DAWSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WORK SESSION AGENDA – THURSDAY, JUNE 20, 2024 DAWSON COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER ASSEMBLY ROOM 25 JUSTICE WAY, DAWSONVILLE, GEORGIA 30534 4:00 PM

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Discussion of Solid Waste Management and Community Health Ordinance- County Manager Joey Leverette (Last discussed at the April 18, 2024, Work Session; on January 26, 2024, during a BOC Planning Workshop; and at the Octoer 19, 2023, Work Session. A moratorium was extended at the May 18, 2023, Voting Session concerning a Property Maintenance Ordinance, pausing the enforcement of a Property Maintenance Ordinance and any related or similar provision in a Litter Control and Solid Waste Management Ordinance until such time that a revision of a Property Maintenance Ordinance is completed and a public hearing is advertised and held concerning a revised Property Maintenance Ordinance.)

NEW BUSINESS

- <u>1.</u> Presentation of FY 2025 Drug Treatment Court Grant Award Acceptance- Treatment Services Director Heather Herrington
- 2. Presentation of Harbour Ridge Subdivision Special Ad Valorem Tax District- Public Works Director Robert Drewry
- <u>3.</u> Presentation of Electric Vehicle Charging Stations Project Approval and Budget Request-Purchasing Manager Melissa Hawk
- 4. Presentation of FY 2025 Intergovernmental Agreement Between Dawson County and the Board of Education Concerning School Resource Officers- County Attorney
- 5. Discussion of Impact Fees- Chairman Billy Thurmond
- <u>6.</u> County Manager Report
- 7. County Attorney Report

*A Voting Session meeting will immediately follow the Work Session meeting.

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CHAPTER 46 - LITTER CONTROL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT AND COMMUNITY HEALTH^[1]

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Footnotes:

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Editor's note— Ord. of December 1, 2022(2), amended ch. 46 in its entirety to read as herein set out. Former ch. 46, pertained to solid waste, and derived from Ord. of 2-9-1998; Ord. of 5-15-2003.

• Sec. 46-1. - Title.

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This chapter shall be known and may be cited as "The Dawson County Litter Control Solid Waste Management and Community Health Ordinance."

(Ord. of 12-1-2022(2))

• Sec. 46-2. - Definitions.

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(a) *General.* Except as otherwise provided herein, all words shall have the customary dictionary meaning unless specifically defined in the Georgia Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Act of 1990 as now or hereafter amended, or in the Rules of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources Environmental Protection Division. The present tense includes the future tense. The singular number includes the plural and the plural includes the singular. The word "person" includes a firm, corporation, association, organization, trust or partnership. The use of the masculine gender includes the feminine, and the use of the feminine gender includes the masculine. The word "shall" is always mandatory. The word "may" is permissive and is not mandatory. The "board of commissioners" refers to the Board of Commissioners of Dawson County, Georgia.

(b) *Specific definitions*. When used in this chapter, the following words and phrases shall have the following meanings:

Biomedical wastes means pathological waste, biological waste cultures and stocks of infection agents and associated biologicals, contaminated animal carcasses (body parts, their bedding, and other wastes from such animals), sharps, chemotherapy waste, discarded medical equipment and parts, not including expendable supplies and materials, which have not been decontaminated, and other such waste materials.

Business trash means every waste accumulation of paper, sweepings, dust, rags, bottles, cans or other matter of any kind, other than garbage, which is usually attendant to business operations.

Commercial building or establishment means any structure, whether public or private, presently or formerly intended for occupancy, for transaction of business, for rendering professional service, for amusement, for the display, sale, or storage of goods, wares, or merchandise, or for the performance of work or labor, including hotels, apartment buildings, rooming houses, office buildings, public buildings, stores, theatres, markets, restaurants, grain elevators, abattoirs, warehouses, workshops, factories, and all outhouses, sheds, barns, and other structures on property used for business purposes.

Commercial solid waste means all types of solid waste generated by stores, offices, restaurants, warehouses, and other non-manufacturing activities, excluding residential and industrial wastes.

Compost pile means plant debris, soil and other putrescible wastes stacked so as to encourage rapid decomposition for the ultimate use as plant fertilizer.

Compactor means a bulk container used for the collection of garbage, refuse, trash and litter, equipped with a device to compact such materials and thereby increase the storage capacity of the containers. Compactors have generally been used to replace dumpsters.

Construction/demolition wastes means any material such as lumber, roofing material, brick, concrete block, plaster, gutters, sand, gravel or other substances used in repairs or alterations of existing buildings or construction of new buildings, or results from demolition of existing buildings.

Construction/demolition waste landfill means any facility or disposal site where any treatment, utilization, processing, storage, or disposal of solid wastes, other than putrescible wastes, occurs and such wastes are disposed of on land by placing an earth cover thereon.

County means the duly authorized governing body of Dawson County, Georgia, or the geographical area of Dawson County, Georgia, outside the corporate limits of any incorporated municipality therein.

Demolish means to destroy a building and to remove all resultant debris and waste materials from the lot on which the building stood.

Deteriorate, Deterioration or *deteriorated* means the fact or process of decay or degeneration which has progressed to the point where it has resulted in or will soon result in making an object or mechanism unsafe, unsanitary, inoperable, unusable, or unsuitable for its intended use, including, but not limited to the advanced stage of rot, rust, mold, insect, rodent, or vermin infestation or destruction.

Dumpster means a container for the disposal of litter of a capacity of at least ten cubic yards and not more than 30 cubic yards. The use of this term is generic and does not refer to a bulk container manufactured by a specific manufacturer.

Dwelling means a building that contains one or more dwelling units, intended, or designed to be used, rented, leased, let, or hired out to be occupied for living purposes, including single-family, duplex, and multifamily residential buildings, rooming and boarding houses, fraternities, sororities, dormitories, manufactured homes, and industrialized home, but not including, hotels and motels.

Dwelling unit – single family means a single unit providing complete independent living facilities for a single family as defined in this Chapter and any other applicable Dawson County ordinances, including provisions for living, sleeping, eating, cooking, and sanitation, designed for the exclusive use of a family maintaining a household.

Dwelling unit – multiple family means any dwelling containing more than two dwelling units.

Exterior property means open space on the property and on any adjoining property under the control of the same owners or operators of such property.

Extermination means the control or eradication of insects, vermin, rodents, or other pests by eliminating their harborage places; by removing or making inaccessible materials that may serve as their food; by poisoning, spraying, fumigating, trapping, or by any other recognized and legal elimination methods.

Garbage means waste, household trash, refuse, hazardous refuse, rubbish, debris, litter, vegetative debris, weeds, yard trimmings, industrial waste, or any derivations thereof, which means any organic or inorganic items, in any physical state or makeup or of any chemical composition, whether hazardous or nonhazardous or noxious or innocuous, that have been discarded.

Garbage bag means a plastic, or other similar nonporous materials, bag or sack designed specifically to contain garbage or household trash in a secure, airtight manner. Such bags shall also include suitable means of closure to ensure that the material contained therein is not exposed to the outside air.

Graffiti means images or letters scratched, scrawled, painted, or marked in any manner on property, which is unsightly and unwanted by the property's owner or occupant.

Hazardous means a condition which is a violation of this chapter and which the applicable public officer has determined to be likely to result in the death, injury, or illness of a human or likely to result in severe damage to real or personal property.

Hazardous waste means materials such as poison, acids, caustics, chemicals, infected materials, offal, fecal matter, and explosives, or such other items that may be deemed to be hazardous waste under state or federal law.

Household trash means every waste accumulation of paper, sweepings, dust, rags, bottles cans or other matter of any kind, other than garbage, which is usually attendant to housekeeping.

Industrial waste means solid waste generated by manufacturing or industrial processes or operations that is not a hazardous waste regulated under Part 1 of Article 3 of the Georgia Hazardous Waste Management Act. (O.C.G.A. § 12-8-60 et seq.). Such waste includes, but is not limited to, waste resulting from the following manufacturing processes: electric power generation; fertilizer and agricultural chemicals; food and related products and by-products; inorganic chemicals; iron and steel products; leather and leather products; nonferrous metal and foundry products; organic chemicals; plastics and resins; pulp and paper; rubber and miscellaneous plastic products; stone, glass, clay, and concrete products; textiles; transportation equipment; and water treatment. This term does not include mining waste or oil and gas waste.

Landfill, sanitary means any facility or disposal site where any treatment, utilization, processing, storage, or disposal of solid wastes, including putrescible wastes or hazardous wastes, occurs and such wastes are disposed of on land by placing an earth cover thereon.

Leachate collection system means a system at a landfill for collection of the leachate, which may percolate through the waste and into the soils surrounding the landfill.

Litter means all garbage, refuse, waste materials, sand, gravel, slag, brickbats, rubbish, tin cans, trash, debris, dead animals, or any other discarded, used or unconsumed substance which is not handled in accordance with the provisions of this chapter.

Marshal's office means the person or persons authorized by the board of commissioners to issue citations to violators of this chapter.

Maintenance means the act of keeping property and structures in good repair, in proper condition to prevent the deterioration or failure thereof, structurally sound, and free from rubbish, garbage, infestation, and other debris. The property should be kept so that it is not conducive to the harboring or breeding of reptiles, rodents, mosquitos, or insects.

Municipal solid waste means any solid waste derived from households, including garbage, trash and sanitary waste in septic tanks and including solid waste from single-family and multifamily residences, hotels and motels, bunkhouses, campgrounds, picnic grounds, and day use recreation areas. The term includes yard trimmings and commercial solid waste but does not include solid waste from mining, agricultural or silvicultural operations or industrial processes or operations.

Municipal solid waste disposal facility means any facility or location where the final disposition of any amount of municipal solid waste occurs, whether or not mixed with or including commercial or industrial solid waste, including but not limited to municipal solid waste landfills.

Municipal solid waste landfill means a disposal facility where any amount of municipal solid waste, whether or not mixed with or including commercial waste, industrial waste, nonhazardous sludge or small quantity generator hazardous waste, is disposed of by means of placing an approved cover thereon.

Nonresidential structure means any structure or portion of a structure occupied or intended to be occupied, in whole or in part, for a use other than a dwelling, home, residing place, and living space or sleeping space for one or more human beings, either permanently or transiently.

Noxious weed means any plant designated by federal, state or local government officials as injurious to public health, agriculture, recreation, wildlife or property.

Owner means any person, firm, corporation, or entity who, alone or jointly or severally with others:

- (a) Has legal title to any property, dwelling, dwelling unit, building, or structure, with or without accompanying actual possession thereof; or
- (b) Has charge, care or control of any property, dwelling, dwelling unit, building, or structure, as owner or agent of the owner, prime tenant, real estate agent, mortgagor, bank, or as executor, executrix, administrator, administratrix, trustee or guardian of the estate of the owner. Any such person thus representing the actual owner shall be bound to comply with the provisions of this Chapter to the same extent as the owner.

Park means a park, reservation, playground, beach, recreation center, or any other public area in Dawson County, owned or used by Dawson County, and devoted to active or passive recreation.

Parking lot means:

a. An area, whether paved or unpaved, designated, reserved or used for the reserved parking of motor vehicles, excluding street parking, which has more than ten parking spaces or can accommodate more than ten parked vehicles; b. Any commercial parking lot or garage; and

c. The driveway, drive-through, parking spaces or other paved areas adjacent to convenience stores, gas stations, restaurants and other retail establishments.

Public officer means the individuals who are authorized to exercise the powers prescribed by this chapter or any agent or designee of such officer or officers and as defined by Georgia Code Section 38-2-279 (a) (2). A public officer may be the County Manager, Planning Director, Building Official, Dawson County Environmental Health, the Dawson County Marshal's Office, the Dawson County Fire Marshal's Office and or the Dawson County Sheriff's Office, as applicable.

Public or *private property* means the right of way of any road, street or highway; and any body of water or watercourse or the shores or beaches thereof; any park, playground, building, refuge, or conservation or recreation area; and residential or farm properties, timberlands, or forests. Any lot, unit, or parcel of land inclusive of any dwelling, building, structure, or improvements located thereon. This also includes vacant lots that do not have any dwelling, building, structure, or improvement located thereon.

Putrescible waste means wastes that are capable of being quickly decomposed by microorganisms. Examples of putrescible wastes include but are not necessarily limited to kitchen wastes, animal manure, offal, hatchery and poultry processing plant wastes, dead animals, garbage, and wastes, which are contaminated by such wastes.

Recycling means any process, by which material, which would otherwise become solid waste are collected, separated, or processed and reused or returned to use in the form of raw materials or products.

Refuse means all decayable and non-decayable solid wastes, except body wastes, including, but not limited to, garbage, rubbish, ashes, residue from street cleaning, and solid market and industrial wastes.

Road or *street* shall be mutually inclusive, and shall likewise be deemed to include any alley, lane, right-of-way, court, and other thoroughfare, however described or designated.

Rubbish means combustible and noncombustible waste materials and the term shall include the residue from the burning of wood, coal, and other combustible materials, paper, rags, cartons, boxes, wood, excelsior, rubber, leather, tree branches or trunks, yard trimmings, tin cans, metals, mineral matter, glass, crockery, and dust or other similar materials.

