

Minutes
Development Authority of Elbert County, City of Elberton and Bowman
September 11, 2024

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

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

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

Adoption of the Minutes of August 6, 2024. Mayor Graves made a motion to adopt the minutes of August 6, 2024; seconded by Mr. Vaughn. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business: None

New Business: Mrs. Dye put together a Director's Report for July and August indicating meetings and training attended. Ms. Jones stated it would be a good idea to add phone calls, etc. with any state agencies or prospects.

There was some discussion of a proposal for a series of strategic prioritization sessions to lay the groundwork for the county to develop an economic development strategic plan. Mrs. Dye reached out to Betsy McGriff, with Georgia Tech about next steps forward. Their suggestion is to do visioning sessions to align everyone's goals and thoughts to know which detailed plan to start with first. The quote to do sessions is a little over \$10,500, but we could apply for Federal Economic Development Association funding to help reduce the cost to around \$8,000. Chairman McCall stated we do need a list of priorities so that everyone's on the same page. Mayor Graves stated we pay a large fee to Electric Cities, and maybe we could check with them to see if they offer these sessions so that we aren't paying for something that we already can get that is paid thru them.

Finance Report. Mr. Eavenson reported as of August 31st, cash on hand is \$81,396. All contributions has been paid. Expenditures are normal.

Adjournment. Mr. Vaughn made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Ms. Jones. The motion passed unanimously.