

**COUNCIL OF CHIEF ELECTED OFFICIALS (CCEOs)**

**of Northwest Georgia**

9:30 a.m. ~ Thursday, March 19, 2015

Gordon County Agricultural Service Center - Calhoun, GA

**Summary**

**Attendance - CCEO**

**CCEOs Present or Represented, County:**

Steve Taylor, Bartow  
Joe Barger, Catoosa (proxy, Ted Rumley)  
Jason Winters, Chattooga  
Ted Rumley, Dade  
Donna Whitener, Fannin (proxy, Ted Rumley)  
Jamie Doss, Floyd (proxy, Buzz Wachsteter)  
Charlie Paris, 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  
Dale Tuck, Polk  
Teddy Harris, Walker  
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  
Larry Maxey, Floyd  
Al Hoyle, Gilmer  
Brittany Pittman, Murray  
Boyd Austin, Paulding  
John Weaver, Pickens  
Billy Croker, Polk\*  
Ken Gowin, Whitfield

**Staff/Guests Present**

Gwen Dellinger  
Lloyd Frasier  
Randy Gayler  
Susan Gentry  
Terri Morgan

*\* passed away*

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 (February 19, 2015), Performance Report, Dislocation Report, and Demand Occupations was attached and had been mailed for review (attached). David Austin made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Robert Jones seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

III. WIB Actions. . . . . Gwen Dellinger

Gwen Dellinger informed those present that a labor market analyzer portal is a comprehensive virtual "one stop" software that provides one with the ability to access current and historical labor market data (current job openings, compare employment related data from multiple locations and time spans using jobs data and employment data from state and federal sources). Staff obtained quotes for the purchase of this labor market analyzer portal. Staff recommends the purchase of

Wanted Analytics by The Conference Board for April 1, 2015 through March 31, 2016 for one user at a cost of \$4,999 (see attached). Buzz Wachsteter asked who uses this program. Ms. Dellinger replied that one user, housed at the NWGRC, has access to the portal. This staff member runs reports as needed for staff, contractors, and other partners. The WIB approved and recommends CCEO approval. Steve Taylor made the motion to approve the request for the purchase of an online subscription for the labor market analyzer portal called Wanted Analytics provided by The Conference Board for one year of unlimited access to job market data by one user at a cost of \$4,999. Dan Penland seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Dellinger reported that an RFP was issued for a Mobile Lab to be used for job fairs, workshops, youth services, training, intake, assessments, and other services as needed at remote sites where large numbers of applicants need to be served. In response to the RFP, one proposal was received from Farber Specialty Vehicles (FSV) in Columbus, OH (more information regarding FSV is included in the packet).

The lab(s) is to be funded by Title I Funds and the recommendation is as follows:

	Proposed Vehicles	Computer	Cost without Computer	Cost with Optional Equipment (backup camera and Computers)	Comments
			<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	
1	<b>27' Ford F550 XL Package V-10 Gasoline Engine</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>\$279,500</b>	<b>\$294,015</b>	<b>Staff recommends</b>
2	28' 3" Ford F550 Package 6.7 L Diesel Engine	7	\$286,377	\$300,892	Not recommended
3	<b>38' 7" Ford MH38-V-10 362 HP Gasoline Engine</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>\$309,900</b>	<b>\$335,785</b>	<b>Staff recommends</b>
4	38' 7" Ford Diesel 340 HP Cummins Engine	13	\$339,500	\$365,385	Not recommended

The WIB approved and recommended approval to purchase the small vehicle (1B) at a price not to exceed \$294,015 and the large vehicle (3B) at a price not to exceed \$335,785 contingent upon approval by the Georgia Department of Economic Development and upon successful negotiations. Buzz Wachsteter asked why staff had decided against the diesel engine in the smaller unit. Randy Gayler stated that the cost of the unit, the cost of fuel, and the fact that the engine would be plugged in when parked (not idling) were the deciding factors. He also stated that the previous mobile lab had a gasoline engine and it was still in good shape after 15 years (the structure itself became dilapidated and the computers became out-of-date). There was discussion about the need for two mobile labs. Ms. Dellinger further stated that, given that career centers across the state are closing (due in part to a lack of customers coming on-site to receive services, preferring to access as many services as possible on line), mobile units would

be very beneficial for job fairs and other hiring events, layoffs, GED/other training, and a host of other services. In addition, mobile labs can be utilized to provide services in communities and neighborhoods where little or no services are currently available or in the event of a natural disaster or emergency. Robert Jones asked if the unit(s) could be used in other Regions. Ms. Dellinger stated that, should it be needed by another area, it could be rented out. Mike Babb noted that Randy Gayler had stated (in the WIB meeting) that the driver did not need a CDL and that the company provides driver training. Allen Poole made the motion that the request to purchase the small vehicle (1B) at a price not to exceed \$294,015 and the large vehicle (3B) at a price not to exceed \$335,785 contingent upon approval by the Georgia Department of Economic Development and upon successful negotiations. David Austin seconded. Motion carried with Buzz Wachsteter dissenting.

Ms. Dellinger reported that the Literacy to Work Initiative is a collaboration between the Technical College System of Georgia and the Georgia Office of Workforce Development and fosters a partnership between local adult education programs and local workforce development boards to provide key services to students who are seeking a GED credential and employment. Our area has received \$175,000 in incentive funding (including support and administration) to serve Chattooga, Gilmer, Murray, Polk, and Whitfield Counties. She stated that the WIB had approved the receipt of these funds and recommended CCEO approval. Mike Babb made the motion to approve. Jason Winters seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Dellinger provided a Fiscal Report of youth, adult, and dislocated workers expenditures to date. Buzz Wachsteter asked why spending youth funds was difficult. Ms. Dellinger explained that the changes to the GED test had made it much harder for performance-based contractors to meet their benchmarks (one being the passing of the GED). Another difficulty is that the the WIOA legislation requires 75% of funds to be spent on out-of-school youth. David Hammond made the motion to accept the report. Dan Penland seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. Designation. . . . . Gwen Dellinger

Ms. Dellinger reminded those present of the new WIOA legislation (1,300 pages of regulations) and the changes facing the program. She stated that the State was in the process of working on their board and would be providing guidance regarding local boards. She stated that the CCEOs would need to designate the area. She also stated that it may be best for the CCEOs to meet after the Regional Commission meeting in April to allow more time for discussion regarding the new board, designation, and other issues relevant to WIOA.

Other

Lloyd Fraiser informed those present that Billy Croker, long-time member of the CCEO and the Regional Commission Council, and his wife Pat, had passed away. He asked that the family be kept in the thoughts of those present.

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.