

**DAWSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
VOTING SESSION MINUTES – THURSDAY, MAY 16, 2024  
DAWSON COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER ASSEMBLY ROOM  
25 JUSTICE WAY, DAWSONVILLE, GEORGIA 30534  
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE 4:00 PM WORK SESSION**

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**ROLL CALL:** Those present were Chairman Billy Thurmond; Commissioner Seth Stowers, District 1; Commissioner Alexa Bruce, District 3; County Manager Joey Leverette; County Attorney Karen Pachuta; County Clerk Kristen Cloud; and interested citizens of Dawson County. District 2 Commissioner Chris Gaines and District 4 Commissioner Emory Dooley were not present.

**OPENING PRESENTATION:**

*National Public Works Week Proclamation*

Chairman Thurmond read aloud a National Public Works Week Proclamation.

Motion passed 3-0 to approve a National Public Works Week Proclamation. Stowers/Bruce

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Chairman Thurmond

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion passed 3-0 to approve the Minutes of the Work Session held on May 2, 2024. Stowers/Bruce

Motion passed 3-0 to approve the Minutes of the Voting Session held on May 2, 2024. Bruce/Stowers

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Motion passed 3-0 to approve the agenda with the following change:

- Addition of No. 6 under New Business:
  - Intergovernmental Agreements Between Dawson County and Amicalola Falls State Park, Dawsonville Downtown Development Authority and Etowah Water & Sewer Authority Concerning New Radio System Towers

Stowers/Bruce

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

**ALCOHOL LICENSE:**

New Alcohol License (Retail Consumption on Premises of Beer, Wine and Distilled Spirits) – Awesomeville LLC dba Mellow Mushroom, 229 Blue Ridge Parkway, Dawsonville, GA 30534

Dawson County Alcohol Administrator Kathryn Massey presented an alcohol license application for Mellow Mushroom.

Motion passed 3-0 to approve a New Alcohol License (Retail Consumption on Premises of Beer, Wine and Distilled Spirits) – Awesomeville LLC dba Mellow Mushroom, 229 Blue Ridge Parkway, Dawsonville, GA 30534. Stowers/Bruce

**ZONING:**

ZA 24-01 – Jim King on behalf of Dawson Forest Owner LLC requests to amend the site plan and zoning stipulations for the Dawson Crossroads Development TMP 114-031.

Chairman Thurmond announced that if anyone contributed more than \$250 to the commissioners or chairman in the past two years and wished to speak, they would have to fill out a disclosure form, which would be made available to them. Under the normal program, 10 minutes is given to those who wish to speak in favor of or opposition to with some redirect, time permitting.

Planning & Development Director Sharon Farrell said her department received a request from the applicant on May 10 to postpone the item so “he could complete working out details for additional access.”

Farrell said, “This is to amend the CPCD master plan as it was approved in 2014 to construct 42 townhomes instead of 84 apartments in this phase, and delete the stipulation that the development connect to World Wide Drive, allowing access to Carlisle Road.” She added that the Planning Commission recommended approval of the application with the following stipulations:

1. No dumpster use and dumpster service backing into the access road;
2. Future residents cannot access rear delivery of commercial development;
3. Backing vehicles that are using the rear of the restaurant’s service door shall not use the residential roadway;
4. Pedestrian accessibility should be provided;
5. Deeded perpetual access easement to the commercial development shall be provided; and
6. The development shall be accessed through Dawson Avenue.

The applicant was not present.

Chairman Thurmond opened the hearing by asking if there was anyone present who wished to speak either for or against the application and, hearing none, closed the hearing.

Motion passed 3-0 to table ZA 24-01 until June 20, 2024. Stowers/Bruce

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Request to Accept 2024 Emergency Management Performance Grant

Family Connection's Request to Accept Increase of Georgia Department of Human Services Grant

Family Connection's Request to Accept United Way for Dawson County Grant Funds

Legacy Link FY 2024 Addendum No. 1 Contract for Nutrition Program Services

Request to Approve a Proposed 2024 Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant Local Road Assistance Administration Funds Application

A Resolution of Support Concerning the Dawson Forest Wildlife Management Area Land Currently Owned by the City of Atlanta

Motion passed 3-0 to approve the Consent Agenda. Bruce/Stowers

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Consideration of an Intergovernmental Agreement Between Dawson County and the City of Dawsonville Concerning Burt Creek Road Improvement

Motion passed 3-0 to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement Between Dawson County and the City of Dawsonville Concerning Burt Creek Road Improvement in the total amount of \$157,116.35 - \$44,383.23 of which will be paid by the City of Dawsonville. Stowers/Bruce

Consideration of a Resolution to Amend Transfer Station Fee Schedule to Accept Television and Computer Monitor Recycling

Motion passed 3-0 to approve a Resolution to Amend a Transfer Station Fee Schedule to Accept Television and Computer Monitor Recycling at \$12 per item. Bruce/Stowers

Consideration of Request to Initiate Professional Engineering Services for Lumpkin Campground Road Intersection Improvements and Allocate Funds from Impact Fees

Motion passed 3-0 to approve a Request to Initiate Professional Engineering Services for Lumpkin Campground Road Intersection Improvements and Allocate \$200,000 from Impact Fees. Bruce/Stowers

Consideration to Move Forward to a Public Hearing for a Proposed Amendment of Chapter 105 - Buildings and Building Regulations

Motion passed 3-0 to approve to Move Forward to a Public Hearing on June 20, 2024, for a Proposed Amendment of Chapter 105 - Buildings and Building Regulations. Stowers/Bruce

Consideration of Professional Exemption and Budget Request for the Design of the Styles Park Trails

Motion passed 3-0 to approve a Professional Exemption and Budget Request for the Design of the Styles Park Trails; \$60,500 will come from Impact Fees. Bruce/Stowers

Consideration of Intergovernmental Agreements Between Dawson County and Amicalola Falls State Park, Dawsonville Downtown Development Authority and Etowah Water & Sewer Authority Concerning New Radio System Towers

Motion passed 3-0 to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement Between Dawson County and Amicalola Falls State Park / Department of Natural Resources Concerning New Radio System Towers. Stowers/Bruce

Motion passed 3-0 to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement Between Dawson County and the Dawsonville Downtown Development Authority Concerning New Radio System Towers. Bruce/Stowers

Motion passed 3-0 to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement Between Dawson County and Etowah Water & Sewer Authority Concerning New Radio System Towers. Stowers/Bruce

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

APPROVE:

ATTEST:

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Billy Thurmond, Chairman

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Kristen Cloud, County Clerk

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