

Minutes
Development Authority of Elbert County, City of Elberton and Bowman
August 6, 2024

Chairman Al McCall called the meeting to order. Present were Caitlin Dye, Dr. Andrea Daniel, County Chairman Lee Vaughn, Mayor Daniel Graves, Councilwoman Betty Jo Maxwell, Steve Banks, Kevin Eavenson, Tamara Butler, guests, media. Anna Jones was absent.

After the pledge to the United States flag the invocation was given by Mayor Graves.

Adoption of the Agenda. Mr. Vaughn made a motion to adopt the agenda; seconded by Dr. Daniel. The motion passed unanimously.

Adoption of the Minutes of May 24, 2024. Mayor Graves made a motion to adopt the minutes of May 24, 2024; seconded by Mr. Vaughn. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion of Old Business. None

Discussion of New Business.

- 1) **Discussion and Consideration of the FY25 Budget.** Mrs. Dye presented a budget of \$165,000. Mr. Vaughn made a motion to approve the FY25 Budget; seconded by Mr. Banks. The motion passed unanimously.
- 2) **Approval of Marketing Items.** Mrs. Dye presented two marketing items, a granite coaster and leather journal that she would like to give to prospective clients. Both items were approved.
- 3) **Discussion of Data Presented by Georgia Power and GA Department of Labor.** Looking over the data; Mrs. Dye stated she was surprised by the large number of people that are leaving the county each day for work elsewhere. Also, another item that stood out was that industrial companies are only pulling 2% of our tax digest; so, the larger we grow that percentage, the less the residents have to pull.
- 4) **Discussion of Meeting Frequency and Schedule.** After some discussion, it was decided that going forward, we would hold monthly meetings, to be held the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 11:00 a.m. Also, Mrs. Dye stated she would provide a Directors Report to keep the board informed.

Mr. Eavenson stated the Spec building is nearly 100% complete; with just a little landscaping to be completed.

Adjournment. Mayor Graves made the motion to adjourn; seconded by Dr. Daniel. The motion passed unanimously.

