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AUGUST 14TH and 15th, 2018

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TUESDAY AUGUST 14, 2018 – Economic Development

- 12:30 – 12:35** Welcome – Co Chairs Terry England and Jay Powell
- 12:35 – 1:05** Local Welcome – Tommy Lyon, Commission Chair; Larry Guest, Mayor; Crystal Bebe, Chamber of Commerce; Dawn Benson, Downtown Development Authority
- 1:05 – 2:05** Commissioner Pat Wilson, Deputy Commissioner Tom Croteau, GA Department of Economic Development; Existing Incentives for Georgia
Commissioner Christopher Nunn, Department of Community Affairs; Focus on the current state of the Tier System
- 2:05 – 2:35** Peggy Jolley; Alternatives for creating incentives for Rural Georgia
- 2:35 – 3:05** Kevin Shea, Georgia Economic Development Association
- 3:05 – 3:20** Break
- 3:20 – 3:50** James Dove, Executive Director Northeast Georgia Regional Commission
- 3:50 – 4:20** David Bridges, President ABAC; Regionalism, incentives and possible policy changes
- 4:20 – 4:50** Questions from Council
- 4:50** Adjourn

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 15, 2018 – Economic Development

- 8:00 – 8:45** Amy Carter; Rural Georgia Economic Development Commissioner
- 8:45 – 9:30** Georgia Department of Agriculture, Commissioner Gary Black, Jack Spruill, Paul Thompson;
- 9:30 – 9:45** Break
- 9:45 – 10:30** ABAC President David Bridges;
- 10:30 – 11:00** Saralyn Stafford, CECD; Carl Vinson Institute of Government, Rural Development Manager
- 11:00 – 11:30** Round Table Discussion with Commissioner Amy Carter, Department of Agriculture and ABAC President David Bridges
- 11:30 – 12:00** Questions from Council
- 12:00** Adjourn

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