

Sandersville DDA
July 17, 2026
Minutes

The Sandersville DDA held their regular monthly meeting July 17, 2026 at the Chamber Board Room. Members present were Ashley Garin, John Harden, Anne Knox Hodges, Andra Jenkins, Susan Lewis. Attending by phone were Chris Kevern and Zack Webb. Others attending in person were Carson Daley, Jayson Johnston and Bryant Jordan.

Anne Knox called the meeting to order and there being no public comments asked for a motion to approve the prior minutes, from May 21, 2026, June 1, 2026 and June 11, 2026. John made the motion and the second was made by Andra. Motion carried unanimously.

John gave the treasurer's report ending in June. Susan made the motion to approve the report, Andra seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Andra wants us to begin getting a formal P&L at meetings so that we know exactly where the monies are allocated and how spent. Susan suggested it be on a fiscal year rather than a calendar year as that is how the city runs. She also suggested having a budget for our DDA.

Carson gave her Director report beginning with upcoming dates for trainings. We are to let Carson know dates available. Events scheduled are July 24, 2026 - Movie night at 8:30 and a New Event, Christmas with Santa in July Eddie Moyer as Santa at the Pringle Building.

Farmers Market Carson is trying to determine the direction of the Market. Andra has been discussing with Chris Hutchings about a County/City partnership to be more effective.

There is an upcoming meeting with Daniel Martin from ECG to discuss information about Rural Zone designation.

Carson has been approached by Rally asking for a new light up sign. Unfortunately Rally is not in the district so we won't be able to award them any money. Allen Smith has requested money for an awning in the amount of \$1151.50. John made the motion to award the grant, Andra seconded, motion passed.

Jayson Johnston then gave the Hotel Updates noting the dates of July 23, 2026 the Bond Valuation Hearing and the Closing date of July 28, 2026. We will be transitioning now to a more physical project. All documents are done and the Cobblestone Engineers can now go forward. Renderings will be made available there will be monthly meetings for the Owners, Architect, and Contractor. Contact information is being exchanged so everyone is on the same page.

Anne Knox then asked for a motion to go into executive session to discuss property matters. Motion was made by Andra, John seconded and the vote carried.

Motion made to exit executive session by Andra and John seconded, we came back into regular session.

Andra made the motion to spend up to \$30,000.00 for the engineering fee with GMC Engineering to enter into a contract for the Back Alley Project. Zack seconded.

John made a motion to acquire property from Jimmy Croom at \$295,000.00 plus closing costs not to exceed \$5000.00. . Andra seconded. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn was made by John, seconded by Andra. meeting adjourned.