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Title: JHA Executive Director Speaks at GAHRA Legislative Luncheon



Mark Watson, Executive Director of the Jesup Housing Authority, recently spoke at the Georgia Association of Housing and Redevelopment Authorities (GAHRA.) Legislative Luncheon held at the Georgia State Capital. Watson currently is serving as Chairman of the GAHRA Legislative Committee. Watson spoke regarding HB429 which would allow PHA's in Georgia to collect outstanding accounts receivable through individual's state tax refunds. The 189 member agencies of GAHRA provide affordable housing for over a quarter million of Georgia low income, elderly, handicapped and working families. GAHRA members manage over 100,000 dwelling units ranging from single bedroom apartments to five-bedroom houses. Member agencies range in size from 14 units to over 20,000 units. GAHRA member agencies also employ over 3000 Georgia citizens. Watson has been the Executive Director of the JHA since July 2003.



The GAHRA Legislative Luncheon was attended by PHA representative and elected officials in Georgia. Shown here enjoying the meal are Mike Deal, Jesup City Manager, Hinson Mosley, State Representative District 178, Roger Lane, State Representative District 167, and Mark Watson, Executive Director of the Jesup Housing Authority. Not pictured but present are Vic Drawdy, Director of Resident and Employee Services for the JHA and Tommy Smith, State Representative District 168.