



HAYWOOD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR AGENDA REQUEST

Item Title:

Request approval of updates to the Articles of Association and Agreement for the Southwestern Workforce Development Consortium - Southwestern Commission Workforce Development Director David Garrett

Board Action Request:

Requested Action Department:

Development Services

Presenter:

Amy Stevens

Background/Justification:

A recent review of the 2015 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Consortium Agreement identified a section of the agreement that Southwestern Workforce Development would like to update to better represent all seven counties in the region.

The old consortium language (*italics*) and the new language (**bold**), which the Southwestern Workforce Development Board (SWDB) voted for adoption at the March 1st, 2022 meeting, is shown below. The Consortium Agreement, with updates we would like for our region to adopt, is attached. Gary Shields, Macon County, is the current Chief-Elected-Official. His term will end on 6-30-2023. Michael Sorrells, Haywood County, was the previous CEO.

2015 Verbiage:

4.0 In accordance with N.C. G.S. Section 160A-463(b), the Chairmen of the Boards of Commissioners of the undersigned units of local government provide that the designated Chief Elected Official from Haywood County shall be authorized to exercise the functions of the Southwestern Workforce Investment Area Chief Elected Official, which are required under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act.

Proposed 2022 verbiage:

The member units provide that the Chair (or designated appointee) of the Haywood County Board of Commissioners shall be authorized to exercise the functions of the Workforce Development local area Chief Elected Official which are required under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act for a period of two program years beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2017. Thereafter the Chair of Macon County Board of Commissioners (or designated appointee) shall preside as Chief Elected Official for the local Workforce Development Area for two program years, followed by the Chair of the Graham County Board of Commissioners (or designated appointee) for two program years, the Chair of the Clay County Board of Commissioners for two program years, the Chair of the Cherokee County Board of Commissioners (or designated appointee) for two program years, the Chair of the Swain County Board of Commissioners (or designated appointee) for two program years and the Chair of the Jackson County Board of Commissioners (or designated appointee) for two program years. Thereafter the rotation among counties begins again with the Chair of the Haywood County Commissioners (or designated appointee) serving as the Chief Elected Official for the local Workforce Development Area for two program years.

This updated agreement will put into writing that each of our county commissions will serve a 2-year term as CEO and set the progression moving forward.

Budgetary Impact:

N/A

Policy Impact:

Attachments:

[Southwestern Consortium Agreement-2022 3-1-22.pdf](#)