

Council of Chief Elected Officials of Northwest Georgia

Thursday, March 16, 2023, 10:00 a.m.

Rome Civic Center
Rome, Georgia

Attendance

CCEOs Present or Represented, County:

Steve Taylor, Bartow
Harry Harvey, Chattooga
Alex Case, Dade (proxy, Ted Rumley)
Ted Rumley, Dade
Allison Watters, Floyd
Charlie Paris, Gilmer
Ronnie Ridley, Haralson
AJ Scott, Haralson
Greg Hogan, Murray
K. W. Gong, Murray
David Carmichael, Paulding (proxy, Ted Rumley)
Jessica Payton, Polk (proxy, Ted Rumley)
Teddy Harris, Walker
Shannon Whitfield, Walker
Ken Gowin, Whitfield (proxy, Ted Rumley)
Jevin Jenson, Whitfield

CCEOs Not Present or Represented, County

Al Pallone, Bartow*
Larry Black, Catoosa
Nick Millwood, Catoosa
Blake Elsberry, Chattooga
Rhonda Haight, Fannin
Jamie Hensley, Fannin
Sundai Stevenson, Floyd
Al Hoyle, Gilmer
Bud Owens, Gordon
Jimmy Palmer, Gordon
James Kelly, Paulding
Steve Lawrence, Pickens
Kris Stancil, Pickens
Hal Floyd, Polk

Guests/Staff:

Boyd Austin
Karla Conetta
Joey Cumbie
Susan Gentry
Lesia Lambert
Terri Morgan

**deceased*

I. Welcome..... Ted Rumley

Ted Rumley, Chairman of the Council of Chief Elected Officials called the meeting to order and welcomed those present. It was established that a quorum was present.

II. Consent Agenda Ted Rumley

Mr. Rumley informed those present that a Consent Agenda (containing Minutes from the January 19, 2023 CCEO Meeting and a Dislocation Report) had been e-mailed and was also attached for review. Shannon Whitfield made the motion that the Consent Agenda be approved by the CCEO. Steve Taylor seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

III. Fiscal Report Joey Cumbie

Joey Cumbie presented the "Northwest Georgia Regional Commission WIOA Grant Financial Report" (attached). This report encompasses the Adult, Dislocated Worker, COVID/Disaster, HDCl, QUEST, Rapid Response, and Youth programs. Steve Taylor made the motion to approve this report. AJ Scott seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. Performance Karla Conetta

Karla Conetta informed the Council that a Performance Report containing Adult, Dislocated Worker, and Youth performance had been included in the package (attached). She stated that our programs are currently meeting or exceeding all measures except for the Youth Skill Gains. This measure will likely increase when the in-school youth providers update their performance at the end of the school year. Allison Watters made the motion to approve this report. Harry Harvey seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

V. Workforce Development Board Membership Lesia Lambert

Ms. Lambert informed those present that the following nominations had been received to fill vacancies on the Workforce Development Board:

- A. Shane Evans, Dean of Economic Development, Chattahoochee Technical College, nominated Cynthia Brown, Associate Dean of Economic Development, Chattahoochee Technical College, to serve in the "Higher Education" category on the Workforce Development Board.
- B. Lee Harris, Chairman, Murray County Chamber of Commerce Board, nominated Barry Gentry, President/CEO, Murray County Chamber, to serve in the "Business Representative" category on the Workforce Development Board.
- C. Karen Nissen, Vice Chairman, Development Authority of Polk County Board, nominated Chris Thomas, President/CEO, Development Authority of Polk County, to serve in the "Economic Development" category on the Workforce Development Board.

Greg Hogan made the motion to accept the nomination. Charlie Paris seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Ms. Lambert also noted that there was an additional vacancy on the Board in the "Business Representative" category and urged the CCEOs to contact staff with any suggestions.

V. Workforce Development Board Actions

A. One-Stop Request for Proposal Recommendation Susan Gentry

Susan Gentry informed the Council that the Georgia Department of Labor (GDOL) submitted a proposal in response to the One Stop Operator Request for Proposal (RFP) issued by WorkSource Northwest Georgia. She explained that, because only one responsive bid was received, staff will hold a non-competitive negotiation as allowed in the WorkSource Georgia procurement policy page 2, sec. A. 15. "If appropriate, non-competitive negotiation with the one responsive offeror may occur." She stated that it was staff's recommendation to approve the Georgia Department of Labor as the One-Stop Operator for PY23 at a cost not to exceed \$112,873, (attached and below) contingent upon available funding and successful negotiations. The Workforce Development Board approved this recommendation. Steve Taylor made the motion to approve this recommendation. Teddy Harris seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Proposer	Service	Counties to Service	PY 23 Requested Budget Amount	Score 310-450
Georgia Department of Labor	One Stop Operator	All 15 counties in the region	\$112,873	397.5

B. Modifications Lesia Lambert

Lesia Lambert presented the following recommendations (attached and below) from staff. She noted that the WDB had approved these modifications.

