

Janice West, WIOA Director, reported that during the enrollment period of July 1, 2019 thru January 10, 2020, for WIOA funded training activities, 127 people are being served. She said her department is graded on 7 WIOA performance measures that monitor the achievements of the program. The WIOA department is exceeding in all measures.

Janice announced that a Sector Partnership grant in the amount of \$254,000 was awarded to the region to begin implement services in March 2020 for the Lower Chattahoochee WIOA Area (14 counties). Fifteen implementation services are planned to begin in September 2020 for the Middle Flint Area.

Janice reported that the Georgia unemployment rates are historically lower than they have been in years. The latest unemployment rates for November 2019 were listed in the council packet.

Gerald Mixon, Planning Director, presented the staff report the planning department. He reported that the Macon County draft Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan Update is still at FEMA for review. Update activities are underway on six other counties.

NewFields was selected as the engineering firm for the Brownfields Coalition Grant and met December 20 with the Brownfields Coalition to discuss the next steps for the grant.

Gerald reported that environmental planning continues to make good progress with Dirt Road Best Management Practice (BMP) installations in Stewart County which included aggregate, ditches, riprap, silt fencing, and grassing. Forestry BMP's were completed in December in Quitman County. They were 450 acres of controlled burns.

Safe Kids Columbus and RVRC hosted four Bicycle Helmet Giveaway events in December where approximately 500 helmets were given to children in the region.

Two Census meetings were hosted in the region in January with DCA. In mid-March homes will begin receiving information to complete the 2020 Census. Gerald said this is the first census with the option for households in the U.S. to respond online, by phone, or by mail.

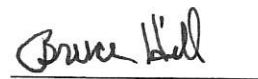
#### **ADJOURN**

Terrell Hudson, Dooly County, made a motion to adjourn; Tameka Harris, Taylor County, seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.

February 26, 2020

Date

  
Randy Howard, Chairman

  
Bruce Hill, Secretary

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