning and Service Area (PSA) 5. Wheeler County Judge Pat McDowell had held the seat, but sadly, he resigned from the Board on April 6th. The Planning Commission Bylaws call for this vacancy to be filled by an election of the members of the Planning and Service Area. The seat must be filled by a local elected official (city or county) from Childress, Collingsworth, Donley, Gray, Hall, and Wheeler Counties. These seats are normally filled on a three-year rotating basis at the PRPC Annual Meeting. However, given the unexpired term, it is important to ensure that PSA 5 is fully represented on the PRPC Board of Directors. Local government officials from PSA 5 have been notified of this election of a new PRPC Board Member. Under this agenda item, an election will be established for PRPC Board Members and representatives of the local governments in PSA 5 to meet independently to select a new Board Member from the service area. At the conclusion of the breakout session, the PSA 5 membership shall present the new Board Member to the PRPC Board of Directors.

Judge Dan Looten motioned for the Board of Directors to recognize the new PSA 5 PRPC Board of Directors member brought forth by the PSA 5 membership. Mayor Kerry Symons seconded the motion; the motion carried by unanimous vote.

6. **PRESENTATION DISCUSSION OF THE NEW NORTHWEST TEXAS JOINT OPERATIONS AND INFORMATION CENTER (N-JOIC) INITIATIVE**

Mr. Mike Peters informed the Board of Directors that Mr. Luke Jones from the City of Amarillo will provide an overview and summary of a new initiative within the Northwest Texas Joint Operations and Information Center (N-JOIC) Regional Threat Monitoring & Coordination Framework. The N-JOIC is a first-of-its-kind regional hub to strengthen threat monitoring, critical infrastructure (CI) protection, and multi-agency coordination across the DPS Northwest Region (Panhandle top 26 counties/Amarillo focus, Lubbock, Abilene, potentially San Angelo). Unlike other parts of Texas, this large region receives no meaningful coverage from any state fusion center, leaving communities, infrastructure, and economies "on our own" amid escalating threats from cartels, asymmetric attacks, espionage, cyber APTs, agriterrorism, and insider risks—exposing over \$300 billion in economic assets. The pilot for this program will be the Panhandle JOIC (P-JOIC), which will cover the top 26 counties, and will initially be nested with the Amarillo Regional Crime Center (ARCC).

This is an informational item. No recommendation at this time.

7. **PRPC VOUCHERS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2026**

Mr. Trent Taylor informed the Board of Directors that the PRPC vouchers serve as tangible evidence of financial transactions, allowing review of all expenditures. This transparency builds trust and acts as a deterrent against fraudulent activities within our organization by requiring supporting documentation for every expenditure. March Vouchers total \$2,974,017.05

Judge Ronnie Gordon motioned for the Board of Directors to approve the voucher for the month of March 2026. Judge Nancy Tanner seconded the motion; the motion passed by unanimous vote.

8. **PRPC INVESTMENT FUNDS QUARTERLY REPORT**

Mr. Trent Taylor informed the Board of Directors that, pursuant to the Public Funds Investment Act, which was passed by the Texas Legislature in 1987 and amended in 1995 and 1997, PRPC adopted written investment policies on April 27, 2023, for funds under our control.

	Balance@ 12/31/2025	Balance@ 3/31/2026	30-day Ave. Rate
PRPC's Money Market Fund	\$3,370	\$303,395	1.700%
9-1-1's Money Market Fund	274,956	395	1.870%
Total MMIA Funds	\$278,326	\$303,790	
Other Investments			
Texas Class	\$3,048,647	\$3,082,254	3.776%
Texas Class Government	1,047,661	1,058,468	3.543%
LOGIC	1,468,113	1,481,982	3.788%
Total Invested Funds	\$5,842,747	\$5,926,494	

The book value and the market value were the same for each fund listed above. The investment portfolio complied with the Public Funds Investment Act and the PRPC Investment Policies.

