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*The Newsletter of
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Special Edition – Report of Annual Membership Meeting



Guest Speaker Hunter Lipscomb
Director of Governmental Affairs
Mississippi Development
Authority

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Courier/Simpson County News

On Thursday, April 20, 2017, the **Thirty-eighth Annual Membership Meeting of the Simpson County Development Foundation** convened at 6:00 p.m. in the historic Sanatorium dining hall on the campus of Boswell Regional Center. Richard Rankin gave the invocation. Dinner was prepared on site by BRC nutrition services staff and served buffet-style. President Brian Barnard extended a welcome to the annual meeting and recognized guests.

Executive Director Donnie Caughman introduced the guest speaker, **Hunter Lipscomb, Director of Governmental Affairs, Mississippi Development Authority**. Mr. Lipscomb gave an informative address, emphasizing MDA's development strategy of People, Process, Product.

The Simpson County Board of Supervisors was named Ally of the Year. Jacob Blakeney, VP for Stakeholder Development, presented the award to the Supervisors and Rhuel Dickinson, County Administrator.



Simpson County Supervisors Recognized as SCDP's ALLY of the YEAR.
Left to Right: Supervisor Curtis Skiffer, Supervisor Mickey Berry,
Supervisor Danny Craft, Jacob Blakeney, Supervisor Brian Kennedy,
County Administrator Rhuel Dickinson.

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During the subsequent business session, Executive Director Donnie Caughman again recognized the supervisors for their support of the Foundation, especially with improvements to the Industrial Park on Highway 43. Following his report as Executive Director, Mr. Caughman recognized Senator Chris Caughman.

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Senator Caughman recognized retiring Magee Mayor Jimmy Clyde, read and presented to him a Joint Resolution of the Mississippi Legislature recognizing Mayor Clyde for his years of public service. Those present joined in the recognition of Mayor Clyde with a standing ovation.



Senator Chris Caughman (L) presents retiring Magee Mayor Jimmie Clyde (R) with a Joint Resolution of the Mississippi Legislature commending him upon his years of public service.

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President Brian Barnard, in opening the business session, recognized the officers and directors for their service during the past year, and he thanked the members, friends and allies of the Foundation for their support of the Foundation's efforts, especially the Board of Supervisors for their support during the past year.



Out-going President Brian Barnard (R) passes the gavel to incoming President Pat Brown (L).

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At the close of the business session, **President Brian Barnard passed the gavel to President-Elect Pat Brown**. President Brown made closing remarks, commending Brian Barnard for his service as President and challenging and encouraging members to an active and effective year.

Officers and Directors for FY 2018 (July 1, 2017—June 30, 2018)

Executive Committee FY 2018

President.....	Pat Brown
President-elect.....	Malory Yelverton
Secretary-Treasurer.....	Brien Hubbard
VP-Government Relations.....	City of Mendenhall Designee
VP-Government Relations.....	City of Magee Designee
VP-Government Relations.....	Greg Paes
VP-Community Development.....	Stan Bulger
VP-Economic Development.....	Todd Booth
VP-Stakeholder Development.....	Jacob Bakkeney
Past President.....	Brien Barnard

Board of Directors - Elected

Class of 2018	Class of 2019	Class of 2020
Josh Duckworth	Whitney Baker	Witt Fortenberry
Brandon Hubbard	Julie Breazeale	Kelly Jones
Faith Kennedy	Cynthia Bynum	Marvin Lee
Shannon Welch	Price Wallace	Josh Pierce

Directors – Non-elected

The Bylaws [Art. IV, §4.1] provide for one Board Member each from the following groups to be appointed by their respective governing bodies or institutions: Each Benefactor Member; Each President's Circle Member; Simpson County Board of Supervisors; Each of the Municipalities of Braxton, D'Lo, Magee, and Mendenhall; The Chairman of the Simpson County Economic Development District Trustees; The University of Southern Mississippi; Copiah-Lincoln Community College.

**We wish to especially acknowledge and thank
our Members who sponsored this year's**

Annual Meeting:

Boswell Regional Center

Entergy

Southern Pine EPA

Program Printing

**Central Mississippi Planning and Development
District**

Simpson County
WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR
MAKING SIMPSON COUNTY
AN ACT[®] WORK READY COMMUNITY
A Members' "Dine and Development" Event

Jointly Sponsored by
Co-Lin Community College
and
The Simpson County Development Foundation

Wednesday, May 31, 2017

11:30 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

[Lunch Provided]

Copiah-Lincoln Community College

SIMPSON CENTER

Multi-purpose Room

151 Co-Lin Drive

Mendenhall, Mississippi

PRESENTERS:

Jackie Martin, Dean of Career, Technical and
Workforce Education

Kenny Goza, TAACCT Program Coordinator

Angela Berch, Workforce Center Director

Copiah Lincoln Community College



Whether you are small business owner/operator or whether you are an owner/manager/HR director of a large business in Simpson County, this is an important meeting for you.

- **A catered lunch will be provided.**
- **There is no cost to members of SCDF.**
- **Members may invite non-members to attend as guests.**

RSVP by May 24 is requested: 601.847.2375 or scdf@bellsouth.net

What Is This Seminar About?

In partnership with Copiah-Lincoln Community College, all of the counties within their district are participating in this initiative. Knowledgeable administrators and coordinators from Co-Lin's Technical and Workforce Education programs will be here to present the initiative to you and to answer your questions. **The program will be oriented to employers, business owners, and HR directors.**

Why Is This Important to You?

- JobPro[™], ACT's proprietary database of occupational information, represents a one-of-a-kind repository of data describing the tasks, skills, and skill requirements established by more than 18,000 job analysis studies.
- The National Career Readiness Certificate is a portable, industry-recognized credential that clearly identifies an individual's WorkKeys[®] skills in reading for information, applied math and locating information—skills required for 77 percent of jobs based on ACT JobPro database.
- All the jobs in *your* business/industry can be correlated to these jobs in the data base.
- The WorkKeys Skills Assessment will be administered in Simpson County at the secondary school level, the Simpson Technical Center, at Co-Lin, and at the WIN Job Center. As a result of the testing, each person will receive Workforce Ready Certificate (WRC) at the Platinum, Gold, Silver, or Bronze level—directly relating their knowledge to the job requirements of the thousands of jobs listed in the JobPro data base.
- Business and industry in our county will know exactly what foundational skills they need for a productive workforce—and will be able to easily communicate their needs.
- Individuals will understand what skills are required by employers – and how to prepare themselves for success.
- For economic development in our county, we will have an on-demand reporting tool to market the quality of our workforce.
- **There is no cost to employers.**
- **Employers are NOT required to make the WRC a criterion of their hiring protocol.**

Our presenters from Co-Lin will be able to give you real-life examples of how the initiative is working for and benefiting employers in Lincoln and Adams Counties, where it is already implemented.

The Officers and Directors of SCDF, the Boards of Aldermen of Magee and Mendenhall, and the Simpson County Board of Supervisors have voted support for this Work Force Development initiative in our county.