

# CENTRAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSIONER SIMMONS'

## *Inaugural* RURAL INFRASTRUCTURE SUMMIT

JUNE 2-3, 2022

THE LYRIC HOTEL  
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CLEVELAND, MS 38732  
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## Commissioner Simmons' Inaugural Rural Infrastructure Summit

### Actions and Detail Panel

### Event Information

#### About this event

For questions or concerns about the Summit, please contact LaQuisha Williams at LAWILLIAMS@MDOT.MS.GOV OR CALL 662.846.0105.

The **goal** of the Rural Infrastructure Summit is to equip rural Mississippi with an infrastructure system that is effective, efficient and affordable to its citizens. As Commissioner of the Central District, Commissioner Simmons recognizes the importance of rural infrastructure and its impact on the sustainability of communities. As a result, the Rural Infrastructure Summit is planned and designed to address rural infrastructure holistically with a one stop shop approach.

The Summit's audience will be a cadre of community leaders to include: County Administrators, Supervisors, Mayors, Superintendents of Education and Engineers.

Providing an abundance of knowledge and resources will be experts from the State and Federal Government to include: Congressman, Senator, Secretary of Transportation, USDA, EPA, DRA, MDOT and Broadband.

#### Keynote Speakers Include:

- Congressman Bennie Thompson, *Mississippi Second District*
- Secretary Shawn Wilson, *Louisiana Secretary of Transportation*
- Secretary Pete Buttigieg, *U. S Department of Transportation (invited)*

#### Presenters for Rural Summit Include:

- Trina George, *State Director USDA Rural Development*

- Ryan Anderson, *State Coordinator - Senator Wicker's Staff*
- Corey Wiggins, *Co-Chair Delta Region Authority*
- Brad White, *CEO Mississippi Department of Transportation*
- Thaddeus Fairley, *USDA – FSAS State Director*
- Michael Carr, *USDA – NRCS Assistant State Conservationist*
- Brent Bailey, *Commissioner Central District, Public Service Commission*
- Homer Wilkes, *Under Secretary for NRE US Department of Agriculture*
- Maurice Henderson, *Senior Advisor to USDOT Secretary*
- Ronald W. Cassada, *Past President of Mississippi Association of County Engineers*
- Sally Doty, *CEO of Mississippi Broadband Initiative*
- Representative Scott Bound, *District 44, Leake & Neshoba Counties*
- Charles Carr, *CEO MDOT Multimodal Division*
- Chris Thomas, *Chief Permitting & Grants Branch Water Division, EPA Region IV*
- Lee Anne Robinson, *Deputy Executive Director Legislative Budget Office*
- Porscha Miner, *Senior Analysis Legislative Budget Office*
- Deidre Deculus Robert, *Louisiana State Director*
- Laura Hipp, *Deputy Executive Director, Mississippi Development Authority*
- William "Bill" Cork, *Deputy Director & Chief Economic Development Office, Mississippi Development Authority*
- Mark McConnell, *Senior Vice President, West Gulf Region Volkert, Inc.*

**Conference Registration Details:**

All Participants must register online even if check or money order is being mailed. Register online then pay with debit/credit card or choose option to mail in check/money order to:

613 East Sunflower Road , Cleveland, MS 38732

**Lodging Information**

The Lyric Hotel

1300 Highway 8 West, Cleveland, MS

Ph: 662-441-3901

Email: [contact@westendcleveland.com](mailto:contact@westendcleveland.com)

*Room Rates:*

- Standard King and Queen \$92.00/night
- Wing King and Queen \$109.00/night
- State House King and Queen \$149.00/night
- Lyric Hotel Executive Suites \$169.00/night

**Deadline to book at this rate is May 27, 2022.**