

## New Business

### **Sydney Raine**

I have recognized over the past year riding up and down the roads of our nine counties as well as meeting with the Judge in Monroe County and the Commission President in Clarke County that we have a serious problem in the rural area with transportation. Mr. John Clyde Riggs has agreed to sphere head the Transportation Committee and Mr. Raine asked Rickey Rhodes if he wouldn't mind working alone with him.

There was a truck driving training program being closed in Clarke County for various reasons we had a conversation and met with the Clarke County Commission (Rhondell Rhone) and took their concerns to the State Workforce Board and they recognized that this was an issue the Chancellor of the two year college system was sitting in the meeting and said that should not happen so on August 20, 2018 the program will start and that is about relationships working with one another to address problems in our area. We recognized, we talked about it, we solved the problem and Mr. Raine said that he was glad to do this for Clarke County.

Commissioner Rhone said that he would be remised if he didn't thank Mr. Raine for all that he has and is doing for Clarke County and gave him a big thank you for getting the Truck Driving School back up and running.

## President's Report

### **Sydney Raine**

For those who have traveled here today please get with Lisa Thomas to complete a travel voucher reimbursement form and thank you all for being with us today.

September 16 – 18, 2018 The Southeastern Employment and Training Association Conference will be in Mobile and workforce development professionals from eight states will be in attendance at the Riverview Hotel but the Conference will be at the Convention Center. I will have Tammy Smith my Executive Administrative Assistant to send you a copy of the agenda. Mr. Raine made a personal thank you to Chairman Moses as you know we were going to a transition period and I went to Chairman Moses and asked him if he would be willing to serve another year and he looked at Mr. Raine and said are you serious and he replied "yes" so that we could keep some continuity as far as board members and leadership. I asked my friend Sandra Koblas to present to you some things for your service to SWAPTE over the past two years. She presented him with a poster, USS Montgomery Medallion from the Navy, and a bag of our ships, and also invited him to be their guest at the Christening of the USS A. Mr. Raine presented him with a 50 year calendar.

Mr. Moses passed the hammer to Carol Statter who said her last gavel was a plunger. Patty Hughston introduced the Chefs (Ed Douglas, Chef James Hurtubise, and Chef Matt Palamara) from their Gulf Shores Campus and thanked them for preparing an awesome meal. The meeting was dismissed by our new Chair Carol Statter.

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APPROVED By: SWAPTE WDB



Carol Statter, SWAPTE WDB Secretary