Mr. Phillip Self motioned for the Board of Directors to accept this report as submitted. Mayor Cole Stanley seconded the motion; the motion carried by unanimous vote.

9. **PRPC PERSONNEL POLICIES**

Mr. Michael Peters informed the Board of Directors that the PRPC Personnel Policies were last updated on September 23, 2021. We have made many revisions to update the document. The policies are continually improving and will be revised as the situation arises. The final document was emailed with the meeting notice, and a copy can be found at your table. We greatly appreciate Judges Tanner, Dyer, and Locke for taking time out of their schedule to review this document. They have provided valuable oversight and made many improvements. With the subcommittee's recommendation, we would like to submit the entire document to the PRPC Board for formal approval and adoption.

Judge John Howard motioned for the PRPC Board of Directors to approve the revised Personnel Policies. Mr. Eddie Edwards seconded the motion; the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

10. **REGIONAL 9-1-1 FY2026-Q2 QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE REPORT**

Mr. John Schaumburg informed the Board of Directors that, as stipulated in the agreement between the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission and the Commission on State Emergency Communications (CSEC), the Panhandle 9-1-1 Network must establish and accomplish certain goals and objectives. In order to check progress throughout the year, we are required to submit to CSEC a quarterly performance report that includes 9-1-1 call volumes, monitoring results, network outage reports, system testing, and the status of equipment replacement. The following items make up the key points of the FY26 Q2 performance report covering December, January, and February.

- There were 19,514 9-1-1 calls received from the 21 regional call centers, with 16,454 being wireless (84.32 percent).
- Staff monitored Public Service Answering Points (PSAPs) 14 times with no findings.
- PSAP staff and PRPC staff performed 1,880 Network test calls.
- There were 7 outages during this quarter.
- The region received 2,162 text messages during this period, with the vast majority as test texts.

Judge John Howard motioned for the PRPC Board of Directors to approve the FY26 Q2 Performance Report as submitted, covering the months of December, January, and February. Ms. Ronae Bunn seconded the motion; the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

11. REGIONAL 9-1-1 ESInet RENEWAL EXTENSION

Mr. John Schaumburg informed the Board of Directors that the Panhandle Regional 9-1-1 Network transitioned to an Emergency Services Internet Protocol Network (ESInet) in 2021. The ESInet is a managed IP-based network designed to route emergency traffic digitally and serves as the primary backbone of a Next Generation 9-1-1 Network. In essence, a 9-1-1 call leaves the caller's handset, the call is presented to the ESInet, the ESInet determines the caller's location, and then the ESInet routes the call to the appropriate region and public safety answering point. The Commission on State Emergency Communications (CSEC) has provided AT&T with population numbers to determine the pricing throughout the region. The Texas Department of Information Resources (DIR) state contract #DIR-TELE-CTSA-002 outlines pricing guidelines through a cooperative purchasing agreement, resulting in a \$24,638.21 monthly recurring cost (\$1,478,292.60/sixty-month total). This is a slight reduction in the previous MRC due to population and rate changes. This contract was initially approved for two years at the last meeting, but DIR requires a five-year commitment for the ESInet contract.

Mayor Kerry Symons motioned for the PRPC Board of Directors to authorize the Executive Director to enter into a DIR contract with AT&T for 5 years, not to exceed \$24,638.21 MRC, totaling \$1,478,292.60 over the five-year life of the contract. Judge Ronnie Gordon seconded the motion; the motion carried by unanimous vote.

12. REGIONAL 9-1-1 STAGE ONE BUDGET REQUEST

Mr. John Schaumburg informed the Board of Directors that the Panhandle Regional 9-1-1 Network is starting the strategic planning process for fiscal years 2028 and 2029. The Commission on State Emergency Communications (CSEC) requires PRPC to submit a Stage One Budget, which estimates the cost of the upcoming biennium and the exception requests required to accommodate the budget. The Panhandle Regional 9-1-1 Network is funded by the \$0.50 dedicated tax on every phone line within the region, known as the base service fee. Due to the rural nature of Texas and the increased cost to accommodate the large geographic area, the state charges a \$0.06 surcharge on all phones throughout the state. A portion of that surcharge assists in funding rural areas to keep 9-1-1 functional. Each Council of Government must submit exception requests to access the surcharge funding.

