



Hawkinsville-Pulaski County Chamber Board of Directors Minutes

Friday | February 6, 2026 | 8:30 AM

City Hall Board Room – 56 Broad Street – Hawkinsville, GA

Present: Lynn Johnson, Jessica Davies, Nevin Shennett, Tonya Boyd, Renee Hill, Chris VanLandingham, Ella McGalliard, Devin Vargas, Bobbie Clemons, Chipper Jones (via phone), Jim Ball

Absent: Jose Lopez-Cruz

I. WELCOME & INVOCATION

- a. Jessica Davies called the meeting to order at 8:31 AM. Renee Hill led the invocation.

II. AGENDA

- a. Lynn Johnson proposed an amendment to the Agenda to add the Hawkinsville Harness Festival name to New Business. A motion was made to accept the agenda as amended. There was a second. Passed unanimously.

III. MINUTES & FINANCIALS APPROVAL

- a. Lynn Johnson presented January 2026 minutes to the Board. The minutes were reviewed by the Board. A motion was made to accept the minutes as presented. There was a second. Passed unanimously. Lynn Johnson presented January 2026 Financials with a Profit and Loss statement. A motion was made to accept the financial statements as presented, including the Profit and Loss statement. There was a second. Passed unanimously.

IV. CHAMBER REPORT

- a. The Chamber has 163 members as of February 6, 2026

V. CHAMBER REPORT: UPCOMING EVENTS

- a. **Tentative** Biscuits and Business – February 19
- b. Employee of the Month Recognition – March 2
- c. Business of the Month Recognition – March 4
- d. Peaches to the Beaches – March 13 & 14, City Hall
- e. Business After Hours – March 17
- f. Chamber Connections Luncheon – March 31

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Lynn Johnson presented names for the new Social Luncheon. There was a motion to rename it to Chamber Connections Luncheon. There was a second. 6 in favor, 4 opposed (6:4). Passed (6:4).

- b. Lynn Johnson informed the Board that Tastes of the Town needed to be moved to April 28 due to Southern Hill Golf Club having an event scheduled for April 21.
- c. Lynn Johnson presented a graphic for the Summer Family Night with the Chamber shirt. A motion to accept the graphic
- d. as presented. There was a second. Passed unanimously. The Board discussed music, relay games, and silent auction. More planning will be done during future meetings.
- e. Lynn Johnson presented the status of work on starting a bingo event.
- f. There was a motion to table the Chamber Conference and International Travel Program. There was a second. Passed unanimously.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Lynn Johnson presented allowing the Hawkinsville Training Center to use the title Hawkinsville Harness Festival for their event. The Board discussed possibly collaborating with the Hawkinsville Training Center on the event. Lynn Johnson will gather more details. A motion was made not to release the name. A second was made. Passed unanimously.

VIII. ADJOURN

- a. Jessica Davies adjourned the meeting at 9:20 AM.