

**DAWSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
VOTING SESSION MINUTES – THURSDAY, JUNE 15, 2023  
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; Commissioner Emory Dooley, District 4; County Manager Joey Leverette; County Attorney Angela Davis; County Clerk Kristen Cloud; and interested citizens of Dawson County. District 2 Commissioner Chris Gaines was not present.

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion passed 3-1 to approve the Minutes of the Work Session held on June 1, 2023. Stowers/Dooley- Commissioner Bruce abstained

Motion passed 3-1 to approve the Minutes of the Voting Session held on June 1, 2023. Dooley/Stowers- Commissioner Bruce abstained

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

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

- Addition of Nos. 6 and 7 under New Business:
  - Request to Accept Dawson County Treatment Court FY 2024 Grant Award
  - A Resolution Regarding Grant of Right of Way and Related Easements to Georgia Department of Transportation - Shoal Creek Road Bridge Replacement

Dooley/Bruce

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

**ZONINGS:**

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.

ZA 23-02 - Albert Anderson on behalf of Red Oak Sanitation requests to rezone TMP 106-079, 106-060-001, 106-076 and 106-077 from RA (Residential Agriculture) and CHB (Commercial Highway Business) to CIR (Commercial Industrial Restricted) for the purpose of a transfer station (Evans Circle).

Planning & Development Director Sharon Farrell said, “This has been an interesting case for us. The applicant did not attend the Planning Commission meeting the first go-round or the second go-round, so the Planning Commission went ahead and heard the case and recommended denial.”

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 23-02 until July 20, 2023. Dooley/Stowers

ZA 23-03 - Charmion Morris requests to rezone 3.04 acres of TMP 085-077 from RSR (Residential Sub-Rural) to RSRMM (Residential Sub-Rural Manufactured/Moved) (Jenkins Road).

Planning & Development Director Sharon Farrell said, “This is a parcel of property on Jenkins Road, which is the south end of the county off Highway 9. The applicant owns 3.04 acres, and right now there is a pending minor plat under review to create three 1-acre tracts. After rezoning, if it’s so granted, then a mobile home will be placed on one of the 1-acre tracts.” Farrell said the request is consistent with the county’s Comprehensive Plan and the development patterns of the area. She said the Planning Commission recommended approval of the application.

Applicant Charmion Morris said she would like to subdivide the property. “I want to put a small house on one of those acres,” she said.

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 approve ZA 23-03. Dooley/Stowers

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Consideration of Request for Funding to Purchase Two Replacement Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus Fill Stations

Motion passed 3-0 to approve a Request for Funding to Purchase Two Replacement Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus Fill Stations; \$141,489.76 will come from General Fund’s fund balance. Stowers/Bruce

Consideration of Request to Purchase Two Pierce Fire Engines Using Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax VII Funds

Motion passed 3-0 to table a Request to Purchase Two Pierce Fire Engines Using Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax VII Funds until July 6, 2023. Dooley/Stowers

Consideration of IFB #419-23 - Full Depth Reclamation Project for Dawson County

Motion passed 3-0 to approve IFB #419-23 - Full Depth Reclamation Project for Dawson County; to accept the offers submitted and to award a contract to Blount Construction, not to exceed the

amount of \$3,930,066.54, utilizing Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) VI and SPLOST VII funds. Dooley/Stowers

Consideration of IFB #420-23 - Replacement of Culverts for Dawson County

Motion passed 3-0 to approve IFB #420-23 - Replacement of Culverts for Dawson County; to accept the bid submitted as requested for all tasks within Task 1 and Task 2, to reject the unsolicited bids submitted for all tasks, to rebid Indian Cove Road, to award a contract to Townley Construction Company LLC not to exceed the amount of \$735,455, and to utilize SPLOST VII funds for this project. Stowers/Dooley

Consideration of Board Appointment:

• Avita Community Partners

- Angelia “Angie” Brown- reappointment (Term: July 2023 through June 2026)

Motion passed 3-0 to reappoint Angelia “Angie” Brown to the Avita Community Partners board for a term of July 2023 through June 2026. Bruce/Dooley

Consideration of Request to Accept Dawson County Treatment Court FY 2024 Grant Award

Motion passed 3-0 to approve a Request to Accept a Dawson County Treatment Court FY 2024 Grant Award. Dooley/Bruce

Consideration of a Resolution Regarding Grant of Right of Way and Related Easements to Georgia Department of Transportation - Shoal Creek Road Bridge Replacement

Motion passed 3-0 to approve a Resolution Regarding Grant of Right of Way and Related Easements to Georgia Department of Transportation - Shoal Creek Road Bridge Replacement. Dooley/Bruce

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

*The following of Dawsonville, Georgia, spoke on the issue of property taxes, property tax appeals, senior tax exemptions, etc.:*

- Tim Satterfield
- Doug Schuster
- Grace Privette Farren
- Dan Dorfled
- Karen Brennan
- Juan Arbelaec
- Michael Wenson
- Billy Bradford
- Terrence Sicilia
- Richard Westfall
- Jimmy Palumbo
- Cecile McGuire
- Neal McGuire
- Jeff McLean
- Leon “Lee” Ellis
- Darren Kent

**ADJOURNMENT:**

APPROVE:

ATTEST:

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Billy Thurmond, Chairman

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Kristen Cloud, County Clerk