- **FY28: \$2,157,719 Total**
\$1,024,890 Base Service Fee
\$1,132,829 Exceptions Request
- **FY29: \$2,607,139 Total**
\$960,857 Base Service Fee
\$1,646,282 Exception Request

There are no equipment projects taking place in FY28, but there will be front-room call handling equipment, recorders, and GIS equipment to be purchased in FY29.

Judge Dan Looten motioned for the Board of Directors to authorize the Executive Director to submit the Stage One Budget request for FY28 and FY29. Mayor Kerry Symons seconded the motion; the motion carried by unanimous vote.

13. REGIONAL SERVICES – REGIONAL RECYCLABLE MATERIAL MARKETING PANHANDLE ENVIRONMENTAL PARTNERSHIP (PEP) CONTRACT RENEWALS

Ms. Lori Gunn informed the Board of Directors that the PRPC's Panhandle Environmental Partnership (PEP) works with member cities to facilitate transportation and marketing of recyclable materials. By doing so, member cities can spend as little staff time and energy as possible on recycling and devote more time to other necessary duties. By combining the member cities into the PEP, we can conduct marketing negotiations as a larger, combined entity with greater bargaining power. At the inception of recycling programs in the region, it was difficult to sustain local programs because transportation to the rural communities of the Panhandle was hard to facilitate, and dealing directly with recycling mills took a lot of staff time. Many recycling companies came and went during these early years. The PRPC staff worked diligently

to find a company to accept materials being collected and baled by local governments. In 1998, CTRA entered into an agreement with the PEP to handle transportation and marketing for recycled materials from local programs in the Panhandle. For many years, the PEP has contracted with CTRA (Cooperative Teamwork & Recycling Assistance) to negotiate fees with transport companies as well as market prices for recycling materials. In 2020, CTRA became Keep Texas Recycling or KTR, operating under Keep Texas Beautiful. Since the inception of CTRA/KTR, our member agencies have been able to keep costs limited to 10% of the total material payment amount for each load. KTR is raising the price from 10% to 12%. We are locked in for three years at this amount. It is time to renew the agreement with the KTR to continue services to the PRPC and its PEP member cities. The PEP currently has 17 member cities with full-functioning recycling centers. OCC (Old Corrugated Cardboard) is the most recycled commodity in the region, followed by newspaper, SOW (Sorted Office Waste), plastics, and other papers.

Mayor Cole Stanley motioned for the Board of Directors to consider the approval of the renewal of the KTR Agreement and authorize the Executive Director to execute Interlocal Agreements with the PEP members. Judge Nancy Tanner seconded the motion; the motion carried by unanimous vote.

14. REGIONAL SERVICES FY2027 REGIONAL CRIMINAL JUSTICE GRANT PRIORITIZATION APPROVAL

Ms. Katrena Volden informed the Board of Directors that each year, the Office of the Governor's Public Safety Office (PSO) contracts with the PRPC to facilitate the distribution of the following Criminal Justice Assistance grant funds:

- **JAG (Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program)**
 - US Congressionally Appropriated through the US Department of Justice; and
- **JJYD – (Juvenile Justice & Youth Diversion)**
 - Texas State 421 Funds; and
- **VOCA – (Victims of Crime Act of 1984 & 2005)**
 - US Congressionally Appropriated; and
- **VAWA – (Violence Against Women Act of 2005)**
 - US Congressionally Appropriated

