



Rural Resiliency & Prosperity Summit Agenda

October 7, 2020 | 9:00AM – 3:00PM

University of Georgia -Tifton Campus

- 9:00 – 9:04 am** **WELCOME REMARKS**
Matt Reed – President, Georgia CEO & 2020 Rural Prosperity Council Chairman, Georgia Chamber
- 9:04 – 9:06 am** **BREAKFAST SPONSOR REMARKS**
Dr. Bill Craver – Dean and Chief Academic Officer, Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine (PCOM)
- 9:06 – 9:10 am** **PANEL INTRODUCTION**
Matt Reed – President, Georgia CEO & 2020 Rural Prosperity Council Chairman, Georgia Chamber
- 9:10 – 9:40 am** **FUTURE OF RURAL AMERICA**
Matthew Hoagland – Planning Dir., Caswell County, NC, & Author, *Think Small*
Erik Osberg – Rural Rebound Initiative Coordinator, Otter Tail County, MN
Moderator: *Tiffany Holmes* – Tifton Regional Manager, Georgia Chamber
- 9:40 – 10:00 am** **THE STATE OF RURAL RESILIENCY**
Chris Clark – President & CEO, Georgia Chamber
- 10:00 – 10:03 am** **PANEL INTRODUCTION**
Matt Reed – President, Georgia CEO & 2020 Rural Prosperity Council Chairman, Georgia Chamber
- 10:03 – 10:33 am** **FUTURE OF RURAL HEALTHCARE**
Dr. Patrice Harris – Immediate Past President, American Medical Association
Scott Steiner – President & CEO, Phoebe Putney Health System
Moderator: *Jason Anavitarte* – Director of Community Relations, CareSource
- 10:33 – 11:00 am** **BREAK – Georgia Peanut Commission Grilled PB&J Sandwiches**
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- 11:00 – 11:03 am** **SPEAKER INTRODUCTION**
Andrea Schruijer – Chairman, Locate South Georgia
- 11:03 – 11:33 am** **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**
Representative Patty Bentley – Georgia House District 139
- 11:33 – 11:35 am** **PANEL INTRODUCTION**
Matt Reed – President, Georgia CEO & 2020 Rural Prosperity Council Chairman, Georgia Chamber
- 11:35 – 12:05 pm** **FUTURE OF RURAL LEADERSHIP**
Larry Hanson – Executive Director, Georgia Municipal Association
Dave Wills – Executive Director, Association County Commissioners of Georgia
Moderator: *Amy Carter* – Deputy Commissioner of Rural Georgia Initiatives, Georgia Department of Economic Development
- 12:05 – 12:07 pm** **LUNCH SPONSOR REMARKS**
Mandi Boehringer – Director of Business Dev., Georgia Rural Investment Fund, LLC
- 12:07 – 12:30 pm** **LUNCH**
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- 12:30 – 12:33 pm** **SPEAKER INTRODUCTION**
Adam Smith – SVP & Commercial Food & Agribusiness Relationship Manager, Truist & 2020 Rural Prosperity Council Vice Chairman, Georgia Chamber
- 12:33 – 1:00 pm** **FUTURE OF RURAL FREIGHT & LOGISTICS**
Seth Millican – Executive Director, Georgia Transportation Alliance
- 1:00 – 1:03 pm** **PANEL INTRODUCTION**
Matt Reed – President, Georgia CEO & 2020 Rural Prosperity Council Chairman, Georgia Chamber
- 1:03 – 1:33 pm** **FUTURE OF RURAL EDUCATION**
Dr. Kermit Gilliard – Superintendent, Grady County School System
Dr. Noris Price – Superintendent, Baldwin County School System
Dr. Bronwyn Ragan-Martin – Superintendent, Early County School System
Moderator: *Dr. Robert Gaines II* – Director of Communications, Georgia Partnership for Excellence in Education
- 1:33 – 1:35 pm** **SPONSOR REMARKS AND PANEL INTRODUCTION**
Jeff Ledford – Chief Advocacy Officer, Georgia Association of Realtors



- 1:35 – 2:05 pm** **FUTURE OF RURAL HOUSING**
Shonterria “Terri” Charleston – Training and Technical Assistance Director,
Housing Assistance Council
Bill Gross – Owner & President, W. H. Gross Construction Company
Lauren Minor – President, Bainbridge-Decatur County Chamber of Commerce
Moderator: *Margaret Lacy* – Economic Policy Manager, Georgia Association of
Realtors
- 2:05 – 2:10 pm** **PANEL INTRODUCTION**
Adam Smith – SVP & Commercial Food & Agribusiness Relationship Manager,
Truist & 2020 Rural Prosperity Council Vice Chairman, Georgia Chamber
- 2:10 – 2:40 pm** **FUTURE OF RURAL INCLUSION AND EQUALITY**
President Marion Fedrick – President, Albany State University
Terence Johnson – Public Service Faculty, J. W. Fanning Institute for Leadership
Development, University of Georgia
Santiago Marquez – CEO, Latin American Association
Moderator: *Morgan Law* – Chief Experience Officer, Georgia Chamber
- 2:40 – 3:00 pm** **WASHINGTON D.C. RURAL UPDATE**
Buddy Carter, U.S. Congressman (GA-1)
- 3:00 pm** **CLOSING REMARKS**
Matt Reed – President, Georgia CEO & 2020 Rural Prosperity Council Chairman,
Georgia Chamber

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