

**DAWSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
VOTING SESSION MINUTES – THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2023
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 Manager Joey Leverette; County Attorney Melissa Tracy; County Clerk Kristen Cloud; and interested citizens of Dawson County.

OPENING PRESENTATIONS:

Recent and Planned Improvements - North Georgia Premium Outlets- Area General Manager Randall Jackson

Randall Jackson, area general manager for Simon Property Group, discussed recent and planned improvements to North Georgia Premium Outlets.

Red Ribbon Week 2023 Proclamation

Chairman Thurmond read aloud a Red Ribbon Week Proclamation.

Motion passed 4-0 to proclaim October 23-31, 2023, as “Be Kind to Your Mind, Live Drug Free” Red Ribbon Week in Dawson County. Gaines/Bruce

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Chairman Thurmond

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion passed 4-0 to approve the Minutes of the Work Session held on September 21, 2023. Stowers/Dooley

Motion passed 4-0 to approve the Minutes of the Voting Session held on September 21, 2023. Dooley/Bruce

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

- Addition of Nos. 4 and 5 under New Business:
 - Budget Request, Professional Services Exemption and Contract for the Personal Property Accounts
 - Environmental Protection Division Local Government Scrap Tire Abatement Reimbursement Grant Award for Tire Amnesty

Stowers/Gaines

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Consideration of a Resolution to Initiate Abandonment Procedures for a Portion of Water Plant Road

Motion passed 4-0 to approve a Resolution to Initiate Abandonment Procedures for a Portion of Water Plant Road. Dooley/Stowers

Consideration of 2024 Board of Commissioners Meeting Schedule

Motion passed 4-0 to approve a 2024 Board of Commissioners Meeting Schedule. Stowers/Bruce

Consideration of a Resolution Urging Governor and General Assembly to Continue Efforts to Reform and Improve Mental Health Services for Georgia Citizens

Motion passed 4-0 to approve a Resolution Urging the Governor and General Assembly to Continue Efforts to Reform and Improve Mental Health Services for Georgia Citizens. Gaines/Bruce

Consideration of Budget Request, Professional Services Exemption and Contract for the Personal Property Accounts

Motion passed 4-0 to approve a budget increase to the Tax Assessor's office in the amount of \$15,290 and a professional agreement exemption and contract to Deen's LLC to perform the scope of work for personal properties. Funds will come from General Fund's fund balance. Dooley/Stowers

Consideration of Environmental Protection Division Local Government Scrap Tire Abatement Reimbursement Grant Award for Tire Amnesty

Motion passed 4-0 to approve an Environmental Protection Division Local Government Scrap Tire Abatement Reimbursement Grant Award for Tire Amnesty. Gaines/Stowers

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

APPROVE:

ATTEST:

Billy Thurmond, Chairman

Kristen Cloud, County Clerk