

Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request

Date of Meeting: January 20, 2015
Date Submitted: January 7, 2015
To: Honorable Chairperson and Members of the Board
From: Robert M. Presnell, County Administrator
Subject: Commission Appointment to Serve as Liaison to the Regional Workforce Board

Statement of Issue:

This agenda item seeks Board approval to appoint one Commissioner to serve as the liaison to the Regional Workforce Board (RWB).

Background:

The Workforce Investment Act of 1998 – PL105-220 requires that a chief local elected official (CLEO) “be liable for any misuse of the grant funds allocated to the local area” that could be incurred by the RWB (Section 117(1)(b)(i)(I)). The current budget is in the range of \$5M.

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The new law, passed in July of 2014 envisions more engagement and collaboration between the Board and the CLEO’s. Therefore, whomever Gadsden County designates as their representative should be empowered to execute the new agreement anticipated to be required by July 1, 2016 when the new law (Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014) goes into effect. That person would also be invited to attend the quarterly RWB meetings and receive newsletters and notices that go to the RWB Board members to keep the Commission informed.

In the past, Commissioner Croley served as the liaison for Gadsden County.

Fiscal Impact:

No fiscal impact.

Options:

1. Appoint one Commissioner to serve as the liaison to the Regional Workforce Board.
2. Board Direction.

County Administrator's Recommendation:

Option #1

Attachment:

January 6, 2015 memo from Jim McShane, MPA, CEO, CareerSource Capital Region



Memo

To: Gadsden County Commissioners
From: Jim McShane MPA, CEO
cc: Keantha Belton-Moore
Date: January 6, 2015
Re: Local Elected Official Role and Responsibility

Purpose: To clarify the role of the appointed chief elected official (Elected County Commissioner) to be the liaison to the regional workforce board (RWB).

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Recommendation: That an elected county Commissioner be designated to represent Gadsden County and empowered to be the signatory on required legal documents that pertain to the RWB known as Big Bend Jobs and Education Council, Inc. dba CareerSource Capital Region.