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2021-2022 House Rural Development Council **Wednesday, September 1, 2021** **Virtual**

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- 9:00 – 9:05** Welcome – Co-Chairs Rick Jasperse and Sam Watson
- 9:05 – 9:40** 2020 Census Rural Georgia Update
- David Tanner, Associate Director, State Services and Decision Support, Carl Vinson Institute of Government
- 9:40 – 10:20** Georgia Center for Rural Prosperity and Innovation
- David Bridges, Interim Director, Georgia Center for Rural Prosperity and Innovation; President, Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College
- 10:20 – 10:30** *Break*
- 10:30 – 11:15** Georgia Rural Health Innovation Center
- Glenda Grant, Executive Director, Georgia Rural Health Innovation Center
- 11:15 – 12:00** Trouble in God's Country
- Charlie Hayslett, Trouble in God's Country Author
- 12:00 – 1:00** *Lunch Break*
- 1:00 – 1:45** Broadband Update
- Christopher Nunn, Commissioner, Georgia Department of Community Affairs;

- Jessica Simmons, Deputy Chief Information Officer for Broadband and Special Projects, Georgia Technology Authority

1:45 – 2:30

Georgia Center for Opportunity

- Buzz Brockway, Vice President of Public Policy, Georgia Center for Opportunity
- Erik Randolph, Director of Research, Georgia Center for Opportunity

2:30 – 3:15

Food Processing Centers

- Ashley Varnum, Division Director of Global Commerce, Georgia Department of Economic Development