

# Meet our Staff

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# ANNUAL REPORT

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REGIONAL  
COMMISSION



# WARC Board of Directors, 2022-2023

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**Chairman**

Mayor Bobbie White  
**Vice-Chairwoman**

Dennis Stripling  
**Secretary**

## Bibb County

Rodney Stabler  
**County Commission**

Bobbie White  
**Mayor of Brent**

## Fayette County

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**County Commission Chair and Probate Judge**

Rod Northam  
**Mayor of Fayette**

## Greene County

Latasha Johnson  
**Mayor of Eutaw**

## Hale County

Arthur Crawford  
**County Commission Chair and Probate Judge**

Tony Lester  
**Mayor of Moundville**

## Lamar County

Stanley Allred  
**Mayor of Millport**

## Pickens County

Craig Patterson  
**Mayor of Gordo**

Mickey Walker  
**Mayor of Carrollton**

## Tuscaloosa County

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Joe Barger  
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Norman Crow  
**Tuscaloosa City Council**

John Faile  
**Tuscaloosa City Council**

Bobby Herndon  
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Raeven Howard  
**Tuscaloosa City Council**

Walt Maddox  
**Mayor of Tuscaloosa**

Brenda Morrison  
**Mayor of Vance**

Reginald Murray  
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Jerry Tingle  
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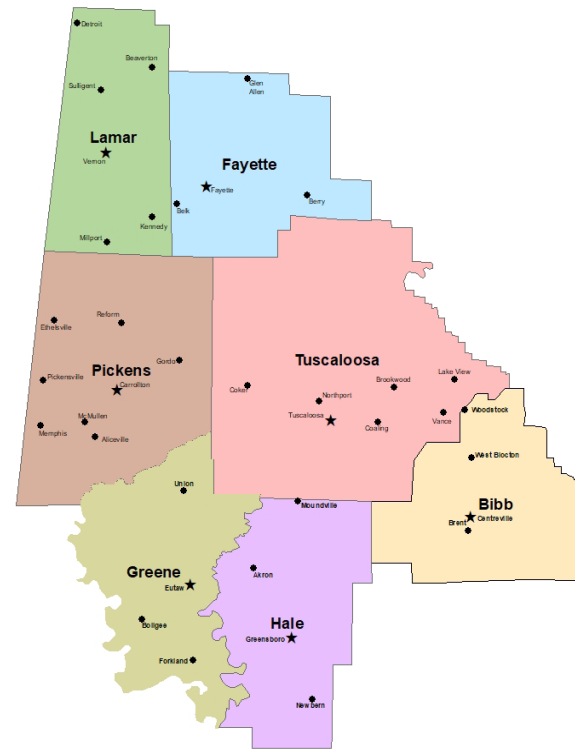
## West Alabama at Large

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**Mayor of Glen Allen**

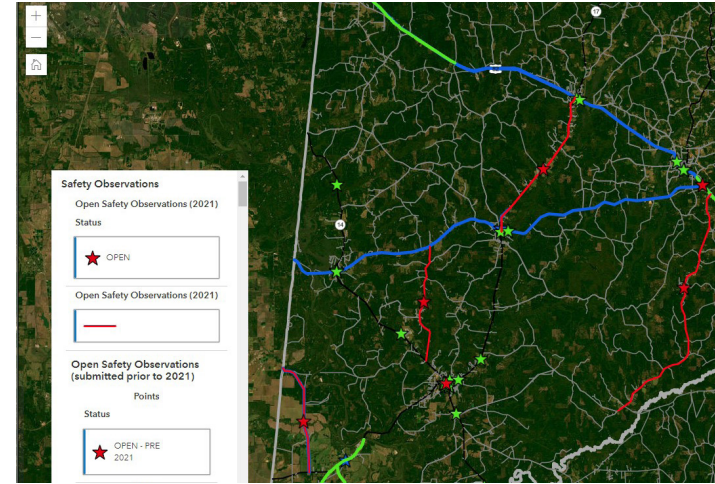
Mike Fields  
**Shelton State Community College (Retired)**