Safe means a condition that is not likely to do harm to humans or to real or personal property.

Sanitary means the absence of a condition that is conducive to the spreading of disease or illness, or conducive to harboring vermin.

Secure or Securing means measures directed by the Public Officer that render the property inaccessible to unauthorized persons including, but not limited to, repairing fences and walls, chaining or padlocking gates, repairing doors, windows, or other openings.

Scavenge or *scavenging* means any unauthorized or uncontrolled retrieval of discarded solid waste or garbage materials.

Sharps means any discarded article that may cause punctures or cuts. Such waste includes, but is not limited to, items such as needles, IV tubing and syringes with needles attached, and scalpel blades.

Solid waste means any garbage or refuse; sludge from a wastewater treatment plant, water supply treatment plant, or air pollution control facility; and other discarded material including solid, semisolid, or contained gaseous material resulting from industrial, commercial, mining, and agricultural operations and community activities, but does not include recovered materials; solid or dissolved materials in domestic sewage; solid or dissolved materials in irrigation return flows or industrial discharges that are point sources subject to permit under 33 U.S.C. Section 1342; or source, special nuclear, or by-product material as defined by the federal Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (68 Stat. 923).

Transfer station means a designated location where members of the public may dispose of solid waste subject to the restrictions set forth in this chapter. Waste collected at transfer station(s) will be periodically hauled to a landfill.

Trash means waste materials and items which that are not in good repair or are discarded and which are of little or no value, including, but not limited to, plaster, paper, wrappings, plant cuttings, household furnishings, furniture items, including, but not limited to, mattresses, box springs, bed frames, couches, and chairs used or salvaged building materials, packing and clothing, appliances, equipment, machinery, or parts thereof, scrap metal, scrap lumber, masonry blocks, disassembled vehicle parts or dismantled portions of vehicles.

Unfit for human habitation means designation of dwellings or dwelling units as so damaged, decayed, dilapidated, unsanitary, unsafe, or vermin-infested that such create a serious hazard to the health or safety or which lack illumination, ventilation, or sanitation facilities adequate to protect the health or safety of the occupants or the public and which are condemnable. This term shall specifically include, but not be limited to, dwellings or dwelling units that lack basic sanitation such as connection to public water and sewer or septic necessary for the supply of potable water.

Unsafe means a condition that is reasonably likely to do harm to humans or property if not corrected or stopped.

Vermin means rodents, birds and insects that are destructive of real or personal property or injurious to health.

Vermin control means block sanitation, distribution of poison, and/or the setting of traps or such other methods recommended by a licensed pest control operator, as may be approved to control the rat, rodent, and/or vermin population.

Vermin harborage means any condition under which vermin may find shelter or protection, and shall include any construction or condition, which permits the entrances of vermin into any building.

Vermin-proofing means taking action to prevent the ingress of vermin into business buildings through the exterior walls, ground, or first floors, basements, roofs, sidewalk gratings, sidewalk openings, foundations, and other places that may be reached and entered by vermin climbing, burrowing, or otherwise.

- (a) The material to be used for rodent-proofing shall include cement concrete, brick masonry laid in cement concrete mortar, sheet metal, 24 or 26-gauge wire cloth of not less than 19-gauge having a mesh not larger than three-eighths of an inch.
- (b) All material for rodent proofing shall be of such strength and thickness as to be impervious to rodent gnawing.
- (c) Windows and other openings for light or ventilation that may be reached or entered by rodents shall be covered with wire cloth screen incorporated in a metal frame conforming to the above gauge and dimensions.
- (d) All exterior doors shall be protected against the gnawing of rodents by the use of materials prescribed above.
- (e) When closed, all exterior doors shall have a maximum clearance between doors, doorsills, and jambs of not exceeding three-eighths of an inch.

Vehicle means any means of conveyance, whether self-propelled or not, that is designed to travel on the ground or on water or in the air, including, but not limited to, automobiles, buses, motorbikes, motorcycles, motor scooters, trucks, tractors, go-carts, golf carts, campers, recreational vehicles, boats, personal watercraft, airplanes, train cars, and any means of conveyance which are designed to be pulled by motorized vehicles upon the roadway such as boat trailers, wagons, balers, motorcycle trailers, auto transport trailers, and any other trailer designed to haul specific items attached to vehicles on the roadway.

Weeds means active vegetative growth including, but not limited to, kudzu, poison ivy, jimsonweed, burdock, ragweed, thistle, cocklebur, dandelion, plants of with obnoxious odors, or other similar unsightly vegetative growths. This term shall not include cultivated flowers, fruits, vegetables, and gardens.

Yard trimmings means leaves, brush, grass, clippings, shrub and tree pruning's, discarded Christmas trees, nursery and greenhouse vegetative residuals, and vegetative material resulting from landscaping development and maintenance other than mining, agricultural, and silvicultural operations.

Exemptions. Provisions of these rules shall not apply to any individual disposing of solid wastes originating from his own residence onto land or facilities owned by him when disposal of such wastes does not thereby adversely affect the public health. These rules shall not apply to any individual, corporation, partnership, or cooperative disposing of livestock feeding facility waste from facilities with a total capacity of up to 1,000 cattle; provided that if such individual, corporation, partnership, or cooperative shall provide an approved disposal system which is capable of properly disposing of the run-off from a ten year storm such individual, corporation, partnership or cooperative shall be further exempt regardless of total per head capacity. Nothing in these rules shall limit the right of any person to use poultry or other animal manure for fertilizer.

(c) Classification of solid wastes.

(1) Accepted solid wastes compactors. The following types of solid wastes shall be classed as "domestic solid wastes" and shall be accepted for disposal in compactors or dumpsters:

a. Garbage in garbage bags.

b. Household trash in garbage bags.

(2) Accepted construction/demolition wastes landfill. The following types of solid wastes shall be classed as general solid wastes and shall be accepted for disposal at construction/demolition wastes landfills:

a. Construction/demolition wastes.

b. Other types of non-putrescible solid wastes.

(3) Accepted solid wastes-sanitary landfills. The following types of solid wastes shall be classed as general solid wastes and shall be accepted for disposal at sanitary landfills:

a. Garbage,

b. Household trash,

c. Business trash,

d. Rubbish,

e. Litter, and

f. Some types of industrial waste when approved by appropriate state environmental protection division permits.

(4) *Non accepted solid wastes.* The following types of waste shall be classed as non-accepted solid wastes and shall not be accepted for disposal:

a. Some types of industrial waste

b. Hazardous wastes

c. Inoperable or junked vehicles and parts thereof

d. Inoperable or junked marine vessels and parts thereof

(5) *Recyclables*. Materials for recycling may be separated for storage at each disposal site.

(Ord. of 12-1-2022(2))

• Sec. 46-3. - Public collection and disposal.

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(a) Public compactors.

(1) The board of commissioners may designate areas in the county where transfer stations, intended to be for public use, are located and maintained. These transfer stations shall be located on public property, along the right of way of public roads and streets, or on private property with the express written consent of the owner and tenant in legal possession of the property, and shall be located in such a manner that there is a minimum danger of the spread of noxious odors and the detrimental effect on the environment is minimal. Any transfer stations owned and operated by Dawson County are for use by Dawson County residents and property owners only. Dawson County reserves the right to inspect and search all garbage, refuse, litter, trash, or other materials transported to the transfer station for acceptance and disposal.

(2) It shall be unlawful for any person to place or deposit any garbage, refuse, litter, household trash or other material of any kind at a transfer station without authorization.

(3) It shall be unlawful to place or deposit industrial waste, or construction/demolition wastes at a transfer station.

(4) It shall be unlawful to place or deposit any hazardous solid wastes of any kind at a transfer station.

(5) It shall be unlawful for any person to dispose of or discard at a transfer station any hypodermic injection devices before first breaking, disassembling, destroying or otherwise rendering inoperable and incapable of reuse, any hypodermic syringe, needle, instrument or device and without safeguarding the disposal thereof by wrapping or securing same in a suitable manner so as to avoid the possibility of causing injury to the collection personnel.

(6) No combustible liquid shall be placed or deposited at a transfer station. Noncombustible liquids are also prohibited unless they are solidified so that they cannot pass through a paint filter.

(7) No material or substance governed or regulated as a noxious or toxic material by any governmental agency or which would pose a hazard to the health, safety and wellbeing of the collection personnel or residents of the county, or which could contaminate the ground or surface water of the county, or which would pose a danger to the wildlife of the county, shall be placed or deposited at a transfer station.

(8) It shall be unlawful to place or deposit any garbage or household trash at a transfer station without first placing and securing such in a garbage bag of suitable strength and thickness. Objects, which could puncture the garbage bag in the course of the ordinary and intended use thereof, shall be wrapped or protected so that the bag shall remain intact.

(9) It shall be unlawful to place or deposit garbage or household trash on the ground adjacent to a transfer station compactor, unless otherwise directed by on-site staff, and except that recyclable materials may be placed in designated containers where provided. Any person using a compactor shall clean up any spills caused by his use of the compactor and shall not drop or discard any garbage or household trash in the area surrounding the compactor.

(10) Dead or Live animals shall not be placed or deposited at a transfer station. Dead animals shall be approved by the Public Works Director and all dead animals shall be double bagged properly and have no leakage from said bag before deposited at a transfer station if approved. No large dead agriculture animals such as cows, pigs, or horses will be accepted at the transfer station.

(11) It shall be unlawful for a person to place more than two cubic yards of rubbish in the compactors in any seven-day period.

(11) Recyclables. Materials for recycling may shall be separated for storage at the each disposal site. Dawson County Recycling Center.

(b) Public construction/demolition wastes landfill and sanitary landfill.

(1) The county may operate and maintain public landfills located on county property in compliance with all applicable State and Federal laws and regulations, and may adopt procedures, rules and regulations to govern the operation and use of municipal solid waste landfill.

(2) Public sites approved for the disposal of solid wastes shall be identified by appropriate directional signs posted near the roadside and at the location of the Dawson County Sanitary Landfill.

(3) Such sites shall be maintained in use until permanently closed, at which time, additional authorized sites shall be opened and publicized by posting and through public advertisements.

(4) The County may restrict certain sites or portions thereof to a specific type or types of solid wastes. The county may adopt operational policies concerning the separation, storage and use of recyclable materials. Citizens are encouraged to practice source separation of specific types of solid wastes for disposal at specific sites by different methods.

(5) Commercial collectors, including yard maintenance men, may use the public designated landfills upon the payment of applicable fees, if any, established by the board of commissioners.

(6) Residents of the county and businesses located in Dawson County, other than commercial collectors, may use the public designated landfills upon payment of a fee to be set by the board of commissioners, in accordance with the regulations for the particular site and under the instruction of the site attendant.

(7) Municipalities located within Dawson County may use the public landfills upon the payment of applicable fees, if any, established by the board of commissioners.

(8) No solid wastes generated outside the county will be accepted at any disposal site operated by the county unless approved by a specific, affirmative act of the board of commissioners through amendment of this chapter or adoption of superseding regulation.

(9) Authorized public disposal sites shall be operated on the days established from time to time by the board of commissioners. During the hours designated by board of commissioners, acceptable solid wastes generated in the county shall be received for disposal from any resident of the County.

(10) No person shall enter a disposal site, including any transfer station, except during the hours and days prescribed by the board of commissioners. All materials delivered and deposited for disposal in a disposal site shall immediately become the property of

the county, unless the county refuses any such materials at the time it is presented for deposit in the disposal site, or the county, within a reasonable time, notifies the depositor of the unacceptability of the materials and to retrieve the materials.

(Ord. of 12-1-2022(2))

• Sec. 46-4. - Private collection and disposal.

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(a) *Private collectors.* It shall be unlawful for any person to collect solid wastes within the county except from his or her own residence, business or industrial plant, without first having obtained a proper permit from the Georgia Department of Natural Resources and the county, and without first having obtained a Dawson County Business License. This provision includes the collection or transportation of solid waste by an individual for his or her neighbors. This provision shall not prohibit the utilization of centralized recycling collection facilities by persons not in the business of recycling. Commercial recyclers must obtain the aforementioned permits.

(b) Private landfills.

(1) It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a landfill, waste disposal area, or waste storage area intended to be used or used by others for the disposal or storage of waste within Dawson County. This shall not apply to solid waste transfer stations in operation at the time of adoption of this chapter, provided such existing solid waste transfer station at all times has maintained without interruption and shall maintain without interruption a current business license issued by Dawson County and any and all state and/or federal permits or licenses for the handling of solid waste.

