

STATE OF TENNESSEE



WEST TENNESSEE SEISMIC SAFETY COMMISSION

wtssc.org

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Discovery Park Museum

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Agenda

- I. CALL TO ORDER – Chair Walker
- II. WELCOME and INTRODUCTIONS – Chair Walker and Vice Chair Walls
-Host, Scott Williams, Discovery Park Museum Director
-Audience Introductions
- III. ROLL CALL AND QUORUM COUNT– Chair Walker
- IV. APPROVAL of PREVIOUS MINUTES – Chair Walker
- V. BUDGET REVIEW (Patterson): \$135,707 available

ORGANIZATION BUDGET STATUS							
Account	Type	Title	Adjusted Budget	YTD Activity	Commitments	Available Balance	
61210	L	Academic Faculty	0.00	2,018.04	0.00	0.00	-2,018.04
61610	L	Professional Support	0.00	3,768.91	0.00	0.00	-3,768.91
62990	L	Fringe Benefits Expense	0.00	2,013.84	0.00	0.00	-2,013.84
74000	E	Operating Expense Budget Pool	144,007.91	0.00	0.00	0.00	144,007.91
74470	E	Advertising Services	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
74500	E	Supplies	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
74986	E	Other Services and Expenses	0.00	500.00	0.00	0.00	-500.00
Net Total			144,007.91	8,300.79	0.00	0.00	135,707.12

-2022 appropriations (~\$60,000) have been obligated but not yet deposited.

VI. OLD BUSINESS:

A. West TN School Assessment Project Completion

1. Completed earthquake vulnerability evaluation for public schools in Tipton (18), Haywood (5), Crockett (4) and Weakley (10)
2. Cost: \$15,000 (approved 4/2019 by WTSSC). Residual funds from original grant allowed extension of study area.
3. Data being used for official disaster planning by TEMA

B. Reelfoot Lake Visitor's Center Update

The WTSSC approved \$10,000 in funds for update of earthquake displays. These efforts were precluded because of the pandemic. WTSSC staff have stayed in contact with RLVC staff and will meet to consider contribution for EQ-related outreach materials as approved on 7/20 WTSSC meeting in Dyersburg.

C. WTSSC By-Law Review

Staff and interested commissioners will work to complete this task by the spring of 2023.

D. 2022 PSA Summary

The 2022 WTSSC Shakeout PSA was produced and distributed to the media, social media, appropriate web pages. The 2021 PSA, narrated by TEMA Director, Patrick Sheehan, was modified for 2022 and editing costs were paid by CERI Education and Outreach. WTSSC incurred no charges but still received recognition, albeit a fraction of previous years.

E. 2022 Shakeout Summary

421,389 Tennesseans participated in the 2022 Shakeout; 421,389 in 2021; and over 531,000 in 2020.

VII. New Business

- A. (Staff) Staff presentation to TEMA was provided on 7/7/22 by request to discuss new state catastrophic planning for earthquakes. WTSSC and CERI data will be utilized to update existing hazard and risk data. The use of WTSSC technical data to enable state planning is a milestone for the commission. FEMA is considering funds to expand this a regional effort, but it is not clear if it will be supported.**

B. (Staff) Commission social media update

C. Travel Reimbursement

The University of Memphis now operates with new software, Chrome River, to handle travel requests and reimbursement. WTSSC staff will contact commissioners individually for registration into the system, which will require personal information.

D. (Staff) \$15,000. Recommended marketing analysis for WTSSC web page and social media with respect to WTSSC mission of preparing Tennesseans for future earthquakes and reaching a larger audience.

E. (Staff) \$25,000 WTSSC Staff Salary Recovery

The University of Memphis provides an administrative and financial framework to operate the West TN Seismic Safety Commission as mandated in the WTSSC charter. As in every year since 2006, the University requests salary recovery (not extra compensation) for WTSSC staff members:

Gary Patterson, WTSSC Executive Director	\$20,000
Kent Moran, WTSSC Program Coordinator	\$5,000

This request includes all Fringe Benefits.

F. WTSSC contact with Governor Lee’s office and Dr. Byrge, new head of TN Boards and Commissions. Seven of the eight existing WTSSC appointments made by the Governor (see below) have been confirmed . Commissioner Darnell has officially retired from state service. Dr. Byrge instructs the commission to continue work and instructs staff to contact the TN Speakers’ Chiefs of Staff to confirm existing or appoint new commissioners to fill Emergency Management (vacant), Local Govt (Commissioner Graves), Architecture (Commissioner Walker), and Business (Commissioner Bucy) slots. Commissioners are asked to suggest possible nominees. Currently there are only vacancies in Emergency Management and Local Education. The WTSSC has provided a nominee for the Emergency Management slot, but none for Education. Commissioners are encouraged to forward possible nominees for these areas to WTSSC staff for consideration by the Executive Committee.