In October 2025, the CJAC met to review, discuss, and amend its bylaws to begin the FY 2027 grant-making process. In December of 2025, the Public Safety Office (PSO) of the Governor's Office solicited applications for criminal justice projects during the state fiscal year 2027 grant cycle. On December 17th, PRPC staff distributed a Notice of Fund Availability to 497 eligible entities in the Panhandle Region. Workshops were on January 6th and 8th, 2026, to assist applicants with their application composition and submission. A make-up workshop was also held on January 30th, 2026. There were 40 attendees combined between the workshops. PSO set the application deadline on February 13th, 2026. PSO received seven grant applications under the JAG and one grant application under the JJ category from the Panhandle Region. There were no applications received under the YD category. JJYD has one application, but it is broken into two categories by the PSO. The CJAC met on March 26th, 2026, to hear oral presentations and prioritize applications under the JJYD and JAG categories. PSO received eight grant applications under the VOCA and one grant application under the VAWA category. The CJAC met on April 7th, 2026, to hear oral presentations and prioritize applications for the Victim Services categories. Since the Regional Budget Estimate (RBE) was not released until April 8th, 2026, the CJAC was unable to complete the scoring process or develop funding recommendations during its initial meetings and will reconvene on April 27th, 2026, at 1:30 PM to finalize this work. The alternative funding scenario will be based on the RBE provided by the Office of the Governor's Public Safety Office. Historically, the RBE has given the CJAC a reliable indication of the region's final allocation and has been extremely close to the actual amounts awarded. Having access to the RBE allows both the CJAC and the Board of Directors to ensure that funding decisions support projects that most effectively address service gaps across the region. JAG will require more nuanced adjustments due to the difficulty of proportionally trimming certain project types. CJAC will also determine the quality of all grant projects and make recommendations. The CJAC final funding recommendations will be provided to you at the board meeting. Final

appropriations and grant funding determinations will be made by PSO and should be announced before September 1st, 2026.

Judge Ronnie Gordon motioned for the Board of Directors to approve the CJAC's recommended FY27 Grant Prioritization List for the Juvenile Justice & Youth Diversion, Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant, Violence Against Women Act, and Victims of Crime Act applications and authorize their submission to PSO. Mr. Eddie Edwards

seconded the motion. Mr. Aldo Gallegos and Judge John Howard abstained; the motion carried with a sufficient number of votes.

15. LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES NATURAL GAS DISTRIBUTION INFRASTRUCTURE SAFETY AND MODERNIZATION GRANT PROGRAM – INTERLOCAL AGREEMENTS FOR APPLICATION DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Alex Guerrero informed the Board of Directors that the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), under the U.S. Department of Transportation, administers the Natural Gas Distribution Infrastructure Safety and Modernization (NGDISM) Grant Program. This program was established through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act and provides approximately \$200 million annually, totaling \$1 billion over five years, to support the modernization of aging natural gas infrastructure. The NGDISM program is designed to assist municipalities and community-owned utilities in repairing, rehabilitating, or replacing high-risk and leak-prone natural gas distribution systems, as well as acquiring equipment to improve safety, reduce incidents and fatalities, and prevent economic losses. Eligible applicants include city and county governments, municipal utilities, and community-owned utilities that own and operate natural gas distribution systems. Notably, there is no local match requirement associated with this funding opportunity. PRPC staff have been formally asked by the cities of McLean, Stinnett, and Sunray, as they operate municipal natural gas systems and are eligible to apply for this funding opportunity. In alignment with PRPC's long-standing practice of supporting regional communities, staff proposes entering into no-cost interlocal agreements with these communities for the purpose of grant application development. These interlocal agreements are structured to meet federal procurement requirements and to allow PRPC to provide technical assistance in preparing competitive applications at no cost to the participating communities. Should any of the applications be selected for funding, PRPC would return to the Board with a proposed amendment to each interlocal agreement to provide grant administration and project management services. These services would be funded through the grant and may include:

- Project Management
- Financial Management
- Environmental Review (as applicable)
- Procurement and Contract Administration
- Construction Oversight and Reporting
- Compliance with Federal Requirements
- Audit and Closeout Procedures

Judge Rank Cogdell motioned for the Board of Directors to authorize the Executive Director to execute no-cost Interlocal Cooperation Agreements with the above-mentioned communities for NGDISM grant application development services. Ms. Ronae Bunn seconded the motion; the motion carried by unanimous vote.

16. LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES PANHANDLE WATER PLANNING GROUP FUNDING CONTRACT WITH TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD FOR 2031 REGIONAL WATER PLANNING AND FACILITATION OF RFQ PROCESS TECHNICAL CONSULTANT PROCUREMENT

Mr. Jarian Fred informed the Board of Directors that the regional water planning process is statutorily required to be conducted by a political subdivision of the State of Texas. The neutrality and administrative capacity that the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission (PRPC) brings to this process have historically been well regarded by the cities, counties, and special districts it serves. On April 17, 1998, the PRPC Board of Directors approved an agreement with the Region A Panhandle Water Planning Group (PWPG) designating PRPC as the administrative entity for regional water planning. Since that time, PRPC Local Government Services staff have supported the development of six regional water plans completed in 2001, 2006, 2011, 2016, 2021, and 2026. Regional water planning occurs in five-year cycles and includes:

- Projecting water demands over a 50-year planning horizon
- Assessing existing water supplies
- Identifying potential shortages and future needs
- Recommending water management strategies and projects
- Coordinating with water providers, local governments, and stakeholders

This work contributes directly to the Texas State Water Plan and informs statewide water policy and funding decisions.

7th Cycle Update:

On September 24, 2025, the Region A PWPG designated PRPC as the Political Subdivision and Regional Water Planning Group (RWPG) Sponsor for the 7th cycle of planning for development of the 2031 Regional Water Plan. The following day, the PRPC Board of Directors authorized staff to continue in this role and to submit a grant application to the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) for initial planning funds. In February 2026, TWDB released planning guidelines and a Request for Applications for the 2026–2031 regional water planning cycle. PRPC, on behalf of the PWPG, applied for \$321,098 in initial Phase I funding to support early-stage planning tasks, including:

TASK		BUDGET
2A	Non-Municipal Water Demand Projections	\$49,567
2B	Population and Municipal Water Demand Projections	\$37,939
10	Public Participation and Plan Adoption*	\$233,592
TOTAL		\$321,098

* Task only partially funded. When additional appropriations become available, it is anticipated that contracts will be amended to add funds.

These funds are intended to initiate the five-year planning process. TWDB is expected to issue contracts for this funding later this summer with a short turnaround for execution. The contract is anticipated to be consistent with prior planning cycles and will establish the initial funding framework for development of the 2031 Region A Regional Water Plan, with additional funding provided through future amendments. To maintain the schedule and ensure timely progress upon contract execution, preparatory actions must occur concurrently. Specifically, PRPC must initiate procurement of a technical consultant to perform the required planning tasks. This will be accomplished through a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) process conducted on behalf of the Region A PWPG, and early authorization to proceed with this process will allow staff to align procurement timelines with TWDB contract execution and avoid delays in the planning schedule.

Judge Rank Cogdell motioned for the Board of Directors to authorize the Executive Director to execute a contract with the Texas Water Development Board for Phase I funding for development of the 2031 Panhandle Regional Water Plan; and authorize PRPC staff to initiate and facilitate the RFQ process to procure a technical consultant on behalf of the Region A Panhandle Water Planning Group. Judge Nancy Tanner seconded the motion; the motion carried by unanimous vote.

17. AREA AGENCY ON AGING ADVISORY COUNCIL APPOINTMENT

Ms. Debra King informed the Board of Directors that, according to the Administrative Regulation #38, the membership in the Aging Advisory Council shall consist of no more than 18 members with representation from the following groups: low-income elderly, minority elderly, participant elderly, sixty-plus individuals, service providers, elected official or their staff representation, disabled, and the general public. The regulation further requires the PRPC Board of Directors to appoint all council members. The members serve an initial three-year term with the option to renew for one additional three-year term at their discretion and at the approval of the council. The following are the current advisory council members.