(2) For renewals of business licenses for solid waste transfer stations established prior to the adoption of this chapter the following shall apply:

a. No permit shall be issued by Dawson County until the applicant has shown, to the satisfaction of the board of commissioners, that all federal, state and county regulations and ordinances have been, and will be, complied with continuously and without interruption in the operation and management of the solid waste transfer station, and that the location of said solid waste transfer station is such that there is no or only minimal detriment to the environment, including but not limited to, noxious odors, runoff, or contamination of surface and ground water, so that the maximum protection is afforded to the health, safety and well-being of the citizens of Dawson County.

b. No permit shall be issued except by resolution of the board of commissioners after notice of the application has been published by the applicant in a newspaper of general circulation in Dawson County. Such notice of the application shall run in the newspaper once a week for four consecutive weeks before the meeting of the board of commissioners in which the application is to be considered. The notice shall contain a description of the property whereon the solid waste transfer station is to be located, the names of the owner or owners of such property, the names of the operator or operators of the solid waste transfer station, and a description of the types of waste to be handled at said facility.

c. It shall be the duty and responsibility of the owner of any solid waste transfer station site to keep the site in an orderly condition and maintained so as not to be a public nuisance or a menace to public health.

d. The **B**oard of **C**ommissioners hereby designate the Dawson County Marshal's Office **Public Works Director** as its designee and/or the Dawson County Sheriff's Office who shall have the right to enter a private solid waste transfer station at any time during normal business hours for the purpose of inspecting the site to determine whether or not the site is in compliance with this chapter and all other pertinent laws and regulations of the county.

(Ord. of 12-1-2022(2))

Sec. 46-5. - Private litter control.

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(a) Commercial establishments.

(1) Every owner, occupant, tenant and lessee using or occupying any commercial, institutional or industrial building or property shall be obligated, jointly and severally, to provide solid wastes containers of that character, size, number and type as to be reasonably required to hold solid wastes generated by operations on the premises. Specifically, and without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the requirement for those containers shall apply to shopping centers, supermarkets, convenience stores, fast food restaurants, service stations and similar establishments; and shall likewise apply to commercial establishments, garages, schools, colleges and churches.

(2) All commercial and industrial establishments shall store their solid waste in containers as specified in this chapter so as to eliminate wind-driven debris and unsightly litter in and about their establishments. Any spillage or overflow shall be immediately cleaned up by said establishment.

(3) Bulk containers shall be locked at all times and posted with signage notifying the general public that said containers are for the private use of the establishment.

(b) *Loading and unloading areas*. All loading and unloading areas shall be provided with solid wastes receptacles for loose debris, paper, packaging materials and other trash. The owner or occupant of the commercial establishment shall be responsible for the placement of the number of containers in said area necessary to maintain a clean, neat and sanitary condition at all times. The number of such containers to be placed in service for a particular establishment shall be as reasonably required to hold solid waste generated at the property. The occupant of the premises shall maintain surveillance to ensure that all litter is placed in the proper container and the area is kept clean.

(c) Parking lots.

(1) All parking lots and establishments with parking lots shall provide solid wastes receptacles. The number of such containers to be placed in service for a particular establishment shall be as reasonably required to hold solid waste generated at the property. Such receptacles shall be weighted or attached to the ground as necessary to prevent spillage. It shall be the responsibility of the owner or his agent to collect the solid wastes and trash deposited in such containers and store this material in a location until collected by a private hauler or to otherwise dispose of the same.

(2) It shall be the obligation of all persons using the parking areas to place any litter in receptacles or containers and it shall be unlawful for any person or persons to dump, scatter, or throw on any parking lot, any solid wastes, garbage or trash of any kind.

(3) The owner and the tenant in possession of any parking lot or establishment with a parking lot shall collect and remove on a regular basis all loose solid wastes, garbage, litter or trash of any kind from the parking lot and open area of the premises and shall maintain surveillance to insure that all solid wastes are placed in the proper container and the area is kept in a clean, neat and sanitary condition at all times.

(d) *Construction sites and demolition sites*. All construction and demolition contractors shall provide on-site solid wastes receptacles, bulk containers, or detachable containers for loose debris, paper, building material waste, scrap construction/demolition wastes, and other trash produced by those working at the construction site. The site shall be kept in as litter-free condition as reasonably practicable. The number of solid wastes receptacles or bulk containers, or detachable containers, shall be adequate based upon the size of the job. If it appears that inadequate measures have been taken the county marshal building official may require additional measures be taken to accommodate the amount of solid waste being produced. Dirt, mud, construction materials or other debris upon any public or private property belonging to a person other than the owner of the construction site shall be removed by the contractor as generated. Building material originating from private property preliminary to, during or subsequent to the construction of new building, alterations or additions to an existing building of whatever type or from demolition of existing structures shall be removed by the owner of the property or by the contractor. All solid wastes from construction and related

activities shall be kept on site in such a manner as to eliminate wind-driven debris and unsightly litter in and about the site.

(e) *Residences and private properties.*

(1) All owners or occupants of property shall maintain their property in litter-free condition. Every owner, occupant, tenant and lessee using or occupying a residence, apartment, duplex, or other dwelling, jointly and severally, are required to remove all litter, solid wastes, household trash, garbage and other solid wastes and dispose of the same by depositing in a public landfill or public compactor in accordance with this Chapter or by placing in proper containers in a suitable place readily accessible to sanitation collection crews or contracting with a private hauler to collect the same on a regular basis, but at least once each week. Where collection is conducted by means of curbside pickup, the containers shall be placed at the curb for pickup no earlier than 24 hours prior to the scheduled pickup time and shall be removed from the curb no later than 24 hours after the scheduled pickup time and placed out of view of the public street.

(2) No person shall sweep into or deposit onto any street or sidewalk or adjacent property any accumulation of litter, garbage, grass or yard trimmings, or any other material from any building or property.

(3) The Dawson County Board of Commissioners Chairman may by order allow temporary placement of storm related debris in the public street or sidewalk related to a natural disaster, provided that in no case shall placement of storm related debris block or prohibits passage on public roads, or causes a safety hazard to the public.

(Ord. of 12-1-2022(2))

Sec. 46-6. - Practices and procedures.

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(a) General.

(1) The following practices and procedures shall be employed by persons in Dawson County in order to facilitate the collection of solid waste:

a. *Solid wastes*. All solid wastes shall be placed and maintained in containers as specified herein. All containers shall be maintained at all times with tight-fitting lids or covers.

b. *Garbage*. All garbage placed in containers for collection shall be wrapped, bagged, or enclosed in paper or plastic material.

c. *Household trash.* Household trash may be combined with other bagged garbage.

d. *Injurious trash items*. All waste material of an injurious nature, such as broken glass, light bulbs, sharp pieces of metal, and television tubes shall be securely packaged or wrapped for the purpose of preventing injury to the collection crews or other third parties.

(2) *Dumping unlawful*. It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to dump, deposit, throw, or leave or cause or permit the dumping, depositing, placing, throwing, or leaving of solid waste on any road or street or any public or private property in the county, unless:

a. The litter is placed into a litter receptacle, container, or dumpster installed on such property and designated for the disposal of litter.

(3) *Public streets and private property.* No person shall place any accumulations of solid waste, trash, grass or yard trimmings or any other material in any street, median strip, alley or other public place of travel, parking lot, upon any private property, except with the written consent of the owner of the property, and then only in accordance with the provisions of this chapter. Dumpsters and open top trash containers shall not be placed within the public right of way or public streets.

(4) *Blockage of drainage*. No person shall place any solid wastes, trash, solid wastes receptacles, or containers, grass or yard trimmings or any other material on, over or near any **public** storm drain or drainage ditch, or so close thereto as to cause such material to interfere in any way with such drainage.

(5) *Unauthorized storage.* Any accumulation of solid wastes or trash items on any lot, property, premises, public streets, alley or other public or private place not permitted by this chapter, is hereby declared to be a nuisance. Failure of owner or occupant to remove and correct any such accumulation of solid wastes after written notice from the public official County Manager or their designee shall raise the presumption that such person intended to violate this chapter.

(6) *Appliances*. It shall be unlawful for any person to leave in any place accessible to children any abandoned, unattended, or discarded appliance, refrigerator, or other container which has an airtight snap lock or similar device without first removing therefrom the lock or door as provided in O.C.G.A. § 16-11-100.

(7) *Use of streets.* It shall be unlawful for any vehicle transporting loose materials on any road or street to transport same without covers suitable to prevent the materials within such vehicle from shaking, blowing, falling, leaking or spilling from the vehicle. Suitable covering may vary from vehicle to vehicle, but the primary purpose of the cover shall be to prevent materials from escaping the storage area of the vehicle. This paragraph shall not apply to the transportation of poultry, livestock, silage or other feed grain used in the feeding of poultry or livestock. The operator of any vehicle from

which any material or solid wastes are thrown, dropped, spilled or blown shall stop and retrieve such material and solid wastes.

(8) *Salvage dealers*. Solid waste provisions of this ordinance shall not apply to licensed salvage or junk dealers or currently licensed, NAICS Code 423930 Recyclable Material Merchant Wholesaler, or 56211 – Solid Waste Collection establishments engaged in the repair, rebuilding, reconditioning, or salvaging of equipment or furniture, unless stated in ordinances of local government.

(9) *Scavenging*. No person shall disturb or interfere with any container used for the purpose of storing solid wastes pending its collection, or remove any contents therefrom or remove such container, from its location.

(10) *Scattering of solid wastes and littering.* It shall be unlawful for any person to: (a) throw or deposit any solid wastes on any public or private street or to scatter such solid wastes or litter on public or private property; (b) throw or deposit any solid wastes, trash, or debris in any marsh area, stream, drainage ditch, body of water or beach area.

(b) *Contagious disease solid wastes*. The removal of clothing, bedding or other solid wastes from some or other places where highly infectious diseases have prevailed shall be decontaminated prior to removal under the supervision and direction of the Dawson County Health Department. Such solid wastes shall not be placed in receptacles or bulk containers for collection until decontaminated.

(c) *Hypodermic instruments*. No person shall dispose of or discard any hypodermic syringe, hypodermic needle or any instrument or device for making hypodermic injections before first breaking, disassembling, destroying or otherwise rendering inoperable and incapable of reuse, such as hypodermic syringe, needle, instrument or device, and without safeguarding the disposal thereof, by wrapping or securing same in a suitable manner so as to avoid the possibility of causing injury or infection to the collection personnel or other parties.

(d) *Hazardous waste and industrial waste*. No hazardous waste or industrial waste shall be placed in any receptacle at any time. All hazardous waste shall be secured against the possibility of causing injury to any person and shall not be placed on public property or private property without the written consent of the state environmental protection division and the owner thereof.

(e) Yard trimmings.

(1) It shall be unlawful to place or mix yard trimmings with municipal solid waste within Dawson County.

(2) Yard trimmings shall not be disposed of at any municipal solid waste disposal facility having a liner and leachate collection system or requiring vertical expansion located within Dawson County.

Yard trimmings, including, but not limited to, grass, leaves and tree limbs shall be composted on the owner's premises or removed by the owner of the property and/or disposed of in a manner consistent with state law. This part shall not require the removal of wood cut and stored for later use as firewood. Tree and shrubbery branches, limbs and trimming cut by landscape or tree service contractors or other commercial workmen or resulting from land being cleared shall be removed by the person(s) or entity completing said work.

(f) Receptacles and Containers.

(1) Every person in possession, charge or control of any building or residence from which trash, industrial waste or other waste is accumulated or produced shall provide and keep in a suitable place readily accessible to licensed private collectors' receptacles and containers suitable for the storage of all such waste materials which will normally accumulate between the established collection dates. This provision shall not be construed to require such persons to use the services of a licensed private collector for solid wastes removal so long as each person assures the removal and disposal of such solid wastes in a manner permitted by this chapter at least as frequently as private collector's normal schedule for the area, but in any event at least once each week.

(2) All receptacles and containers as required by this chapter shall be constructed of an opaque, non-porous material such as metals, hard plastics or similar materials, or safe construction and design and shall be maintained in good, orderly and serviceable condition at all times. Any receptacle or container which does not conform to the requirements of this chapter, or which have ragged or sharp edges or any other defects likely to hamper or injure the person collecting the contents therefrom or the public generally, shall be promptly replaced by the user thereof.

(g) *Maintenance*. It shall be the duty and responsibility of the owner of any private property and the tenant in possession of any private property, jointly and severally, to keep the property in an orderly condition and maintained so as not to be a public nuisance or a menace to public health.

Structures or existing equipment of the owner or the tenant in possession that are or hereafter become unsafe, unsanitary, or deficient because of inadequate means of egress facilities, inadequate light, and ventilation, or that constitute a fire hazard, or are otherwise dangerous to human life or the public welfare, or that involve illegal or improper occupancy, shall be deemed an unsafe condition by the building official, or a menace to public health by the Dawson County Health Department.

(h) *Burning*. No garbage, solid wastes, litter or other trash shall be burned as a private means of disposal. This provision shall not be construed to prohibit commercial incinerators where appropriate and necessary approvals have been obtained from state and federal authorities, a special permit is obtained from Dawson County, and the incinerator is operated and maintained in compliance with all applicable regulations.

(i) *Handbills and advertising matter*. The distribution of information such as public announcements, political endorsements, opinions, invitations, solicitations, and commercial advertisements, is an activity protected by both the U.S. Constitution and the Georgia Constitution. This section is to regulate and control litter incidental to the distribution of papers and packaging.

(1) Unless otherwise prohibited by state or federal law, nothing herein shall restrict the placement of any handbill, circular, pamphlet, poster, or other literature on any automobile in the county so long as the same is secured to prevent wind-driven debris and unsightly litter.

