

**DAWSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORK SESSION MINUTES – DECEMBER 3, 2020
DAWSON COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER ASSEMBLY ROOM
25 JUSTICE WAY, DAWSONVILLE, GEORGIA 30534
4:00 PM**

Those present were Chairman Billy Thurmond; Commissioner Sharon Fausett, District 1; Commissioner Chris Gaines, District 2; Commissioner Tim Satterfield, District 3; Commissioner Julie Hughes Nix, District 4; County Attorney Sam VanVolkenburgh; County Clerk Kristen Cloud; and interested citizens of Dawson County. County Manager David Headley was not present.

PUBLIC HEARING

Proposed FY 2021 Budget (2nd of 3 hearings; the 1st hearing was held on November 19, 2020, and the 3rd hearing will be held at the December 3, 2020, Voting Session immediately following the Work Session)

The Board of Commissioners reviewed, discussed and made recommendations concerning the Proposed FY 2021 Budget.

Chairman Thurmond opened the hearing by asking if there was anyone present who wished to be heard on the Proposed FY 2021 Budget.

The following spoke on the Proposed FY 2021 Budget:

- Tony Passarello, Dawsonville, Georgia, thanked board members for their “kind comments” regarding the Good Shepherd Clinic during the board’s budget discussions. He said the Good Shepherd Clinic administers to a “very specific population of the county” and the clinic’s board, on which he sits, currently is planning “how we’re going to administer the [COVID-19] vaccine to that population.” He said the clinic is expected to roll out a campaign to help offset some of the costs associated with administering the vaccine and noted the \$20,000 the Good Shepherd Clinic requests “would go a long way.”

Chairman Thurmond asked if there was anyone else present who wished to speak on the Proposed FY 2021 Budget and, hearing none, closed the hearing.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Presentation of Request for Approval of FY 2021 State Public Defender Contract- Public Defender Brad Morris / Senior Assistant Public Defender Brock Johnson
This item, presented by Senior Assistant Public Defender Brock Johnson, will be placed on the December 17, 2020, Voting Session Agenda.
2. Presentation of Request for Approval of FY 2021 Public Defender Intergovernmental Agreement Between Dawson and Hall Counties- Public Defender Brad Morris / Senior Assistant Public Defender Brock Johnson
This item, presented by Senior Assistant Public Defender Brock Johnson, will be placed on the December 17, 2020, Voting Session Agenda.

3. Presentation of Request to Purchase a Ladder Truck- Emergency Services Director Danny Thompson
This item will be added to the December 3, 2020, Voting Session Agenda.
4. Presentation of 2021 Local Maintenance & Improvement Grant Application Approval Request- Public Works Director David McKee
This item will be placed on the December 17, 2020, Voting Session Agenda.
5. Presentation of Harry Sosebee Road / Lee Castleberry Road Roundabout Right-of-Way Acquisition- Public Works Director David McKee
This item will be placed on the December 3, 2020, Voting Session Agenda.
6. Presentation of Request for Funding and Contract with EagleView Imagery- Planning & Development Director Jameson Kinley / Chief Appraiser Elaine Garrett
This item will be placed on the December 17, 2020, Voting Session Agenda.
7. Presentation of Board Appointments:
 - a. **Board of Tax Assessors**
 - i. Sam Guthrie- *reappointment* (Term: January 2021 through December 2025)
 - b. **Planning Commission**
 - i. Jason Hamby, District 1- *reappointment* (Term: January 2021 through December 2021)
 - ii. John Maloney, District 2- *reappointment* (Term: January 2021 through December 2022)
 - iii. Tim Bennett, District 3- *reappointment* (Term: January 2021 through December 2021)
 - iv. Neil Hornsey, District 4- *reappointment* (Term: January 2021 through December 2022)
This item will be placed on the December 17, 2020, Voting Session Agenda.
8. Discussion of Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax VII
This item will be placed on the December 17, 2020, Work Session Agenda for presentation.
9. County Manager Report
This item, presented by Chief Financial Officer Vickie Neikirk, was for information only.
10. County Attorney Report
County Attorney VanVolkenburgh had no information to report.

APPROVE:

ATTEST:

Billy Thurmond, Chairman

Kristen Cloud, County Clerk