



Camden County Joint Development Authority James Coughlin, Director

James is a native of Safety Harbor, Florida, a small suburb of Tampa that he says reminds him in many ways of St. Marys. He attended both the University of Florida and the University of Georgia where he studied Athletic Training and Sports Medicine before starting a career that took him from hospital department manager to administrator of a regional physician network to directing the recruitment of physicians for a large health system in Northwest Georgia.



James completed Leadership Rome in 2011 and served as the Governor's appointee to the Northwest Georgia Regional Commission. This opportunity exposed him to civic service and economic development beyond healthcare.

James accepted the Executive Director position with the Camden County Joint Development Authority in August 2014. He moved here ahead of his wife and daughter, who plan to join him in June of this year. Until then, they are burning up the roads between Camden and Floyd counties. James frequently travels back to Rome to visit with his wife, a special education teacher, and his 14 year old daughter, who is a talented vocalist, dancer and saxophonist.