(2) Unless otherwise prohibited by state or federal law, nothing herein shall restrict the placement on any private property of any handbill, circular, pamphlet, poster, postcard, newspaper or other literature or advertising device, so longs the following conditions are met:

a. Such publications and materials may be placed in a box provided for that purpose, secured to a doorknob or placed in a secure area of a building such as a door jamb or screen door; or

b. Such publications and materials may be placed or thrown on to private property so long as the distributor of such materials "sweeps" the distribution area and retrieves all remaining items within four days of distribution. This procedure shall be referred to as "sweeping." Any papers distributed and not "Swept" from private property, vacant lands, and/or public rights of way become litter under this ordinance after four days, and citations can be issued pursuant to this ordinance for violations thereof.

(3) Should such publications and materials be placed or thrown on to private property and the owner of said property notifies the publisher in writing that he/she does not wish to receive such publications at a particular street address, continued delivery of publication directly to said property by the publisher or his/her agents shall constitute a violation of this chapter. Absent a written expression of intent to the contrary, a property owner shall be presumed to consent to delivery by such means.

(4) It shall be unlawful for any person to tack, post, or nail any paper, metal, wood or other signs of any character on any telegraph, telephone or electric light pole, located in any public right-of-way or in any means erect said signs within the public right-of-way.

(j) Dead animals.

(1) Any person who owns or is caring for an animal which has died or been killed shall dispose of said dead animal in the manner provided for in either the Georgia Dead Animal Disposal Act, O.C.G.A. § 4-5-1 et seq.; the Rules and Regulations of the Georgia Department of Agriculture, O.C.G.A. ch. 40-16-2; or the Georgia Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Act, O.C.G.A. § 12-8-20 et seq., as applicable.

(k) *Lead acid and lithium-ion vehicle batteries*. No person shall place or dispose of a lead acid or lithium-ion vehicle/equipment or boat battery in any compactor, dumpster, or landfill located in Dawson County, Georgia, or otherwise discard or dispose of a lead acid/ lithium-ion or boat battery except by delivery to a battery retailer or wholesaler, to a secondary lead smelter, or to a collection or recovered materials processing facility that accepts lead acid vehicle or boat such type batteries.

(1) *Motor oil*. No person shall place or dispose of motor oil in any compactor, dumpster, or landfill located in Dawson County, Georgia, or otherwise discard or dispose of motor oil except by delivery to a recycling collection facility or a disposal facility authorized and specifically designed to accept motor oil.

(m) *Recyclable material*. The collection, transportation, handling, storage and conversion of recyclable materials shall be permitted so long as such activities conform to the requirements of State law.

(n) *Biomedical wastes*. All biomedical wastes shall be handled and disposed of in accordance with the Rules of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources Environmental Protection Division and the Georgia Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Act of 1990, as now or hereafter amended.

(Ord. of 12-1-2022(2))

Sec. 46-7. - Community Health.

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(a) *Declared nuisances*. Declared nuisances shall be governed by the Dawson County Nuisance Abatement Ordinance. Declared nuisances shall not apply to poultry farms, agricultural activities and or bona fide farm operations which are in compliance with state guidelines regarding the same.

(b) *Trash.* Within the county, it shall be unlawful for any person to maintain his premises, including vacant lots or land, in such a way as to allow trash, garbage or miscellaneous solid wastes to accumulate if the condition of the property causes injury to the health, welfare, or safety of residents in the vicinity.

(Ord. of 12-1-2022(2))

• Sec. 46-8. SECURING UNOCCUPIED/VACANT STRUCTURES

(A) A dwelling, building or structure, or any such part thereof, that is not physically occupied by a person shall be kept secured by the owner against unauthorized entry and water damage. Securing shall further be accomplished by ensuring doors and windows are closed and locked and/or boarding of doors and windows with exterior grade plywood. Securing shall be in a manner which is consistent with the building codes and regulations of Dawson County and as determined by the Building Official, which may include such additional acts of repairs to fences and walls, chaining or padlocking gates, and repairing doors, windows, or other openings.

- (B) Alternative Methods of Securing. Notwithstanding subsection (A) of this section, the Building Official may approve alternative methods of securing doors, windows or other openings of any building or structure. In making the determination to approve any alternative method, the Building Official shall consider the aesthetic and other impacts of such method on the immediate neighborhood and the extent to which such method provides adequate and long-term security against the unauthorized entry to the property.
- (C) All buildings or structures not being presently and physically occupied, which have been rendered hazardous by fire or other acts of nature, shall immediately be made secure by the owner and/or operator to prevent unauthorized access to the hazardous property. If the property remains physically unoccupied and hazardous to public health and safety 90 days after the casualty damage occurred, unless a natural disaster is declared by an authorized governmental entity, the owner and/or operator shall be subject to the enforcement provisions of Chapters48 of the Dawson County Code of Ordinance for abatement of a nuisance.

(D) Burned structures.

If any building or structure is partially burned, then the owner and/or operator shall, within 45 30 days after completion of the investigation by the fire department and law enforcement and/or the insurer of the property, remove from the premises all refuse, garbage, trash, debris, and all charred and partially burned lumber and material. If the building or structure shall be burned to an extent that the building or structure cannot be repaired, then the owner and/or operator shall, within 60 days after completion of the investigation by the fire department and law enforcement and/or the insurer of the property, remove from the premises the remaining portion of the building or structure. If the building or structure is to be repaired, then a permit shall be obtained, and work shall begin within 60 days after completion of the investigation by the fire department and law enforcement and law enforcement and law enforcement and low or structure.

• 46-9. VACANT NON-RESIDENTIALSTRUCTURES

A non-residential building or non-residential structure that is not occupied for 120 90 days shall be deemed a vacant non-residential structure and shall be maintained in good repair and comply with applicable laws, codes, and ordinances, including all requirements of this Chapter. Any vacant commercial structure shall conform to the following additional minimum standards:

- (A) A placard 24 inches by 24 inches with a red background, white reflective stripes and a white reflective border shall be placed on the front of the vacant structure and shall be visible from the street. An "X" within the placard shall signify significant structural deficiencies within the building, which will limit firefighting to exterior operations only with entry occurring only for known life hazards;
- (B) All doors and windows and other openings shall be weather-tight and secured against entry by the general public and animals;
- (C) All roof and roof flashings shall be sound and tight so that no rain or other precipitation shall penetrate the structure and shall allow for appropriate drainage so as to prevent deterioration of the interior walls or other interior portions of the structure;
- (D) The structure and all plumbing therein shall be maintained in good repair and be structurally sound; the structure shall be free from rubbish, garbage and other debris;
- (E) Supporting members of the structure shall be capable of bearing both live and dead loads and the foundation walls likewise shall be capable of supporting an appropriate load;
- (F) The exterior of the structure shall be free of loose and rotten materials as well as holes. Any exposed metal, wood or other surface shall be protected from the elements by appropriate weather coating materials (paint or similar treatment);
- (G) All balconies, canopies, signs, metal awnings, stairways, fire escapes or other overhanging extensions shall be in good repair and appropriately anchored. The exposed metal and wood surface of overhanging extensions shall also be protected from the elements against rust or decay by appropriate application of paint or similar weather coating;
- (H) Any accessories or appurtenant structures including, but not limited to, garages, sheds or other storage facilities shall meet the standards set forth herein; and
- (I) Retaining walls, drainage systems, or other structures shall be maintained in good repair and shall be structurally sound. Any existing fence shall be maintained in good repair with gates locked at all times.

• 46-10. STAGNANT WATER

Stagnant water which has not been chemically treated or is not circulated as to not be conducive to the breeding or harboring of mosquitoes or other insects shall not be permitted or maintained on any property.

• 46-11. PRIVATE SWIMMING POOLS

Private swimming pools, hot tubs, and spas containing more than 24 inches in depth shall be completely surrounded by a fence or barrier not less than 48 inches in height above the finished ground level measured on the side of the barrier away from the pool. Gates and doors in such barriers shall be self-closing and self-latching. Where the self-latching devise is less than 54 inches above the bottom of the gate, the release mechanism shall be located on the pool side of the gate. Self-closing and self-latching gates shall be maintained such that the gate will positively close and latch when released from an open position of 6 inches from the gatepost. An existing pool enclosure shall not be removed, replaced, or changed in a manner that reduces its effectiveness as a safety barrier.

• 46-12. OUTDOOR STORAGE

No property owner shall allow outdoor storage of any, junk, trash, garbage, debris, asphalt, cans, bottles, tires, boxes, containers, bins, damaged lumber, damaged outdoor furniture, household furniture, stoves, refrigerators, freezers or other appliances intended for indoor use, sinks, toilets, cabinets or other household fixtures, yard waste, and/or any other item, whole or in part, regardless of item condition, which is not completely enclosed within a building or dwelling and which may become a breeding place for insects, rodents or reptiles, or which may constitute a health, accident or fire hazard.

This does not apply to any issue that may be existing as a result of the natural and undisturbed state of the property that is free from any act of human conduct. Nothing herein shall preclude the storage of stacked firewood for use on the property. Further, this section shall not apply to construction sites or licensed businesses for which all applicable permits have been issued by the county and such storage is compliant with all other applicable rules and regulations.

• 46-13. VEGETATION

It shall be unlawful for any person to maintain, cause or allow growth of weeds or grass in excess of 18" (eighteen inches) to grow on any property on which is located a <u>a residential dwelling</u>, commercial establishment or vacant commercial property where excessive growth may become a breeding place for insects, rodents or reptiles, or which may constitute a health, accident or fire hazard, or which creates a blighting or deteriorating effect on the county. Noxious weeds shall be

prohibited. This does not apply to agriculturally zoned property, property used for agricultural purposes, county-designated green space, or areas existing in their natural, undisturbed state.

In any event, no tree, shrub or other vegetation shall obstruct the safe vision of a sidewalk, drive, or road.

• 46-14. HEALTH AND SANITATION

All exterior property shall be maintained in a sanitary and safe condition. All exterior property shall be free of trash and garbage to the extent such trash and garbage shall create a breeding place for insects, rodents or reptiles, or which may constitute a health, accident or fire hazard, or which ereates a blighting or deteriorating effect on the county. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the composting of vegetative materials is allowed provided that is does not create odors, health hazards, or nuisances.

• 46-15. **GRAFFITI**

Any person who causes graffiti to appear on property shall be subject to penalty under this Chapter, as well as all other applicable criminal laws. The owner of the property on which the graffiti appears shall be responsible for removal of the graffiti, whether by cleaning the graffiti off, painting over the graffiti, or otherwise. Failure by the property owner to remove the graffiti within 30 days of written notice to do so by a Public Officer shall constitute a violation of this Chapter by the property owner.

• 46-16. VERMIN INFESTATION CONTROL

(A) Non-Residential Buildings.

- (1) The owners of all non-residential buildings shall have such buildings vermin-proofed and kept vermin-proofed in accordance with this Chapter.
- (2) Whenever conditions inside or under any such non-residential buildings or on any property on which a non-residential building is located provide harborage for vermin such that the Public Official deems it necessary that such harborage be eliminated, the Public Official shall order the owner to take such steps toward the elimination of the harborage as the Public Official, in his/her discretion, deems essential.
- (B) Duties of occupants of non-residential buildings.

The owner, operator, and/or occupants of any non-residential buildings or property on which a non-residential building is located in Dawson County shall at all times comply with the following regulations:

- (1) Store all garbage in a vermin-proof metal container or other type approved by the Public Official, pending removal of such garbage;
- (2) Keep non-residential buildings and property free of trash, garbage, debris, rubbish, salvage, or similar materials which provide nesting places and harborage for vermin; and
- (3) Maintain buildings and/or property in a vermin-free condition by pursuing a program of vermin proofing.

(C) Residential Buildings.

- (1) The owner of any residential building shall be responsible for vermin elimination within the building prior to renting or leasing the structure.
- (2) The occupant of a one-family dwelling shall be responsible for vermin elimination on the premises.
- (3) The owner of a building containing two or more dwelling units, a multiple occupancy, or a rooming house shall be responsible for vermin elimination in the public or shared areas of the building and exterior property. If an infestation is caused by failure of an occupant to prevent such infestation in the area occupied, the occupant and owner shall be responsible for vermin elimination.
- (4) The occupant of any building shall be responsible for the continued vermin free condition of the building. Except where the infestations are caused by defects in the building, the owner shall be responsible for vermin elimination.

(D) Inspections.

The Public Official Building Official or Certified Private Inspector hired by Dawson County is hereby authorized to make inspection of all buildings and property in Dawson County for the purpose of determining the conditions as to vermin proofing and rodent infestation where there is reasonable cause for the Public Official to believe that vermin infestation or harborage exists. All owners, operators, and/or occupants of buildings and property shall permit such inspection when requested by the Public Official.

• 46.17 TENANT & OWNER RESPONSIBILITY FOR MAINTENANCE

A tenant, in addition to the owner, shall be responsible for complying with the standards of this Chapter on that portion of the property controlled exclusively by the tenant.

• Sec. 46-18. - Enforcement.

