Minutes
Development Authority of Jasper County
Hospital Annex Conference Room
February 3, 2026 / 12:30 PM

Attendees: Jeff Greeson, Robby Kelly, Michelle Coward, Robert Cumbie, Tyson Hardy, Tony Rogers
Call to Order - Chair
Invocation – Tony
Review and Approval of January 6, 2026 Minutes – M/S/A
Review and Approval of February 3, 2026 Agenda– M/S/A

CTAE Update – Mary Tumlin/Johnnie Sue Moore **Chamber Update** – N/A

Projects Update

- TNT Door– Still hopeful for first quarter 2026 first production run. Continued issues with the City, now on overbilling for their power and street lights. Customer looking to complete construction at their budget targets. TNT hiring.
- Shyplace Solar (EDPR) – Contentious P&Z work session regarding the newly proposed solar ordinance for Jasper County. EDPR was in attendance. Ordinance was generated from a request by Victor Columbus. P&Z Board has been invited to both Columbus' residential installation on the roof of his hunting cabin and the 11-acre SSEMC array at Hwy. 114 and 142. If passed as currently worded, the ordinance would kill any and all future revenue-producing solar projects in the county.
- Norton/Permatherm Water – They will begin their detailed study in two weeks after Hwy. 83 N pipe replacement is complete. Should have a report allows for a solution by March.

Other Business

- JDA Update (Tony)
- Permatherm is hiring machine operators, forklift drivers and CAD designers.
- 3M has not responded to our latest email disputing the additional $5,000 charge.
- Related to 3M, statewide development authority effort to address the cost and lack of qualified accounting firms who will do annual audits for small development authorities. JDA annual audit cost?
- MKR (Cory McMichael)- At January 23 BOC work session, MKR was given permission to use the planned 52 spot parking that was in the original recreation plan. However, since the county reserves the right to use the parking first for recreation purposes, does MKR need to have a third sublease?
- Humane Society Facility-DAJC and Squared Away Construction has a business and capital funding plan in place with the Humane Society for their new building. However, they are currently needing a temporary facility as the number of stray animals in our county continues to rise. Looking into temporary spaces for them as Kendra works on a pro bono construction estimate. If DAJC doesn't help them, who will?
- DAJC Board Applications-Jeff, Sam and Tyson
- Brownfield Grant was finally submitted. Should hear if we get the award in June.
- State GDED region rep in to meet with WWS, TNT and Fowler Flemister on state tax credits.

Miscellaneous

- Trivia night 1/22 at JCHS benefitted Academic Teams.
- DAJC/DDA/COC lunch 2/4 to begin better overall collaboration and to strategize retail marketing efforts for Monticello/Jasper County.
- DAJC 2025 List of Accomplishments and 2026 Goals to BOC.
- EV chargers at "Whitetail Commons".

Adjourn-Next Meeting March 3
Executive Session Needed

"To develop and promote for the public good and general welfare trade, commerce, industry and employment opportunities for Jasper County."