Last Name	First Name	Appointed by	Initial App.	Discipline	Term Ends	VACANT SEATS	pending reap	Notes
Clyburn	Elaine	Governor 02/2019	8.1.10	Non-Profit Emergency	confirmed			
DeBerry	Cliff	Governor 02/2019	4.1.11	Public Utilities	confirmed			
Dubose	Thomas	Governor 02/2019	1.1.2019	Insurance	confirmed			
Bucy	John	S. Speaker	8.1.10	Business	6/30/18	****	****	pending
Medling	James	Governor 02/2019	1.1.2019	Fire Protection	confirmed			
Moore	Barry	Governor 02/2019	4.1.11	Emergency Health Services	confirmed			
Walls	Bart	Governor 02/2019	12.14.15	Engineering	confirmed			2022 Vice Chair
Horton	Steve	Governor 02/2019	4.1.11	Seismology	confirmed			
Graves	Gary	H. Speaker	10.24.11	Local Government	6/30/18	****	****	pending
Walker	Michael	H. Speaker	8.1.12	Architecture	6/30/18	****	****	pending 2019 current Chair;
Sherry	Darnell	Governor 02/2019	1.1.2019	Local Education	retired 8/2021		vacant	retired
		S. Speaker		Emergency Management			VACANT	
**** Term expired but serving until replaced								

G. March 16, 2023 Earthquake Summit

The MO EMA will sponsor the 2023 Earthquake Summit in Portageville, MO and expects up to 500 attendees for professional development. WTSSC staff are on the planning committee and will provide a presentation on recent EQ hazard mitigation efforts in West TN. WTSS Commissioners are encouraged to attend. Details on the 2022 event can be seen at https://sema.dps.mo.gov/earthquake_preparedness/summit.php Sponsorship funds have been requested by the planning committee. WTSSC staff responded that funds cannot be spent to promote out of state meetings, especially without direction from TN state agencies. However, WTSSC staff agreed to help market this event in NW TN. Interested commissioners should contact WTSSC staff if they would like to help in this effort. WTSSC budget request: \$500 in travel.

H. Emergency Management Association of TN Annual Meeting, April 18-20

WTSSC Executive Director is sponsoring a special session on recent EQ research in West TN featuring results from WTSSC and National Disaster Resilience program funded programs. The WTSSC has no cost associated with this effort. All Commissioners are encouraged to attend this event held in the Knoxville Convention Center. Budget Request: up to \$1200 for meeting registration and travel for each commissioner and 2 staff (2-4 nights). \$6000 - 12000

I. Central US Earthquake Summit (Insurance), early October 2023

WTSSC staff are on the planning committee for this event with input from WTSS Commissioner Dubose. TN Dept of Commerce and Insurance request WTSSC partnership for this event which will be held in Memphis and may be combined with the following Item J (National Earthquake Program Managers Meeting). Staff recommend motion to continue this planning with guidance from Commissioner Dubose and set aside for up to \$15,000 in meeting support/sponsorship.

- J. National Earthquake Program Managers Meeting, 2nd Week in October 2023
WTSSC staff are on the planning committee for this event at the request of TEMA Director, Patrick Sheehan. Request motion to continue discovery with up to \$2000 (3 Nashville planning meetings, 1 WTSSC staff and up to 3 Commissioners)
- K. 2023 Spring TN Legislative Luncheon (staff)
As discussed for 2 years, the WTSSC has requested UoM Govt Relations to arrange a luncheon for West TN legislative delegates during the spring session of the TN General Assembly. Request Motion for WTSSC to continue planning for this effort with a budget up to \$5,000 for event food, commission per diem and travel funds.

Total Budget Request for this period:	15,000
	25,000
	500
	12,000
	15,000
	2,000
	<u>5,000</u>
	74,500

VIII. FUTURE EFFORTS AND COMMENTS FROM THE COMMISSION

- 1. 2023 Spring Legislative Delegation Luncheon planning through UoM Govt. Relations
- 2. “Passing down the Gavel”, Chairman Walls
- 3. Vice Chair nominations and voting.

IX. Networking Lunch On Site