

**DAWSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORK SESSION MINUTES – THURSDAY, AUGUST 17, 2023
DAWSON COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER ASSEMBLY ROOM
25 JUSTICE WAY, DAWSONVILLE, GEORGIA 30534
4:00 PM**

Those present were Chairman Billy Thurmond; Commissioner Seth Stowers, District 1; Commissioner Chris Gaines, District 2; Commissioner Alexa Bruce, District 3; Commissioner Emory Dooley, District 4; County Manager Joey Leverette; County Attorneys Angela Davis and Paul Frickey; County Clerk Kristen Cloud; and interested citizens of Dawson County.

County Attorney Davis welcomed those in attendance and noted that the county’s online meeting streaming service was down. She said the Assembly Room was at occupant capacity and confirmed numerous others were present who were unable to enter the Assembly Room since it was at capacity. The majority of occupants were there for a Paradise Valley impact fee appeal item included on the August 17, 2023, Voting Session Agenda. Since the steaming service was unavailable and, thus, no streaming overflow room was necessary, Davis offered Paradise Valley counsel Joey Homans the opportunity to postpone the hearing. Homans declined and said, “We’re ready to proceed today.”

Chairman Thurmond added item 1a. “Presentation of Allowing Chairman to Send a Letter Authorizing the Georgia Mountains Regional Commission to Assist the Development Authority of Dawson County and Etowah Water & Sewer Authority in Preparing a OneGeorgia Equity Grant Fund Application” to the Work Session Agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Presentation of Budget Increase Request for Fire Prevention / Fire Inspector Positions-
County Manager Joey Leverette
This item will be added to the August 17, 2023, Voting Session Agenda.

- 1a. Presentation of Allowing Chairman to Send a Letter Authorizing the Georgia Mountains
Regional Commission to Assist the Development Authority of Dawson County and
Etowah Water & Sewer Authority in Preparing a OneGeorgia Equity Grant Fund
Application
*This item, presented by Chairman Thurmond, will be added to the August 17, 2023,
Voting Session Agenda.*

2. County Manager Report
This item was for information only.

3. County Attorney Report
*County Attorney Davis had no information to report and requested an Executive
Session.*

APPROVE:

Billy Thurmond, Chairman

ATTEST:

Kristen Cloud, County Clerk