

Meeting Minutes  
Board of Directors  
Grayson County Regional Mobility Authority (GCRMA)

Wednesday, June 16, 2004

The Organizational Meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by GCRMA Board Chairman Jerdy Gary. This was the first meeting of the Grayson County Regional Mobility Authority and is now in session. Chairman Gary recognized The Honorable Tim McGraw, Grayson County Judge for his welcoming comments.

I. Welcoming and Opening Remarks

County Judge Tim McGraw recognized GCRMA Board: Chairman Jerdy Gary, Ellis Olmstead, and Kent Black.

Chairman Gary : I want to Thank Judge McGraw for his comments and his charge to the Board. I am very honored to be named as the Chairman by Governor Perry and I accept his position with the full appreciation of the responsibilities involved. I am also especially pleased to have the distinct privilege of working together with two very outstanding and dedicated community leaders. Both of these gentleman have a distinguished career of voluntary service and both bring to this table superb experience and expertise that will be invaluable as we work together in laying the ground work for the early implementation of the design, engineering, construction, and operation of the new extension of Hwy 289 from SH 56 to FM 120 just north of Pottsboro. That is our challenge and our goal to complete this project as fast as possible by working together in partnership with Grayson County officials, TxDOT Officials, Texas Transportation Commission, and the Private Sector.

We have two very outstanding TxDOT officials in the audience this morning, both of which we will be working closely with in the future and at this time would like to recognize the District Engineer for the Paris District, Mr. Bobby Littlefield and the Area Engineer from Sherman, Kevin Harris. I can assure these TxDOT Officials that we are looking forward to partnering with them as well as anyone else who has an interest in seeing this road built. Our board will be discussing the TxDOT Rules in more detail at a future meeting as required by the rules to formally enter into a "Partner Agreement" with TxDOT. Any Project developed by this RMA is considered a part of the State Highway System and as such, TxDOT naturally has a strong continuing interest in the construction and design standards for the project.

Today; we commence our journey by considering action on several basic Statutory matters and in the next few meetings, we will be taking action on several other Policies and Procedures.

II. Elections of Officers

The first order of business today is to elect a Vice Chairman and Secretary/Treasurer as required by the Statutes: Entertain a motion for the position of Vice Chairman. Kent Black moved to elect Ellis Olmstead as Vice Chairman, Chairman Gary seconded. The motion carried unanimously and Ellis Olmstead was selected as the Vice Chairman. Entertain motion for the position of Secretary/Treasurer. Ellis Olmstead moved to elect Kent Black as Secretary/Treasurer, Chairman Gary seconded. The motion carried unanimously and Kent Black was selected as Secretary/Treasurer. Chairman Gary stated, since our initial Board of Directors consists of only the three of us, it makes it very difficult for the appointment of committees since two of the three of us would represent a Quorum. However; I think it is incumbent upon us as a board to commence consideration of a Draft Operating Budget and I would like for our new Secretary/Treasurer to assume this responsibility and certainly he can include other staff personnel on his committee in an advisory capacity. Judge McGraw recommended that the board appoint Commissioner

Gene Short as Interim Executive Director of the Board. Commissioner Short has been involved with the SH289 since the inception of the project and was the liaison for the Commissioners Court. Chairman, Jerdy Gary moved to elect Commissioner Short as Interim Executive Director and Kent Black seconded. The motion was unanimous.

### III. Consideration and Possible Adoption of Bylaws

Van Price, Assistant Grayson County Attorney proposed the bylaws that had been drafted. Members of the board will read and get with Van Price to make any changes and the board will discuss and adopt the bylaws at the next scheduled meeting.

### IV. Legislative Briefing

Representative Larry Phillips addressed the board congratulating each of the members on their appointment to the Grayson County Regional Mobility Authority, and offered his sincere appreciation for their willingness to serve. The letter below was written by Representative Phillips and read to the Board by Representative Phillips.

