

**Habersham County Development Authority
Special Called Meeting
Tuesday, January 22, 2025, 10:00 a.m.
Executive Conference Room
130 Jacob's Way, Clarkesville, GA 30523**

Members Present: Jim Butterworth, Gail Thaxton, Jeff Bruns, Mike Franklin, Sidney Roland, Allen Whitener

Members Not Present: Bryan Ferguson

Others Present: Charlie Fiveash, Patti McLarty, Tim Sims, Matt Skilling (via TEAMS), local media (only during open session)

Call to Order and Invocation

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. Invocation was given by Mike Franklin and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jim Butterworth.

Approval of Agenda

A MOTION was made by Mike Franklin, SECONDED by Allen Whitener, and voted unanimously (6-0) to approve the agenda as presented.

A MOTION was made by Jeff Bruns, seconded by Sidney Roland, and voted unanimously (6-0) to enter executive session at 10:01 a.m.

Executive Session

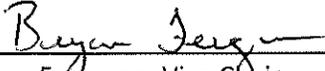
A MOTION was made by Jeff Bruns, seconded by Gail Thaxton, and voted unanimously (6-0) to exit executive session at 10:55 a.m.

Motion by Jeff Bruns, seconded by Mike Franklin, and voted unanimously (6-0) to amend the contract with Project Hill whereby the current \$10,000 held in earnest money will become non-refundable. The Development Authority will require an additional \$10,000 refundable earnest money deposit for a 90-day extension, beginning January 17, 2025. Following the 90-day extension, that \$10,000 becomes non-refundable. If another extension is requested after 90 days, the Development Authority will require an additional \$15,000 of non-refundable earnest money, for a total of \$35,000 in non-refundable earnest money.

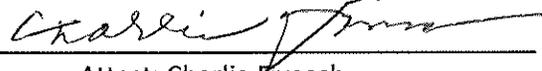
Motion by Mike Franklin, seconded by Gail Thaxton, and voted unanimously (6-0) to counteroffer on the site at 0 Pyratich Drive, Baldwin, Georgia, a total of 5.007 acres, for \$45,000 per acre. The Development Authority will pay Norton's 5% commission fee. This counteroffer will include a 60-day due diligence period, and 30 days to close. The Buyer will bring all utilities and road access to site, built to county specifications. The buyer will pay for surveying the property.

Adjourn

A MOTION was made by Jeff Bruns, seconded by Sidney Roland, and voted unanimously (6-0) to adjourn the meeting at 10:58 a.m.



Bryan Ferguson, Vice Chair



Attest: Charlie Fiveash