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

**Attendees:** Robby Kelly, Steve Jordan, Michelle Coward, Robert Cumbie, Tyson Hardy, Tony Rogers
**Call to Order** – Vice-Chair
**Invocation** – Michelle
**Review and Approval of February 3, 2026 Minutes – M/S/A**
**Review and Approval of March 3, 2026 Agenda– M/S/A**

**CTAE Update –** Mary Tumlin/Johnnie Sue Moore: Mary went to CTSO at State Capitol, CTAE Advisory committees meet on April 7

**Chamber Update** – N/A

**Action Items**

- Review and comment on proposed DAJC value proposition and July 2026-June 2027 budget. Due March 13.
- Solar ordinance hearings at courthouse: March 12 (P&Z), April 6 (BOC), May 4 (BOC).
- Stay attuned (ACCG/GMA sites) and notify our legislators (House-Dale Washburn, Senate-Rick Williams) if you feel compelled. Numerous bills (SB 476, SB 382, HB 1116, HR 1114 and others) to reduce/eliminate income and property taxes and they all fund these cuts by increasing the burden on our businesses. Rural counties will suffer.

**Projects Update**

- TNT Door– Moving milling operation from Covington as we speak. Hopeful to have all equipment relocated and begin production within the next two weeks.
- Shyplace Solar (EDPR) – Had first P&Z open hearing February 26. Mary Patrick is the new P&Z Board Chair. BOC last night approved the requirement for two open hearings for any "substantial" ordinance changes.
- Norton/Permatherm Water
    - Hwy. 83 N pipe replacement is complete. Should have a report that allows for a solution by late March.
    - Purchase by venture capital firm Platinum Equity is complete. Greg Norton will remain the CEO. No major changes at the plant so far based on employee feedback.

**Other Business**

- JDA Update (Steve)-Finance Committee to recommend 100% of $8M from Meta in April go to the 4 counties
- New Rivian liaison is Laura Sullivan (Mansfield). Met with Bruce and Mike B.
- Annual Auditor-3M has not responded to our latest email asking for details on the $5k activities. We will move forward with a different auditor.
- MKR (Cory McMichael)- County agrees no third sublease through DAJC for additional parking since the county will use and maintain the parking for recreation activities.
- Humane Society Facility-David helping to find suitable temporary/permanent arrangements.
- DAJC Board Applications-Jeff, Sam and Tyson re-appointed on 3/2.
- Kenny Garland, Ken Bell, Mary Tumlin, Johnnie Sue Mercer and I were hosted by SCTC at their Griffin campus for a tour of their construction and manufacturing-related labs. Will be a number of collaboration opportunities for both the DAJC and JCCS with them.
- Tony to set up Monticello visit from the UGA Small Business Development Center and to include Chamber, DDA and JCCS.
- Met with Steve Simmons, Visions in Action, regarding that 501c3 purchasing the old Washington Park School for a community center.

**Miscellaneous**

- March 27 Job Fair at JCHS.
- EV chargers at "Whitetail Commons"-Tesla or Rivian?

**Executive Session Needed**
**Adjourn-Next Meeting April 7**