



## MEETING MINUTES

Monday, Feb. 2, 2026- 9:00 am  
Alexander Building - Bynum Conference Room

**BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Chairman Mike Newberry, Vice Chairman William Davis, Dee Grist, Secretary-Treasurer Steve Singletary, Dr. Shanice Richardson, Sam Hattaway and Eric Harris.

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Bill Mills, Hank Jester, Charlie Sol, Harvey McCoy, Dr. Jennifer Brown, Beth Chandler, Scott Cochran and Susanne Reynolds

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mike Newberry. Prayer was led by Eric Harris.

Meeting minutes for Jan. 5, 2026 were tabled. Reynolds had been sick and was unable to provide the minutes, which will be provided at the March meeting. Current financials were presented. A motion to approve was made by Eric Harris and seconded by William Davis. All voted in favor.

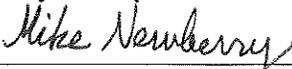
**NEW BUSINESS:** The Development Authority of Early County Director, Chairman and Attorney led a discussion with the board of directors regarding potential incentives for Project Blue Hole. A sample PILOT program and schedule was presented for their feedback as the project moves forward. Reynolds shared information from her counterpart in Fayetteville where a QTS Data Center is currently being constructed with 2 buildings completed. No action was taken.

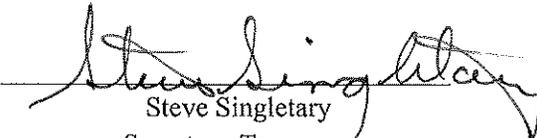
**OTHER UPDATES:** Reynolds played the Early County promotional video provided by Ms. Winnie LeClerq and asked the board to thank her for her generosity next time they see her.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Harvey McCoy who is on the EC Tax Assessors Board asked how the numbers provided in the sample incentives MOU and schedule were determined. He asked if there was a formula that could be provided to the tax assessor's office. Charlie Sol commented that Early County needs to decide what is best for its community and not run anyone off. He asked how Early County could be compared to Fayette County. He also commented that he did not understand the moratorium for data centers. During the meeting, he took photos of the confidential information, but said it was only so he could see it more clearly - and also said he would not share the information.

A motion to adjourn was made by Eric Harris and seconded by Dee Grist. All voted in favor.

Meeting minutes were recorded by Susanne Reynolds, Director for the Development Authority of Early County.

  
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Mike Newberry or William Davis  
Chairman or Vice-Chairman

  
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Steve Singletary  
Secretary-Treasurer