

**DAWSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
VOTING SESSION MINUTES – THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2023
DAWSON COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER ASSEMBLY ROOM
25 JUSTICE WAY, DAWSONVILLE, GEORGIA 30534
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE 4:00 PM WORK SESSION**

ROLL CALL: 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 Attorney Angela Davis; County Clerk Kristen Cloud; and interested citizens of Dawson County.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Chairman Thurmond

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Commissioner Gaines reminded all to vote either during early voting or on Election Day on November 7. He said there is an Education Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax question on the Dawson County ballot.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion passed 4-0 to approve the Minutes of the Work Session held on October 19, 2023. Gaines/Bruce

Motion passed 4-0 to approve the Minutes of the Voting Session held on October 19, 2023. Stowers/Dooley

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion passed 4-0 to approve the agenda with the following change:

- Addition of Nos. 4-5 under New Business:
 - Design and Cost Estimates of the Emergency 9-1-1/Emergency Operations Center Building
 - FY 2024 Violence Against Women Act Grant Application

Stowers/Bruce

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Proposed Abandonment of a Portion of Water Plant Road (1st of 1 hearing)

Chairman Thurmond opened the hearing by asking if there was anyone present who wished to be heard on the Proposed Abandonment of a Portion of Water Plant Road and, hearing none, closed the hearing.

Motion passed 4-0 to approve the Abandonment of a Portion of Water Plant Road by way of a resolution. Dooley/Stowers

FY 2024 Proposed Budget (2nd of 3 hearings; 1st hearing was held at the November 2, 2023, Work Session and the 3rd hearing will be held on November 16, 2023)

Chairman Thurmond opened the hearing by asking if there was anyone present who wished to be heard on a FY 2024 Proposed Budget and, hearing none, closed the hearing.

The next hearing concerning a Proposed FY 2024 Budget will be held at the November 16, 2023, Voting Session.

NEW BUSINESS:

Consideration of Request for Approval to Extend Two Contracts

Motion passed 4-0 to approve a Request for Approval to Extend Two Contracts for one year – Inmate Food Services and Methane Monitoring Services. Gaines/Stowers

Consideration of IFB #424-23 - Fence / Dugout / Backstop Replacement for Veterans Memorial Park (Rebid)

Motion passed 4-0 to approve IFB #424-23 - Fence / Dugout / Backstop Replacement for Veterans Memorial Park (Rebid); to award fence and backstops work to Bravo Fence in the amount of \$73,835 and reject Crown Service Contractors' bid for all other work, and approve \$25,000 for the Parks & Recreation staff to remove old and install new dug outs. All work will utilize Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax VI funds. Gaines/Bruce

Consideration of Board Appointment:

- **Board of Health**

- Dr. Larry Anderson- reappointment (Term: January 2024 through December 2029)

Motion passed 4-0 to approve the reappointment of Dr. Larry Anderson to the Dawson County Board of Health for a term of January 2024 through December 2029. Dooley/Stowers

Consideration of Design and Cost Estimates of the Emergency 9-1-1/Emergency Operations Center Building

Motion passed 4-0 to approve proceeding with a reduction in the building's square footage (removing the top level) and allow staff to proceed with Jerico Design Group in redesigning the facility as a one-story building, and eliminate the front parking area design work. Gaines/Stowers

Consideration of FY 2024 Violence Against Women Act Grant Application

Motion passed 4-0 to approve a FY 2024 Violence Against Women Act Grant Application. Gaines/Bruce

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion passed 4-0 to enter into Executive Session to discuss litigation and real estate. Stowers/Dooley

Motion passed 4-0 to come out of Executive Session. Stowers/Gaines

APPROVE:

ATTEST:

Billy Thurmond, Chairman

Kristen Cloud, County Clerk