



**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 18, 2015, 7 P.M.
ROBERT E. HIBBITTS MEETING ROOM
1924 COURTHOUSE, NEWTON, N.C.**



OTHER ITEMS OF BUSINESS

The Board approved a resolution to reaffirm the County's commitment to the Western Piedmont Jobs Training Consortium. At the Board's May 4, 2015, meeting, staff requested that the Board adopt a Resolution to join the Western Piedmont Jobs Training Consortium pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 160-460 and the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act. The Board requested that language regarding the County being separately liable for acts of the consortium be removed from the resolution and will now consider adopting the resolution.

In 1996, under the Workforce Investment Act (WIA), the Western Piedmont Workforce Development Area was designated and Catawba, Burke, Caldwell and Alexander Counties and 15 municipalities joined together to form the Western Piedmont Jobs Training Consortium.

In 2014, new Federal Workforce Legislation was passed, replacing the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) with the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA). The NCWorks Commission has recommended that WIA Workforce Development Areas be continued under the new WIOA legislation. In connection with this action, members of the local Jobs Training Consortium must affirm or reaffirm their commitment to be part of the Consortium.

The Western Piedmont Council of Governments has agreed that the language regarding the County's separate liability could be removed and is requesting that the Board adopt a resolution reaffirming Catawba County's commitment to the Consortium.

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