

Minutes
Local Elected Officials Consortium (Consortium)
Meeting

WorkSource Southwest Georgia Conference Room, 75 West Broad Street, Camilla, Georgia

08/19/2022

The Consortium held its scheduled meeting, Friday, August 19, 2022 at the WorkSource Southwest Georgia Administrative Office in Camilla, Georgia.

Chair Connie Hobbs called the meeting to order at approximately 12:08 p.m.

Ms. Pascha Spence, Office Manager, WorkSource Southwest Georgia called roll. It was reported that there were 10 officials present, to include 3 proxy designations; and that **a quorum is declared.**

The following Consortium members were present:

- Chair Connie Hobbs, Baker County
- Commissioner Conner Collins, Calhoun County
- Commissioner Pete Stephens, Decatur County
- Commissioner Christopher Cohilas, Dougherty County
- Commissioner Jeffrey Haynes Designated by Commissioner Hank Jester, Early County
- Commissioner Niki Nixon Designated by Commissioner Kreg Freeman, Miller County
- Commissioner Benjamin Hayward, Mitchell County
- Commissioner Shelia Williams, Seminole County
- Commissioner Dice Roberts Designated by Commissioner Fred Dent, Worth County
- Mayor, Annette Morman, City of Baconton

The following Consortium members were absent:

- Commissioner Denver Braswell, Colquitt County
- Commissioner Phillip Drew, Grady County
- Commissioner Billy Mathis, Lee County
- Commissioner Wilber T. Gamble III, Terrell County
- Commissioner Mark NeSmith, Thomas County
- Mayor, Edward Reynolds, City of Bainbridge

Staff members present:

- Ms. Melody Pierce, Executive Director
- Ms. Amanda Godwin, Operations Manager
- Mr. Jerry Chapman, Regional Planner
- Ms. Pascha Spence, Office Manager
- Ms. Rebecca O'Neil, Programs Manager

Due to a quorum being declared Chair Hobbs proceeded with the order of business.

1. Chair Hobbs called for an approval of previous meeting minutes dated May 28, 2021. **Commissioner Christopher Cohilas made a motion to approve said meeting minutes, seconded by Commissioner Benjamin Hayward. After no further discussion, the motion was unanimously approved.**
2. Chair Hobbs called for an approval of the WDB PY 2022/FY 2023 Proposed Operating Budget. **Commissioner Christopher Cohilas made a motion to approve said budget, seconded by Mayor Annette Morman. After no further discussion, the motion was unanimously approved.**
3. Chair Hobbs called on Director Pierce for a brief overview and update of WorkSource Southwest Georgia and the Workforce Development Board. Director Pierce began by giving an update on WDB Board Meetings Information and WDB Board Membership. She stated the new WDB Appointments were Mr. Nathaniel Cooper, Turner Job Corps, Ms. Renee Gee-Theophile, Grady County and Mr. Tim Faircloth, Union Representative. Director Pierce gave an update on the One-Stop Center, WIOA Performance, the FGWA Sector Strategy stating Regional Planner, Jerry Chapman is doing a great job spearheading the Healthcare Sector Strategy initiative. He is engaging existing partners, recruiting new partners as well as leveraging resources. She also discussed COVID-19 including additional funding from a National Dislocated Worker Grant and the Adult/DW Career Services update, stating to please spread the word in the communities that if anyone is unemployed or under employed due to the COVID-19 pandemic to please reach out to one of our WIOA Representatives.

The next Meeting is to be determined.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned. Motion by Commissioner Christopher Cohilas, seconded by Mayor Annette Morman.