

**DAWSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
VOTING SESSION MINUTES – THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 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 (via teleconference); 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.

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 November 2, 2023.
Stowers/Bruce

Motion passed 4-0 to approve the Minutes of the Voting Session held on November 2, 2023.
Dooley/Stowers

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

- Addition of Nos. 4-6 under New Business:
 - Annual Capital Improvements Element Update Adoption
 - 2024 Payroll and Holiday Calendar
 - Proposed End-of-Year Appreciation Distribution for County Employees

Stowers/Bruce

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

ALCOHOL LICENSE:

New Alcohol License (Retail Consumption on Premises of Beer, Wine and Distilled Spirits) – Outback Steakhouse of Florida LLC dba Outback Steakhouse No. 1140, 14 Wallace Boulevard, Dawsonville, Georgia

Motion passed 4-0 to approve a New Alcohol License (Retail Consumption on Premises of Beer, Wine and Distilled Spirits) – Outback Steakhouse of Florida LLC dba Outback Steakhouse No. 1140, 14 Wallace Boulevard, Dawsonville, Georgia. Gaines/Stowers

PUBLIC HEARING:

FY 2024 Proposed Budget (3rd of 3 hearings; 1st hearing was held at the November 2, 2023, Work Session and the 2nd hearing was held at the November 2, 2023, Voting Session)

Chairman Thurmond opened the hearing by asking if there was anyone present who wished to be heard on a FY 2024 Proposed Budget and, hearing none, closed the hearing.

Motion passed 4-0 to approve a FY 2024 Budget – all funds in the amount of \$69,664,740. Thurmond/Stowers

NEW BUSINESS:

Consideration of FY 2024 Highway Enforcement of Aggressive Traffic Grant Award Acceptance

Motion passed 4-0 to approve a FY 2024 Highway Enforcement of Aggressive Traffic Grant Award Acceptance. Stowers/Bruce

Consideration of Georgia Forestry Commission Volunteer Fire Assistance 50/50 Grant Application

Motion passed 4-0 to approve a Georgia Forestry Commission Volunteer Fire Assistance 50/50 Grant Application. Stowers/Bruce

Consideration of Annexation C2400048

Motion passed 4-0 to issue no objection concerning Annexation C2400048. Stowers/Dooley

Consideration of Annual Capital Improvements Element Update Adoption

Motion passed 4-0 to approve an Annual Capital Improvements Element Update Adoption via a resolution. Dooley/Bruce

Consideration of 2024 Payroll and Holiday Calendar

Motion passed 4-0 to approve a 2024 Payroll and Holiday Calendar. Bruce/Stowers

Consideration of Proposed End-of-Year Appreciation Distribution for County Employees

Motion passed 4-0 to approve a Proposed End-of-Year Appreciation Distribution for County Employees to be distributed on December 1, 2023 – a full \$1,000 for full-time employees and a full \$500 for part-time employees for a total of \$219,327 that will come from General Fund's fund balance (distribution does not apply to elected officials or employees of Emergency Services or the Sheriff's Office). Bruce/Stowers

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion passed 4-0 to enter into Executive Session to discuss litigation. Stowers/Bruce

Motion passed 4-0 to come out of Executive Session. Stowers/Dooley

APPROVE:

ATTEST:

Billy Thurmond, Chairman

Kristen Cloud, County Clerk