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CITY OF HAHIRA HIRES MAIN STREET DIRECTOR

HAHIRA, GA - After a lengthy search, the City of Hahira recently hired a new Main Street Director. Emily Perry Davenport will work with Hahira business owners, the Downtown Development Authority, and the Hahira City Council to enhance economic development opportunities in Downtown Hahira. She will coordinate special events, implement new ideas and resources, and meet with business owners to help bring profitable impact to business within the City of Hahira.

Mrs. Davenport is a graduate of Valdosta State University with a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Environmental Geography, and a Master of Public Administration from the same institution. She has 15 years of experience in the public sector activities of planning, project management, community involvement, event coordination, grant and nomination preparation, and financial management. Most recently, Mrs. Davenport was Assistant Director of Engineering with the City of Valdosta. She will begin her new position in June.

The announcement comes as the culmination of a 48-month downtown planning process for the City of Hahira. Through that plan, the City has invested over \$1 million dollars in downtown, creating a Downtown Development Authority, purchasing four acres to serve as a central square, developing a master plan for that square, and constructing the Hahira Depot, a premier 7,500 square foot event venue. As part of the hire, Hahira will now seek certification as a Main Street City. "We are tremendously pleased to have Emily join our team," stated Hahira Mayor Bruce Cain. "Her talents will only enhance the quality service that citizens of Hahira and the surrounding area have come to know and love in our City." Emily resides in the area with her husband, Jason, and son, Clark.

