

**COUNCIL OF CHIEF ELECTED OFFICIALS (CCEOs)
of Northwest Georgia**

9:30 a.m. ~ Thursday, February 19, 2015
Gordon County Agricultural Service Center - Calhoun, GA

Summary

Attendance - CCEO

CCEOs Present or Represented, County:

Steve Taylor, Bartow
 Joe Barger, Catoosa
 Jason Winters, Chattooga (proxy, Ted Rumley)
 Ted Rumley, Dade
 Donna Whitener, Fannin (proxy, Ted Rumley)
 Jamie Doss, Floyd (proxy, Buzz Wachsteter)
 Larry Maxey, Floyd
 Al Hoyle, Gilmer
 Becky Hood, Gordon (proxy, Norris Sexton)
 Jimmy Palmer, Gordon (proxy, David Hammond)
 Pete Bridges, Haralson (proxy, Ted Rumley)
 Allen Poole, Haralson
 Dan Penland, Murray
 David Austin, Paulding
 Robert Jones, Pickens (proxy, Ted Rumley)
 Dale Tuck, Polk (proxy, Ted Rumley)
 Bebe Heiskell, Walker (proxy, Ted Rumley)
 Mike Babb, Whitfield

CCEOs Not Present or Represented, County

Mitchell Bagley, Bartow
 Keith Greene, Catoosa
 Harry Harvey, Chattooga
 Anthony Emmanuel, Dade
 Bill Simonds, Fannin
 JC Sanford, Gilmer
 Brittany Pittman, Murray
 Boyd Austin, Paulding
 John Weaver, Pickens
 Billy Croker, Polk
 Teddy Harris, Walker
 Ken Gowin, Whitfield

Staff/Guests Present

Gwen Dellinger
 Lloyd Frasier
 Terri Morgan

I. Welcome. Ted Rumley

Chairman Ted Rumley called the meeting to order. It was established that a quorum was present.

II. Consent Agenda. Ted Rumley

Mr. Rumley informed the Council that a Consent Agenda had been sent containing: Minutes (November 19, 2014), Performance Report, The Conference Board Monthly Economic Watch Webcast, Dislocation Report, and Regional Job Analysis (attached). Mike Babb made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda. David Austin seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

III. WIB Actions. Gwen Dellinger

Gwen Dellinger reported that The Training Center of NW Georgia, Cartersville, has a new Patient Care Tech (PCT) program that was submitted for approval. The Patient Care Tech program is a higher level program than the Certified Nurse Aid (CNA) which is already an approved program for The Training Center of NW Georgia. The Patient Care Tech program includes training for advanced nursing skills, phlebotomy and EKG training, in addition to a CNA component. Upon successful completion, students will take a nationally certified PCT examination, leading to a credential. The credential is recognized by the National Healthcare

Association. This course is offered in both day and night classes. Starting wage is estimated at around \$14 per hour. Average number of weeks for completion is 36, with curriculum hours being 260. The total inclusive cost (including tuition, books, examination, materials, and criminal background report) is \$3,595. She stated that the WIB approved and recommended CCEO approval of the Patient Care Tech (PCT) program at The Training Center of NW Georgia. Dan Penland made the motion to accept the recommendation. Al Hoyle seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Dellinger then stated that Rome City Board of Education was allocated \$50,000 for work experience activities. To date, \$56,658 dollars has been spent. A request was received from Dwight Henderson, WIA Coordinator, Rome City Schools, for an additional \$78,000 and ten additional participant slots. Rome City Board of Education has nearly filled existing slots and are meeting or exceeding performance levels. Buzz Wachsteter noted that staff may want to do a press release to let the public know how successful the program has been and to also recruit individuals to the program. The WIB approved the request from Rome City Board of Education for an additional \$78,000 for the work experience component and for an additional ten slots and recommends CCEO approval. Buzz Wachsteter made the motion to approve. Larry Maxey seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Dellinger reported that a nomination (attached) was received from Lisa Adkisson, Regional Coordinator, Georgia Department of Labor, for Ann Bentley, OJT Recruiter, Georgia Department of Labor. The WIB approved and recommended CCEO approval of this nomination. David Austin made the motion to approve. Steve Taylor seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Dellinger informed the Council that the WIB approved, and recommended CCEO approval for, adding Sewing Machine Operator (O*Net Code: 51-6032) to the Demand Occupations list providing that the curriculum is limited to the carpet industry only, with \$10.50 minimum base wage, and a maximum of 8 weeks of training. Al Hoyle made the motion to approve this addition. Dan Penland seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. Nominations. Gwen Dellinger

Ms. Dellinger presented the following WIB nominations to the Council for approval:

- Steve Daniel, President, West Georgia Technical College, nominated Laura Gammage, Vice President Economic Development, to replace Dr. Pete Snell.
- Ron Newcomb, President, Chattahoochee Technical College, nominated Rex Bishop, Vice President Economic Development, to replace Rick Goble.

Steve Taylor made the motion to approve these nominations. David Austin seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

V. WIOA. Gwen Dellinger

Ms. Dellinger reminded those present that the new legislation would bring about changes in the composition of the WIB. New regulations have not yet been provided and the Governor may

add additional stipulations but that she felt it wise for staff to begin to work on the new composition and asked for the Council's help. One change that may perhaps be a challenge is that, according to the law, 20% of the Board must be made up of organized labor representatives, with a minimum of two. Mike Babb suggested that staff contact the teachers union, if those labor representatives would meet the requirements. Other options suggested were utilities and transportation unions. Ms. Dellinger stated that those were good ideas and that staff would research those options.

Mike Babb asked where the regulations come from. Ms. Dellinger stated that the Feds provide the regs. David Hammond asked that a break down for the composition of the Board as required by the law be provided to the Council. Ms. Dellinger said that one could be provided.

VI. Agreements. Gwen Dellinger

Ms. Dellinger stated that agreements between partners, the WIB, and the CCEO may need to be changed based up the regs, once they are received. She also stated that, according to the law, the Operator on the One-Stop system would need to be competitively bid. She stated that the current Operator, the Consortia, had not bid on operating the One-Stop System because it was not previously required. She stated that more information would be provided at a later date regarding this issue.

Other

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.