

# Sumter County Development Authority Burgers and Business Event: A Winning Combination

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Sumter County, GA - Sumter Authority board members and staff hosted their second annual manufacturing and industry networking event, Burgers & Business, at Development Authority offices on April 27th, 2023.

Despite a bit of rain, over 120 attendees, including industrial and manufacturing business owners and managers, gathered to celebrate and recognize the thriving business community of Sumter County.

The event began with opening remarks from Development Authority executive director, Rusty Warner, thanking attendees for their genuine support. He emphasized how the county's success impresses incoming projects and how they want to be a part of what we do.

The introductions began with the recognition of many company leaders and representatives, Sumter cities, Sumter County government, education leaders, and Development Authority members. Some company leaders flew in to represent their company and meet Sumter representatives.

"This event was a fantastic opportunity to celebrate our business community and network with industry leaders," said Authority chairman Paul Hall. "We are grateful for the attendees who made this evening a success."

The program ended with special words and an invocation by Chairman Hall, followed by drawings, food, strong networking, and business card distribution.

Sumter County, Georgia, has made a name regarding Burgers and Business. Not only are the burgers getting better every year, but the event is enjoyed by more and more manufacturing and industry businesses. "All company leaders and employees have synergistic positions in the Sumter business community, which enables them to promote new and expanding facilities," said Warner.

Several companies showcased their products and services, allowing attendees to learn more about each other and network with other professionals.

The county is home to a diverse business community, with manufacturers and heavy industry finding success here. That's why it's no surprise this event brought together elements of a winning combination.

## **About the Americus Sumter Payroll Development Authority**

The Americus Sumter Payroll Development Authority has a highly engaged board responsible for cultivating new businesses while balancing workforce, buildings, and building options. The Authority consistently promotes our county and always looks for outside-the-box, innovative ways to attract businesses to our community.

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