

**DAWSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
WORK SESSION MINUTES – THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2023  
DAWSON COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER ASSEMBLY ROOM  
25 JUSTICE WAY, DAWSONVILLE, GEORGIA 30534  
4:00 PM**

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*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 Attorney Melissa Tracy; County Clerk Kristen Cloud; and interested citizens of Dawson County. County Manager Joey Leverette was not present.*

Chairman Thurmond announced that item No. 4 under New Business - Tax Assessors Board Appointment - should be amended to reflect a three-year term, from January 2024 through December 2026.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Presentation of 9-1-1 Public Safety Call Handling System Upgrade- 9-1-1 Director Kristan Bean / Sheriff Jeff Johnson  
*This item, also presented by AT&T's Jason Eckenstein, will be placed on the January 18, 2024, Voting Session Agenda.*
2. Presentation of Request for Approval of FY 2024 State Public Defender Contract- Public Defender Brad Morris / Chief Assistant Public Defender Sarah Willis  
*This item will be added to the December 21, 2023, Voting Session Agenda.*
3. Presentation of Request for Approval of FY 2024 Public Defender Intergovernmental Agreement Between Dawson and Hall Counties- Public Defender Brad Morris / Chief Assistant Public Defender Sarah Willis  
*This item will be added to the December 21, 2023, Voting Session Agenda.*
4. Presentation of Board Appointment:
  - a. **Tax Assessors**
    - i. Jim Perdue- *reappointment*; or Kandi Bolton- *appointment* (Term: January 2024 through December 2028)  
*This item, with an amended term of January 2024 through December 2026, will be added to the December 21, 2023, Voting Session Agenda.*
5. Discussion of Aligning Fire Ordinance with State Fire Code- Commissioners Seth Stowers and Emory Dooley  
*This item will be reviewed by the county attorney and appear on a future Work Session Agenda.*
6. County Manager Report  
*This item, presented by Chairman Thurmond, was for information only.*
7. County Attorney Report  
*County Attorney Tracy had no information to report.*

APPROVE:

ATTEST:

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Billy Thurmond, Chairman

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Kristen Cloud, County Clerk