



Downtown Development Authority of Millen

Minutes August 18, 2025

The Downtown Development Authority of Millen met on August 18, 2025, at 5:30 pm at the Jenkins County Senior Citizens Center. Talmadge Fries called the meeting to order. A motion was made by Dale Wiggins to accept the minutes and financial statements as presented. Susan Welch seconded the motion, motion carried.

Business:

Kirkland Building Update: The Authority discussed the status of the downtown building project. The building was officially released on July 31st. Ms. Underwood will contact the company responsible for installing the new stairs so that work can begin as soon as possible. Once the stair installation is complete, the building will be listed and advertised for lease.

Sign Updated Bylaws and Code of Ethics: Ms. Underwood called attention to the updated Bylaws and Code of Ethics for the Downtown Development Authority. She asked that any members who had not previously signed these documents do so before leaving the meeting. Ms. Underwood explained that maintaining signed copies of both documents is required for compliance and recordkeeping. Members acknowledged the reminder, and no further discussion was needed on the matter.

Planning for the Future: The group reviewed the transformation strategies that were selected at the March meeting. From these strategies, members agreed to support several upcoming events to enhance downtown engagement and community involvement. These include the Community Garden Showcase, *A Night on Cotton* featuring Will Moseley, and encouraging local restaurants to host local musicians on a quarterly basis. Additional events planned include a storytelling night, *Tales of Millen*, scheduled for January, and Pop-Up Shops at the Kirkland Building.

Adjournment

Gwen Watson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Dale Wiggins. With no further discussion, the motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned.