

**DAWSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
VOTING SESSION MINUTES – THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3, 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; Commissioner Emory Dooley, District 4; County Manager Joey Leverette; County Attorney Angela Davis; County Clerk Kristen Cloud; and interested citizens of Dawson County.

OPENING PRESENTATION:

Breast Cancer Awareness Month Proclamation

Chairman Thurmond read aloud a Breast Cancer Awareness Month Proclamation.

Motion passed 4-0 to approve a Breast Cancer Awareness Month Proclamation. Dooley/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 19, 2024. Gaines/Stowers

Motion passed 4-0 to approve the Minutes of the Voting Session held on September 19, 2024. Bruce/Stowers

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

- Addition of No. 6 under New Business:
 - RFP #442-24 – Transportation Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax Program Management Services

Stowers/Dooley

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

ALCOHOL LICENSE:

New Alcohol License (Retail Package Sale of Malt Beverages and Wine) – Aarush Business LLC dba Harmony Food Mart, 1128 Harmony Church Road, Dawsonville, Georgia 30534.

Dawson County Alcohol Administrator Kathryn Massey presented an alcohol license application for Harmony Food Mart.

Motion passed 4-0 to approve a New Alcohol License (*Retail Package Sale of Malt Beverages and Wine*) – Aarush Business LLC dba Harmony Food Mart, 1128 Harmony Church Road, Dawsonville, Georgia 30534. Gaines/Stowers

NEW BUSINESS:

Consideration of Request for a New Shared Server for the District Attorney's Office

Motion passed 4-0 to approve a Request for a New Shared Server for the District Attorney's Office in the amount of \$20,189, plus \$3,000 annually for cloud storage; monies will come from General Fund's fund balance. Stowers/Bruce

Consideration of RFP #441-24 - Playground Upgrade for Rock Creek and Veterans Memorial Parks

Motion passed 4-0 to approve RFP #441-24 - Playground Upgrade for Rock Creek and Veterans Memorial Parks; to accept the proposals received and to award a contract to Great Outdoors Play in the amount not to exceed \$579,912, and a 10 percent county-controlled contingency, utilizing Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax VII funds. Bruce/Gaines

Consideration of Professional Exemption and Budget Request for Engineering Services for Site Development of Future Fire Station 3 Location (Harmony Church Road Property) - Phase 1

Motion passed 4-0 to approve a Professional Exemption for BM&K and Budget Request for Engineering Services for Site Development of the Future Fire Station 3 Location (Harmony Church Road Property) - Phase 1; 56,900 will come from Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax VII funds. Bruce/Stowers

Consideration of Proposal to Increase Annual Paid Time Off (PTO) Payout

Motion passed 4-0 to table a Proposal to Increase Annual Paid Time Off (PTO) Payout until October 17, 2024. Gaines/Stowers

Consideration of Request to Write Off Old, Uncollectable Ambulance Accounts

Motion passed 4-0 to approve a Request to Write Off Old, Uncollectable Ambulance Accounts that have passed the period of collections allowed by law. This includes 667 accounts from 2019-2020 totaling \$355,543.37. Dooley/Bruce

Consideration of RFP #442-24 – Transportation Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax Program Management Services

Motion passed 4-0 to approve RFP #442-24 – Transportation Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax Program Management Services (TSPLOST); to accept the offers received and to award a contract to BM&K for personnel positions and hourly rates offered, not to exceed the amount of \$250,000 annually. Monies will come from TSPLOST funds. Gaines/Stowers

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

APPROVE:

ATTEST:

Billy Thurmond, Chairman

Kristen Cloud, County Clerk