

**TENTATIVE AGENDA**  
**Senate Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, and Economic Development**  
**House Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, and Economic Development**  
**Meeting Jointly**

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**Thursday, October 21, 2021**  
**10:00 AM**

**Embassy Suites Red Wolf Convention Center, Caraway A & B, 223 Red Wolf Blvd.**  
**Jonesboro, Arkansas**

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Sen. Ronald Caldwell, Chair  
Sen. Ricky Hill, Vice-Chair  
Sen. Bill Sample  
Sen. David Wallace  
Sen. Greg Leding  
Sen. James Sturch  
Sen. Charles Beckham  
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Rep. Jack Fortner  
Rep. Bruce Coleman  
Rep. Steve Hollowell  
Rep. Carlton Wing  
Rep. Stan Berry  
Rep. Cameron Cooper  
Rep. Harlan Breaux  
Rep. Denise Jones Ennett

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- A. Call to Order
- B. Comments by Committee Chairs
- C. Report from Arkansas Economic Development Commission
  - 1. Clint O'Neal, Deputy Director & Executive Vice President of Global Business
  - 2. Steve Sparks, Director, Existing Business Division
- D. Presentations from Arkansas State University College of Agriculture
  - 1. Dr. Elizabeth Hood, Lipscomb Distinguished Professor
  - 2. Dr. John Nowlin, Assistant Professor of Geospatial Technologies
  - 3. Dr. David Newman, Associate Professor of Animal Science
- E. Overview of Economic Development Initiatives in Jonesboro
  - 1. Mark Young, President and CEO, Jonesboro Chamber of Commerce
  - 2. Steven Lamm, Vice President of Economic Development, Jonesboro Unlimited
- F. Update from Department of Agriculture
  - Wes Ward, Secretary
- G. Report from University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture
  - Chuck Culver, Interim Vice President for Agriculture
- H. Other Business
- I. Adjournment                   **Refreshments Available to All in Attendance**

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