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(a) Enforcing officers. After due notice, and appropriate time given to correct all violations Upon the first violation of any of the provisions of this chapter, a warning notice shall be issued by the public officer with a notice to cure the violation within 21 days. The Dawson County Marshal's Office and or the Dawson County Sheriff's Office or designee shall be authorized to issue citations to violators of any provision of this chapter or to the owner or any other person who may be in possession of any provision of this chapter. Such citation shall state the time and place at which the accused is to appear for trial, shall identify the offense with which the accused is charged, shall have an identifying number by which it shall be filed with the court, shall indicate the identity of the accused and the date of service, and shall be signed by the representative of the public official who completes and serves it.

(b) Rebuttable presumptions.

(1) Whenever solid waste is thrown, deposited, dropped, or dumped from any motor vehicle, boat, airplane, or other conveyance in violation of this chapter, it shall be prima-facie evidence that the operator of the conveyance has violated this chapter. In the case of a commercial or private hauler if the operator is unknown, then it shall be prima-facie evidence that the company or owner of the service has violated this chapter.

(2) Whenever any solid waste which is dumped, deposited, thrown, or left on public or private property in violation of this chapter is discovered to contain any article or articles, including but not limited letters, bills, publications, or other writings which display the name of a person thereon in such a manner as to indicate that the article belongs or belonged to such person, it shall be a rebuttable presumption that such person has violated this chapter.

(3) Whenever this chapter is violated by an employee or agent, then the employer or principal shall be rebuttably presumed to have violated this chapter.

(c) *Enforcement*. This chapter shall be enforced by the appropriate public officer as determined by the County Manager as may be applicable to the particular offense.

(d) Penalties.

(1) The applicable public officer, as determined by the County Manager, is hereby authorized and directed to administer and enforce all the provisions of this chapter.

Failure to comply with any requirement of this chapter shall constitute a violation subject to citation and penalty as provided herein.

(2) Upon the first violation of any of the provisions of this chapter, a warning notice shall be issued by the public officer with a notice to cure the violation within a time determined reasonable under the circumstances. Upon the second violation of any of the provisions of this chapter, a citation shall be issued, and the individual shall go before the Dawson County Magistrate Court. Upon conviction by a court of competent jurisdiction, the offending person will be guilty of a criminal misdemeanor and shall be subject to criminal penalties not to exceed \$1,000.00, by imprisonment in the county jail for a period of time not to exceed 60 days, or by both such fine and imprisonment, or up to the limits of any penalty provided by state law for the ordinance. For purposes of sentencing, the first citation before the magistrate court shall be deemed the "first offense," however; consideration may be given by the court to the previous warning citation.

(3) Nothing contained in this section shall be construed to preclude Dawson County from pursuing any and all other remedies provided by law, including, but not limited to, pursuit of a restraining order, injunction, abatement of the nuisance, condemnation, or other appropriate legal action, or proceeding through a court of competent jurisdiction to prevent, restrain, or abate the unlawful use or activity.

(4) Each violation of this chapter shall constitute a separate offence. Additionally, each day of noncompliance with the terms of this chapter is considered a separate offense and the offending person will be subject to the penalties in subsection (b) above for each day of noncompliance.

(Ord. of 12-1-2022(2))

Sec. 44-21. - No liability-county.



DAWSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AGENDA REQUEST FORM

Department: Drug Treatment Court

Work Session: June 20, 2024

Prepared By: <u>Heather Herrington</u>

Voting Session: June 20, 2024

Presenter: <u>Heather Herrington</u>

Public Hearing: Yes _____ No _X____

Agenda Item Title: Presentation of <u>FY25 Drug Treatment Court Grant Award Acceptance</u> Background Information:

The Georgia Accountability Court Funding Committee was created by the Georgia Legislature to provide courts with critical funding necessary to support the growth of accountability courts in Georgia to reduce the prison population. Dawson County has received this state money for over a decade.

Current Information:

This agenda item is for acceptance of the FY 2025 Drug Treatment Court grant. Fiscal Year 2025 starts July 1, 2024. Dawson County received \$250,157 for Drug Treatment Court in grant funds from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council. The match requirement of \$44,145 will be fulfilled by current staff salaries budgeted in the General Fund. We will use the funds to continue the two full-time counselor positions, to attend the state conference, to employ surveillance officers for home visits and drug screen collection, to purchase drug testing services and supplies, and to contract services with a treatment provider to assist with group and individual therapy sessions

Budget Information:

Applicable: _____ Not Applicable: _____

Budgeted: Yes <u>x</u> No _____

Fund	Department	Account #	Budget	Balance	Requested	Remaining
250	2900					

*If this is a personnel-related request, has it been reviewed by Human Resources? \underline{x}

*If this item is being requested to move to the same day's voting session for BOC consideration, provide *detailed justification* for the request:

Due to grant deadlines, please review and vote 06.20.24. Award approval was sent 05-30-2024, which was after the deadline for the June 6th BOC meeting. CJCC requests this be accepted and returned by June 30, 2024.

Recommendation/Motion:

Department Head Authorization: _____ Finance Department Authorization: <u>Vickie Neikirk</u> County Manager Authorization: <u>J. Leverette</u> Date: _____ Date: <u>6/11/24</u> Date: <u>6/11/24</u>

Comments/Attachments:

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL

State of Georgia

SUBGRANT AWARD

SUBGRANTEE: Commissioner of Roads & Revenue Dawson County

IMPLEMENTING	FEDERAL FUNDS: \$ 250,157
AGENCY: Dawson County BOC	MATCHING FUNDS: \$ 44,145
PROJECT NAME: Adult Felony Drug Courts	TOTAL FUNDS: \$ 294,302
SUBGRANT NUMBER: J25-8-017	GRANT PERIOD: 07/01/24-06/30/25

This award is made under the Council of Accountability Courts Judges State of Georgia grant program. The purpose of the Accountability Court Grants program is to make grants to local courts and judicial circuits to establish specialty courts or dockets to address offenders arrested for drug charges or mental health issues. This grant program is subject to the administrative rules established by the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council.

This Subgrant shall become effective on the beginning date of the grant period, provided that a properly executed original of this "Subgrant Award" is returned to the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council by June 30, 2024.

AGENCY APPROVAL

SUBGRANTEE APPROVAL

hus that

Jay Neal, Director Criminal Justice Coordinating Council

Date Executed: 07/01/24

Date

Signature of Authorized Official

Typed Name & Title of Authorized Official

58-6011882-001

Employer Tax Identification Number (EIN)

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DAWSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AGENDA REQUEST FORM

Department: Public Works

Prepared By: <u>Robert W. Drewry</u>

Work Session: June 20, 2024

Voting Session: July 18, 2024

Presenter: Robert W. Drewry

Public Hearing: Yes X No

Agenda Item Title: <u>Presentation of Board consideration for a Special Ad Valorem Tax District at</u> <u>Harbour Ridge Subdivision.</u>

Background Information:

On January 20, 2022, the Board adopted Code Chapter 30 Article VI Sec. 550 as a mechanism for taxpayers to petition the County for the creation of Special Ad Valorem Tax Districts to fund capital improvement projects.

There has not been a petition utilized to date.

The ordinance outlines a specific process to create a tax district: Application for Preliminary Petition Issuance of Preliminary Petition Issuance of Final Petition Board consideration

The Harbour Ridge Subdivision is a 30-lot residential development platted in 2004. The roads and drainage system has not been accepted into the maintenance system of Dawson County.

Harbour Ridge Drive is in poor condition and the County has discovered minor problems with the storm drain pipe. The preliminary capital improvement cost estimate is \$208,000.

Current Information :

The County has received the required Application for Preliminary Petition, the Preliminary Petition, and the Final Petition.

Preliminary Petition: 86.67% signatures of property owners

Final Petition: 86.67% signatures of property owners

A title search certified the right of way is owned by Claude Sims. Mr. Sims has provided in writing his willingness to dedicate the right of way.

Budget Information:

Applicable: X Not Applicable: _____

Budgeted: Yes _____ No X

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		\$208,000	

*If this is a personnel-related request, has it been reviewed by Human Resources?

*If this item is being requested to move to the same day's voting session for BOC consideration, provide *detailed justification* for the request:

Recommendation/Motion: <u>Board approval to proceed for a Special Ad Valorem Tax District at</u> <u>Harbour Ridge Subdivision and initiate a Public Hearing.</u>

Department Head Authorization: <u>RWD</u> Finance Department Authorization: <u>Vickie Neikirk</u> County Manager Authorization: <u>J. Leverette</u> Date: June 3, 2024 Date: 6/11/24 Date: 6/11/24

Comments/Attachments: Power Point Presentation



FINAL PETITION FOR SPECIAL AD VALOREM TAX DISTRICT FOR THE HARBOUR RIDGE SUBDIVISION

<u>The Harbour Ridge Subdivision</u> has applied to the Dawson County Board of Commissioners for the creation of a special ad valorem tax district. If approved, the Dawson County Board of Commissioners would raise revenue for the capital improvement project described below by levying a special ad valorem tax or special assessment on the property identified below.

In accordance with County code, the continued progress of this proposed project will require the formal dedication of the right-of-way to Dawson County. A title certification has identified the owner of the right-of-way and owner has agreed in writing to dedicate the privately owned right-of-way to Dawson County.

The estimated timeline, project costs, and millage rates provided below are made for informational purposes only. If the petition is approved, the actual project costs for such improvements will be funded in whole or in part through a special district ad valorem tax or special assessment on all property within the capital improvement tax district.

To be eligible for further consideration, the applicant must return a completed Final Petition bearing the signatures of at least 75 percent of the owners of the property lying within the proposed capital improvement tax district within 45 days of the issuance of the Final Petition.

By signing this Final Petition, you are declaring (1) that you own real property within the proposed special tax district; (2) that you are in favor of the proposed qualified capital improvement project; (3) that you are willing to consider being subject to taxation or special assessment to fund such improvements; and (4) that you, as the owner of a tax parcel within the capital improvement tax district, are willing to dedicate all necessary rights-of-way and easements, which will become public roads.

PROJECT INFORMATION: Excavation and replacement of areas of settlement, repair failed storm pipe, deep patch and repaying of asphalt where slipping, and entire roadway to be edge milled and repayed with 1.5" of asphalt surface.

PROJECT LIMITS: <u>All property within the proposed special tax district to include the Harbour Ridge Subdivision as</u> shown on attached aerial tax map and including Tax Parcels L18 081 002 through L18 081 031 with a total of 30 lots.

PRELIMINARY PROJECT TIMELINE AND COSTS

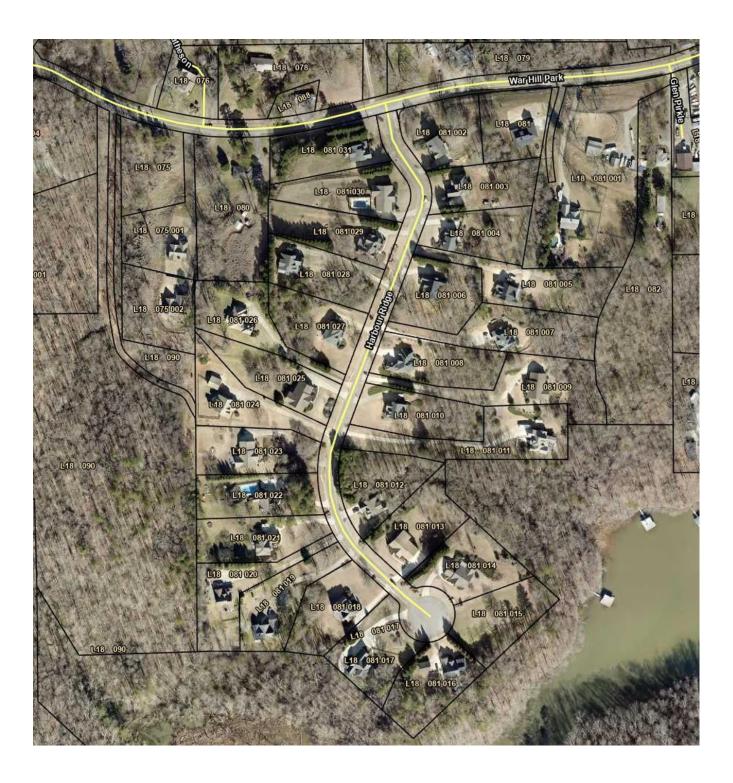
Estimated Start Date: <u>Bid let in Summer 2024</u> Estimated Completion Date: <u>December 2024</u>

Preliminary Cost Estimate: \$ 208,000 Projected Millage Rate: 0.0061845 mills

Estimated Annual Tax (per \$500,000.00 in property value): \$1,236.90

ISSUED BY:

DATE OF ISSUANCE: _____



HARBOUR RIDGE SPECIAL TAX DISTRICT

Estimated capital improvement cost = \$208,000.00 Estimated millage rate = 0.0061845

