

**DAWSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
VOTING SESSION MINUTES – THURSDAY, JUNE 6, 2024
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 Attorney Angela Davis; County Clerk Kristen Cloud; and interested citizens of Dawson County. County Manager Joey Leverette 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 May 16, 2024. Stowers/Bruce- Commissioner Dooley abstained

Motion passed 3-1 to approve the Minutes of the Voting Session held on May 16, 2024. Stowers/Gaines- Commissioner Dooley abstained

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

- Addition of Nos. 7 and 8 under New Business:
 - GIS Internship Request
 - Board Appointment:
 - **Georgia Mountains Regional Commission – Private Sector Appointee**
 - Kevin Herrit- *reappointment* (Term: July 2024 through June 2025)

Stowers/Bruce

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Consideration of Request to Determine Funds for Library Renovations, Procurement Waiver, and Additional Operating Budget

Chestatee Regional Library System Director Leslie Clark and Business Manager Jonathan Smith provided additional information concerning the agenda item.

Motion passed 4-0 to approve Library Renovations at \$25,000, which will come from impact fees (\$25,000 is 10 percent of a \$250,000 grant the library has been awarded; the BOC previously approved to pay 10 percent of a grant award). Any additional needs concerning renovations can be brought back before the board. Gaines/Stowers

Motion passed 4-0 to waive the requirement for the \$3,000 limit to acquire three quotes for only the purchase of fictional and non-fictional books; funds will come from impact fees. Stowers/Bruce

Motion passed 4-0 to table the Library's Additional Operating Budget Request (\$30,000 for operating expenses) until the June 20, 2024, Voting Session. Bruce/Gaines

Consideration of IFB #437-24 - Various Road / Park Projects for Dawson County Award Request

Motion passed 4-0 to accept the bid received from Blount Construction for Tasks 1, 2, 3 and 5; accept the amended scope and costs for Task 4; award a contract to Blount Construction in the total amount of \$2,519,691.87; utilize Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) VII funds for Tasks 1, 2 and 3, a portion of Task 4 and a portion of Task 5 - in the amount of \$2,243,212.01; and utilize SPLOST VI funds for a portion of Task 4 and a portion of Task 5 - in the amount of \$276,479.86. Dooley/Bruce

Consideration of Request to Extend Sign-on Bonus and Referral Incentive Programs for Emergency Services

Motion passed 4-0 to approve a Request to Extend Sign-on Bonus and Referral Incentive Programs for Emergency Services through December 31, 2024, using existing allocated funds. Stowers/Bruce

Consideration of a Resolution to Amend Alcohol Fee Schedule

Motion passed 4-0 to adopt a Resolution to Amend an Alcohol Fee Schedule. Stowers/Gaines

Consideration of Board Appointments:

- EMS Advisory Council
 - Johnny Irvin- reappointment (Term: July 2024 through June 2027)
- Library Board
 - Fred Meyer- reappointment (Term: July 2024 through June 2028)
 - Karmen Pharris- reappointment (Term: July 2024 through June 2028)
 - Whitney Myers- replacing Alexandria Williams (Term: Through June 2025)
 - Jason Sheer- replacing Tom Harter (Term: Through June 2026)

Motion passed 4-0 to approve the reappointment of Johnny Irvin to the EMS Advisory Council for a Term of July 2024 through June 2027. Gaines/Stowers

Motion passed 4-0 to approve the reappointment of Fred Meyer and Karmen Pharris to the Library Board for Terms of July 2024 through June 2028 and the appointment of Whitney Myers and Jason Sheer to the Library Board for Terms through June 2025 and June 2026, respectively. Bruce/Gaines

Ratification of Emergency Purchase for Safety Improvements at the Transfer Station

Motion passed 4-0 to Ratify an Emergency Purchase for Safety Improvements at the Transfer Station; \$43,775 will come from monies approved in 2022 from the Solid Waste fund. Bruce/Gaines

Consideration of GIS Internship Request

Motion passed 4-0 to approve a GIS Internship Request; to accept a \$2,500 grant to hire a summer 2024 GIS intern. Bruce/Dooley

Consideration of Board Appointment:

- **Georgia Mountains Regional Commission – Private Sector Appointee**
 - Kevin Herrit- reappointment (Term: July 2024 through June 2025)

Motion passed 4-0 to approve the reappointment of Kevin Herrit as the Private Sector Appointee to the Georgia Mountains Regional Commission for a Term of July 2024 through June 2025. Dooley/Stowers

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

APPROVE:

ATTEST:

Billy Thurmond, Chairman

Kristen Cloud, County Clerk