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40 jobs created with opening of bank operations center in Oakwood



OAKWOOD - Hamilton State Bank has opened its new operations center in Oakwood, bringing 40 jobs to the community.

The operations center, at the Oakwood South Industrial Park on McEver Road, will house the support staff for Hamilton State Bank's 14 branches.

"With our growth over the last several months, we had outgrown our current operations center," Hamilton State Bank Chairman and CEO Robert Oliver said.

"Looking ahead, we knew we would need extra space to support our expansion plans."

The 25,600-square foot operation center opens with 40 employees who will manage deposit and loan operations, accounting and information technology. There is space to expand to 60 employees.

"We are excited to welcome Hamilton State Bank to Oakwood South Industrial Park and be home to its Operations Center," City of Oakwood Mayor Lamar Scroggs said. "Hamilton State Bank is growing throughout the state, and we are pleased to have them be a part of our community."

Hamilton State Bank has branches throughout Georgia with offices in Barrow, Bartow, Cobb, Hall, Forsyth, Jackson, Butts, Jasper and Henry counties, including a branch in Oakwood off Winder Highway in the Robson Crossing shopping center.

Bank officials said Oakwood is a perfect spot for the new Operations Center.

"This location was ideal because it is near our main office in Braselton, which houses our corporate office, and close to several other branches," Oliver said. "It is convenient for our long-term operations center employees who had been working at our Braselton location. In addition, we have space to grow which was an important factor when we were looking at sites."