



Executive Director's Report
Chipley Redevelopment Agency
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Dear Council Members,

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As we progress into 2025, I'm pleased to share updates on several exciting projects that are shaping the future of our city. This year, we've already approved two significant initiatives and addressed an emergency air conditioning project to meet immediate needs. Here are the details:

NEW

1. Old Blackburn Building (1265 Church Ave):

This ambitious project is a cornerstone of our efforts to preserve and celebrate our city's history. The Blackburn Grant has made this possible, and the team at M.Corb is doing an outstanding job maintaining the building's historical integrity—a detail we are immensely proud of. The project is on track to be completed by the end of February, barring any unforeseen challenges. Once finished, this development will be a remarkable asset to our community.

2. 1901 on Main (803 Main St):

The 1901 project involves the renovation of the back deck, which will enhance the building's functionality and contribute to the vibrancy of our downtown. This improvement will expand their capacity to host more visitors and events, drawing additional foot traffic to the area and enriching our community's entertainment options.

3. Southern Roots & Co. (1346 N. Railroad Unit A):

The Precious Boutique, situated on the picturesque North Railroad Avenue, recently faced an issue with its air conditioning system. Given Florida's climate, this was deemed an emergency repair to ensure the business could continue operating without disruption. We acted swiftly to approve the necessary repairs and expedited the process to issue a check, allowing the boutique to proceed promptly and minimize any potential impact on their operations.

OLDER

1. Old Chipley Bank Building (814 Main St):

I personally visited this site and am thrilled to report that significant progress has been made. The owner, working diligently and single-handedly, has completed the exterior renovations. I encourage everyone to take a moment to admire the beautifully restored exterior—it's a testament to the dedication and pride we see in our community. Interior renovations are the next step, and we're eager to see this project continue to flourish.

2. Wright Project (1329 S Railroad):

This project has encountered some challenges with the contracted company. We're actively exploring alternative solutions to ensure the project remains on schedule and meets expectations. We remain committed to supporting the team through this process.

3. New Bed & Breakfast (781 Main St):

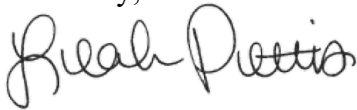
Ms. Susana Curlet, a newcomer to Chipley, has been transforming a beautiful historic home into a bed and breakfast. Her vision is to share the charm of our community with travelers. The project is nearing completion, and we're excited to welcome this unique addition, which will undoubtedly enhance the city's appeal.

Looking ahead, 2025 holds incredible promise for Chipley. Our collective efforts aim to make our city even more beautiful, vibrant, and inviting.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding these projects or our operations, please don't hesitate to reach out to myself or Jerad. We are here to assist and ensure the continued growth and success of our community.

Thank you for your ongoing support and dedication to making Chipley an exceptional place to live, work, and visit.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Leah Pettis". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Leah Pettis
Executive Director