

**DAWSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
VOTING SESSION AGENDA – THURSDAY, AUGUST 4, 2022
DAWSON COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER ASSEMBLY ROOM
25 JUSTICE WAY, DAWSONVILLE, GEORGIA 30534
6:00 PM**

A. ROLL CALL

B. OPENING PRESENTATIONS

1. Proclamation of Achievement for Eagle Scout Projects
2. Habitat for Humanity North Central Georgia Introduction- Executive Director Steve Napier / Vice President of Development & Strategic Initiatives Sabrina Kirkland

C. INVOCATION

D. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

E. ANNOUNCEMENTS

F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Minutes of the Work Session held on July 21, 2022
2. Minutes of the Voting Session held on July 21, 2022

G. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

H. PUBLIC COMMENT

I. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. 2022 Millage Rate and Property Tax (*3rd of 3 hearings; 1st hearing was held July 7, 2022, and 2nd hearing was held July 21, 2022*)
2. Extension of an Existing Moratorium on the Acceptance of Residential Rezoning Applications (*1st of 1 hearing*)

J. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Consideration of Proposed Transfer Station Improvements (*Tabled from the July 21, 2022, Voting Session*)

K. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consideration of Request for Addition of Position Classification
2. Consideration of Request for Funding for Fire Hydrants

L. PUBLIC COMMENT

M. ADJOURNMENT

Those with disabilities who require certain accommodations in order to allow them to observe and/or participate in this meeting, or who have questions regarding the accessibility of the meeting, should contact the ADA Coordinator at 706-344-3666, extension 44514. The county will make reasonable accommodations for those persons.



DAWSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

IN RECOGNITION OF EAGLE SCOUT PROJECTS AT DAWSON COUNTY PARKS PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, today we set aside this time for commendations for two Eagle Scouts and their projects at Veterans Memorial Park and Rock Creek Park; and

WHEREAS, Dawson County has a large and growing group of Boy Scouts, though few of these are so dedicated as to ultimately achieve the prestigious rank of Eagle Scout; and

WHEREAS, To achieve this highest honor of Eagle Scout, one must possess not only integrity and character, but also must strive to serve others and, importantly, start and complete an immense Eagle Scout project; and

WHEREAS, Austin Wood did complete his Eagle Scout project consisting of a pollinator garden at Veterans Memorial Park. This garden will be a valuable asset to both the community and environment; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Livingstone did complete his Eagle Scout project at Rock Creek Park to include Bocce Ball Courts with ADA accessibility. This project will give park patrons another outdoor experience to enjoy among friends; and

WHEREAS, Dawson County celebrates the accomplishments of these fine young men and are thankful for their outstanding contributions to our community and its parks. It looks forward to these Eagle Scouts being leaders of the community for years to come;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Dawson County Board of Commissioners hereby proclaims August 4, 2022, Eagle Scout Day in honor of Austin Wood and Thomas Livingstone.

Attest:

Billy Thurmond, Chairman

Kristen Cloud, County Clerk



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Welcome!

We build
strength, stability
and self-reliance
through shelter.



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our mission

Seeking to put God's love into action, Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities, and hope.

our vision

A world where everyone has a decent place to live.



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who are we

- Habitat-NCG is a 501(c)3 Christian housing ministry. We are an independently run and operated affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International.

our history

- 1976** - Habitat for Humanity International was founded by Millard and Linda Fuller in Americus, Georgia. Since its founding, Habitat for Humanity has built over 1,000,000 homes worldwide.
- 2006** - Habitat for Humanity-North Central Georgia was established as an affiliate in order to greater address the housing needs in our growing community of Metro Atlanta in Dawson, Forsyth, North Fulton, and Cherokee counties .
- 2021** - Habitat-NCG's homeownership and repair programs are open to all people, regardless of race, religion, color or, creed. As of December of 2021, we have helped over 1,500 family members, having built or rehabilitated 333 homes and performed repairs on 110 homes, primarily for senior citizens and veterans.



**this is our
house**

**Habitat homeowners
help build their own
home alongside
volunteers and pay an
affordable mortgage.**



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Homeowners are selected based on three criteria:



Need for Affordable Housing

Present housing is not adequate (unsafe, not maintained, overcrowded, and/or unaffordable.)
Unable to obtain affordable housing through other conventional means.



Willingness to Partner

Agree to complete 150 hours of sweat equity. Sweat equity hours are earned by helping to build actual house and other families' homes alongside volunteers. You agree to complete 50 hours of homeowner education.



Ability to Pay

Must have a steady, verifiable source of income.
Should have good credit.

Did you know?

- 🔑 Habitat creates taxpaying homeowners.
- 🔑 Every Habitat family has a zero interest mortgage, homeowner insurance policy, and property tax payments like any other homeowner.
- 🔑 Children living in a Habitat home score higher on academic tests, have a higher graduation rate, fewer behavioral problems, and enjoy a better social network.
- 🔑 Habitat families are able to thrive. Dreams of a college education and retirement become attainable.





every
one

deserves a decent
place to live.

Our Homebuyer Program

Eligibility requirements for homeownership:

- You must be a U.S .citizen or a permanent legal resident
- You must be a first-time homebuyer
- You must have lived or worked in one of Cherokee, Forsyth, North Fulton, or Dawson Counties for at least one year
- You must show a continuous source of income at the level required for the past two years
- Your household income before taxes must be within the following limits:

# of Occupants	Net Income Prior to Taxes <	Net Income Prior to Taxes >
1	\$27,000	\$47,250
2	\$30,850	\$54,010
3	\$34,700	\$60,740
4	\$38,550	\$67,470
5	\$41,650	\$72,910
6	\$44,725	\$78,295
7	\$47,825	\$83,705
8	\$50,900	\$89,090

Our Home Repair Program

To qualify for home repairs with Habitat-NCG, You must fit one of the following categories:

- Older adult homeowners age 60 and older
 - People with disabilities
 - Active U.S. military
 - U.S. veterans who have received general or honorable discharge from any branch of service
- You must own a home in Cherokee, Dawson, Forsyth, or North Fulton County.
 - You must be willing to partner by completing sweat equity hours (within physical ability). Sweat equity hours are earned by doing community service with Habitat for Humanity. You **may** be required to pay a portion of the costs. Your household income before taxes must be within the following limits:

# of Occupants	Net Income Prior to Taxes <
1	\$47,250
2	\$54,010
3	\$60,740
4	\$67,470
5	\$72,910
6	\$78,295
7	\$83,705
8	\$89,090

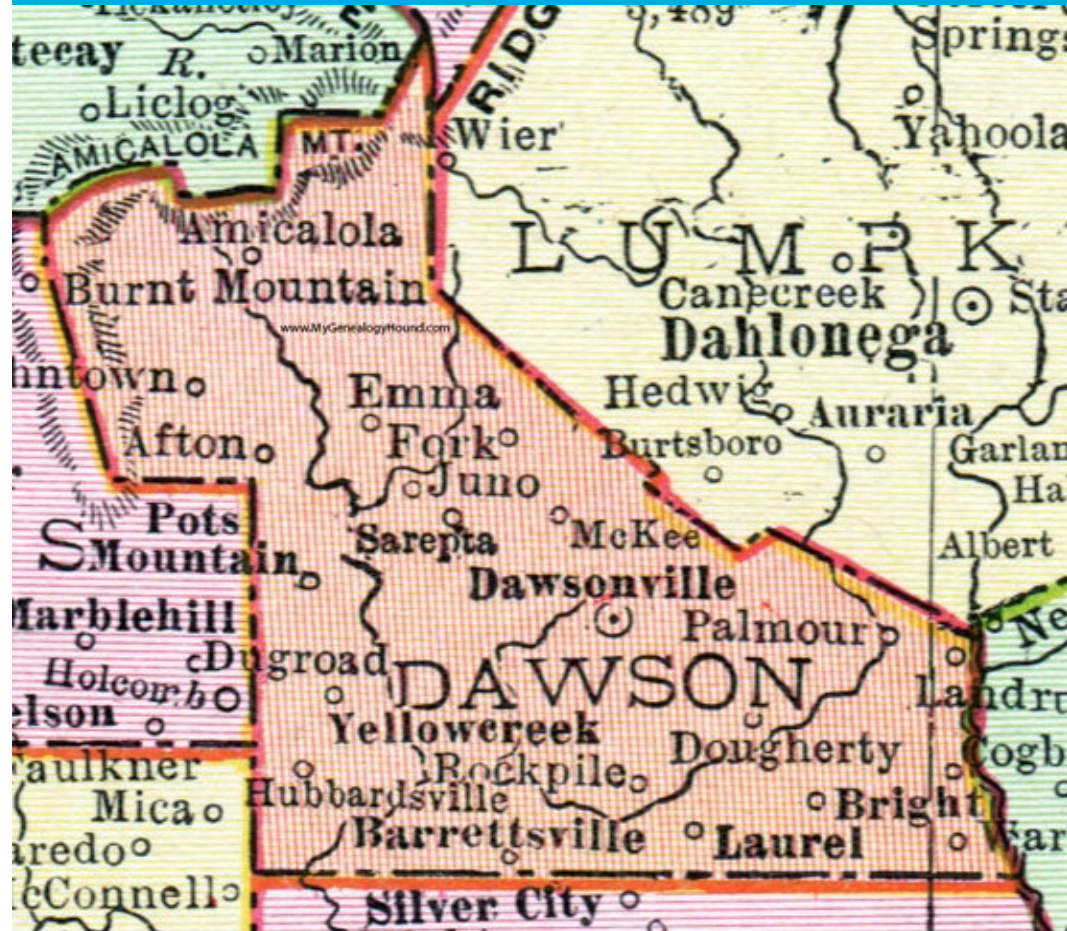


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Why Dawson County?