\$6.18 per \$1000

PARCEL	NAME	ADDRESS		Prediction of President	ST Fried Persident			e lasesed value the	
L18 081 002	Donald L. & Lynda M. Townley	25 Harbour Ridge Drive	May 25, 2022	July 26, 2023	April 18, 2024	\$513,100	\$205,240	\$1,269.31	\$6,346.53
18 081 003	Billy G. Jr. & Cathy Lee Carlisle	49 Harbour Ridge Drive	May 26, 2022	July 26, 2023	April 10, 2024	\$608,300	\$243,320	\$1,504.81	\$7,524.06
18 081 004	John B. & Deborah J. Nash	71 Harour Ridge Drive	June 1, 2022	August 1, 2023	April 12, 2024	\$531,100	\$212,440	\$1,313.84	\$6,569.18
18 081 005	James & Deborah Henning	75 Harbour Ridge Drive	June 6, 2022	August 2, 2023		\$560,000	\$224,000	\$1,385.33	\$6,926.64
18 081 006	Brian D. & Kelly J. Trapnell	103 Harbour Ridge Drive	June 4, 2022	July 26, 2023	May 28, 2024	\$623,200	\$249,280	\$1,541.67	\$7,708.36
L8 081 007	Victor C. & Eauleta D. Chodora	127 Harbour Ridge Drive	May 25, 2022	July 26, 2023	April 11, 2024	\$620,950	\$248,380	\$1,536.11	\$7,680.53
L8 081 008	Paul L. & Terry H. Griffith	135 Harbour Ridge Drive	June 5, 2022	July 22, 2023	April 18, 2024	\$618,400	\$247,360	\$1,529.80	\$7,648.99
8 081 009	Christy Lynn Pruitt & Lori Jean Warber	141 Harbour Ridge Drive	June 7, 2022	July 22, 2023	April 10, 2024	\$559,700	\$223,880	\$1,384.59	\$6,922.93
18 081 010	Douglas B. & Jacqueline A. MacDonald	155 Harbour Ridge Drive	May 27, 2022	July 22, 2023		\$523,900	\$209,560	\$1,296.02	\$6,480.12
8 081 011	A&J Calhoun Joint Trust Allen Keith & Jonna Carole Calhoun	183 Harbour Ridge Drive	June 10, 2022	July 22, 2023	May 22, 2024	\$565,700	\$226,280	\$1,399.43	\$6,997.14
8 081 012	Drew P. & Vanessa C. Brosnan	223 Harbour Ridge Drive	May 31, 2022	July 25, 2023	April 10, 2024	\$586,400	\$234,560	\$1,450.64	\$7,253.18
8 081 013	Ron & Clarence Keaton	261 Harbour Ridge Drive	May 25, 2022	July 24, 2023	April 10, 2024	\$497,200	\$198,880	\$1,229.97	\$6,149.87
8 081 014	Dianne E. Leonhardt	289 Harbour Ridge Drive	May 31, 2022	July 22, 2023	April 15, 2024	\$477,100	\$190,840	\$1,180.25	\$5,901.25
8 081 015	Leonid & Angela Martirosov	2424 Apalachee Run Way, Dacula, GA 30019				\$183,300	\$73,320	\$453.45	\$2,267.24
8 081 016	Mark & Colette Taylor	318 Harbour Ridge Drive	May 31, 2022	July 1, 2023	April 16, 2024	\$721,280	\$288,512	\$1,784.30	\$8,921.51
8 081 017	Christopher & Kelly Satterfield	288 Harbour Ridge Drive	May 25, 2022	July 24, 2023		\$385,000	\$154,000	\$952.41	\$4,762.07
8 081 018	Gerald L. & Deborah Sweatman	262 Harbour Ridge Drive	June 2, 2022	August 8, 2023	April 11, 2024	\$630,200	\$252,080	\$1,558.99	\$7,794.94
18 081 019	Janice Ellen Harrison	244 Harbour Ridge Drive	June 3, 2022		May 26, 2024(2)	\$540,200	\$216,080	\$1,336.35	\$6,681.73
18 081 020	Joseph G. Ferraro	230 Harbour Ridge Drive		August 8, 2023	May 6, 2024	\$620,800	\$248,320	\$1,535.74	\$7,678.68
18 081 021	Joseph Reynolds	220 Harbour Ridge Drive	June 6, 2022	August 9, 2023	May 6, 2024	\$605,600	\$242,240	\$1,498.13	\$7,490.67
18 081 022	Raymond & Cathy Duncan	204 Harbour Ridge Drive	June 4, 2022	August 8, 2023	May 6, 2024	\$637,600	\$255,040	\$1,577.29	\$7,886.47
18 081 023	James & Linda Scull Powers	184 Harbour Ridge Drive	June 3, 2022	July 22, 2023		\$497,600	\$199,040	\$1,586.05	\$7,930.27
18 081 024	Michael Howard & Cindy Rich	172 Harbour Ridge Drive	May 25, 2022	July 22, 2023	April 19, 2024	\$614,200	\$245,680	\$1,519.41	\$7,597.04
18 081 025	William L. & Rhonda L. Kimbrell	154 Harbour Ridge Drive				\$472,600	\$189,040	\$1,169.12	\$5,845.59
18 081 026	Francisco & Lattressa Marie De Armas	140 Harbour Ridge Drive		August 1, 2023	signed not dated	\$560,000	\$224,000	\$1,385.33	\$6,926.64
18 081 027	Joseph B. & Haley N. Eubanks	52 Emily Anne Way, Dawsonville, GA 30534	June 3, 2022	July 23, 2023	May 24, 2024	\$608,900	\$243,560	\$1,506.30	\$7,531.48
18 081 028	Martin J. Hogan Jr.	102 Harbour Ridge Drive	June 3, 2022(1)	July 26, 2023	May 24, 2024	\$634,500	\$253,800	\$1,569.63	\$7,848.13
18 081 029	Blair Douglas & Caren Michelle Mahaffey	74 Harbour Ridge Drive	June 2, 2022	August 1, 2023	April 14, 2024	\$621,800	\$248,720	\$1,538.21	\$7,691.04
.18 081 030	Travis & Jennifer Green	42 Harbour Ridge Drive	June 3, 2022	July 26, 2023	April 11, 2024	\$612,300	\$244,920	\$1,514.71	\$7,573.54
L18 081 031	Bobby C. & Amy M. Whitmire	12 Harbour Ridge Drive				\$585,300	\$234,120	\$1,447.92	\$7,239.58

Note: 1- Owner Donna Sue H. Bailey signed

Note: 2- Randy Kramer Signed as new owner

HARBOUR RIDGE SUBDIVISION SPECIAL AD VALOREM TAX DISTRICT



What is a Special Ad Valorem Tax District?

▶ Board adopted code on January 20, 2022. Code of Ordinances Chapter 30 Article VI Sec. 550

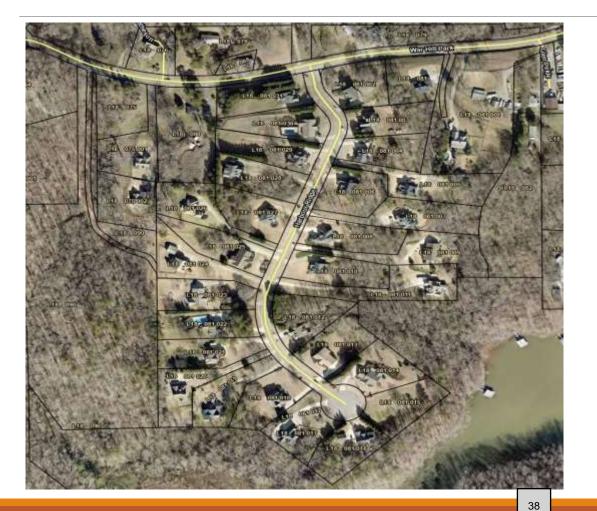
Purpose: "To create a method by which citizens may petition the Board of Commissioners for consideration of capital improvement projects to be funded... via a special district ad valorem tax or by special assessment"

Has not been utilized to date

- Ordinance outlines specific process to create a tax district
 - Application for Preliminary Petition
 - Issuance of Preliminary Petition
 - ➢ Issuance of Final Petition
 - Board consideration

HARBOUR RIDGE SUBDIVISION





- ➢Originally platted development in 2004
- ► Located off War Hill Park Road
- ➤30 lot residential subdivision

Roads and drainage system has not been accepted into the maintenance system of Dawson County

➤Title Certification: the right of way is owned by Claude Sims

➢Application for Preliminary Petition started in May 2022



HARBOUR RIDGE SUBDIVISION

> Application for Preliminary Petition

> 83.33% signatures of property owners

Preliminary Petition:

> 86.67% signatures of property owners

➢ Final Petition:

> 86.67% signatures of property owners

HARBOUR RIDGE ROAD



HARBOUR RIDGE SUBDIVISION CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT



Repair and resurface Harbour Ridge Drive to meet county standards

> Drainage system has been inspected by video and a few minor problems were found

- Received estimate from All Purpose Paving to:
 - Mill and resurface roadway
 - Remove failed base and paving in several locations
 - Remove and replace failed or settled curb and gutter
 - Grout storm pipe connections in storm basins
- Preliminary capital improvement cost estimate is \$208,000
- Based on improvement estimate and 2023 tax assessments, estimated assessment rates has been calculated for each tax parcel with a pay back in 10 years

HARBOUR RIDGE SUBDIVISION SPECIAL AD VALOREM TAX DISTRICT



Board action on Final Petition

➢ Hold Public Hearing

Accept dedication of right of way

Create Capital Improvement Tax District and provide funding source for capital improvements (suggest SPLOST VII or General Fund-Fund Balance)

Questions?



DAWSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AGENDA REQUEST FORM

Department: Administration

Prepared By: Melissa Hawk

Presenter: Melissa Hawk

Work Session: 06/20/2024

Voting Session: <u>07/18/2024</u>

Public Hearing: Yes x No _____

Agenda Item Title: Electric Vehicle Charging Stations Project Approval and Budget Request

Background Information:

Two commissioners and county staff met with Georgia Power on October 27, 2021, to discuss the EV Make Ready Infrastructure Program and locations for and quantities of the electric vehicle chargers. This round of funding closed prior to language of the agreement with Georgia Power being finalized.

Current Information:

New funding is available and the Government Center project has been approved by Georgia Power with possibility of the Rock Creek Park project also being approved later this year. Total costs for chargers, posts, cloud software with 2-year warranty, installation and signage is as follows: Government Center - \$26,118; and Rock Creek Recreation Building - \$35,391.

Budget Information:

Applicable: _____ Not Applicable: _____

Budgeted: Yes ____ No ____

Fund	Department	Account #	Budget	Balance	Requested	Remaining

*If this is a personnel-related request, has it been reviewed by Human Resources?

*If this item is being requested to move to the same day's voting session for BOC consideration, provide *detailed justification* for the request:

Recommendation/Motion: <u>Staff respectfully requests the Board to approve the Georgia Power</u> agreement for the grant; approve the locations charging stations; approve all costs for each chosen site; determine the funds to be utilized and assign a budget not to exceed \$61,509. Lastly, waive the Purchasing Policy Ordinance to complete this project.

Department Head Authorization:	Date:
Finance Department Authorization: Vickie Neikirk	Date: <u>6/13/24</u>
County Manager Authorization: J. Leverette	Date: <u>6/13/24</u>

Comments/Attachments: Presentation

ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS



JUNE 20, 2024

WORK SESSION





Background and Overview

Commissioner Tim Satterfield first discussed the electric vehicles and electric charging stations with the Board on July 1, 2021.

Purchasing began research on different manufacturers and costs for both items.

During the research, a grant was discovered that is funded by the Georgia Public Service Commission through Georgia Power.



Background Continued

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*On October 27, 2021, a meeting was held with Chairman Thurmond, Commissioner Satterfield, County Staff, Georgia Power and Hannah Solar.

✤The grant process was discussed as well as locations for the installation of the charging stations.

✤The group visited Rock Creek Park, Veterans Memorial Park and the Government Center for possible spots.



