

Minutes  
Local Elected Officials Consortium (Consortium) Meeting  
WorkSource Southwest Georgia Conference Room, 75 West Broad Street, Camilla, Georgia

06/27/2024

The Consortium held its scheduled meeting on Thursday, June 27, 2024, at the WorkSource Southwest Georgia Administrative Office in Camilla, Georgia.

Chair Connie Hobbs called the meeting to order at approximately 12:01 p.m.

Ms. Pascha Spence, Office Manager, WorkSource Southwest Georgia called roll. It was reported that there were 11 officials present, including 1 proxy designation; and that **a quorum is declared.**

The following Consortium members were present:

- Chair Connie Hobbs, Baker County
- Commissioner Wiley Grady, Thomas County
- Commissioner Taylor Bridges Designated by Commissioner Hank Jester, Early County
- Commissioner Pete Stephens, Decatur County
- Commissioner Conner Collins, Calhoun County
- Commissioner Lorenzo Heard, Dougherty County
- Commissioner Shelia Williams, Seminole County
- Mayor, Annette Morman, City of Baconton
- Mayor, Edward Reynolds, City of Bainbridge
- Commissioner Fred Dent, Worth County
- Commissioner Keith Moye, Grady County

The following Consortium members were absent:

- Commissioner Luke Singletary, Lee County
- Commissioner Denver Braswell, Colquitt County
- Commissioner Ladon Calhoun, Miller County
- Commissioner Wilber T. Gamble III, Terrell County
- Commissioner Benjamin Hayward, Mitchell County

Staff members present:

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

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

1. Chair Hobbs called for approval of previous meeting minutes dated July 25, 2023. **Commissioner Pete Stephens made a motion to approve said meeting minutes, seconded by Commissioner Sheila Williams. After no further discussion, the motion was unanimously approved.**
2. Chair Hobbs called for approval of the WDB PY 2024/FY 2025 Proposed Operating Budget. **Commissioner Taylor Bridges made a motion to approve said budget, seconded by Commissioner Pete Stephens. 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 (WDB). Director Pierce began by giving an update on information regarding recent WDB board meetings and membership. She noted that the 2024 Officers were Gabriel Lord- Chairman, Tommy Hill- Vice Chair, and Charlie Sol- Secretary. She stated the newest WDB appointment was Shawn O'Connor-Veazie, Terrell County. An overview was provided on the Regional Rapid Response and Business Services Team, stating Anthony McKenzie of TCSG will assist any business with layoffs and/or closures. Director Pierce also gave updates on the Georgia Workforce Leadership Association, One-Stop Centers, current WIOA Performance, and the Workforce Alliance Strategy. Director Pierce ended her update by stating the Consortium Board will be invited to all WDB meetings going forward so that anyone available may attend.

**The next Meeting is to be determined.**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned. Motion by Commissioner Pete Stephens, seconded by Commissioner Keith Moye.