Did you know?

- According to the Census, Dawson County, Georgia currently has an estimate of 28,497 residents.
- 20.3% of Dawson County residents include older adults (aged 65 or older).
- From 2016-2020, Dawson County was home to over 1,263 veterans.
- Home ownership will be unreachable for the average citizen with average home prices just under \$300,000
- Homeownership in Dawson County is predicted to drop from 65% to 58% in the next 10 years



Dawson County Housing Market Report



According to the Dawson County Housing Market Report, homes in Dawson County have sold for 26% more than they did a year ago.



This year, three bedroom homes were sold for more than 18% than they were in July of 2021 .



Four bedroom homes were sold for more than 21 %.

Median Sold Price Compared To Nearby Counties



	JUL 2021	JUL 2022	%
Dawson County	\$309.9K	\$390.4K	+26.0% ↑
Gilmer County	\$323.8K	\$407.8K	+25.9% ↑
Hall County	\$299.6K	\$355.7K	+18.7% ↑
Lumpkin County	\$280.5K	\$325.1K	+15.9% ↑
Pickens County	\$327.8K	\$373.9K	+14.1% ↑

Median Sold Price By Bedroom Count



	JUL 2021	JUL 2022	%
1 Bedroom	\$300K	\$80K	-73.3% ↓
2 Bedrooms	\$242.5K	\$250K	+3.1% ↑
3 Bedrooms	\$278.3K	\$330K	+18.5% ↑
4 Bedrooms	\$345K	\$420K	+21.7% ↑
5+ Bedrooms	\$506K	\$569.9K	+12.6% ↑

The Increase of Housing Puts Georgia's Third Fastest Growing County at Risk.

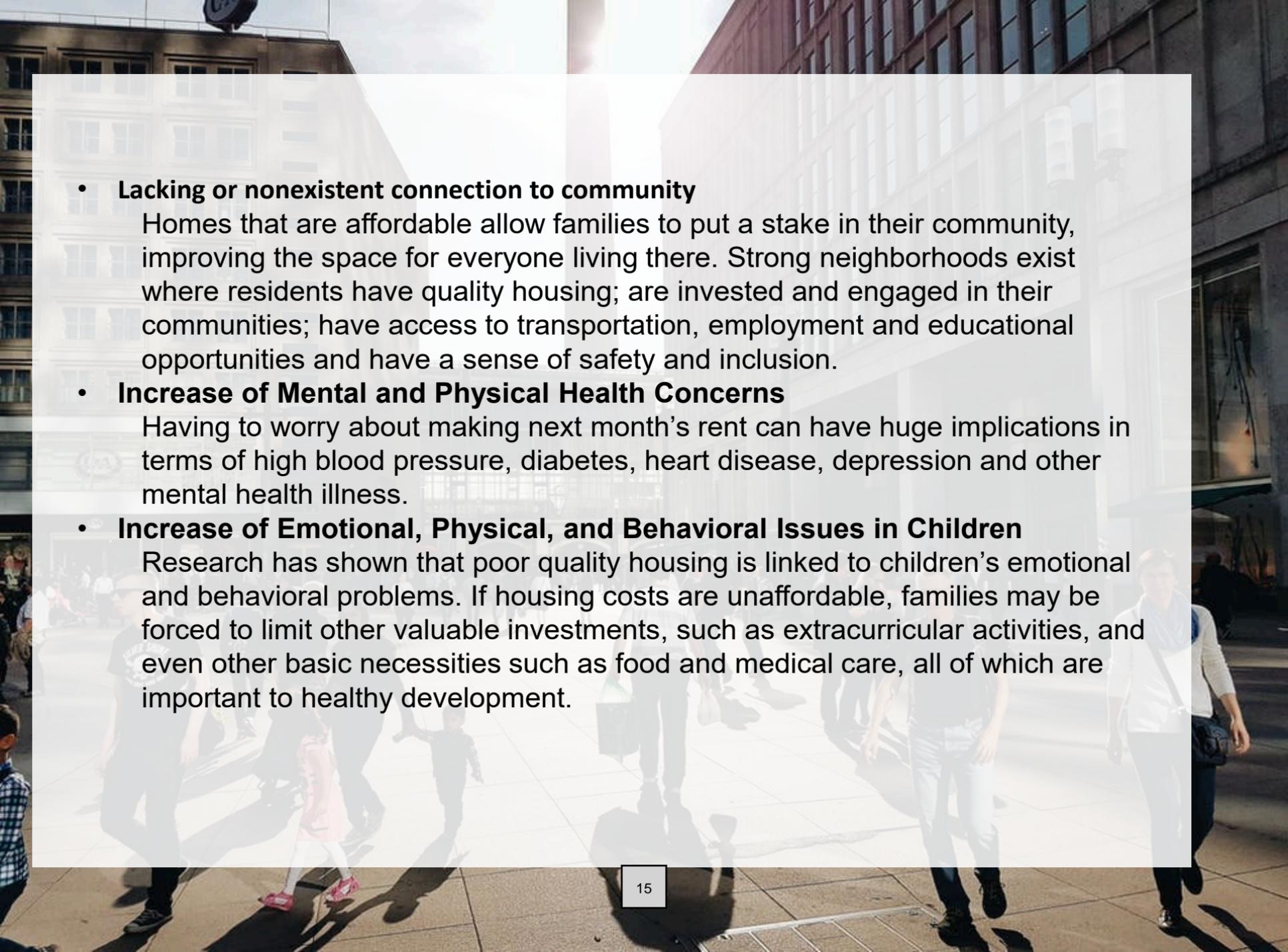
Having an ample supply of affordable places to live fosters a host of economic benefits for communities and also serves to heighten civic participation, increase public safety and create a greater sense of community pride. With an extreme raising in housing costs, communities will experience:

- **Lack of or slow progression of Economic Development**

When families spend less on housing, they have more to spend on goods and services. These transactions fuel community-wide economic growth by bolstering local businesses and the local workforce.

- **Income Inequality & Resident Displacement**

When property prices rise, gentrification becomes the norm. This means that people who have lived for decades in a house are forced to move out due to market pressures. The next generation of workers has to commute even more to get to work. Commuting to and from work is a drain on the entire economy. It leads to wastage of time and fuel, causes stress and clogs the streets.



- **Lacking or nonexistent connection to community**

Homes that are affordable allow families to put a stake in their community, improving the space for everyone living there. Strong neighborhoods exist where residents have quality housing; are invested and engaged in their communities; have access to transportation, employment and educational opportunities and have a sense of safety and inclusion.

- **Increase of Mental and Physical Health Concerns**

Having to worry about making next month's rent can have huge implications in terms of high blood pressure, diabetes, heart disease, depression and other mental health illness.

- **Increase of Emotional, Physical, and Behavioral Issues in Children**

Research has shown that poor quality housing is linked to children's emotional and behavioral problems. If housing costs are unaffordable, families may be forced to limit other valuable investments, such as extracurricular activities, and even other basic necessities such as food and medical care, all of which are important to healthy development.



Dawson County Board of Commissioners, will you help build strength, stability and self-reliance for local families in need?



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**Thank you for
your
consideration!**

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Let's Stay Connected!

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**DAWSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORK SESSION MINUTES – JULY 21, 2022
DAWSON COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER ASSEMBLY ROOM
25 JUSTICE WAY, DAWSONVILLE, GEORGIA 30534
4:00 PM**

Those present were Chairman Billy Thurmond; Commissioner Sharon Fausett, District 1; Commissioner Chris Gaines, District 2; Commissioner Tim Satterfield, District 3; Commissioner Emory Dooley, District 4; County Attorney Angela Davis; County Clerk Kristen Cloud; and interested citizens of Dawson County. County Manager David Headley was not present.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. 2022 Millage Rate and Property Tax (2nd of 3 hearings; 1st hearing was held July 7, 2022, and 3rd hearing will be held at 6 p.m. August 4, 2022)

Chairman Thurmond opened the hearing by asking if there was anyone present who wished to be heard on the 2022 Millage Rate and Property Tax and, hearing none, closed the hearing.

The next public hearing concerning the 2022 Millage Rate and Property Tax will be held at the August 4, 2022, Voting Session.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Presentation of Results of FY 2021 Audit- BatesCarter's Amanda Wilkson
This item was for information only.
2. Presentation of Request for Addition of Position Classification- Emergency Services Director Danny Thompson
This item will be placed on the August 4, 2022, Voting Session Agenda.
3. Presentation of Request for Funding for Fire Hydrants- Emergency Services Director Danny Thompson
This item will be placed on the August 4, 2022, Voting Session Agenda.
4. Presentation of Assembly Room Equipment Budget and Cooperative Agreement Approval Request- Public Information Officer Laura Fulcher / Purchasing Manager Melissa Hawk
This item will be added to the July 21, 2022, Voting Session Agenda.
5. Discussion of Merit Pay Program
This item was for discussion only. Staff of the Finance and Human Resources departments were instructed to work on this item, which will appear on a future Work Session Agenda for discussion / presentation.
6. County Manager Report
This item, presented by Chairman Thurmond, was for information only.

7. County Attorney Report

County Attorney Davis had no information to report.