Mr. Jerdy Gary  
Chairman, Grayson County Regional Mobility Authority  
3 Ridgeway Cir.  
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Dear Chairman Gary:

I appreciate the invitation to address you at the inaugural meeting of the Grayson County Regional Mobility Authority. Unfortunately, I had to be out of town today and am sending this letter of support instead.

I congratulate each of the members on their appointment to the Grayson County Regional Mobility Authority, and offer my sincere appreciation for your willingness to serve our community in this capacity. I likewise applaud the County Judge and Commissioners for their leadership and foresight in creating the Authority. This also could not have been accomplished without local support and assistance from the Governor's office, the Transportation Commission and the Texas Department of Transportation.

The creation of the authority presents us with unique opportunities to address our transportation needs in ways that have not been traditionally available, and in a more expedient manner. Not only will this increase mobility within our local transportation system, but it will also promote economic development. I know that the Grayson County RMA will work hand-in-hand with our local and state transportation partners to meet our current and future challenges.

Again, I regret that I can not be with you today, but please contact me if I can be of any assistance to you.

Best regards,

Larry Phillips

- V. County Status Report – Commissioner Gene Short gave the history of the 289 Extension project. He described the project has a 12 mile extension of State Hwy 289 beginning at State Hwy 56 in Sherman and ending at FM 120 in Pottsboro. A resolution by Grayson County Commissioners' Court was passed in 1999 to start purchasing the right a ways to start this project. The county has setup several appointments with interested Engineering Firms, which basically are fact finding missions by them to determine where we are on the project and where we think we are going. Chairman Gary has set in two of these sessions,

not as a participant but as an observer to learn what they are all looking for. It will not be possible for two of the directors to participate being governed by the "Open Meeting Law", but Chairman Gary encourages each of the directors to join Commissioner Short and Judge McGraw at future session with one of these firms. County has contracted with an accounting firm DMJM Harris out of New Orleans for preliminary engineering for SH 289. A public hearing will need to be scheduled after the environmental study has been completed. TXDOT is in the process of doing a study on tolling.

VI. Approve Texas Transportation Commission Minute Order authorizing the creation of the Grayson County Regional Mobility Authority

Van Price, Assistant County Attorney spoke on adopting the Texas Transportation Commission Minute Order. Chairman Gary motion to adopt the Texas Transportation Commission Minute Order and Kent Black seconded. Order is entered in the record.

VII. Discussion

a. *Texas Administrative Code of Conflicts of Interest –*

Van Price discussed the code of conflicts of interest. Ellis Olmstead and Kent Black are both on the Airport Board. Van Price stated, there should be no conflict between these two boards. They just need to be aware of it when it comes to voting. Representative Larry Phillips pointed out that Ellis Olmstead's term will expire in September for the Airport board. Van Price will prepare an Interlocal agreement with Grayson County and present at next meeting since the county is initially providing both legal and administrative staff support to the RMA and will also be providing our required Surety Bonds and Public Official Coverage.

b. *Adopt TXDOT rules under which RMA operate-*

RMA Board will review the rules and will adopt at the next meeting.

c. *Indemnification of the RMA Board -*

Van Price will inquire into adding the RMA Board members to the public official liability policy.

d. *Surety Bonds –*

Van Price will be looking into Surety Bonds and report next meeting.

e. *Establish Schedule for future board meetings –*

At the present, we will schedule each meeting, the board express that we will need to meet quite often at the beginning to get the process going. The next meeting we will be discussing and considering action on the following policies and procedures:

1. Adoption of Bylaws
2. Adoption of TXDOT rules (Chapter 26)
3. Policies and procedures governing the procurement of goods and services
4. Texas Administrative Code of Conflicts
5. Surety Bonds, Liability and Indemnification of RMA Board
6. Interlocal Agreement with Grayson County
7. Preliminary budget

VIII. Open Comment Period

Francis Pelley, Director of TCOG thanked and recognized all the board members and was honored that they were leading our county and that the RMA was history in making. She gives her support and commitment from TCOG

IX. Adjourn