

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MEETING
100 Campus Dr.
Jasper, Georgia 30143
MINUTES
Monday, June 22, 2026 @ 5:30 PM

Members Present:

Parish Lowrie - Chair
Pam Watkins – Vice Chair

Brian Rittenberry
Jack Dunn
Morgan Watson
Brandon Hannah

Press:

Mari Livsey - Know Pickens
Pickens Progress

Members Absent:

Marty Callahan

Guests in Attendance:

Audra Bailey
Samuel Sly
Councilman Tony Davis
Randy Stamey
Penny Dicus
David Yates
Bill Scurry
Malinda Geers
Traci Cooley
Mike Ponicki
Paul Tardif

Agenda item: Call meeting to order
Approval of Agenda and Minutes

Presenter: Chairman Lowrie

Chairman Lowrie seeing a quorum called the meeting to order at 5:30pm. Pam Watkins verified the quorum.

Chairman Lowrie requested a motion to amend the agenda to move the adoption of the 5/18/2026 minutes to the July 27th meeting; Pam Watkins provided the motion. Brandon Hannah provided the second. Motion to approve carried 5-0.

Public Comment:

Audra Bailey – Citizen
Bill Scurry – Jasper Antiques and Things

Presenter: Chairman Lowrie

New Business:

#1 Committee Updates

Presenters:

Chairman Lowrie & Board

Organization: Discussed establishing board term limits. The current system allows unlimited four-year terms. The committee proposed limiting service to one four-year term, requiring a member to step off for two consecutive years before becoming eligible to serve again. The board expressed general support. City Attorney David Syfan will review the proposed bylaw modifications for a potential vote at the July or August meeting.

City Staff Updates

CEM clarified that the recent merchant survey specifically targeted businesses operating within the active festival road-closure zone.

Commended the massive success and community participation surrounding the recent Georgia Premier Wrestling event.

During some discussions, Brandon Hannah issued an active call for local volunteers, noting that high school and college students looking for certified community service hours can have their requirements fulfilled by assisting with event setup, teardown, and more.

Agenda**item:**

Adjourn

Presenter: Chairman
Lowrie

Motion for adjournment made by Jack Dunn. Second provided by Brandon Hannah. Motion carried 5-0.

Meeting adjourned: 6:28 p.m.

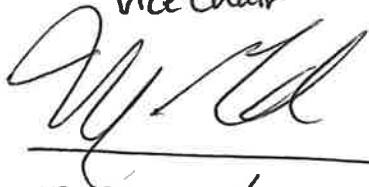
Next meeting is Monday July 27, 2026, 5:30 p.m.



Chair



Vice Chair



Secretary/Treasurer