APPROVE:

ATTEST:

Billy Thurmond, Chairman

Kristen Cloud, County Clerk

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IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE 4:00 PM WORK SESSION**

ROLL CALL: Those present were Chairman Billy Thurmond; Commissioner Sharon Fausett, District 1; Commissioner Chris Gaines, District 2; Commissioner Tim Satterfield, District 3; Commissioner Emory Dooley, District 4; County Attorney Angela Davis; County Clerk Kristen Cloud; and interested citizens of Dawson County. County Manager David Headley was not present.

INVOCATION: Chairman Thurmond

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Chairman Thurmond

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Chairman Thurmond announced that the August 4, 2022, Board of Commissioners (BOC) Voting Session meeting would begin at 6 p.m. due to a Millage Rate and Property Tax public hearing that must be held at that time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion passed 4-0 to approve the Minutes of the Work Session held on July 7, 2022. Fausett/Satterfield

Motion passed 4-0 to approve the Minutes of the Voting Session held on July 7, 2022. Dooley/Gaines

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

- Addition of No. 3 under New Business:
 - Assembly Room Equipment Budget and Cooperative Agreement Approval Request

Fausett/Gaines

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

ALCOHOL LICENSES:

New Alcohol License (Retail Package Sale of Beer and Wine) – Jagats Enterprises Inc. d/b/a Elliott Food Mart

Motion passed 4-0 to approve a New Alcohol License (Retail Package Sale of Beer and Wine) – Jagats Enterprises Inc. d/b/a Elliott Food Mart. Satterfield/Gaines

New Alcohol License (Retail Package Sale of Beer, Wine and Liquor) – Elliott Inc. d/b/a Elliott Package Outlet

Motion passed 3-1 to approve a New Alcohol License (Retail Package Sale of Beer, Wine and Liquor) – Elliott Inc. d/b/a Elliott Package Outlet. Dooley/Gaines- Commissioner Fausett opposed the motion

ZONINGS:

Chairman Thurmond announced that if anyone contributed more than \$250 to the commissioners or chairman in the past two years and wished to speak they would have to fill out a disclosure form, which would be made available to them. Under normal program, 10 minutes is given to those who wish to speak in favor of or opposition to with some redirect, time permitting.

ZA 22-04 - Fox Creek Properties Inc. requests to rezone TMP 112-109, 104-065, 112-019, 112-013, 113-057-002 and 112-018 from RA (Residential Agriculture), RPC (Residential Planned Community), CHB (Commercial Highway Business), CPCD (Commercial Planned Community Development) and COI (Commercial Office Institution) to Mixed Use Village for the purpose of developing single-family, multi-family, retail/commercial/office, and light industrial uses (Georgia 400 and Lumpkin Campground Road). (Tabled from the May 19, 2022, Voting Session, at which time a public hearing was held.)

Planning & Development Director Sharon Farrell read aloud proposed stipulations concerning ZA 22-04.

Discussion was had between the BOC and Fox Creek Properties Inc.'s Bill Evans Jr. and Jim Bowersox.

A public hearing was held at the May 19, 2022, BOC Voting Session.

Motion passed 4-0 to table ZA 22-04 until August 18, 2022. Gaines/Dooley

ZA 22-14 - Brian and Diana Lunsford request to rezone TMP 038-007-001 from RA (Residential Agriculture) to RRE (Residential Rural Estate) for the purposes of subdividing the parcel to RRE standards (Hobert Styles Road).

Planning & Development Director Sharon Farrell said the applicant "would have qualified for a family density exception lot split but they're not quite ready to deed over property to family members so their next best step was to take 16 acres and rezone it to rural estate..." She said the Planning Commission recommended approval of the application.

Applicants Brian and Diana Lunsford, Cumming, Georgia, addressed the board. Brian Lunsford said, "The purpose of purchasing the land back in December of last year [was to] convey pieces of that property to our three children to, basically, build a family compound." He added, "Under RA, that would require 5-acre lots and going to RRE would give us the ability to split that property up in a more meaningful way and also to convey smaller parcels to our children so they wouldn't incur a larger tax burden on a higher acre piece of property."

Chairman Thurmond opened the hearing by asking if there was anyone present who wished to speak either for or against the application and, hearing none, closed the hearing.

Motion passed 4-0 to approve ZA 22-14. Fausett/Gaines

NEW BUSINESS:

Consideration of Proposed Transfer Station Improvements

Motion passed 4-0 to table Proposed Transfer Station Improvements until August 4, 2022.
Gaines/Dooley

Ratification of Emergency Purchase for Sheriff's Office Vehicles

Motion passed 4-0 to approve the Ratification of an Emergency Purchase for Sheriff's Office Vehicles - the emergency purchase for eight Dodge Chargers for the Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$271,406.96, to be funded by Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) VI; and the upfitting of the emergency purchase for the eight Dodge Chargers for \$88,000, to be funded by SPLOST VII. Satterfield/Fausett

Consideration of Assembly Room Equipment Budget and Cooperative Agreement Approval Request

Motion was made by Commissioner Fausett and seconded by Commissioner Gaines to approve an Assembly Room Equipment Budget and Cooperative Agreement Approval Request.

Commissioner Fausett withdrew her motion and Commissioner Gaines withdrew his second.

Motion passed 4-0 to approve a cooperative agreement through U.S. Educational Technology Purchasing Alliance (USETPA), professionally exempt WH Platts, accept the quote submitted and to award a purchase order to WH Platts for work, and to increase the budget for the project by \$23,501 for a total budget of \$99,742. Fausett/Gaines

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

APPROVE:

ATTEST:

Billy Thurmond, Chairman

Kristen Cloud, County Clerk

PRESS RELEASE ANNOUNCING PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION OF MILLAGE RATE FOR 2022

The Dawson County Board of Commissioners today announces its intention to increase the 2022 property taxes it will levy this year by 5.90% over the rollback millage rate.

Each year, the Board of Tax Assessors is required to review the assessed value for property tax purposes of taxable property in the County. When the trend of prices on properties that have recently sold in the County indicate there has been an increase in the fair market value of any specific property, the Board of Tax Assessors is required by law to re-determine the value of such property and adjust the assessment.

This is called a reassessment.

When the total digest of taxable property is prepared, Georgia law requires a rollback millage rate must be computed that will produce the same total revenue on the current year's digest that last year's millage rate would have produced had no reassessments occurred.

The budget tentatively adopted by the Dawson County Board of Commissioners requires a millage rate higher than the rollback rate; therefore, before the Dawson County Board of Commissioners may finalize the tentative budget and set a final millage rate, Georgia law requires three public hearings to be held to allow the public an opportunity to express their opinions on the increase.

All concerned citizens are invited to the public hearings on this tax increase to be held in the Commissioners Meeting Room at the Dawson County Courthouse/Administration Building located at 25 Justice Way, Dawsonville, Georgia at the following times:

1st. Public Hearing: Thursday, July 7, 2022 4:00 p.m.

2nd. Public Hearing: Thursday, July 21, 2022 4:00 p.m.

3rd. Public Hearing: Thursday, August 4, 2022 6:00 p.m.

Millage adoption: Thursday, August 4, 2022 6:00 p.m. (following 3rd public hearing)

NOTICE

The **Dawson County County Board of Commissioners** does hereby announce that the millage rate will be set at a meeting to be held at the Dawson County Government Center, 25 Justice Way, on August 4, 2022 at 6:00 pm and pursuant to the requirements of O.C.G.A. § 48-5-32 does hereby publish the following presentation of the current year's tax digest and levy, along with the history of the tax digest and levy for the past five years.

