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**EAST TEXAS COUNCIL OF
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PRESS RELEASE

ETCOG Board Approves Budget, Elects New Officers and Committee Members

Kilgore, TX, September 26, 2011: The East Texas Council of Governments (ETCOG) Board of Directors met on September 22, 2011, at Jarvis Christian College in Wood County to approve the 2012 ETCOG Budget, elect Executive Committee officers and new committee members. The following representatives were elected as the ETCOG 2011-2012 Executive Committee Officers:

Chair - Robert Nelson, Councilman, City of Lindale
1st Vice Chair - Judge Thomas Cravey, Camp County
2nd Vice-Chair - Mayor Angela Raiborn, City of Rusk
3rd Vice-Chair - Commissioner Lloyd Crabtree, Upshur County
Secretary-Treasurer - Mayor Jeff Fratangelo, City of Jefferson

Commissioner Virgil Melton, Jr. of Van Zandt County and Judge Robert Johnston of Anderson County were elected as new members of the Executive Committee. The ETCOG Executive Committee is comprised of seventeen individuals elected from the Board of Director's membership and is responsible for carrying out the policies and programs as established by the Board of Directors, managing ETCOG funds, determining regional plans to be undertaken, authorizing contracts, and the application for grants. To see a full list of the 2011 – 2012 Executive Committee members, click [here](#). To see a copy of the approved FY 2012 Budget, click [here](#).

For more information, contact ETCOG Executive Director, David Cleveland, at 903.984.8641 x221.

About ETCOG

The East Texas Council of Governments (ETCOG) is a voluntary association of counties, cities, school districts and special districts within the fourteen-county East Texas region. ETCOG assists local governments in planning for common needs, cooperating for mutual benefit and coordinating for sound regional development. Established in 1970, ETCOG, either directly, or through its contractors, provides programs and services for East Texas seniors, employers, and job seekers. ETCOG and its contractors also build the 9-1-1 emergency call delivery system, provide peace officer training and homeland security planning services; and deliver rural transportation services, business finance programs, and environmental grant funding for the region.