Georgia Power

EV Make Ready Infrastructure Program



Background Continued

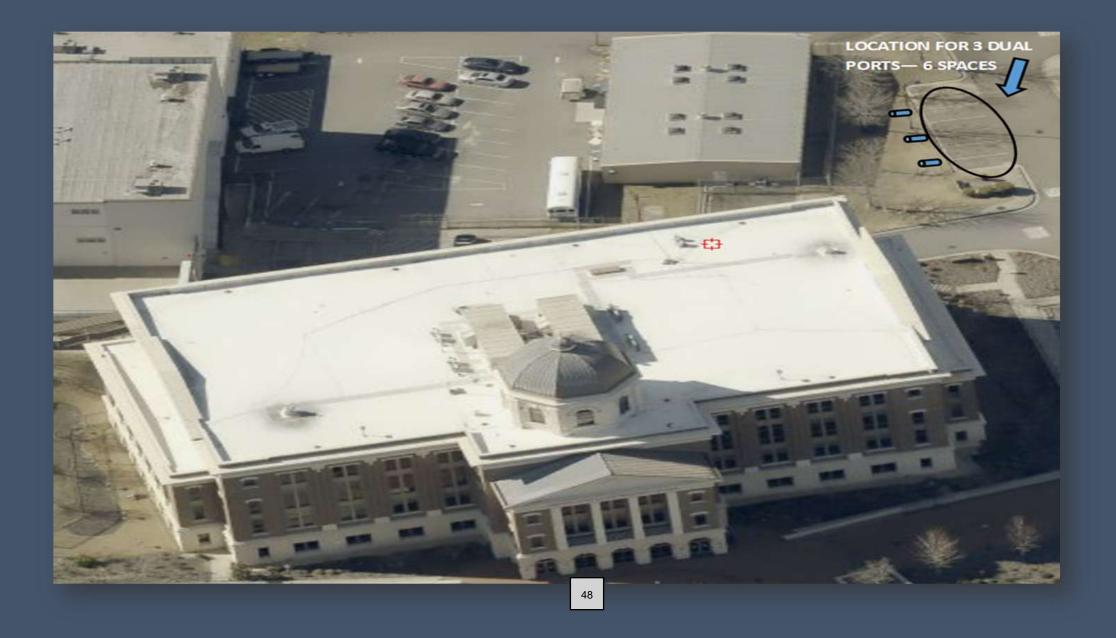
Each site's infrastructure installation varies slightly but, all will have the following:

- Electrical Materials all wire, conduit, fittings, disconnects, distribution panel, meter base, concrete cut and patch
- Labor project manager, licensed electrician, journeyman electrician and general labor
- Permits and Inspection Fees

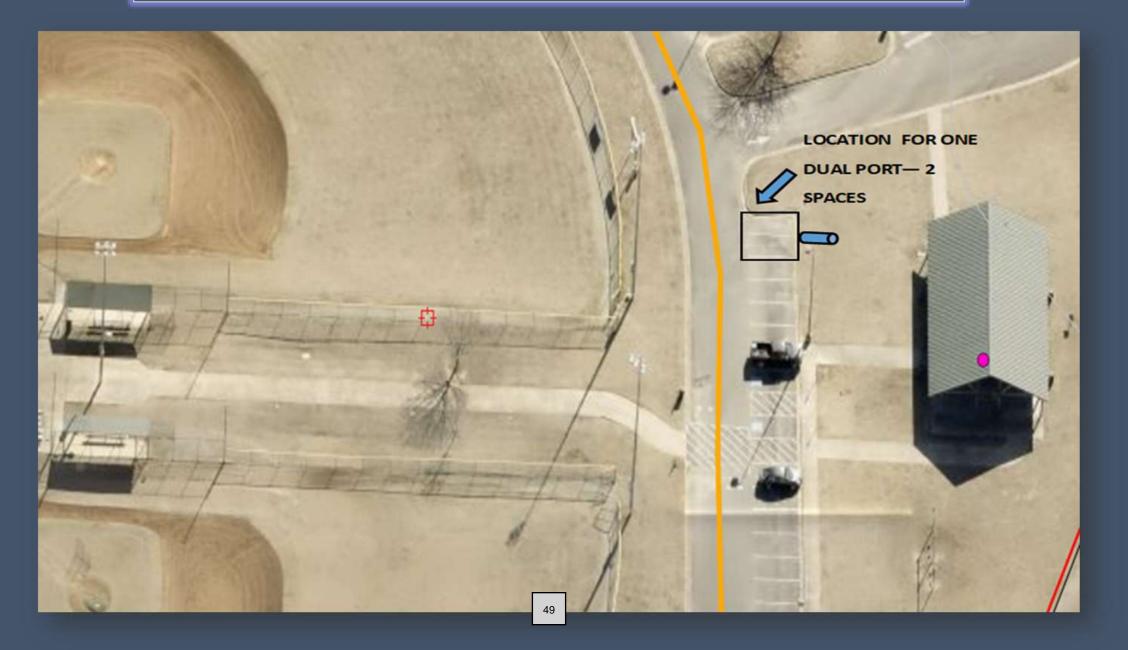
The Government Center, the Rock Creek Park Recreation Building and the Pavilion will also have directional bore work completed.



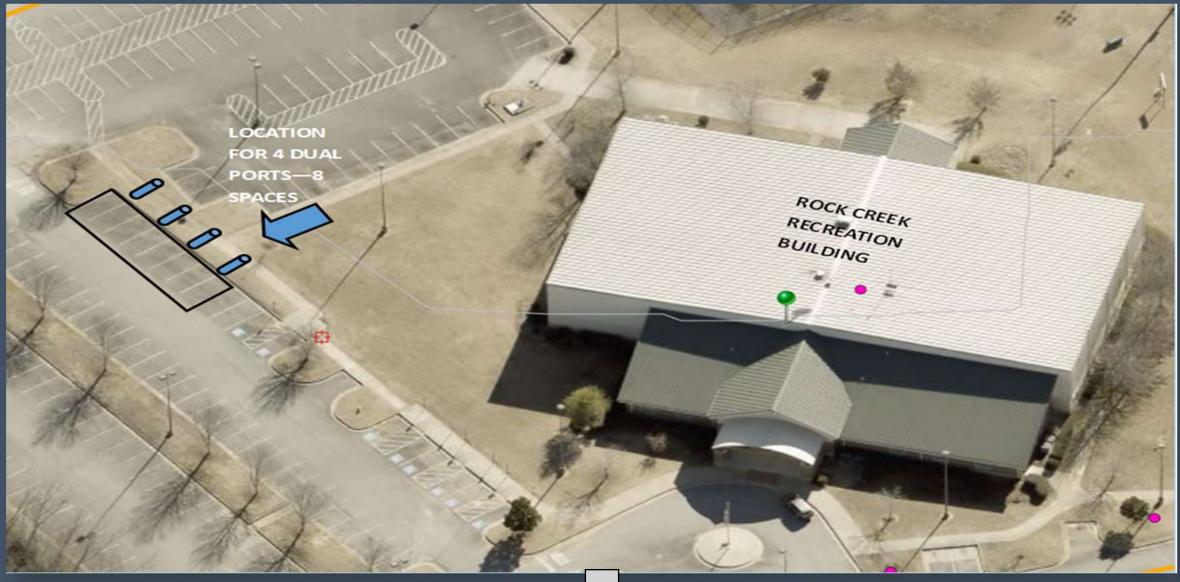
Government Center Charging Site



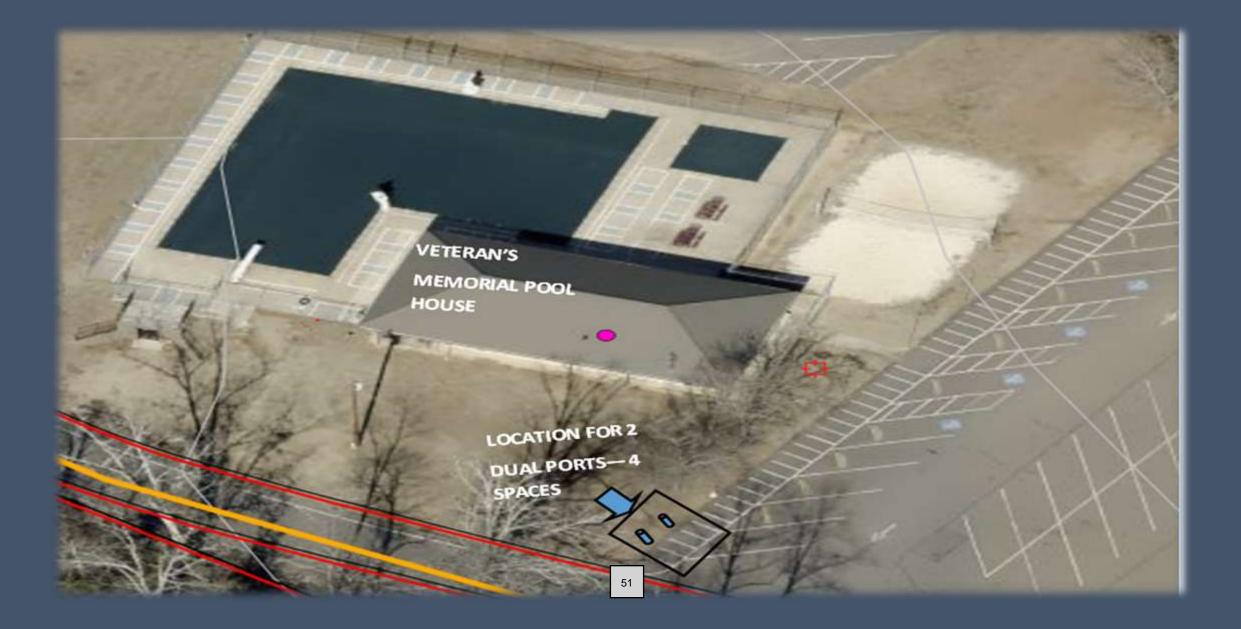
Rock Creek Pavilion Charging Site



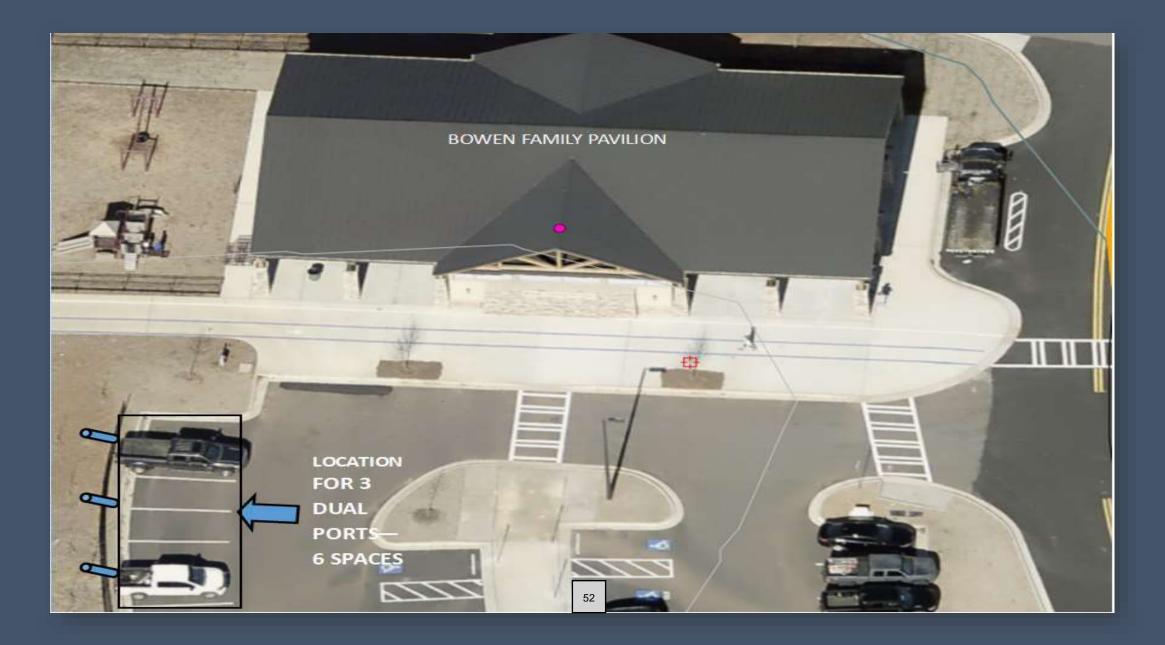
Rock Creek Recreation Building Charging Site



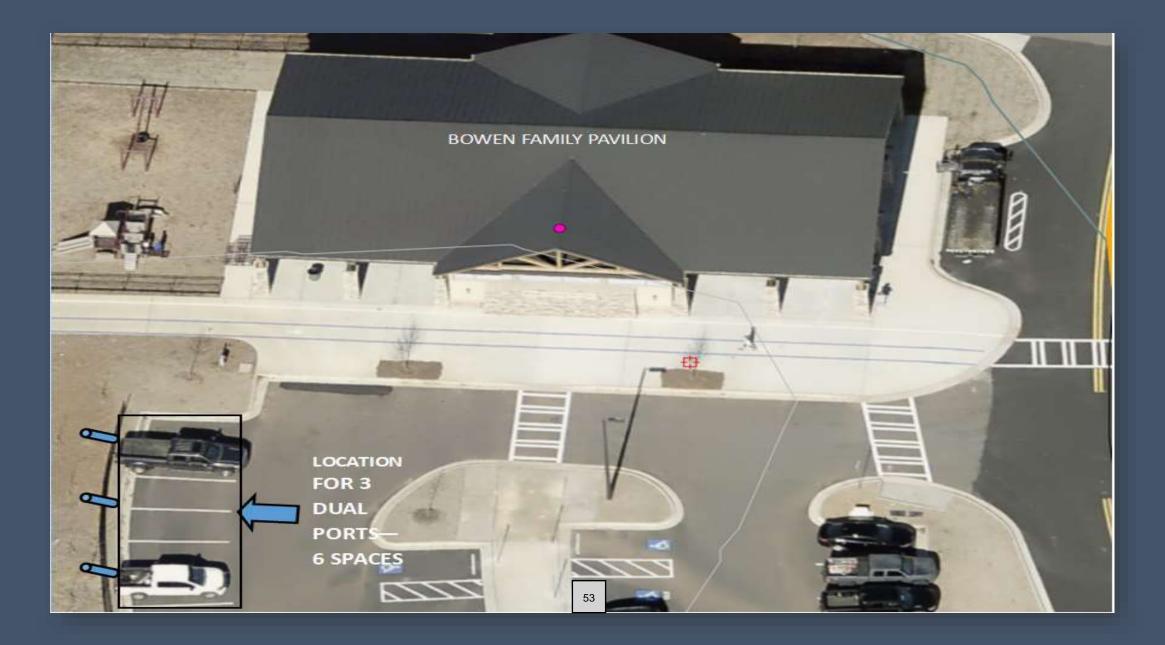
Suggested Veteran's Memorial Pool House Charging Site