CURRENT 2022 PROPERTY TAX DIGEST AND 5 YEAR HISTORY OF LEVY

U N I N C O R P O R A T E D A R E A	UNINCORPORATED		2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
	V A L U E	Real & Personal	1,394,032,646	1,572,997,915	1,593,936,454	1,709,619,583	1,780,490,982	2,068,294,890
		Motor Vehicles	28,320,790	22,736,970	18,877,500	16,163,420	14,599,480	13,548,070
		Mobile Homes	952,109	1,493,910	1,711,047	1,771,544	2,012,335	2,133,907
		Timber - 100%	96,561	190,449	200,000	23,575	42,210	69,566
		Heavy Duty Equipment	0	0	0	0	0	0
		Gross Digest	1,423,402,106.00	1,597,419,244.00	1,614,725,001.00	1,727,578,122.00	1,797,145,007.00	2,084,046,433.00
		Less Exemptions	201,405,457	222,450,006	223,081,756	237,439,595	238,279,470	225,792,886
		NET DIGEST VALUE	1,221,996,649.00	1,374,969,238.00	1,391,643,245.00	1,490,138,527.00	1,558,865,537.00	1,858,253,547.00
	R A T E	Gross Maintenance & Operation Millage	14.4250	14.5990	13.0790	13.0310	13.0630	12.3455
		Less Rollbacks (Local Option Sales Tax & Insurance Premium)	6.2870	6.4610	4.9900	5.1460	5.4380	5.1230
		NET M&O MILLAGE RATE	8.1380	8.1380	8.0890	7.8850	7.6250	7.2225
I N C O R P O R A T E D A R E A	TAX	NET M&O TAXES LEVIED	\$9,944,609	\$11,189,500	\$11,257,002	\$11,749,742	\$11,886,350	\$13,421,236
	INCORPORATED		2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
	V A L U E	Real & Personal	102,426,129	122,042,206	134,753,874	152,060,737	171,242,679	202,876,805
		Motor Vehicles	54,600	49,200	34,090	93,380	205,940	275,210
		Mobile Homes	0	0	0	0	0	0
		Timber - 100%	0	0	0	13,913	0	0
		Heavy Duty Equipment	0	0	0	0	0	0
		Gross Digest	102,480,729.00	122,091,406.00	134,787,964.00	152,168,030.00	171,448,619.00	203,152,015.00
		Less Exemptions	13,990,679	17,519,295	20,860,421	23,550,047	25,461,001	26,693,464
		NET DIGEST VALUE	88,490,050.00	104,572,111.00	113,927,543.00	128,617,983.00	145,987,618.00	176,458,551.00
	R A T E	Gross Maintenance & Operation Millage	14.4250	14.5990	13.0790	13.0310	13.0630	12.3455
		Less Rollback (Local Option Sales Tax)	6.2870	6.4610	4.9900	5.1460	5.4380	5.1230
		NET M&O MILLAGE RATE	8.1380	8.1380	8.0890	7.8850	7.6250	7.2225
TOTAL COUNTY	TAX	NET M&O TAXES LEVIED	\$720,132	\$851,008	\$921,560	\$1,014,153	\$1,113,156	\$1,274,472
	TOTAL COUNTY		2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
	TOTAL DIGEST VALUE		1,310,486,699.00	1,479,541,349.00	1,505,570,788.00	1,618,756,510.00	1,704,853,155.00	2,034,712,098.00
	TOTAL M&O TAXES LEVIED		\$ 10,664,741	\$ 12,040,507	\$ 12,178,562	\$ 12,763,895	\$ 12,999,505	\$ 14,695,708
	Net Tax \$ Increase		\$594,460	\$1,375,767	\$ 138,055	\$ 585,333	\$ 235,610	\$ 1,696,203
TOTAL COUNTY	Net Tax % Increase		5.90%	12.90%	1.15%	4.81%	1.85%	13.05%

NOTICE OF PROPERTY TAX INCREASE

The **Dawson County Board of Commissioners** has tentatively adopted a 2022 millage rate which will require an increase in property taxes by **5.90** percent.

All concerned citizens are invited to the public hearing on this tax increase to be held in the Commissioners Meeting Room at the Dawson County Courthouse/Administration Building located at 25 Justice Way, Dawsonville, Georgia on **August 4, 2022 at 6:00 pm.**

Times and places of additional public hearings on this tax increase will be held in the Commissioners Meeting Room at the Dawson County Courthouse/Administration Building located at 25 Justice Way, Dawsonville, Georgia on **July 7, 2022 at 4:00 pm and July 21, 2022 at 4:00 pm.**

The tentative increase will result in a millage rate of **7.2225 mills**, an increase of **0.4025 mills**. Without this tentative tax increase, the millage rate will be no more than **6.820 mills**. The proposed tax increase for a home with a fair market value of **\$375,000** is approximately **\$60.38** and the proposed tax increase for non-homestead property with a fair market value of **\$300,000** is approximately **\$48.30**.

DAWSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Presentation of proposed millage
rate for 2022 tax year

July 7, 2022



Millage rate history

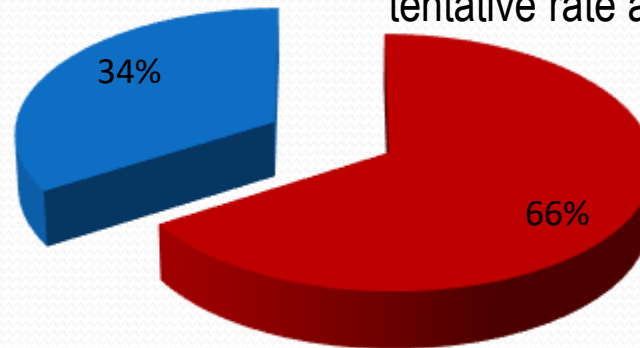
- Property tax provides funding for County provided services to include, public safety, public works, public health, parks and recreation, and judicial. This tax revenue is accounted for in the General Fund.
- County is providing a 50% rollback to the property owners for the 2022 tax levy.
- This is the 4th. straight year the Board has lowered the millage rate from the prior year.

Where does your property tax dollar go?



Board of Education	14.2000 mills*
Board of Commissioners	<u>7.2225 mills</u>
Total	22.625 mills

*The BOE will adopt millage rate in August. This is tentative rate and subject to change.



■ Board of Education

■ Board of Commissioners

Impact on \$300,000 home

		School	County	Total
Taxable value 40%	\$120,000	14.2000	7.2225	21.4225
Tax due	no exemptions*	\$1704.00	\$866.70	\$2,570.70

***The tax due will vary according to any exemptions that apply**

Proposed millage rate

The Dawson County Board of Commissioners is proposing to roll the millage rate back to 7.2225, down from the 2021 rate of 7.625. This millage rate will provide a tax levy of approximately \$14,695,708.

2022 Tax Resolution of Dawson County
by the
Dawson County Board of Commissioners
2023 Budget – 2022 County Tax Levy

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF DAWSON COUNTY, and it is hereby ordered, that there is hereby levied on all property in Dawson County, Georgia subject to Ad Valorem taxation for the year 2022 for purposes provided by law based upon an estimated valuation of \$1,852,832,735 for the unincorporated areas and \$176,378,470 for the incorporated areas, which includes real and personal property, motor vehicles, mobile homes and personal exemptions at a millage rate of 7.2225.

The millage rate of 7.2225 is a reduction from the 2021 rate of 7.625. The millage rate of 7.2225 is hereby adopted this 4th day of August, 2022 at the regularly scheduled Board meeting that began at 6:00 p.m.

APPROVED:

DAWSON COUNTY

ATTEST

By: _____
Billy Thurmond, Chairman

By: _____
Kristen Cloud,
County Clerk

A RESOLUTION OF THE DAWSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ENACTING AN EMERGENCY MORATORIUM ON ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATIONS FOR REZONING TO THE RESIDENTIAL LAND USE DISTRICTS IDENTIFIED IN ARTICLE III AND THE MIXED USE VILLAGE USE DISTRICT OF THE DAWSON COUNTY LAND USE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Dawson County Land Use Resolution (“Land Use Resolution”) regulates the use of property located in Dawson County, Georgia (“County”); and

WHEREAS, the Dawson County Board of Commissioners (“Board”) is the governing body of the County, and therefore, is responsible for providing appropriate public infrastructure and services to best serve the public interest, including but not limited to such infrastructure and services associated with current and future development within the County; and

WHEREAS, the Board has become concerned that the pace of development within the County may outpace the ability of the County to provide sufficient infrastructure and services under the current financial circumstances; and

WHEREAS, the Board believes that fiscal responsibility is necessary with respect to the provision of public infrastructure and services; and

WHEREAS, the Board is concerned that current and future residential development within the County has begun and will continue to create a fiscal imbalance if allowed to proceed under the current financial framework; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to update its impact fee program to reflect the current fiscal realities associated with providing adequate services for residential use in the County; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to consider amendments to the Land Use Resolution to potentially assist in creating an appropriate balance between residential development and the infrastructure necessary to service the development; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to delay further residential development in the County until the Board has considered possible changes to the impact fee program and/or amendment of the Land Use Resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Georgia Supreme Court has held that a moratorium with respect to application of a zoning ordinance may be put in place for a reasonable period of time without the necessity of complying with the notice requirements of the Georgia Zoning Procedures Law; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds a moratorium barring until August 5, 2022, the acceptance of applications for rezoning to the residential land use districts identified in Article III and the

Mixed Use Village Use District of the Land Use Resolution to be reasonably necessary, the least restrictive means available, a reasonable exercise of the County's police power, and in the best interests of the public health, safety, and welfare;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF DAWSON COUNTY, GEORGIA, AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Dawson County Board of Commissioners does hereby enact a moratorium barring until August 5, 2022, the acceptance of applications for rezoning to the residential land use districts identified in Article III and the Mixed Use Village Use District of the Land Use Resolution.
2. The moratorium imposed by this Resolution shall terminate on the earliest date of (1) August 5, 2022; (2) approval by the Dawson County Board of Commissioners of an additional moratorium after a public hearing; or (3) Board action terminating the moratorium.
3. This Resolution shall be effective upon a majority vote by the Board of Commissioners.

SO RESOLVED this 7th day of July, 2022, the public's health, safety, and welfare demanding it.

DAWSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

By: _____


Billy Thurmond, Chairman

Attest:

By: _____


Kristen Cloud, County Clerk



A RESOLUTION OF THE DAWSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS EXTENDING AN EXISTING MORATORIUM ON ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATIONS FOR REZONING TO THE RESIDENTIAL LAND USE DISTRICTS IDENTIFIED IN ARTICLE III AND THE MIXED USE VILLAGE USE DISTRICT OF THE DAWSON COUNTY LAND USE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, the Board desires to consider amendments to the Land Use Resolution to potentially assist in creating an appropriate balance between residential development and the infrastructure necessary to service the development; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to delay further residential development in the County until the Board has considered possible changes to the impact fee program and/or amendment of the Land Use Resolution; and

WHEREAS, on July 7, 2022, the Board adopted a temporary moratorium (“Moratorium”) barring through August 5, 2022, the acceptance of applications for rezoning to the residential land use districts identified in Article III and the Mixed Use Village Use District of the Land Use Resolution; and

WHEREAS, on August 4, 2022, the Board conducted a public hearing to consider the possible extension of the Moratorium; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds extending the existing Moratorium barring the acceptance of applications for rezoning to the residential land use districts identified in Article III and the Mixed Use Village Use District of the Land Use Resolution until _____, to be reasonably necessary, the least restrictive means available, a reasonable exercise of the County's police power, and in the best interests of the public health, safety, and welfare;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF DAWSON COUNTY, GEORGIA, AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Dawson County Board of Commissioners does hereby extend the existing Moratorium barring the acceptance of applications for rezoning to the residential land use districts identified in Article III and the Mixed Use Village Use District of the Land Use Resolution until _____.
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DAWSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

By: _____
Billy Thurmond, Chairman

Attest:

[COUNTY SEAL]

By: _____
Kristen Cloud, County Clerk

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WHEREAS, the Board is concerned that current and future residential development within the County has begun and will continue to create a fiscal imbalance if allowed to proceed under the current financial framework; and

WHEREAS, the impact fees charged by the County must be re-calculated periodically based on changes to certain assumptions, growth projections, level of service standards, project listings, and project cost estimates used to calculate the fee schedule; and

WHEREAS, the County is in talks with the consultant needed to assist with the necessary study to update the Methodology Report and expects to consider retention of the consultant at the Board's next meeting on August 18, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the consultant has provided a proposed timeline for completion of the study;

WHEREAS, the Board desires to update its Impact Fee Methodology Report to reflect the current fiscal realities associated with providing adequate services for residential use in the County, and to ultimately, amend the Impact Fee Ordinance and the County's Capital Improvement Element, consistent with the Methodology Report; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the update to Impact Fee Program, the Board desires to consider amendments to the Land Use Resolution to potentially assist in creating an appropriate

balance between residential development and the infrastructure necessary to service the development; and

WHEREAS, certain amendments are under analysis by the Planning staff and legal counsel to include modifications to the permitted use tables and performance standards; and

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DAWSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

By: _____
Billy Thurmond, Chairman

Attest:

[COUNTY SEAL]

By: _____
Kristen Cloud, County Clerk



DAWSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AGENDA FORM

Department: Public Works

Work Session: July 7, 2022

Prepared By: David Headley, Jeff Hahn

Voting Session: July 7, 2022

Presenter: David Headley and Jeff Hahn

Public Hearing: Yes _____ No X

Agenda Item Title: Proposed Transfer Station Improvements

Background Information:

On 3/17/22, staff brought to the BOC's attention safety concerns regarding the transfer station and how it has been functioning. Over the years, the transfer station has transitioned from accepting only household items to installing weight scales for accepting all commercial debris. This action over time has caused significant damage to the facility causing safety concerns that required immediate action. Per that discussion, staff was directed by the BOC to look at alternate methods to improving the operation as it relates to commercial, residential and recyclable materials. On 5/31/22, a field review of Pickens County Recycle Convenience Center, along with the main recycling/processing center, was conducted. The information obtained from Pickens County has provided staff with possible options for improving Dawson County's operation.

Current Information:

Per that direction by the BOC and review, staff has considered several options and recommends the following:

It is recommended that this project be split into two phases. Phase One for recyclables and household waste, and Phase Two for commercial waste.

Phase One:

- Create budget
- Contract out the engineering design and retrofit construction of an existing structure that is west of the transfer station structure. This is to accommodate separate recyclable containers, and household waste containers, and compactors - similar to Pickens County Recycle Convenience Center.
- Contract out containers, compactors, and hauling services.

Phase Two:

- Funding through SPLOST VIII
- Proceed with contracting out the engineering design and retrofit construction of the existing transfer station to accommodate commercial materials.

Staff respectfully requests for the Board's approval to move forward with Phase One at this time.

Budget Information: Applicable: _____ Not Applicable: _____ Budgeted: Yes _____ No _____

Fund	Dept.	Acct No.	Budget	Balance	Requested	Remaining

Recommendation/Motion: _____

Department Head Authorization: _____

Date: _____

Finance Dept. Authorization: Vickie Neikirk

Date: 6/28/22

County Manager Authorization: David Headley

Date: 6-28-2022

County Attorney Authorization: _____

Date: _____

Comments/Attachments:

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


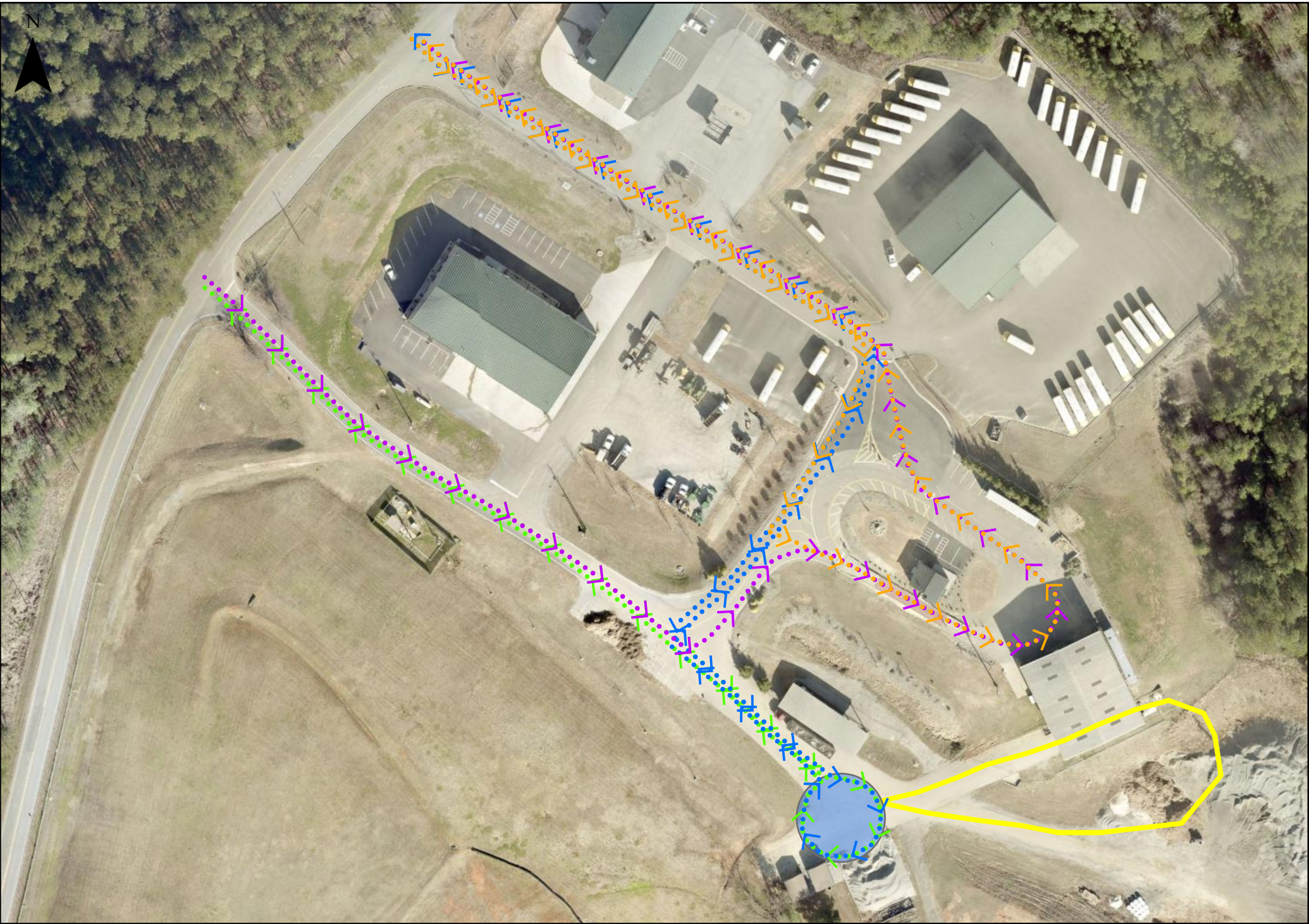
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Proposed Transfer Station Expansion - Phase 1 Retrofit

Legend

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|  Proposed Grading - Approx. 50ft. |  Roofline Length - Approx. 32ft. |  Roofline Width - Approx. 14ft. |
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Proposed Traffic Flows

Legend

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|---------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| ● Commercial - Entrance 1 | ● Residential - Entrance 1 | ■ Proposed Cul-de-sac |
| ● Commercial - Entrance 2 | ● Residential - Entrance 2 | ■ Phase 2 Road |



DAWSON COUNTY PROPOSED TRANSFER STATION IMPROVEMENTS

PICKENS COUNTY RECYCLE CONVENIENCE CENTER



PULL IN AND DROP IN



- Customers separate recyclables, household trash and drop into the correct receptacle
- All receptacles are clearly marked thus providing education and what is accepted per receptacle

RECEPTACLES : CONTAINERS AND COMPACTORS



PHASE ONE RETROFIT SITE



APPROXIMATE AREAS OF SITE EXPANSION

Preliminary Scope:

- Utility locate/relocate (Inhouse, Outsourced)
- Engineering design (Outsourced)
- Site work (Inhouse)
- Construction (Outsourced)

