

**Habersham County Development Authority
Special Called Meeting
Monday, October 28, 2024, 9:00 a.m.
Executive Conference Room
130 Jacob's Way, Clarkesville, GA 30523**

Members Present: Jim Butterworth, Gail Thaxton, Bryan Ferguson, Jeff Bruns, Mike Franklin

Members Not Present: Sidney Roland, Allen Whitener

Others Present: Alicia Vaughn, Charlie Fiveash, Jim Woodward

Call to Order and Invocation

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance were led by Jim Butterworth.

Approval of Agenda

A MOTION was made by Bryan Ferguson, SECONDED by Mike Franklin, and voted unanimously (5-0) to approve the agenda as presented.

A MOTION was made by Gail Thaxton, seconded by Mike Franklin, and voted unanimously (5-0) to enter executive session at 9:04 a.m.

Executive Session

A MOTION was made by Jeff Bruns, seconded by Mike Franklin, and voted unanimously (5-0) to exit executive session at 9:52 a.m.

An amended MOTION was made by Mike Franklin, seconded by Jeff Bruns, and voted unanimously (5-0) to submit an urging resolution to the Habersham County Board of Commissioners, to read "We, the Habersham County Development Authority, would ask that the Habersham County Board of Commissioners consider transferring the old courthouse to the Development Authority as soon as reasonably possible, to facilitate the demolition of the building formerly known as the Habersham County Courthouse, located at 555 Monroe Street, Clarkesville, Georgia, 30523. The Development Authority will then proceed with demolition through prescribed legal processes. The vacant lot will then be marketed for Economic Development purposes. Proceeds of the sale of the property will be utilized to return expenses of the demolition to the Development Authority. Excess net proceeds will be divided 50/50 between the Development Authority and the Board of Commissioners. The demolition project will be managed by the Development Authority Executive Director and appropriate county staff."

A MOTION was made by Jeff Bruns, seconded by Mike Franklin, and voted unanimously (5-0) to table the IGA for Temporary Financing of the Demolition of the Old Courthouse between Habersham County, Georgia and the Habersham County Development Authority.

Adjourn

A MOTION was made by Jeff Bruns, seconded by Bryan Ferguson, and voted unanimously (5-0) to adjourn the meeting at 10:16 a.m.



Bryan Ferguson, Vice Chair



Attest: Charlie Fiveash