Jimmy Madison  
**Mayor of Berry**

Sharon Nethery  
**County Commission Chair and Probate Judge**



# Transportation Planning



**Transportation Planning provided contract-redistricting assistance to eight local governments following the release of the 2020 Census data. All WARC developed maps have been approved.**



- **The Tuscaloosa Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)** is currently providing funds to 13 active transportation projects. Total MPO funds approved for those 13 projects are \$55,578,200.
- **The West Alabama Rural Planning Organization (RPO)** held 28 meetings of the Citizens Transportation Advisory Committees (CTAC), Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) and the Policy Committee. Over 70 transportation projects were reviewed and discussed.
- **For the fourth year**, the WARC Transportation Planning Department provided contract-GIS service for the City of Northport.
- **The Tuscaloosa Area MPO** and the West Alabama RPO adopted the West Alabama Coordinated Public Transit Plan 2022 Report. Also, the WARC Transportation Planning Department processed six transit grant applications. They consisted of five 5310 and one 5311 applications.

## Local Government Membership

### Bibb County

City of Brent  
City of Centreville  
Town of West Blocton  
Town of Woodstock

### Fayette County

Town of Belk  
Town of Berry  
City of Fayette  
Town of Glen Allen

### Greene County

Town of Boligee  
City of Eutaw  
Town of Forkland  
Town of Union

### Hale County

Town of Akron  
City of Greensboro  
City of Moundville  
Town of Newbern

### Lamar County

Town of Beaverton  
Town of Detroit  
Town of Kennedy  
Town of Millport  
City of Sulligent  
City of Vernon

### Pickens County

City of Aliceville  
Town of Carrollton  
Town of Ethelsville  
Town of Gordo  
Town of Pickensville  
Town of Reform

### Tuscaloosa County

City of Brookwood  
Town of Coaling  
Town of Coker  
Town of Lake View  
City of Northport  
City of Tuscaloosa  
Town of Vance



# BETTER in Action through WARC

**The Community and Economic Development Department completed the Bringing Economic Tools To Enrich and Revitalize (BETTER) program. BETTER has served as a catalyst for pandemic recovery and revitalization in the West Alabama region.**

**The Pandemic Recovery and Resiliency Plan** was completed and posted on the WARC website.

**BETTER** sponsored seven elected officials and staff to the Alabama Association of Regional Council's Annual Training Conference held in Montgomery.

**BETTER** sponsored 14 local leaders to Your Town Alabama, an intensive workshop at Camp McDowel in Nauvoo, AL.

**BETTER** sponsored 17 municipal clerks in the region to attend sessions offered by the Municipal Clerk's Institute. Through the program, clerks can earn their Certified Municipal Clerk (CMC), or Master Municipal Clerk (MMC) certifications.

Megan Batte	Centreville
Tiffney McCulley	Woodstock
Kayla Ellis	Belk
Dawn Clapp	Fayette
Tabatha Tucker	Glen Allen
Shakelvia Spencer	Eutaw
Joe Powell	Eutaw
Kinya Isaac Turner	Forkland
Bridget Ball	Akron
Lorrie Cook	Greensboro
Becky Akins	Kennedy
Linda Ferguson	Millport
Bradley Long	Sulligent
Jessica Perrigin	Carrollton
Lisa Bates	Lake View
Dineki McCaa	Aliceville
Silvia Rouse	Coaling

**The BE WELL West Alabama Healthcare Locator Map**, in collaboration with Transportation GIS staff and the Area Agency on Aging, a regional interactive map of healthcare services was created. The project received a 2022 Aliceann Wohlbruck Impact Award from the National Association of Development Organizations and was recognized during NADO's 2022 Annual Training Conference. The 2022 class of award recipients included 107 projects from 71 organizations spanning 28 states.



