



The Chief Elected Officials of Area 14 Workforce Development Board (WDB) met for an emergency meeting on the 22nd day of June 2020, via Google Meet due to Covid-19.

- 1. Director Laurie McKnight opened the meeting and a quorum was established with the attendance of Perry County Commissioner, Jim O'Brien, Meigs County Commissioner, Randy Smith and Athens County Commissioner, Lenny Eliason. The meeting commenced at 10:03am. Mr. Eliason made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Smith seconded. All were in favor.**

Also, in attendance via video or phone were Athens County JFS Executive Director Jean Demosky, Meigs County Executive Director Chris Shank, Perry County Executive Director Chery Boley, Area 14 Fiscal Agent/Perry County JFS Assistant Director Mendra Hupp, Vince Reiber Meigs County CFO, and Athens Fiscal Officer Tracy Helber.

2. WORC Grant Discussion:

Area 14 has been asked to join Area 7 to combine their application for the WORC Grant through DOL. Area 7 has already procured a grant writer that will write the grant for both Areas. Area 14 would need to help pay for the grant writer which could cost around \$5000-\$6000. The grant is being requested for \$1.5 million and could be used on capital improvements in the OhioMeansJob center in Meigs and with the mobile units in both Athens and Perry. This would allow us to expand services in all three counties to include more participants as well as provide more valuable services to employers.

A motion was made by Mr. Eliason to pay for the grant writer as long as it's on an equal basis with all the counties paying in the same amount for both Area's. Mr. Smith seconded. All in favor.

3. Fiscal-Mendra Hupp:

Mendra stated that the flood grants are getting toward the end. Meigs has enough to last into October, Athens to August, but Perry only until June. She would like to transfer out \$47,313,96 in administrative funds to Perry county to extend their program.

A motion was made by Mr. Eliason and seconded by Mr. Smith. All in favor.

The Office of Workforce Development is looking at what they are calling 3rd year money to see about being able to allow the Area's to keep their 2nd year money that is expiring. There has been no final memo sent out on this yet. There is 2nd year money that is administration that Perry could move to program since Athens and Perry have spent theirs. Meigs is fine. So they would like to use those administrative funds to Perry and Athens if needed as well at the end of the fiscal year.

Mr. Eliason asked if that would exceed \$50,000.

Mendra stated that it should not.

Mr. Eliason moved to allow up to \$50,000 to be transferred. Mr. Smith seconded. All in favor.

With no further business, Commissioner Eliason made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. With the motion passing, the meeting ended at 10:14am.