

**DAWSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORK SESSION MINUTES – THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2023
DAWSON COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER ASSEMBLY ROOM
25 JUSTICE WAY, DAWSONVILLE, GEORGIA 30534
4:00 PM**

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; Interim County Manager Vickie Neikirk; County Attorney Angela Davis; County Clerk Kristen Cloud; and interested citizens of Dawson County.

Chairman Thurmond added item b. under No. 4 Board Appointments under New Business:

- Development Authority
 - Gary Vaughters- replacing Gary Coates (Term: Through December 2026)

NEW BUSINESS

1. Presentation of Request to Apply for a 2024 Georgia Department of Natural Resources Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant for the Construction of Bike and Walking Trails at the Styles Park Property- Parks & Recreation Director Matt Payne
This item will be added to the February 2, 2023, Voting Session Agenda.
2. Presentation of Employee Evaluation Incentive Program for 2023- Interim County Manager Vickie Neikirk/Human Resources Director Kristi Finley
This item will be added to the February 2, 2023, Voting Session Agenda.
3. Presentation of Lease Agreement Between Dawson County and Rocky Hill Cattle Company LLC- County Attorney Angela Davis
Commissioner Stowers recused himself from discussion and abstained from any vote since he said can benefit financially for providing veterinary services to Rocky Hill Cattle Company on the subject property.
This item will be added to the February 2, 2023, Voting Session Agenda.
4. Presentation of Board Appointments:
 - a. Chestatee-Chattahoochee Resource Conservation & Development Council**
 - i. George Lyons- *reappointment* (Term: Through December 2026)
 - ii. Seth Stowers- *replacing Sharon Fausett* (Term: Through December 2026)
 - b. Development Authority**
 - i. Gary Vaughters- *replacing Gary Coates* (Term: Through December 2026)*This item will be added to the February 2, 2023, Voting Session Agenda.*
5. County Manager Report
This item was for information only, with Planning & Development's Margaret Honn being recognized as the Rotary Club of Dawson County's Employee of the Year.
6. County Attorney Report
County Attorney Davis had no information to report.

APPROVE:

ATTEST:

Billy Thurmond, Chairman

Kristen Cloud, County Clerk