

**DAWSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
VOTING SESSION MINUTES – THURSDAY, MARCH 2, 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; Interim County Manager Vickie Neikirk; County Attorney Angela Davis; 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 February 16, 2023.
Dooley/Stowers

Motion passed 4-0 to approve the Minutes of the Voting Session held on February 16, 2023.
Gaines/Bruce

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

- Addition of New Business following Unfinished Business, to include:
 - Request for Surplus of Expired Ballistic Equipment to be Sent to Ukraine
 - FY 2024 Council of Accountability Court Judges / Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Enhancement Grant for Dawson County Treatment Court
 - Request for Approval of Firefighter / EMT / Deputy Coroner Position
 - Approve Opting In to a Second Phase of Opioid Litigation

Gaines/Stowers

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Amendments to the Land Use Resolution (Tabled from the January 19, 2023, Voting Session, at which time a second public hearing concerning the matter was held)

Motion passed 4-0 to table Amendments to the Land Use Resolution until March 16, 2023.
Gaines/Stowers

NEW BUSINESS:

Consideration of Request for Surplus of Expired Ballistic Equipment to be Sent to Ukraine

Motion passed 4-0 to approve a Request for Surplus of Expired Ballistic Equipment to be Sent to Ukraine. Gaines/Bruce

Consideration of FY 2024 Council of Accountability Court Judges / Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Enhancement Grant for Dawson County Treatment Court

Motion passed 4-0 to approve a FY 2024 Council of Accountability Court Judges / Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Enhancement Grant for Dawson County Treatment Court. Dooley/Bruce

Consideration of Request for Approval of Firefighter / EMT / Deputy Coroner Position

Motion passed 4-0 to approve a Request for Approval of a Firefighter / EMT / Deputy Coroner Position. Bruce/Stowers

Consideration to Approve Opting In to a Second Phase of Opioid Litigation

Motion passed 4-0 to Approve Opting In to a Second Phase of Opioid Litigation. Dooley/Bruce

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Aseem Kahn Qureshi, Dawsonville, Georgia, owns and operates the Chevron Food Mart on Highway 400. He spoke about a Vape Ordinance and said he is interested in any proposed changes to the ordinance. "I want this county to be better for all of us," he said. "None of you here want any businesses to go out of business or anything bad to happen to any one of us. I'm behind every good thing but, if there are any questions, if there are any concerns, please reach out to me." Qureshi added, "Whatever decision you come up with has to be fair to everybody..." He said, "Along the process, I think my stress and the concern of running a good business - I must have upset some people along the way. I want to make it public [and] apologize if I ever upset anybody with my passion for this county..."

ADJOURNMENT:

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

Motion passed 4-0 to come out of Executive Session. Gaines/Bruce

APPROVE:

ATTEST:

Billy Thurmond, Chairman

Kristen Cloud, County Clerk