

**DAWSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
VOTING SESSION MINUTES – THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 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:

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion passed 4-0 to approve the Minutes of the Work Session held on September 7, 2023.
Stowers/Gaines

Motion passed 4-0 to approve the Minutes of the Voting Session held on September 7, 2023.
Dooley/Bruce

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

- Addition of Nos. 7-10 under New Business:
 - Move Forward to a Public Hearing for Proposed Revisions to Dawson County Ordinance Involving Massage and Bodywork Therapy Businesses
 - Move Forward to a Public Hearing for Proposed Revisions to Dawson County Ordinance Involving Tattoo / Body Art Businesses, to Include Consideration of a Sunset Provision
 - FY 2025 Georgia Department of Transportation / Federal Transit Administration Section 5311 Transit Contract
 - Draft Comprehensive Plan Five-Year Update Transmittal to the Georgia Mountains Regional Commission

Stowers/Dooley

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Consideration of Request to Use County Facility Parking Lots During Mountain Moonshine Festival

Motion passed 4-0 to approve a Request to Use County Facility Parking Lots During the 2023 Mountain Moonshine Festival. Dooley/Bruce

Consideration of FY 2024 Intergovernmental Agreement between Dawson County and the Board of Education Concerning School Resource Officers

Motion passed 4-0 to approve a FY 2024 Intergovernmental Agreement between Dawson County and the Board of Education Concerning School Resource Officers. Stowers/Gaines

Consideration of Elliott Road Engineering Services Proposal from Davis Engineering & Surveying

Motion passed 4-0 to approve an Elliott Road Engineering Services Proposal from Davis Engineering & Surveying in the amount of \$34,800 (proposal fee is \$29,000, plus 20 percent contingency for other services); funds will come from General Fund's fund balance. Gaines/Bruce

Consideration of an Intergovernmental Agreement with Pickens County to Accept Recyclables Collected at the Dawson County Recycling Center

Motion passed 4-0 to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement with Pickens County to Accept Recyclables Collected at the Dawson County Recycling Center. Bruce/Stowers

Consideration of IFB #422-23 - Administrative Vehicles for Dawson County Results

Motion passed 4-0 to approve IFB #422-23 - Administrative Vehicles for Dawson County Results; to reject all offers received with the exception of the pricing received from John Megel for a mid-sized SUV (2024 Chevrolet Equinox). \$29,069 will come from Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax funds.

Consideration of Request for Additional Funds for Board of Commissioners Budget

Motion passed 4-0 to approve a Request for Additional Funds for the Board of Commissioners Budget; \$10,600 will come from General Fund's fund balance. Stowers/Dooley

Consideration to Move Forward to a Public Hearing for Proposed Revisions to Dawson County Ordinance Involving Massage and Bodywork Therapy Businesses

Motion passed 4-0 to approve to Move Forward to a Public Hearing for Proposed Revisions to a Dawson County Ordinance Involving Massage and Bodywork Therapy Businesses. Gaines/Stowers

Consideration to Move Forward to a Public Hearing for Proposed Revisions to Dawson County Ordinance Involving Tattoo / Body Art Businesses, to Include Consideration of a Sunset Provision

Motion passed 4-0 to approve to Move Forward to a Public Hearing for Proposed Revisions to a Dawson County Ordinance Involving Tattoo / Body Art Businesses, to Include Consideration of a Sunset Provision. Dooley/Stowers

Consideration of FY 2025 Georgia Department of Transportation / Federal Transit Administration Section 5311 Transit Contract

Motion passed 4-0 to approve a FY 2025 Georgia Department of Transportation / Federal Transit Administration Section 5311 Transit Contract. Gaines/Stowers

Consideration of a Draft Comprehensive Plan Five-Year Update

Motion passed 4-0 to approve the Transmittal of a Draft Comprehensive Plan Five-Year Update to the Georgia Mountains Regional Commission. Stowers/Bruce

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

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

APPROVE:

ATTEST:

Billy Thurmond, Chairman

Kristen Cloud, County Clerk