

Development Authority of Butts County
Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

May 8, 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, May 8, 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 and Melissa Griffin, Director of Business Retention & Expansion. Also present was Joe Reed, a Brushy Creek resident.

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

Chairman Harkness called for approval of the minutes of April 10, 2026. On a motion by Mr. McDaniel, seconded by Mr. Head, the Board unanimously approved the minutes as submitted.

III. Board Items for Discussion and Action

a. Financial Reports – April 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. Head, seconded by Mr. McDaniel, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Financial Reports as presented.

Development Authority of Butts County
Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

V. **Old Business-** There was no old business to discuss

VI. **New Business**

a. Site Selection Magazine Advertising Opportunity

Executive Director White announced that Butts County will be recognized as one of the Top 20 Counties in America for economic performance rankings by population. This recognition will be featured in the July 2026 Issue of *Site Selection* magazine. The rankings are based on qualified projects that are at least 20,000 sq ft of new or expanded space, or have \$1 million in capital investment, or create at least 20 jobs. Butts County will be ranked number three (3) based on projects per capita.

Mr. White recommended that the Board consider celebrating this achievement by purchasing an advertising option in Site Selection Magazine. However, upon a motion by Mr. Fisher, seconded by Mr. Head, the Board voted unanimously to not purchase an advertisement.

VII. **Staff Reports and Information**

Executive Director White provided the Board with an overview of all the buildings and sites currently available for sale or lease in Butts County. He also discussed the development activities occurring in the surrounding counties of Spalding, Lamar, and Monroe. Director Griffin updated the Board on her Scope of Work for 2025-2026 and highlighted the Development Authority's involvement in workforce events held in April. Additionally, she shared the newly created Employer Resource Packet with the Board.

VIII. **Executive Session- No executive session needed**

IX. **Adjournment-**

On a motion by Mr. Fisher, seconded by Mr. Arthur White, the Board voted to adjourn.

The Minutes were officially approved by the Board on June 26, 2026

Executive Director

Chairman