

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CANDLER COUNTY, GEORGIA
& CITY OF METTER, GEORGIA
& CANDLER COUNTY INDUSTRIAL AUTHORITY
CALLED MEETING
Tuesday, February 20, 2024
5:30 p.m.**

The following is a summary of the subjects acted on during the Tuesday, February 20, 2024 called meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Candler County, the City of Metter and the Industrial Development Authority. Summary of an open meeting in compliance with O.C.G.A. §50-14-1 (2).

Vice-Chairman Blake Hendrix presided with Commissioner Brad Jones in attendance. Also attending were County Clerk, Kellie Lank and attorney Cindy Delgado who sat in for County Attorney Kendall Gross. Jerri Goodman represented the Metter Advertiser.

The following guests were present at the meeting: Tim Spencer, Jean Melton, Justin Wells, Stanley Slater, Jimmy Braddy, Dixie Odom, Jeff Register, Gary Howard, Victoria Gaitten, Dustin Durden, Carter Crawford, Jessica Szilagyi, Josh Davis, James McKie, Cheyenne Lanier, Ed Boyd, Brent Carter, Luke Lanier, Wes Clifton, John Miles, Rashida Taylor, Marty Ray, Angie Conner, Gregg Stewart, Erica Allen, Elizabeth Childs, and Jason and Jenny Grimes.

Call to Order

Vice-Chairman Hendrix opened the floor at 5:33 p.m. to hold a called meeting of the three entities consisting of the Board of Commissioners, the City of Metter Council and the Industrial Development Authority Board. Vice-Chairman Hendrix informed the attendees that the Board of Commissioners did not have a quorum present. Therefore, the Commission would not take any action. However, the City of Metter and Industrial Development Authority could call their councils to order and the joint entity meeting would go on as planned. Mayor Ed Boyd called the City Council to order. Chairman Luke Lanier called the Industrial Development Authority to order.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Dustin Durden delivered the invocation and Vice-Chairman Hendrix led the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

General discussion of the impact of local and regional economic development on local jurisdictions

Vice-Chairman Hendrix welcomed Chairman Luke Lanier to speak and answer questions regarding the impact of local and regional economic development on local jurisdictions in detail for the duration of the meeting. IDA Chairman Luke Lanier opened presented an overview of the current state of the IDA and economic development efforts. The group discussed the timeline for DAS Inc. and Doowan Inc. to be completed and operational and the number of employees they would require. Participants asked questions about the taxability of the investment in the community, impact on homes, impact on the schools, and other topics. IDA Vice-Chairman Durden spoke about the wage range and indicated that both companies had minimum wage levels of \$20 per hour. The meeting discussed the immediate impact and the long-term impact on the local taxpayers and the community.

Adjournment

Vice-Chairman Hendrix called on Dustin Durden to end this gathering with a closing prayer. The City of Metter and Industrial Development Authority both adjourned their councils from this meeting at 6:27 p.m.

Kellie Lank, County Clerk
Attest