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Dawson County Commissioners Planning Workshop & Retreat

March 29, 2023

Agenda

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Amicalola Falls State Park, Dawsonville, GA 30534

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Morning

- Welcome **8:30 A.M.**

- Ice Breaker & Introductions **9:00 A.M.**
 - Who's Here?
 - Who are we as individuals? As a group of county leaders?
 - This or That...

- Opening Comments from Commission Chair & Commissioners **9:30 A.M.**
 - What do you hope to accomplish today?
 - One word that represents your perspective on your role in Dawson County
 - One word that comes to mind when you think of Dawson County
 - What is your vision for Dawson County?

- Nurturing a New Team to High Performance **10:15 A.M.**
 - Disruptive Forces Facing Local Government Today
 - Tuckman's' Model – Forming
 - New Commissioners, new ideas, new goals
 - Roles & Responsibilities – “You’ve just joined a team”
 - Role of staff – need more of / less of – exercise
 - Staff is looking for clarity regarding decisions
 - County Manager role – what is needed?

Morning Break

- Vision for Dawson County **11:00 A.M.**

- **11:15 A.M.**

- What do you want the community of Dawson County to accomplish in the next 5 years?
- What is the vision of the Commissioners for Dawson County?
- Goal → Agree on 4-6 things to work on in 2023-24.

Working Lunch with Discussion

12:00 P.M.

- Updates from Interim County Manager on Status of Current Initiatives
 - SPLOST project list review, location of new EOC/911 center, road quality improvements, other
- Other Emerging Issues to Be Discussed

Afternoon

1:15 P.M.

- Prioritization
 - High, medium, low priority
 - Urgent, not urgent
 - High impact, low impact
 - Return on investment (ROI)

How will we prioritize the top goals/objectives as a guideline for staff to move forward with next steps?

- Priority items to be determined by Commissioners for discussion

Afternoon Break

2:30 P.M.

- Action Plans – Determine Goals & Objectives for 2023-24
 - Who is responsible?
 - Due date?

2:45 P.M.

- Commitments and Next Steps

3:30 P.M.

- Wrap up and Evaluation

3:45 P.M.

Adjourn

4:00 P.M.