

**Local Elected Officials Meeting  
Goodwill Career Center  
Cornelia, GA  
April 25, 2017  
11:00 AM**

MINUTES

The Local Elected Officials (LEOs) met on Tuesday, April 25, 2017, at 11:00 a.m. at the Goodwill Career Center in Cornelia, Georgia.

CALL TO ORDER

Lamar Paris, Vice-Chairman of the Local Elected Officials (LEOs) called the meeting to order and thanked everyone for attending. A quorum was established. The following members were present:

Members Present and County Represented

Lamar Paris, CLEO (Union County)  
Victor Anderson (Habersham County)  
Cliff Bradshaw (Townsend County)  
Thomas Bridges (Franklin County)  
Jim Conley (City of Blairsville)  
Chris Dockery (Lumpkin County)  
James Grogan (City of Dawsonville)  
Jimmy Hooper (Banks County)  
Travis Turner (White County)

GMRC Staff Present

Heather Feldman, Executive Director  
Peggy Lovell, Executive Assistant  
John Phillips, WorkSource Director

MINUTES

Minutes from the September 27, 2016 and February 23, 2017 meetings were previously emailed to the members. Mr. Paris asked for consideration of these minutes. Motion was made by Jimmy Hooper and seconded by Jim Conley to accept the minutes as written. Motion carried unanimously.

BRIEF EXPLANATION AND DUTIES OF LEO BOARD

John Phillips, Director of WorkSource Georgia Mountains gave a brief explanation of the responsibilities and duties of the LEOs for the ones that were not able to attend the last meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business

NEW BUSINESS

Updated LEO Bylaws

The LEO Bylaws have been updated to reflect two changes. The first change is in Article IV, Section IV. This change states 51% of members must be present to elect a Chairman for the LEO Board.

The next item in Article VII, Section III is clarification of the Shared Liability of Disallowed Cost. At the last meeting, the members felt that the Disallowed Cost which the LEOs were responsible for needed to be clarified in the Bylaws.

Jimmy Hooper made a motion to approve these two changes and was seconded by Travis Turner. There was discussion that each of the LEO members needed to take the Article regarding the Disallowed Cost to their next Board of Commissioners' Meeting and make them aware of the financial responsibility that each county has. Heather Feldman, Executive Director of Georgia Mountains and John Phillips stated that they would be happy to attend any commission meetings to explain this item. Jim Conley called for a vote. Motion passed unanimously.

#### Election of Officers

Lamar Paris, LEO Vice-Chairman explained that Mike Berg served as the Chief Local Elected Official (CLEO) for a number of years. Mr. Berg decided to not run for reelection as Dawson County Commission Chairman therefore creating a vacancy for the CLEO position. Mr. Paris has been serving in this capacity until a new CLEO could be elected.

Jimmy Hooper made a nomination from the floor for Thomas Bridges, Franklin County Commission Chairman to be the new CLEO. Chris Dockery seconded the motion. There being no other nominations, vote was taken and passed unanimously.

Lamar Paris has served as Vice Chairman for several years and stated with his work schedule, he would like for someone else to serve in this position. Thomas Bridges made a nomination for Jimmy Hooper, Banks County Commission Chairman to be Vice Chairman. Travis Turner seconded this motion. There being no other nominations, vote was taken and passed unanimously.

Mr. Paris turned the meeting over to Mr. Bridges.

#### Discussion

The LEO the members discussed with everyone's schedule being so busy, when would be the best time and place to have future LEO meetings. John Phillips asked the members to contact the Attorney General regarding the Board being able to meet electronically or by phone.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made by Travis Turner and seconded by Lamar Paris. The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

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Lamar Paris Vice-Chairman (Acting as CLEO)