**West Alabama Regional and County Metrics infographics** highlighting socioeconomic data were developed and posted on the WARC website.

**BETTER Action Plans** for counties and municipalities were completed in June of 2022. Local leaders and partners are meeting to develop action plans to address priority projects in their communities.

Bibb County: City of Centreville; Town of West Blocton  
 Greene County: City of Eutaw; Town of Forkland  
 Hale County: Town of Akron; City of Greensboro  
 Pickens County: City of Aliceville; Town of Carrollton;  
 Town of Gordo; Town of Pickensville; City of Reform;  
 City of Coaling; City of Lake View; City of Vance

*These activities were made possible through funding from the Economic Development Administration (EDA).*



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|---------------------|----------------------------------|
| Bridget Ball        | Town of Akron, Clerk             |
| Lisa Bright         | Will Bright Foundation           |
| John Cameron        | Tuscaloosa County Extension      |
| Susan Chase         | Town of Beaverton, Mayor         |
| Melody Davis        | City of Reform, Mayor            |
| Lakisha Duke-Bryant | Town of Akron, Councilperson     |
| Carrie Jones        | Town of Forkland                 |
| Jamie Lake          | West Alabama Regional Commission |
| Rod Northam         | City of Fayette, Mayor           |
| Lynn Hamric         | Centreville                      |
| Pamela Trammell     | West Alabama Regional Commission |
| Sandra Walker       | REACH, Inc. - Eutaw              |
| Barry Walker, Sr.   | REACH, Inc. - Eutaw              |
| Mike Oakley         | City of Centreville, Mayor       |

## Who We Are

The West Alabama Regional Commission (WARC) is one of the 12 regional councils in the State of Alabama. The councils serve local governments and citizens by coordinating region-wide projects and services, promoting cooperation among the local governments and carrying out state and federal programs on a regional basis. The West Alabama area is designated Planning District 2, or Region 2.

The WARC covers Bibb, Fayette, Greene, Hale, Lamar, Pickens and Tuscaloosa Counties. The commission is governed by an executive committee and a Board of Directors, made up of representatives from each of these seven counties and 35 municipalities, who annually elect a chairman and a vice-chairman. The Board is composed of citizens and policy-making elected officials from the member governments. It is with the Board's participation the WARC staff are enabled to carry out WARC's mission of improving the quality of life in West Alabama.



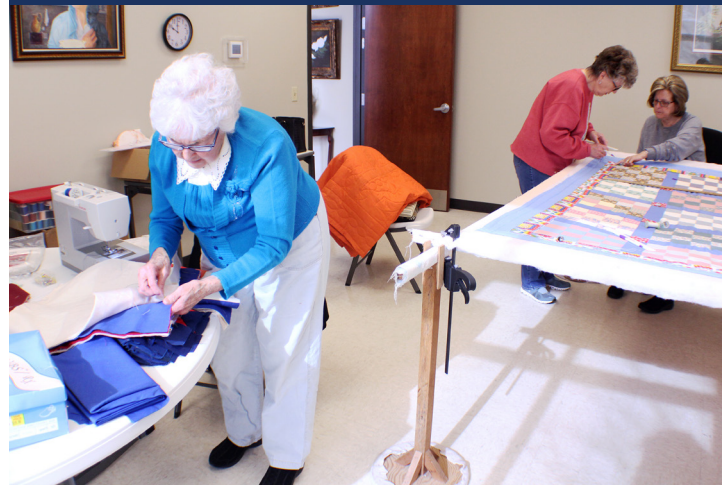
## From Our Director

It is my privilege to continue my service as Executive Director of the West Alabama Regional Commission. WARC continues to grow. We are currently operating at our all-time highest staffing level with a total 68 employees. The board of directors has played a major role in bringing about this achievement. On behalf of the commission staff, I would like to thank this year's board for its hard work and dedication. To them, we are indebted for our success in providing services to the local governments and the citizens we serve in our region. As we look forward to the next year, our employees, with the board's leadership, will continue to be dedicated to providing quality service to our member governments and the citizens of West Alabama.