Rough Cost Estimate: \$200,000.00

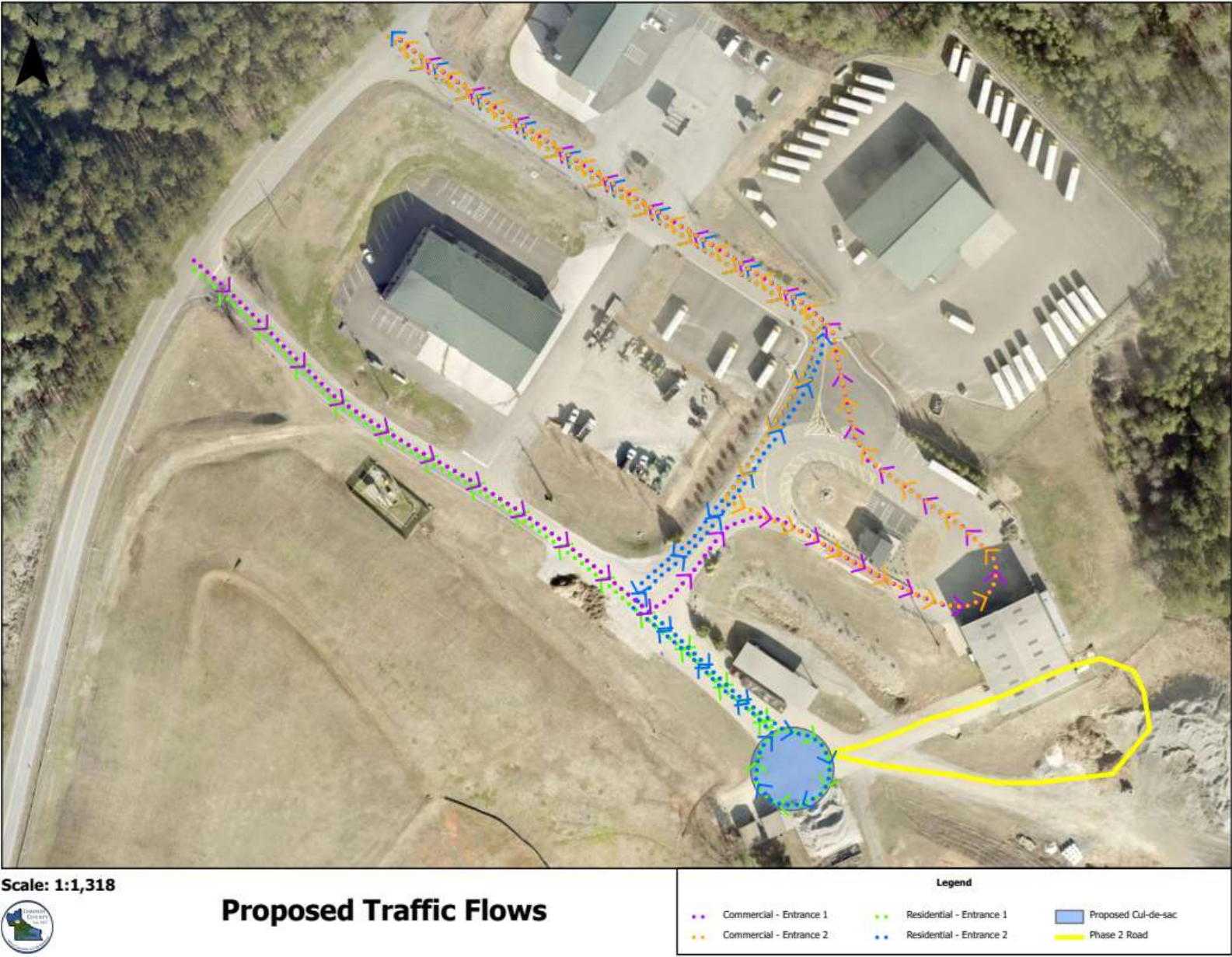


EXISTING TRANSFER STATION

- To be utilized for non commercial large household waste such as mattresses, furniture.... until such time it is decided to retrofit for commercial activities (Phase Two)



TRAFFIC FLOWS INCLUDING PHASE TWO



GREEN WAVES RECYCLING PROPOSAL

- 2 - 30 yd MSW compactors (\$80 per ton, \$295 pull rate per haul) (\$494 each, monthly rental)
- 2 - 34 yd plastic (#1 & #2) compactors (paid by Green Waves Recycling)
- 1 - 34 yd paper compactor (\$495 per month rental)
- 1 - 34 yd cardboard compactor (\$495 per month rental)
- 1 - 34 yd aluminum compactor (\$495 per month rental)
- Recycling educational banners (provided by Green Waves Recycling)
- After 8-months to a year offset some or all of the rental rates from the recycled materials

BENEFITS/GOALS

- Offset cost to “zero out” or better
- Reduce overhead i.e. equipment, fuel, maintenance, operations
- Encourage and educate Dawson County, community, and residents to recycle and cut waste to the landfill

QUESTIONS?

DAWSON COUNTY PROPOSED RECYCLING CENTER OPTION 2 STUDY



PICKENS COUNTY TRANSFER STATATION / FLOOR RECYCLING PROCESSING PLANT



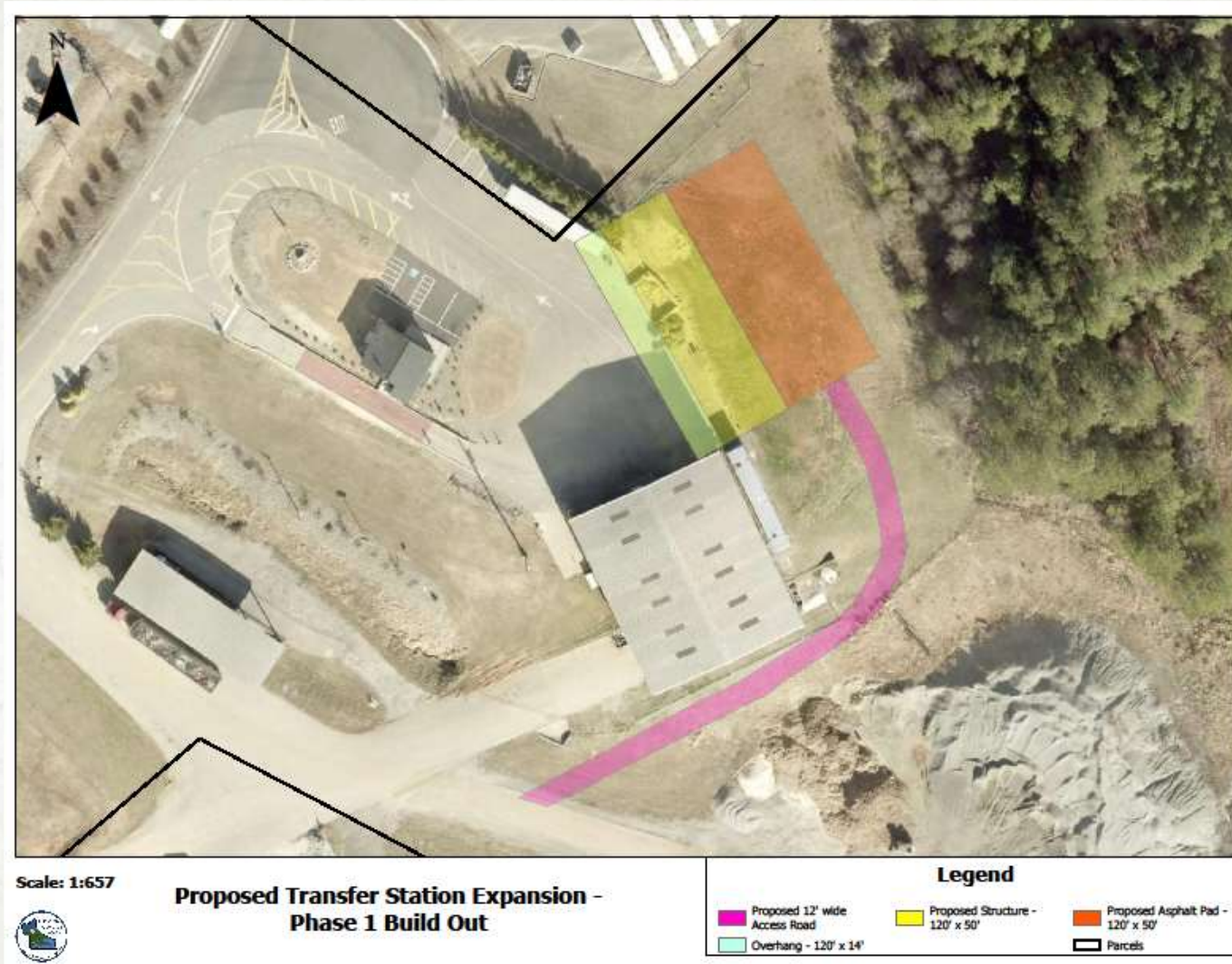
- **Pickens approximate floor space 26,869.8 SF**
- **Dawson's approximate floor space 4,792.5 SF**
- **Pickens processing equipment: Bailer, Shredder, Compactors, Glass Crusher, Mini Excavator, Mini Loader**
- **Dawson's processing equipment: Mini Excavator, One (1) Recycling Single Stream Compactor**

FLOOR RECYCLING DROP OFF CHALLENGES



- **Insufficient floor space inside and outside of transfer station**
- **Lack of processing equipment**
- **Individual scooping out of separation containment cubbies into trailer for haul off instead of directly into compactors, shredder, bailer**
- **labor intensive/inefficient and has the probability of mixing already separated recyclables**
- **Multiple traffic, equipment and loading conflicts**

