

Development Authority of Butts County

Meeting Minutes

Called Meeting

The Development Authority of Butts County held a called meeting on Monday, March 3, 2025 at the Historic Butts County Courthouse, 25 Third Street, Jackson, GA. The meeting was held in conjunction with the Butts County Board of Commissioners.

Development Authority Members present and comprising a quorum were:

Members	PRESENT	ABSENT	Members	PRESENT	ABSENT
Zach Burden	X		Roger McDaniel	X	
John Fisher	X		Alicia Washington	X	
John Harkness	X		Arthur White	X	
Fred Head	X				

Staff Present: Executive Director Bob White and Kevin Brown-Seyfarth Shaw-Authority Counsel.

I. Welcome and Approval of the Agenda

Chairman Harkness called the meeting to order. On a motion by Mr. Head, seconded by Mr. McDaniel, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda.

II. Executive Session: Legal and Real Estate Matters

On a motion by Mr. Head, seconded by Mr. McDaniel, the Board voted unanimously to enter into Executive Session to discuss Legal and Real Estate Matters. Upon conclusion of the Executive Session, there was a motion by Mr. McDaniel, seconded by Mr. Head, to re-enter the open meeting. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

III. Butts County Tax Savings Plan Discussion

Butts County Commission Chair, Mr. Joe Brown, provided background information on the Commissioners' desire to suspend the current discretionary incentives schedule until the Board of Commissioners had an opportunity to learn more about the discretionary incentives process and to hold discussions with the Development Authority regarding future discretionary incentives to be offered to prospective industries. Following a discussion, Authority Chair, John Harkness, agreed that the Authority would not offer discretionary incentives on new projects until the requested meetings were held with an opportunity for input from the Board of Commissioners.

IV. Adjournment: On a motion by Mr. Fisher, seconded by Mr. Head, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn.

The Minutes will be officially approved by the Board on: March 14, 2025

Executive Director

Chairman