  
 Executive Director  
 Dennis Stripling



# Area Agency on Aging (AAA)



During FY22, the AAA reached over 11,500 older adults and caregivers through various programs offered at the agency.

- **The Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC)** assisted more than 3,100 individuals. Assistance includes screening, follow-up and enrollment into programs offered through the AAA and other providers in the region. Additionally, more than 2,455 "quick calls" were handled through ADRC. Marketing and outreach efforts reached more than 150,000 individuals.
- **The Alabama Cares Program** assisted more than 1,400 caregivers throughout the region
- **The Medicaid Waiver Program** served 1,105 clients in FY22 with 465 of them receiving services through the self-directed program, Personal Choices. We also transitioned 11 nursing home residents back into the community with the support of Medicaid Waiver services through our Gateway to Community Living program.
- **The Nutrition/Senior Activity Program** Approximately 270,000 meals were served through the senior activity centers (SACs) or home delivered meals over the past year. The SACs offer more than a nutritious meal. They provide a social network to participate in various activities such as cards, bingo, exercise, corn hole, quilting, presentations and health screenings just to name a few! We helped support The Town of Boligee open a senior center in their Town Hall as well.
- **The State Health Insurance Program (SHIP)** has assisted more than 3,900 Medicare beneficiaries with their coverage questions and options. During the FY22 Open Enrollment Period (OEP), around 1,700 clients visited the AAA for unbiased counseling.
- **The Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP)** has assisted over 50 participants with job training.
- **The Long Term Ombudsman program** continues to provide consultations to Long Term Care facilities, investigate complaints, mediate cases (supports families and residents by providing unbiased mediation between them and nursing homes), makes routine visits, and provides in-service trainings.
- **Our 11 Evidence Based Programs** served over 150 clients this past year. We offer Matter of Balance, Stress Busters for Caregivers of those with dementia, Stress Busters for Caregivers of those with a chronic illness and Bingocize.

# Community and Economic Development

- **The WARC Community & Economic Development Department** assisted the University Center for Economic Development (UACED) to carry out planning funded by the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) for the I-22 Corridor counties of Fayette, Lamar, Marion, and Winston. Local leaders participated in completing plans at the regional and county level. These included the I-22 Strategic Development plan (regional plan), the Fayette County Strategic Development plan and the Lamar County Strategic Development plan.
- **The 2022-2026 West Alabama Economic Development Playbook (Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy - CEDS)** was completed and posted on the WARC website.
- **Staff participated** in the Pickens County Leadership program and the City of Aliceville - Alabama Communities of Excellence (ACE) program.
- **The WARC Community & Economic Development Department** assisted local municipalities in the West Alabama region to administer open grants and other allocations totaling \$10,023,280.
- **The WARC Revolving Loan Fund** approved five loans from the C-19 Covid Relief fund totaling \$125,000 to support seven new jobs and retain 13 jobs. The businesses include: Arayasunshine Candle Company, Myca Mack Beauty, Vernon Medical Center, Poppin' Sisters Popcorn & Treats and Wrap It up Catering.

37,540 people and 291 businesses in the region will benefit from community development grant assistance provided by WARC in 2022.



Six new grant awards totaling \$1,722,148 were approved in FY22; and additional requests of \$652,260 are pending announcement.

#### Appalachian Regional Commission

- Town of Millport \$170,380 - Back-up generators for water treatment plant

#### ADECA CDBG-CV

- Town of Carrollton \$598,592 - Covid Testing and Vaccination satellite clinic
- Pickens County Commission \$310,382 - Lucas Devices for police (6) and volunteer fire (15) departments

#### Delta Regional Authority

- City of Aliceville \$120,000 DRA/\$120,000 ALDOT - 17th Street improvements
- Town of Carrollton \$272,794 - Sewer system upgrades
- City of Reform \$250,000/\$1,472,496 ADEM SRF - New water well

