

Development Authority of Butts County
Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

The Development Authority of Butts County held its monthly meeting on Friday, February 14, 2025 at the Historic Butts County Courthouse, 25 Third Street, Jackson, GA.

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 Melissa Griffin, Workforce Development Coordinator. Also attending were Dr. Quin Jernigan – AWS Workforce Development; Ms. Jacqueline McKoon-Butts Chamber; George Crews-Georgia Power Company; and Kimberly Sheppard, Adam Pugh and Dr. Keith Simmons-Griffin Spalding School System.

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. Approval of the Minutes

a) January 17, 2025 – Monthly Meeting

On a motion by Mr. Head, seconded by Mr. McDaniel, the Board unanimously approved the Minutes of the January 17, 2025 monthly meeting.

III. Board Items for Discussion and Action

a) Financial Reports – January 2025

- Checking IDA
- Checking DABC
- MasterCard Credit Card
- Joint Development Authority of Butts & Spalding

On a motion by Ms. Washington, seconded by Mr. Head, the Board voted unanimously to accept the Financial Reports as presented. In subsequent meetings, the Financial Reports and Minutes will be approved via Consent Agenda approval unless there are questions or corrections.

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- IV. **Old Business:** There were no Old Business items for discussion
- V. **New Business:**
- a) **Amazon Web Services Workforce Development Initiatives in Butts County** —Dr. Quin Jernigan, Manager, AWS Economic Development Workforce Development, provided a presentation on the various workforce development initiatives that Amazon Web Services will undertake in Butts and Douglas County in conjunction with the planned AWS data centers announced in January.
- b) **2025 Butts Chamber Gala** – Ms. Jacqueline McKoon shared information about the upcoming Butts Chamber Banquet to be held on Thursday, March 13th, at the Fun Bowl in Jackson.
- VI. **Staff Reports and Information** – Bob White and Melissa Griffin provided a brief update on project activity since the last meeting.
- VII. **Executive Session:** There were no items for discussion in Executive Session
- VIII. **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