



Hawkinsville-Pulaski County Chamber Board of Directors Minutes

Friday | July 17, 2026 | 8:30 AM

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

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

Absent: Jose Lopez-Cruz

I. WELCOME & INVOCATION

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

II. AGENDA

- a. A motion was made to approve the Agenda. There was a second. Passed unanimously.

III. MINUTES & FINANCIALS APPROVAL

- a. Lynn Johnson presented June 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 June 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 171 members as of July 17, 2026

V. CHAMBER REPORT: UPCOMING EVENTS

- a. Farmer's Home Furniture Ribbon Cutting – July 23, 2 PM
- b. Cruise In – July 31, 6 PM at City Hall
- c. Employee of the Month (Mud Blossom Pottery – Mary Jessup) – August 1, 4:30 PM at Veterans Memorial Park
- d. Summer Family Night with the Chamber – August 1, 5 PM at Veterans Memorial Park
- e. Business of the Month (Lisa's Corner Market) – August 4, 10 AM
- f. Bingo – August 7, 6 PM People Helping People Building
- g. Business After Hours – August 18, 5:30 PM to be determined

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Lynn Johnson acknowledged that the logo currently displayed on the Hawkinsville Wooden Tourism Chair differs from the logo approved at a previous meeting. Following discussion, a motion was made to leave the chair in its current condition with the existing logo. There was a second. Passed unanimously.
- b. Lynn Johnson presented to the Board an update on the Summer Family Night with the Chamber.
- c. Lynn Johnson presented to the Board with the sponsorship and payout structure for bingo. The proposed payout structure was Games 1 - 5 payout of \$25 each, Games 6 - 7 payout of \$50 each, Games 8 – 9 payout of \$75 each, and Game 10 payout of \$100. The proposed sponsorship structure was Games 1 - 5 sponsorship of \$50 each, Games 6 - 7 sponsorship of \$75 each, Games 8 – 9 sponsorship of \$100 each, and Game 10 sponsorship of \$125. There was a motion to approve the presented structure. There was a second. Passed unanimously.
- d. Lynn Johnson presented to the Board with opening a bank account at Planters First Bank for bingo income and expenses. A motion was made to set up a Bingo Account at Planters First Bank. There was a second. Passed unanimously.
- e. Lynn Johnson presented to the Board an update on the Irish Splendor trip.
- f. Lynn Johnson presented to the Board the results of the State of the Community Event survey. The Board asked that the survey be shared on additional social media sites.
- g. Lynn Johnson presented to the Board additional information about an ice-skating rink for the Christmas Parade Day. The Board discussed not including an ice-skating rink as part of this year's Christmas Parade festivities. The item was discussed, and no formal vote was taken.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Lynn Johnson presented to the Board that the current Chair has elected not to serve the optional fourth year. It was also noted that the current Vice Chair will be rotating off the Board at the end of the year. As a result, the Board discussed the need to identify and nominate a Chair to serve for the upcoming year. A motion was made for Nevin Shennett to serve as Chair for 2027. There was a second. Passed unanimously.
- b. The Board discussed filling in the rest of the 2027 Executive Committee. A motion was made for Devin Vargas to serve as Vice Chair for 2027. There was a second. Passed unanimously. A motion was made for Ella McGalliard to serve as Secretary/Treasurer for 2027. There was a second. Passed unanimously.
- c. Lynn Johnson presented the formation of the Nominating Committee to identify and recommend candidates for the upcoming board of directors election. A motion was made to appoint the following individuals to the Nominating Committee: Chipper Jones, Jessica Davies, Nevin Shennett (as Chair), Bobbie Clemons, and Chris VanLandingham. There was a second. Passed unanimously.

VIII. ADJOURN

- a. Jessica Davies adjourned the meeting at 9:15 AM.