DAWSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORK SESSION MINUTES – THURSDAY, AUGUST 20, 2026
DAWSON COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER ASSEMBLY ROOM
25 JUSTICE WAY, DAWSONVILLE, GEORGIA 30534
5:00 PM

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

2026 Millage Rate and Property Tax (3rd of 3 hearings; 1st hearing was held at 11 a.m. August 6, 2026, and the 2nd hearing was held at 6 p.m. August 6, 2026. The 2026 Millage Rate Adoption is expected at 6 p.m. August 20, 2026)

Chairman Thurmond opened the hearing by asking if there was anyone present who wished to be heard on the 2026 Millage Rate and Property Tax and, hearing none, closed the hearing.

Adoption of the 2026 Millage Rate and Property Tax is expected at 6 p.m. August 20, 2026.

Amendment of Chapter 10 (Animals) of the County Code of Ordinances (1st of 2 hearings; 2nd hearing will be held at 6 p.m. September 3, 2026)

Community Development Director Richard Osborne reviewed proposed changes to Chapter 10 (Animals) of the County Code of Ordinances.

Chairman Thurmond opened the hearing by asking if there was anyone present who wished to be heard on an Amendment of Chapter 10 (Animals) of the County Code of Ordinances and, hearing none, closed the hearing.

The next hearing on an Amendment of Chapter 10 (Animals) of the County Code of Ordinances will be held on September 3, 2026.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Presentation of FY 2027 Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program Funding Application for Treatment Services- Treatment Services Director Heather Herrington
   This item will be placed on the September 3, 2026, Voting Session Agenda.

2. Presentation of Request for Funding for New Fire Hydrants- Emergency Services Director Troy Leist
   This item will be placed on the September 3, 2026, Voting Session Agenda.

3. Presentation of Request for Funds to Furnish New Fire Station 3- Emergency Services Director Troy Leist
   This item will be added to the August 20, 2026, Voting Session Agenda.

4. Presentation of Dawson Grove Conservation Easement- Community Development Director Richard Osborne
   This item will be placed on the September 3, 2026, Voting Session Agenda.

5. Presentation of Summary Change Order with Bartow Paving for the Construction of a Roundabout at Shoal Creek Road and State Route 136- County Manager Joey Leverette
   This item will be placed on the September 3, 2026, Voting Session Agenda.

6. Presentation of Board Appointments:
   a. Department of Family and Children Services
      i. Tina Brady- *reappointment* (Term: September 2026 through June 2031)
      ii. Niki Mincey- *reappointment* (Term: September 2026 through June 3031)
      iii. Jeff Perry- *reappointment* (Term: September 2026 through June 2031)
   This item will be placed on the September 3, 2026, Voting Session Agenda.

7. County Manager Report
   This item was for information only. County Manager Leverette requested an Executive Session.

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

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

APPROVE: ATTEST:

Billy Thurmond, Chairman Kristen Cloud, County Clerk