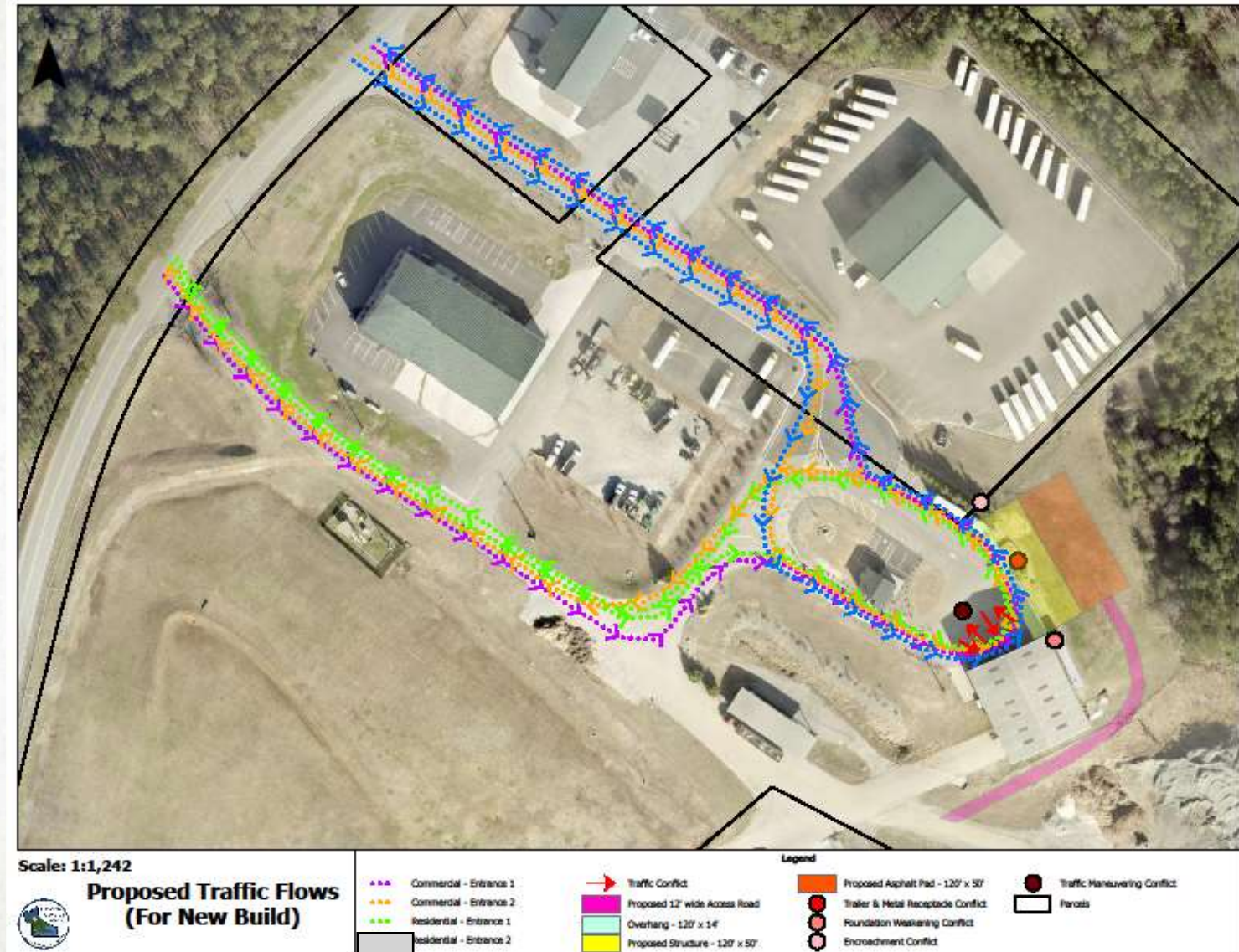
OPTION 2 LAYOUT CONCEPT



OPTION 2 TRAFFIC FLOW AND CONFLICTS

Conflict Challenges

- Traffic alignment and maneuvering conflicts
- Tire and metal receptacle conflicts
- School Board property encroachment
- Potential transfer station foundation damage / weakening due to required excavation
- EPD area development concerns. Additional loading to existing retention pond close to trout stream



SITE DEVELOPEMENT / CONSTRUCTION CHALLENGES



- **Extensive excavation with the potential of weakening or damaging the transfer station foundation**
- **Retaining wall construct**
- **Access road construct**

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Although option 2 is a good solution in avoiding building and additional attendants station and would combine the drop off areas, Public Works recommends moving forward with developing the proposed Phase 1 Retrofit.





DAWSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AGENDA FORM

Department: **Emergency Services**

Work Session: **07.21.22**

Prepared By: **Danny Thompson**

Voting Session: **07.21.22**

Presenter: **Danny Thompson**

Public Hearing: Yes _____ No **X**

Agenda Item Title: **Position Classification**

Background Information:

Dawson County Fire/EMS currently has position and grade for FF/EMT and FF/Paramedic. Over the years, we have only hired certified individuals with both Fire/EMS certifications. We have eliminated potential candidates over the years because we didn't have a position.

Current Information:

Currently Dawson Fire has 5 unfilled vacancies. We are still receiving daily applicants who don't meet the minimum requirements for a lack of one certification or both. We are requesting the approval of these positions classification to maintain our staffing level. We are not requesting any additional funding or added position, just simply two additional position classification changes.

Budget Information: Applicable: _____ Not Applicable: **X** Budgeted: Yes **X** No _____

Fund	Dept.	Acct No.	Budget	Balance	Requested	Remaining

Recommendation/Motion: Approve agenda item

Department Head Authorization: **FDI**

Date: **7.6.2022**

Finance Dept. Authorization: **Vickie Neikirk**

Date: **7/11/22**

County Manager Authorization: **David Headley**

Date: **7-11-2022**

County Attorney Authorization: _____

Date: _____

Comments/Attachments:

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FIREFIGHTER/EMT-B

DAWSON COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES

Full-Time/Hourly/Non-Exempt

JOB SUMMARY

Performs a variety of emergency operations to protect lives and property in simultaneous fire suppression, search and rescue, and patient care activities and assures that all emergency equipment remains ready at all times to respond to emergency and non-emergency situations.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES

- Responds to all emergency calls for life threatening situations; fights fires and perform search and rescue; implements all actions necessary to save lives and property; assists with emergency medical treatment and patient care.
- Assists in maintaining scene to correct life-threatening situations and/or extricate patients.
- Conducts triage of multiple injury accidents, determines severity of injuries, immobilizes patients, provides emergency medical treatment and medication, transports patients, and relinquishes care to emergency room staff.
- Assists Paramedics with advanced skills, including intubation, preparing drugs to be administered through I.V. or I.M., and setting up monitors and oxygen for patients.
- Maintains basic and advanced life-support equipment, fire equipment and apparatus; assures all equipment is functioning properly; checks medical supply inventory each morning; reports any equipment malfunction or missing supplies immediately to the Officer in Charge.
- Participates in continuing study, training, and drill activity to achieve Certification and to maintain required skills to assure adequate health and physical strength.
- Keeps station grounds clean and neat; cuts grass, paints where needed, washes and scrubs floors, etc.
- Attends training classes to gain familiarity with geography of the area; learns roads and alternative routes to populated areas; learns fire hydrant locations.
- May assist with public relations duties, and assist with instruction for various groups on emergency medical treatment and fire safety and prevention techniques; learns how to deal with public and present effective programs.
- Dawson County Emergency Services Firefighter/EMT's are required to respond to any or all emergency calls for fire suppression, search and rescue as first-line firefighters.
- May drive a Medical Unit or Rescue Vehicle.
- Performs other related duties as required.

KNOWLEDGE / SKILLS / ABILITY

KNOWLEDGE OF:

- National Incident Management System
- Symptoms of illnesses and traumatic injuries
- Firefighting principles and techniques.
- Local geography, streets and hospitals

SKILL IN:

- Operating such tools and equipment as breathing apparatus, cardiac monitor, chainsaws, extrication devices, fire hoses and nozzles, generators, intravenous setups, oxygen tanks, radio and other various hand tools.
- Operation of ambulance and fire apparatus
Performing emergency medical treatment and life support procedures.
- Verbal and written communication.

ABILITY TO:

- Perform strenuous work under adverse conditions for a sustained period of time, including the ability to react quickly and calmly in emergency situations.
- Communicate clearly and effectively, both orally and in writing

CONTACTS

- Contacts are typically co-workers, other departmental employees, other emergency response agencies, medical facilities staff, and the general public.
- Contacts are typically to exchange information and provide services.

ADA MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Scope of Performance: The purpose of this position is to perform skilled emergency work in the protection of life and property from fire and other hazards; the treatment of emergency medical problems and emergency rescue; public fire education and information; training; equipment checks, tests and maintenance; and building and grounds service and maintenance.

Physical Ability: Must be physically able to operate a variety of machines, tools and equipment which includes a motor vehicle, computer, generator, fire pump, fire hydrant, axe, shovel, hydraulic tools, power tools, hand tools, medical equipment, etc. This position requires: walking, standing, bending, stooping, pushing, pulling, lifting, fingering, grasping, feeling, seeing, talking, hearing, and repetitive motions. Must be able to use body members to work, move or carry objects or materials; must be able to exert in excess of one hundred pounds of force occasionally, and/or in excess of fifty pounds of force frequently. Physical demand requirements are at levels of those for very heavy work.

