

**DAWSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
VOTING SESSION MINUTES – THURSDAY, AUGUST 15, 2024  
DAWSON COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER ASSEMBLY ROOM  
25 JUSTICE WAY, DAWSONVILLE, GEORGIA 30534  
6:00 PM**

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**ROLL CALL:** Those present were Chairman Billy Thurmond; Commissioner Seth Stowers, District 1; Commissioner Chris Gaines, District 2; Commissioner Emory Dooley, District 4; County Manager Joey Leverette; County Clerk Kristen Cloud; and interested citizens of Dawson County. District 3 Commissioner Alexa Bruce and County Attorney Angela Davis were not present.

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Chairman Thurmond

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion passed 3-0 to approve the Minutes of the Work Session held on August 1, 2024. Stowers/Gaines

Motion passed 3-0 to approve the Minutes of the Voting Session held on August 1, 2024. Gaines/Stowers

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Motion passed 3-0 to approve the agenda as presented. Stowers/Dooley

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

*Pre-Application for Community Development Block Grant for a New Public Health Facility (2nd of 2 hearings; 1st hearing was held on August 1, 2024)*

Dawson County Purchasing Manager Melissa Hawk discussed the \$1 million Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), with a 10 percent county match, for the construction of a new public health facility / department. She said the county has partnered with the Georgia Mountains Regional Commission (GMRC) to assist in putting together the application.

GMRC's Maggie Smith reviewed the grant application process and procedures (*a detailed presentation accompanies these minutes*).

Chairman Thurmond opened the hearing by asking if there was anyone present who wished to be heard on a Pre-Application for Community Development Block Grant for a New Public Health Facility and, hearing none, closed the hearing.

Motion passed 3-0 to proceed with an application for a Community Development Block Grant for a New Public Health Facility. Gaines/Stowers

*\*Attendance and sign-in sheets concerning this agenda item accompany these minutes.*

*Draft Capital Improvements Element Amendment (1st of 1 hearing)*

Chairman Thurmond opened the hearing by asking if there was anyone present who wished to be heard on a Draft Capital Improvements Element Amendment and, hearing none, closed the hearing.

Motion passed 3-0 to approve a Draft Capital Improvements Element Amendment by way of a resolution. Gaines/Dooley

*2024 Millage Rate and Property Tax (1st of 1 hearing)*

Chairman Thurmond provided a presentation concerning the 2024 Millage Rate and Property Tax.

Chairman Thurmond opened the hearing by asking if there was anyone present who wished to be heard on the 2024 Millage Rate and Property Tax and, hearing none, closed the hearing.

Motion passed 3-0 to approve a full rollback of the 2024 property tax, reducing the millage rate to 5.4630. The millage rate of 5.4630 is a reduction from the 2023 rate of 5.6340. Dooley/Stowers

**NEW BUSINESS:**

*Consideration of 2025 Payroll and Holiday Calendar*

Motion passed 3-0 to approve a 2025 Payroll and Holiday Calendar. Stowers/Dooley

*Consideration of RFP #434-24 - A&E Services for Public Health Facility - Community Development Block Grant Award Request*

Motion passed 3-0 to approve RFP #434-24 - A&E Services for Public Health Facility - Community Development Block Grant Award Request; to accept the proposals received and award a contract to Hill Foley Rossi & Associates in the amount not to exceed \$194,500, utilizing Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax VII funds. Stowers/Gaines

*Consideration of Board Appointments:*

- **Joint Development Authority**
  - *Jere Allen- replacing Brian Trapnell (Term: Through December 2024)*
- **Parks & Recreation**
  - *Wayne Goodwin- replacing Chad Cofield (Term: Through December 2027)*

Motion passed 3-0 to approve the appointments of Jere Allen to the Joint Development Authority for a term to run through December 31, 2024, and Wayne Goodwin to the Parks & Recreation board for a term to run through December 31, 2027. Gaines/Stowers

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

APPROVE:

ATTEST:

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Billy Thurmond, Chairman

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Kristen Cloud, County Clerk