

Fitzgerald and Ben Hill County Development Authority
Board of Directors Meeting
April 8, 2026

Present

Jason Dunn
Lawton Tinley
Ben Braddy
Corey Gibbs
Jason Holt
Hal Wiley

Absent

Other

Kyle Cook
Hampton Raulerson
Kathy Young
Christina Justice
Christine Cook

Chairman, Lawton Tinley called the April 8, 2026 meeting to order at 12:20 pm.

Minutes- Hal Wiley made a motion to approve the minutes from the March Board Meeting; Corey Gibbs seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

Financial Report: The FBHCA Financial Report for March 2026 report was not available at this time and will be forwarded to the Board once completed.

FBHCDA Director Jason Dunn gave the following updates:

Product Development/Property Acquisition/Building and Land:

Peachtree Business Park - 100% complete - received the last of the \$200M reimbursement. Ready for business and presenting the property top prospects.

Workforce Development/College & Career Academy:

FHSCCA - FLEX - State FLEX finals will be held on Wednesday, April 15th. Invitations will be emailed with details.

Prospecting/Networking:

Czech Republic: Collaborative to bring them to the region. Working on a Regional Memorandum of Understanding with Locate South Georgia. Possible trip in October.

Technology Company: Visiting Fitzgerald on April 13th to meet with COF, Fitzgerald Utilities FHSCCA and Wiregrass

Source Pro: Raynor Company is looking at growing. Possible 15,000 sq ft distribution center with offices. We may look at building and leasing.

Retention/Recruitment:

Polar Beverages: New warehouse in 2026 - 125,000 sf warehouse lease. Soon to be under construction.

Entrepreneur/Small Business:

Cottage Innovations: Ribbon Cutting was held yesterday. We had a good response from the community. Ready for business.

Commercial/Retail Growth:

ECG - SFR residential developer - Smith Douglas workforce housing developers went well - in talks with Dr. McIntyre's broker. Possible \$20 million investment.

Legislative, Policy, etc:

State of Economic Development - spoke - collaboration between Georgia Chamber and GEDA.
Forestry Day/Rural Economic - Bill for \$250m tax credit for wood products

Other Business:

The next meeting of the FBHDA will be on May 13th, 2026.

The chairman gave closing remarks and thanked everyone for their work in the community.
The meeting adjourned at 12:50 pm.