Environmental Factors: Essential functions are regularly performed with exposure to adverse environmental conditions including inclement weather. Duties may involve exposure to substances (chemicals and gases) requiring special precautions including protective clothing. The work environment routinely involves imminent danger from conditions or events which cannot be fully anticipated or protected against, and which exposes the incumbent to life threatening situations.

SUPERVISORY AND MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITY

The employee works under the general and technical supervision of a Fire Captain; reports to Fire Department Chain of Command including but not limited to Fire Lieutenant, Fire Captain, Battalion Chief, and Chief Staff.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS / CERTIFICATIONS

- High School Diploma or G.E.D.
- State of Georgia EMT-B
- NPQ Firefighter I
- NPQ Hazardous Materials Awareness
- NPQ Hazardous Materials Operations
- Basic Life Support Certification (BLS)
- Valid Class B Driver's License and a satisfactory Motor Vehicle Record (MVR).
- Must meet all in-house testing requirements.
- Applicant must pass a background check and drug screening.

The duties listed above are intended only as illustrations of the various types of work that may be performed. The omission of specific statements of duties does not exclude them from the position if the work is similar, related, or a logical assignment to the position. The job description does not constitute an employment agreement between the employer and employee and is subject to change by the employer as the needs of the employer and requirements of the job change.

I have read the above job description and understand the requirements.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Witness: _____



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RECRUIT

DAWSON COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES

Full-Time/Hourly/Non-Exempt

JOB SUMMARY

Trains for and/or performs a variety of emergency operations to protect lives and property in simultaneous fire suppression, search and rescue, and patient care activities and assures that all emergency equipment remains ready at all times to respond to emergency and non-emergency situations.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES

Summary of Duties:

While training for advancement and certification in the Fire Department, the RECRUIT passively assists in fire suppression, rescue, emergency medical operations, and all duties associated therein, assuring that fire stations and equipment are ready for emergency and non-emergency situations.

Responds to emergency calls in an observation capacity, including but not limited to fire suppression, salvage, overhaul, search and rescue, and pre-hospital emergency medical care, implementing actions necessary to save lives and property.

Essential Functions and Responsibilities:

- Follows established safety procedures to achieve maximum benefits with the least risk of injury to firefighters or the public.
- Maintains fire/emergency medical equipment and apparatus, assures that all equipment is functioning properly, checks communication equipment each morning, and reports all equipment malfunctions or missing supplies immediately to the officer in charge.
- Assists with triage of multiple casualty incidents, determines severity of injuries, immobilizes patients, provided emergency medical care, transports patients to appropriate health care facility.
- Assists in pre-fire planning, completes department forms and reports, and assists in instructing fire safety, prevention, and emergency medical care programs to the public. Keeps station grounds clean and neat, cuts grass, paints where needed, cleans and maintains fire stations.
- Learns the geography, roads, alternative routes, fire hydrant locations, and hospitals within the jurisdiction.
- Participates in continuing education, training, and drills to maintain certifications.
- Maintains health and physical strength required to complete job responsibilities.
- Performs other related duties as required.

ADA Minimum Requirements:

Physical Ability: Tasks require the ability to exert strenuous physical effort in work that may include some lifting, carrying, pushing and/or pulling of

objects and materials of moderate to heavy weight (50-200 pounds) for sustained periods of time. Duties require the ability to operate a motor vehicle, various medical equipment and hand tools.

Sensory Requirements: Tasks require the ability to communicate orally.

Environmental Factors: Essential functions are regularly performed with exposure to adverse environmental conditions, including inclement weather. Duties may involve exposure to substances (chemicals and gases) requiring special precautions, including protective clothing. The work environment routinely involves imminent danger from conditions or events which cannot be fully anticipated or protected against, and which exposes the incumbent to life threatening situations.

KNOWLEDGE / SKILLS / ABILITY

KNOWLEDGE OF:

- National Incident Management System
- Local geography, streets and hospitals

SKILL IN:

- Verbal and written communication.

ABILITY TO:

- Perform strenuous work under adverse conditions for a sustained period of time, including the ability to react quickly and calmly in emergency situations.
- Communicate clearly and effectively, both orally and in writing

CONTACTS

- Contacts are typically co-workers, other departmental employees, other emergency response agencies, medical facilities staff, and the general public.
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ADA MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Scope of Performance: The purpose of this position is to train to become a Firefighter and EMT-B

Physical Ability: Must be physically able to operate a variety of machines, tools and equipment which includes a motor vehicle, computer, medical equipment, etc. This position requires: walking, standing, bending, stooping, pushing, pulling, lifting, fingering, grasping, feeling, seeing, talking, hearing, and repetitive motions. Must be able to use body members to work, move or carry objects or materials; must be able to exert in excess of one hundred pounds of force occasionally, and/or in excess of fifty pounds of

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SUPERVISORY AND MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITY

The employee works under the general and technical supervision of a Fire Lieutenant or Captain; reports to Fire Department Chain of Command including but not limited to Fire Lieutenant, Fire Captain, Battalion Chief, and Chief Staff.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS / CERTIFICATIONS

Minimum Qualifications Required:

- High School Diploma or G.E.D.
- NPQ Firefighter I within six months
- NPQ Haz-Mat Awareness
- NPQ Haz-Mat Operations
- Georgia EMT-B Certification within 1 year.
- Must meet all in-house testing requirements.
- Valid Class C Driver's License and a satisfactory MVR.
- Ability to perform strenuous work under adverse conditions for a sustained period of time, including the ability to react quickly and calmly in emergency situations.
- Applicant must pass a background check and drug screening.

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Signature: _____

Date: _____

Witness: _____.

Emergency Services

Position	Grade	Min Hrly	Max Hrly	Min Sal	Max Sal
FF/Paramedic	16PM	\$ 18.71	\$ 29.00	\$ 52,313.16	\$ 81,085.40
FF/EMT - A	14E	\$ 16.75	\$ 25.96	\$ 46,833.00	\$ 72,591.15
FF/EMT - B	13E	\$ 15.91	\$ 24.66	\$ 44,484.36	\$ 68,950.76
FF/EMT - R Recruit	12E	\$ 15.11	\$ 23.42	\$ 42,247.56	\$ 65,483.72



DAWSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AGENDA FORM

Department: **Emergency Services**

Work Session: **07.21.22**

Prepared By: **Danny Thompson**

Voting Session: **08.04.22**

Presenter: **Danny Thompson**

Public Hearing: Yes _____ No **X**

Agenda Item Title: **Funding Fire Hydrants**

Background Information:

Etowah Water & Sewer installed water lines in the following subdivisions: Dawsonville Heights, Northwoods and Couch Road. When the water lines were installed, they were stub-out for a hydrant to be added in the future. Over the years we have worked on getting these service areas up to speed as funding has allowed. Etowah is also performing several main upgrades in the area of Needham Road, Blacks Mill and Price Road.

Current Information:

We are requesting funding for the proposed addition of 17 new fire hydrants in the above listed service delivery areas. These additions provide valuable water in areas that have limited or no water currently. We are requesting that this purchase of \$76,400.00 be funded from fund balance.

Budget Information: Applicable: _____ Not Applicable: **X** Budgeted: Yes _____ No **X**

Fund	Dept.	Acct No.	Budget	Balance	Requested	Remaining

Recommendation/Motion: **Approve agenda item**

Department Head Authorization: DT

Date: 7.11.22

Finance Dept. Authorization: Vickie Neikirk

Date: 7/11/22

County Manager Authorization: David Headley

Date: 7-11-2022

County Attorney Authorization: _____

Date: _____

Comments/Attachments:

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2022 Dawson County Fire Hydrant List				
Location	Type	Quantity	Unit Cost	Total Cost
Needham Road (Near Dawson / Forsyth County Line)	New Construction Fire Hydrant	1	\$ 4,790.00	\$ 4,790.00
94 Needham Road	New Construction Fire Hydrant	1	\$ 4,790.00	\$ 4,790.00
54 Needham Road	New Construction Fire Hydrant	1	\$ 4,790.00	\$ 4,790.00
55 Needham Road	New Construction Fire Hydrant	1	\$ 4,790.00	\$ 4,790.00
3071 Kelly Bridge Road	New Construction Fire Hydrant	1	\$ 4,790.00	\$ 4,790.00
Across Road from 2964 Kelly Bridge Road	New Construction Fire Hydrant	1	\$ 4,790.00	\$ 4,790.00
1643 Price Road (Highway 136)	New Construction Fire Hydrant	1	\$ 3,680.00	\$ 3,680.00
Across Road from 1466 Price Road (Highway 136)	New Construction Fire Hydrant	1	\$ 3,680.00	\$ 3,680.00
Across Road from 1400 Price Road (Highway 136)	New Construction Fire Hydrant	1	\$ 3,680.00	\$ 3,680.00
243 Blacks Mill Road	New Construction Fire Hydrant	1	\$ 5,165.00	\$ 5,165.00
Black Mill Road	New Construction Fire Hydrant	1	\$ 5,165.00	\$ 5,165.00
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Dawsonville Heights S/D	Stub-out on 6" Water Line	1	\$ 4,225.00	\$ 4,225.00
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Couch Road	Stub-out on 6" Water Line	1	\$ 4,225.00	\$ 4,225.00
Northwoods S/D	Stub-out on 6" Water Line	1	\$ 4,225.00	\$ 4,225.00
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		Total		\$ 76,400.00

