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2017-2018 House Rural Development Council **June 15-16, 2017 Agenda** **North Georgia Technical College, Toccoa, Georgia**

Business Start Up and Financing/Economic Development

Thursday

- 12:30–12:45 Welcome – Co-Chairs England and Powell
- 12:45–1:15 Local Welcome – Mayor Jeanette Jamieson; County Commission Vice Chair Michele Ivester; Julie Paysen, President of Chamber of Commerce:
- State of local businesses for area
- 1:15–2:00 Georgia Economic Development – Pat Wilson, Commissioner:
- What type of businesses would tend to locate in rural Georgia
 - What barriers exist to business location in rural Georgia
- 2:00-2:15 *Break*
- 2:15–3:00 Georgia Department of Community Affairs – Rusty Haygood:
- What can the state of Georgia do to create jobs in rural Georgia
 - What are minimum amenities/infrastructure required for a community to be ready for economic development
- 3:00–3:40 Georgia Bankers Association – Joe Brannen, President/CEO Georgia Bankers Association; L. Jackson McConnell, President & CEO Pinnacle Bank, Elberton; Ken Bibb, The Geo. D. Warthen Bank, Sandersville; Bill Thompson, EVP/Chief Lending Officer, Queensborough National Bank & Trust Co., Augusta:
- Issues with assisting small business and what opportunities are out there for the small business owners

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cc: Speaker David Ralston
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- 3:40–4:00 Overview of Site Locators for Rural Georgia – Walt Farrell, Ga. Power (Presenter); Pat Merritt, Ga. EMCs; Lonnie Smallwood, Georgia Electric Cities
- 4:00–4:30 House Budget and Research – Blake Doss:
- What other states are doing to incentivize economic development in rural areas
- 4:30–5:00 Questions for Presenters and Council Discussion