

**DAWSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
VOTING SESSION MINUTES – NOVEMBER 3, 2022  
DAWSON COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER ASSEMBLY ROOM  
25 JUSTICE WAY, DAWSONVILLE, GEORGIA 30534  
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE 4:00 PM WORK SESSION**

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**ROLL CALL:** Those present were Chairman Billy Thurmond; Commissioner Sharon Fausett, District 1; Commissioner Chris Gaines, District 2; Commissioner Emory Dooley, District 4; County Attorney Jeffrey Strickland; County Clerk Kristen Cloud; and interested citizens of Dawson County. District 3 Commissioner Tim Satterfield and County Manager David Headley 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 October 20, 2022. Dooley/Fausett

Motion passed 3-0 to approve the Minutes of the Voting Session held on October 20, 2022. Fausett/Gaines

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Motion passed 3-0 to approve the agenda with the following change:

- Addition of No. 9 under New Business:
  - Request by Development Authority of Dawson County Concerning Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act for Peaks of Dawsonville Revenue Bonds

Gaines/Fausett

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

*Proposed FY 2023 Budget (3<sup>rd</sup> of 3 hearings; 1<sup>st</sup> hearing was held at the October 20, 2022, Work Session and the 2<sup>nd</sup> hearing was held at the October 20, 2022, Voting Session)*

Chairman Thurmond opened the hearing by asking if there was anyone present who wished to be heard on a Proposed FY 2023 Budget and, hearing none, closed the hearing.

Motion passed 3-0 to approve a Proposed FY 2023 Budget – all funds in the amount of \$61,403,947. Gaines/Dooley

**NEW BUSINESS:**

*Consideration of Management of Lake Parks in Dawson County*

Motion passed 3-0 to authorize the Parks & Recreation department director, county manager and other officials to begin negotiations with the Corps of Engineers concerning Management of Lake Parks in Dawson County. Dooley/Fausett

Consideration of Request for Chairman's Signature on Updated Notice of Intent for Georgia Environmental Protection Division Concerning Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Program

Motion passed 3-0 to approve a Request for the Chairman's Signature on an Updated Notice of Intent for the Georgia Environmental Protection Division Concerning Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Program. Fausett/Dooley

Consideration to Move Forward to Public Hearings for a Request to Add a Sunset Clause to Additional Zoning Classifications as Recommended by the Long Range Planning Committee

Motion passed 3-0 to approve to Move Forward to Public Hearings for a Request to Add a Sunset Clause to Additional Zoning Classifications as Recommended by the Long Range Planning Committee. Fausett/Dooley

Consideration to Move Forward to a Public Hearing for a Proposed Property Maintenance Ordinance

Motion passed 3-0 to approve to Move Forward to a Public Hearing for a Proposed Property Maintenance Ordinance. Gaines/Fausett

Consideration to Move Forward to a Public Hearing for Amendments to the Litter Control and Solid Waste Management Ordinance

Motion passed 3-0 to approve to Move Forward to a Public Hearing for Amendments to the Litter Control and Solid Waste Management Ordinance. Dooley/Gaines

Consideration to Move Forward to a Public Hearing for Amendments to the Abatement of Nuisance Property Ordinance

Motion passed 3-0 to approve to Move Forward to a Public Hearing for Amendments to the Abatement of Nuisance Property Ordinance. Fausett/Gaines

Consideration of Appointment of Emergency Management Agency Director

Motion passed 3-0 to approve the Appointment of Emergency Services Director Troy Leist as Emergency Management Agency Director. Gaines/Dooley

Consideration of the Acceptance of Notice of Resignation and Retirement Agreement with County Manager David Headley

Motion passed 3-0 to approve to accept County Manager David Headley's resignation, approve his retirement agreement, and amend the General Fund budget in the amount of \$140,000 as a transfer from the fund balance in order to cover the associated costs of this transition. Gaines/Dooley

Consideration of Request by Development Authority of Dawson County Concerning Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act for Peaks of Dawsonville Revenue Bonds

Motion passed 3-0 to approve a Request by the Development Authority of Dawson County Concerning Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act for Peaks of Dawsonville Revenue Bonds. Gaines/Fausett

Chairman Thurmond announced that the board had authorized him to speak with Chief Financial Officer Vickie Neikirk concerning serving as interim county manager in light of County Manager David Headley's retirement.

Motion passed 3-0 to appoint Vickie Neikirk as interim county manager based upon an annual salary rate of \$125,000 pro-rated over her period of service. Fausett/Gaines

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

APPROVE:

ATTEST:

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Billy Thurmond, Chairman

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Kristen Cloud, County Clerk