

Development Authority of Butts County
Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

March 13, 2026
Historic Butts County Courthouse
25 Third Street, Jackson, GA 30233
9:00 a.m.

The Development Authority of Butts County held its monthly meeting on Friday, March 13, 2026 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, Melissa Griffin, Director of Business Retention & Expansion, Brad Johnson, Butts County Manager, and George Crews with Georgia Power were also in attendance. Board member John Fisher participated by phone. Also present was Development Authority Board Attorney, Kevin Brown.

I. Welcome and Approval of the Agenda

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

II. Approval of the Minutes

Chairman Harkness called for approval of the minutes of February 13, 2026. On a motion by Mr. Head, seconded by Mr. Arthur White, the Board unanimously approved the minutes as submitted.

III. Board Items for Discussion and Action

a. Financial Reports – February 2026

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

Executive Director Bob White presented the Financials, including current bills to be paid. On a motion by Mr. Burden, seconded by Mr. McDaniel, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Financial Reports as presented.

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- IV. **Old Business.** – There were no items for discussion.
- V. **New Business** – There were no items for discussion.
- VI. **Staff Reports, and Information** – Executive Director Bob White stated that due to time constraints, the staff report would be brief. Melissa Griffin, Director of Business Retention and Expansion, provided an update on the Tri-County Workforce Alignment Committee, now known as Unity Works, A Southern Crescent Collective, which is progressing with plans for the Regional Job Fair on April 15th.
- VII. **Executive Session- Real Estate Matter** – On a motion by Mr. Burden, seconded by Mr. Arthur White, the Board voted unanimously to enter Executive Session for discussion of a real estate matter. Following the discussion, there was a motion by Mr. Arthur White, seconded by Mr. Burden, to return to the open meeting.
- On a motion by Mr. Arthur White and seconded by Mr. Burden, the Board unanimously approved the conveyance of approximately 282.715 acres of land owned by the Development Authority in Butts County and Lamar County to Industrial VI Enterprises, LLC, pursuant to the Purchase and Sales Agreement, and authorized the Chairman and Secretary to execute and deliver any and all documents necessary to consummate the sale of the property.
- VIII. **Adjournment-** On a motion by Mr. Arthur White, seconded by Mr. Burden, the Board voted to adjourn.

The Minutes were officially approved by the Board on April 10, 2026

Executive Director

Chairman