

**DAWSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
VOTING SESSION MINUTES – THURSDAY, JUNE 20, 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 (via teleconference); Commissioner Emory Dooley, District 4; County Manager Joey Leverette; County Attorney Angela Davis; County Clerk Kristen Cloud; and interested citizens of Dawson County.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Chairman Thurmond

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Chairman Thurmond announced that the next Board of Commissioners meetings would be held July 18, 2024, due to the Fourth of July holiday.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion passed 4-0 to approve the Minutes of the Work Session held on June 6, 2024.
Stowers/Gaines

Motion passed 4-0 to approve the Minutes of the Voting Session held on June 6, 2024.
Dooley/Gaines

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

- Addition of Nos. 4 and 5 under New Business:
 - FY 2025 Drug Treatment Court Grant Award Acceptance; and
 - FY 2025 Intergovernmental Agreement Between Dawson County and the Board of Education Concerning School Resource Officers

Stowers/Dooley

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

PUBLIC HEARING:

A Proposed Amendment of Chapter 105 - Buildings and Building Regulations (1st of 1 hearing)
Planning & Development Director Sharon Farrell reviewed the proposed amendment.

Chairman Thurmond opened the hearing by asking if there was anyone present who wished to be heard on a Proposed Amendment of Chapter 105 - Buildings and Building Regulations and, hearing none, closed the hearing.

Motion passed 4-0 to approve a Proposed Amendment of Chapter 105 - Buildings and Building Regulations with one change as discussed/necessary on the presented document. Gaines/Stowers

ZONING:

ZA 24-01 – Jim King on behalf of Dawson Forest Owner LLC requests to amend the site plan and zoning stipulations for the Dawson Crossroads Development TMP 114-031. (Tabled from the May 16, 2024, Voting Session, at which time a public hearing was held.)

Jim King and his client, Steve West of Halpern Enterprises, provided additional information concerning the zoning application.

A public hearing concerning ZA 24-01 was held on May 16, 2024.

Motion passed 3-1 to approve ZA 24-01 with the following stipulations:

1. The commercial component of the development shall be completed before or in conjunction with the first phase of the multi-family residential development;
2. Before the construction of Phase 3 (townhouses) of the development, the developer shall connect an access road to and through the multi-family portion of the development;
3. Apartment buildings shall be fully sprinkled;
4. No adult businesses will be permitted to occupy the property;
5. Each townhouse shall be located on its lot, which is a minimum of 2,400 square feet in size;
6. Residents cannot access the rear delivery of commercial development;
7. Pedestrian accessibility must be provided from the project to the commercial site; and
8. Deeded perpetual access easement across the commercial development.
9. The main entrance to the townhouses must come from the apartments, with the fire/emergency entrance coming from the Publix shopping center.

Dooley/Stowers- Commissioner Bruce opposed the motion

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Consideration of Library’s Additional Operating Budget Request (Tabled from the June 6, 2024, Voting Session)

Motion passed 4-0 to approve the Library’s Additional Operating Budget Request; \$30,000 will come from General Fund’s fund balance. Gaines/Stowers

NEW BUSINESS:

Consideration of Juvenile Court Request to Add Position of Intern/Clerk

Motion passed 4-0 to approve a Juvenile Court Request to Add a Position of Intern/Clerk. Stowers/Bruce

Consideration to Move Forward to Public Hearings Concerning a Character Area Map Amendment Request

Motion passed 4-0 to approve to Move Forward to Public Hearings Concerning a Character Area Map Amendment Request; hearings will be held on July 18 and August 1, 2024. Dooley/Gaines

Consideration of Board Appointments:

• **Department of Family and Children Services**

- Joey Bearden- reappointment (Term: July 2024 through June 2028)
- Karen McCord- reappointment (Term: July 2024 through June 2029)

Motion passed 4-0 to reappoint Joey Bearden and Karen McCord to the Department of Family and Children Services Board for terms of July 2024 through June 2028 and July 2024 through June 2029, respectively. Gaines/Stowers.

Consideration of FY 2025 Drug Treatment Court Grant Award Acceptance

Motion passed 4-0 to accept a FY 2025 Drug Treatment Court Grant Award. Stowers/Gaines

Consideration of FY 2025 Intergovernmental Agreement Between Dawson County and the Board of Education Concerning School Resource Officers

Motion passed 4-0 to approve a FY 2025 Intergovernmental Agreement Between Dawson County and the Board of Education Concerning School Resource Officers. Stowers/Dooley

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion passed 4-0 to enter into Executive Session to discuss real estate and litigation. Stowers/Gaines

Motion passed 3-0 to come out of Executive Session. Stowers/Gaines

APPROVE:

ATTEST:

Billy Thurmond, Chairman

Kristen Cloud, County Clerk