Judge Nancy Tanner motioned for the Board of Directors to approve the above appointments and renewals to the Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council. Mayor Kerry Symons seconded the motion; the motion carried by unanimous vote.

18. PRPC BOARD MEMBER RECOGNITION

Mr. Mike Peters noted that the Board of Directors of the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission has long benefited from the dedicated service of individuals who have

devoted countless years to providing exemplary leadership to the organization, their communities, their cities and counties, and the State of Texas. It is with deep gratitude that we recognize one such individual who has served on the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission Board of Directors for a total of 31 years. Judge Ronnie Gordon joined the PRPC Board in 1995. During his tenure, he has made significant contributions to numerous committees and initiatives of the Planning Commission. He served as the Vice Chair in 1999 and Chairman in 2000. On behalf of the PRPC staff and membership, we extend our heartfelt appreciation to Judge Ronnie Gordon for his steadfast commitment, visionary leadership, and tireless efforts to enhance the quality of life for residents throughout the Texas Panhandle. In recognition of his distinguished service, we are pleased to present him with a token of our gratitude.

Information item only, no action necessary.

19. OPEN DISCUSSION

20. MISCELLANEOUS NON-ACTION INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Comments from the Executive Director. Thank you for your attendance and continued support of the Planning Commission. We will be holding two elections next month. The first election will be to fill the position currently held by the irreplaceable Ronnie Gordon in Planning and Service Area 1. Judge Wes Ritchie of Dallam County has expressed a willingness to serve in this role. Planning and Service Area 1, also referred to as the Northwest Area, includes Dallam, Sherman, Hartley, Moore, and Oldham Counties. Additionally, Mayor Greg Lewellen of Friona has chosen not to seek reelection and has submitted his resignation from the Board. This will create a vacancy in Planning and Service Area 3, which serves the Southwestern Counties of Deaf Smith, Parmer, Castro, Swisher, and Briscoe. We have reached out to Mayor Cathy Bunch of Hereford, who has indicated her willingness to serve. In both instances, notices will be sent to each City Mayor and County Judge to provide an opportunity for any other interested individuals to express interest in serving on the Board. We would also like to thank the City of Borger for sponsoring this month's TML meeting. In addition, we extend our appreciation to Pat Sims and Mayor Shields for their continued service as officers for Region 2. The next Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 28. Please let us know if you have any conflicts with this date.

B. Report on the following recent Planning Commission-sponsored regional meetings:

- 03/02/2026 – AAA Program Resource Overview – Hereford Senior Center
- 03/03/2026 – AAA Senior Planet – Goodwill
- 03/04/2026 – AAA Caregiver Support Group
- 03/05/2026 – AAA Dementia Support Group
- 03/10/2026 – AAA Destination Medicare – Morning
- 03/17/2026 – LGS Safety Action Plan – Panhandle Advisory Committee (SAFE-PAC) Meeting
- 03/18/2026 – LGS Texas Panhandle Inspector Association (TPIA) Meeting
- 03/19/2026 – PRPC Board of Directors Meeting

C. Announcement of tentatively scheduled Planning Commission-sponsored regional meetings:

- 03/31/2026 – AAA Power In the Community Event
- 04/08/2026 – AAA HICAP Outreach, Lion's Club in Memphis, TX
- 04/08/2026 – LGS Panhandle Regional Organization to Maximize Public Transportation (PROMPT) Meeting
- 04/16/2026 – AAA Ochiltree Lunch & Learn – BC and Medicare Updates
- 04/16/2026 – TML Region II Meeting, Borger, TX, The Dome
- 04/23/2026 – AAA Caregiver Services Hutchinson Health and Safety Fair
- 04/30/2026 – PRPC Board of Directors Meeting

21. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:44 p.m.



Mayor Pat Sims, Chairman
Panhandle Regional Planning Commission
Board of Directors

ATTEST:



Mr. Oscar Ostos, Secretary/Treasurer
Panhandle Regional Planning Commission
Board of Directors