1. Georgia Northwestern Technical College requested an additional ten (10) QUEST slots and an increase of \$8,000 in Quality Jobs, Equity, Strategy and Training (QUEST) funds and an increase in fringe in the amount of \$12,800. These modifications will increase Georgia Northwestern Technical College's total contract budget from \$1,030,306 to \$1,051,106, an increase of \$20,800.
2. Chattahoochee Technical College requested an additional 15 QUEST slots. This will not increase the contract amount of \$878,250.

Jevin Jenson made the motion to approve these modifications as presented. Ronnie Ridley seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Career Advisor/Case Management Lesia Lambert

Ms. Lambert informed those present that the following staff recommendations for Career Advisor/Case Management Contracts (attached) had been approved by the Workforce Development Board:

Contractor's Name	REQUESTED		RECOMMENDED		*NWGRC Recommendations
	Total Funding Request	Slots Requested	Total Funding Recommended	Slots Recommended	
Georgia Northwestern Tech	\$1,162,806	290	\$1,152,806	290	The recommendation is to approve GNTC budget for a total not to exceed \$1,152,806 to serve 290 participants
Chattahoochee Tech	\$943,250	190	\$934,250	190	The recommendation is to approve CTC budget for a total not to exceed \$934,250 to serve 190 participants
West Georgia Tech	\$389,360	74	\$383,120	74	The recommendation is to approve WGTC budget for a total not to exceed \$383,120 to serve 74 participants
TOTALS	Total Requested \$2,495,416	554	Total Recommended \$2,470,176	554	

Shannon Whitfield made the motion to approve these contract recommendations. Allison Watters seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Work-Based Training Contract Recommendations. Lesia Lambert

Ms. Lambert then presented staff recommendations for the Work-Based Training (attached). She noted that the WDB had approved these recommendations, contingent upon available funding and successful negotiations, and giving staff the authority to adjust slots and funding as needed provided the adjustments do not exceed approved contract amounts.

Provider	PY 23 WBT Requested Budget	Requested Slots	PY 23 Recommended Budget	Recommended Slots	*Recommendations
Georgia Department of Labor	\$330,256 Contract \$286,625 Employer Payments	45 OJT 65 IWT	\$320,933 Contract \$318,111 Employer Payments	45 OJT 78 IWT	The recommendation is to fund the WBT Contract at an amount not to exceed \$639,044 and 123 slots. This is contingent upon available funds and successful negotiations
TOTAL	\$616,881	110	\$639,044	123	

Counties to be served all 15 Northwest Georgia counties (Bartow, Catoosa, Chattooga, Dade, Fannin, Floyd, Gilmer, Gordon, Haralson, Murray, Paulding, Pickens, Polk, Walker, Whitfield)

Steve Taylor made the motion to approve these recommendations. Ronnie Ridley seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

E. Youth Contract Recommendations Lesia Lambert

Ms. Lambert informed those present that the Youth Committee and WDB had approved the following Youth Contract Recommendations (to serve Bartow, Catoosa, Chattooga, Dade, Fannin, Floyd, Gilmer, Gordon, Haralson, Murray, Paulding, Pickens, Polk, Walker, and Whitfield Counties), contingent upon available funding and successful negotiations, and giving staff the authority to adjust slots and funding as needed provided the adjustments do not exceed approved contract amounts.

<i>Contractor's Name</i>	<i>Requested Budget</i>	<i>NWGRC Recommendation</i>	<i># of Slots Requested</i>	<i>Support</i>	<i>Work Experience</i>	<i>Total Funding Requested</i>
<i>Chattooga BOE</i>	\$51,300	\$51,300	45	NA	40,000	\$91,300
<i>Rome City BOE</i>	\$70,440	\$70,440	50	NA	\$40,000	\$110,440
<i>GNTC</i>	\$557,333	\$538,390	190	\$35,500	\$40,000	\$613,890
<i>Endless Opportunity</i>	\$179,042	\$150,000	65	\$10,500	\$15,500	\$176,000
<i>Eckerd Connects Paxen</i>	\$280,000	\$280,000	90	\$25,000	\$32,500	\$337,500
<i>Total:</i>	\$1,138,115	\$1,090,130	475	\$71,000	\$168,000	\$1,329,130

** Support and Work Experience are paid directly by NWGRC.

Counties to be served by all the above contractors: Bartow, Catoosa, Chattooga, Dade, Fannin, Floyd, Gilmer, Gordon, Haralson, Murray, Paulding, Pickens, Polk, Walker, Whitfield.

Ronnie Ridley made the motion to approve these contract budgets and slots as presented. AJ Scott seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

VI. COVID & QUEST Grant Updates. Lesia Lambert

Lesia Lambert provided those present with an update on the COVID Grant (handout attached) and the QUEST Grant.

VII. Technical College System of Georgia Monitoring Lesia Lambert

Ms. Lambert informed those present that the Technical College System of Georgia had conducted yearly monitoring of our area during the week of February 13, 2023. No findings or observations were noted.

Other

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.