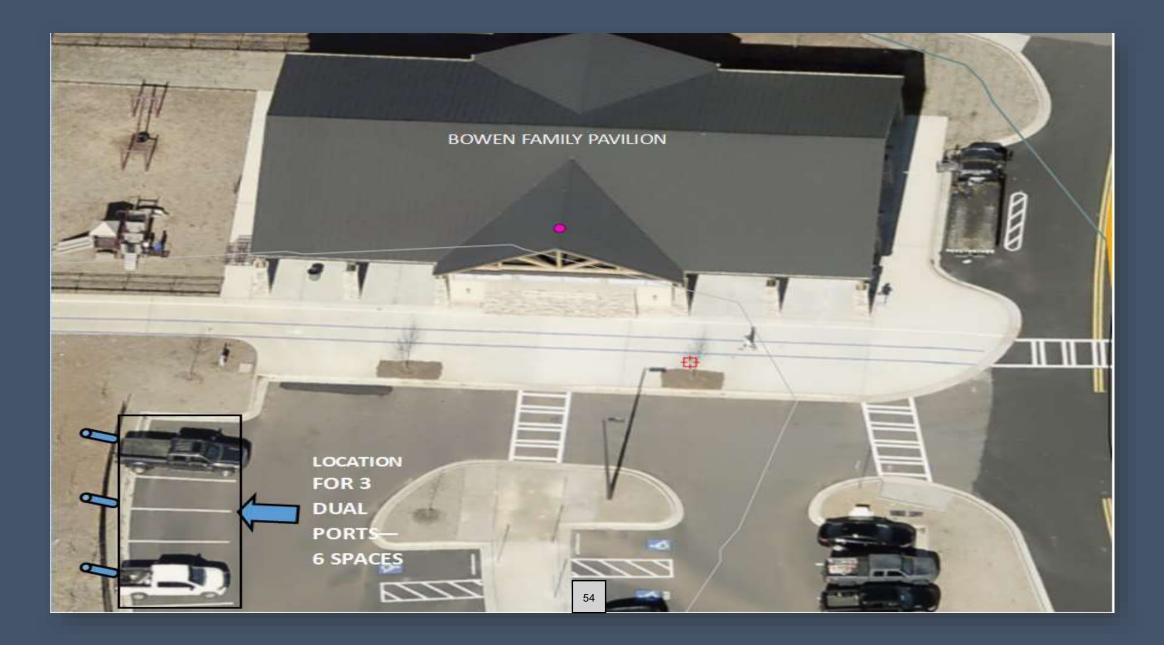
Suggested Veteran's Memorial Pavilion Charging Site



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Suggested Veteran's Memorial Pavilion Charging Site







✤Georgia Power has agreed to make the requested changes to the agreement for the grant. Georgia Power exhausted all of the Georgia Public Service Commission grant funds prior to the County's review of the terms and conditions. GP reserved our application for work at the Government Center, for anticipated additional funds.

A new pot of resources have been received for this program and as promised, we GP is ready to move forward with the work. Georgia Power has contracted with Energize Now of North Georgia, located in Dalton, GA, to perform the infrastructure portion of the installation.

This portion of the project's total is estimated at \$150,200.00 for the Government Center and the Rock Creek Park chargers. The grant will fund the full amount, no match is required from the County.







EV Charger Lineup and Pricing



Price Comparison Between Manufacturers

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◆EV Passport - Rosa 7-11 kW, Pedestal, Cloud Platform, 2-year warranty for 6 units - \$11,343.00; for 8 units is \$15,124.00; for all 14 units - \$26,467.00

♦ ChargePoint – CT4021-GW1 7kW, Pedestal, Cloud Platform, 1-year warranty for 6 units is \$22,716.00; for 8 units is \$27,744.00; for all 14 units is \$50,460.00

◆Leviton – EV320 – 7kw, Pedestal, Cloud Platform, 2-year warranty and installation – The Leviton representatives has not responded to the quote request as of this meeting.

✤Installation for 6 chargers at Government Center is \$14,575.00. Installation for 8 chargers at Rock Creek Park is \$20,000.00. The cost to install all 14 chargers at both locations is \$34,575.00.

✤Electric charging station signs and posts for 6 is \$200.00, for 8 spots is \$267.00 and for all 14 spots is \$467.00.





Turnkey Cost for the Project

✤Recap for location of the up to 14 chargers and accessories:

- \circ Government Center 3 dual ports for 6 charging stations
- Rock Creek Recreation Building 4 dual ports for 8 charging stations

EV Passport - Rosa 7 -11kW, Pedestal, Cloud Platform, 2-year warranty, installation and signage—

- Government Center Total cost is \$26,118.00
- Rock Creek Recreation Building Total cost is \$35,391.00.

The turnkey cost for both locations is \$61,509.00

• This amount is less than that required by Ga law to bid. Staff asks that the Purchasing Policy Ordinance is waived to complete this project.



Staff Recommendation

Staff respectfully requests the Board to approve the Georgia Power agreement for the grant; approve the locations charging stations; approve all costs for each chosen site; determine the funds to be utilized and assign a budget not to exceed \$61,509.00. Lastly, waive the Purchasing Policy Ordinance to complete this project.

NOTE: No funds from the grant will be received by the County. Ga Power will utilize the funds for the infrastructure portion.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR THE PROVISION OF SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS

Between

THE DAWSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT AND DAWSON COUNTY, GEORGIA, BY AND THROUGH ITS COUNTY COMMISSION

This Intergovernmental Agreement (hereinafter referred to as the "Agreement") is made and entered into this 1st day of, July 2024, effective as of the last day of June 30, 2025, by and between the DAWSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT, (hereinafter referred to as "School District"), and DAWSON COUNTY, GEORGIA, acting by and through the COUNTY COMMISSION, (hereinafter collectively referred to as the "County").

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the School District is desirous of contracting with the County for the provision of School Resource Officers (hereinafter referred to as "SRO" or "SROs") for Dawson County Schools in Dawsonville, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, the County is willing to provide SROs to the School District upon the terms and conditions contained herein; and

WHEREAS the County shall and does hereby designate the Sheriff of the County to act as its representative for all purposes hereunder.

NOW THEREFORE, the School District and the County agree as follows:

1. Term and Termination.

1.1 The term of this Agreement shall be for the period from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. The parties agree that in the event of a default in any term hereunder by either party and such party fails to cure said default within thirty (30) days after written notice thereof from the non-defaulting party; then the non-defaulting party, at its option may at once and immediately, terminate this Agreement by written notice to the defaulting party whereupon this Agreement shall terminate. Any notice provided in this paragraph shall be given by the party, or its attorney, or agent. If at any time this Agreement is terminated, the School District shall be responsible for no more than the monthly payment due at the time of termination. If at any time this Agreement is terminated, the County shall be responsible for repayment of any sums paid by the School District, but not yet earned by the County.

2. Duties and Responsibilities of the County.

2.1 The County Sheriff (hereinafter referred to as the "Sheriff") shall assign eight Deputy Sheriffs to serve as SROs at Dawson County Schools, contingent upon availability.

2.2 Any officer assigned to the school as a SRO shall receive resource officer training and be trained regarding duties and responsibilities.

2.3 In addition to the SRO, the Sheriff and/or his designee shall perform scheduled and non-scheduled visits to the school to promote safety and security. The Sheriff and/or his designee shall also supervise the SRO in the performance of law enforcement duties, provide investigative assistance and security advice to the principals of the schools, and promote a positive and cooperative working environment between the employees of the School District and Sheriff's Office.

2.4 The primary function of the SRO is to facilitate a safe school environment and enforce the laws of the State of Georgia. In addition to performing general law-enforcement duties, SRO shall act as an instructor for specialized law enforcement related presentations upon the request of the school principal and upon the approval of the Sheriff. The SRO shall not be used as a teacher, paraprofessional, administrator, or substitute or in any other capacity not consistent with the primary function and duties of the SRO.

2.6 In addition to the general duties set forth herein, the SRO shall have the following duties:

2.6.1 The SRO shall maintain visibility in the school to help prevent crimes and other disruptive behavior. Maintaining visibility during the opening and closing of the school day, during lunch periods, during the changing of classes shall be required of SRO. In addition, the SRO shall patrol the common areas during high traffic times and parking lot areas throughout the day.

2.6.2 To the greatest extent possible and upon the request of the principal and/or assistant principal, the SRO shall be available for conferences with students, parents and faculty members to assist with problems relating to law enforcement or crime prevention.

2.6.3 The SRO shall become familiar with community agencies that offer assistance to youths and their families including, but not limited to, mental

health clinics, drug treatment centers, and/or counseling agencies to make appropriate referrals; provided referrals have been approved by the Sheriff or his designee.

2.6.4 TheSROwillassist incoordinatingandimplementingtheschoolsafetyplan to provide for school emergencies;

2.6.5 The SRO will adhere to applicable school policies and the policies of the Sheriff's Office when performing duties ;

2.6.6 SRO shall maintain records and reports of operations of the Program.
These reports shall be made available to the school principal, the Superintendent, the School Board, the Sheriff, and/or his designee to the extent allowed by law.
2.6.7 The SRO shall assist school principal in coordinating security and safety to after-school events.

2.6.8 Prior to the start of the school year, the Sheriff and/or his designee shall meet withSchoolDistrict Superintendent and/or her designee to review the duties and responsibilities of the SRO and to discuss the expectations of the school administration. The Superintendent and Sheriff shall designate respective members to participate as School Safety Review Committee Members. The Committee may be comprised of the following: Special Education Director, System Social Worker, district hearing officer, school safety coordinator, school principals, assistant principals, and an SRO representative. These quarterly meetings will be held to review and discuss discipline and law enforcement issues occurring at the school. The Sheriff and/or his designee and the SRO shall meet with the Superintendent or other members of the Superintendent's designated leadership team as needed to discuss the status of the Program. Other meetings shall occur as needed to discuss current trends, problems, conflicts, or areas of concern that might cause disruptions in the schools or in the community. The Superintendent and the Sheriff shall regularly communicate and meet as needed to evaluate and discuss the services offered

by the Program, and the effectiveness of the Program and to determine whether to retain the Program. At any time, an SRO may be dismissed, transferred, or disciplined at the discretion of the Sheriff.

2.6.9 The SRO shall take all necessary and appropriate action with regard to on campus criminal activity. As soon as practicable, the SRO shall notify the Sheriff, and/or his designee and the school principal of events and actions taken in this capacity.

At the principal's request, the SRO may take appropriate action against intruders and unwanted guests who appear at the school or school functions. If a disagreement arises between the school principal and the SRO as to the proper course of action, then the Superintendent, the Sheriff and/or his designee shall be contacted to achieve an appropriate resolution as quickly as possible;

2.6.10 If circumstances dictate that an SRO must request additional law enforcement assistance while on campus, then the Sheriff and/or his designee shall be notified. The Principal and School Superintendent shall be notified as soon as reasonably possible.

2.6.11 School District and School officials shall be responsible for disciplinary and personnel matters. When requested, the SRO may assist with these matters while adhering to Sheriff's Office policies and criminal procedure guidelines. The Sheriff's Office is responsible for investigating all crimes committed on school property at all times regardless of whether school is in session.

2.6.12 Where deemed necessary, the SRO shall be made available to provide assistance to other police officers and deputy sheriffs in matters relating to the school assignment or to students outside the school environment. The SRO may assist in on-campus investigations related to runaways, abuse or other similar crimes involving students of the District.

2.6.13 The SRO shall maintain detailed records and reports on all operations of the Program. These reports shall be made available to school principal, the Superintendent, the School Board, the Sheriff, and/or his designee to the extent allowed by law;

2.6.14 SRO shall not act as the school's disciplinarian. School officials are solely responsible for all disciplinary functions.

2.7 The SRO assigned to the school shall be mutually agreed upon between the Superintendent and the Sheriff.

2.8 No SRO shall be assigned to work during times when school is not in session except upon the request of the Superintendent, the Sheriff and/or his designee

3. Duties and Responsibilities of the School District

3.1 The School District shall be responsible for paying 50 percent of all actual expenditures. For purposes of this Agreement, the term "all actual expenditures" shall include personnel costs and all other costs necessary to meet the obligations of this contract. In no event shall the School District be obligated to the County for amounts in excess of 50 percent of all actual expenditures, unless such amount is agreed to in writing by the parties. This agreement in based upon an estimated 42 hour work week. Security for organized, after hours, events shall be performed by off-duty law enforcement personnel at a rate that will be established by the School District and the Sheriff and/or his designee (to include the respective SRO).

3.2 The parties hereto agree to pursue grants and alternative funding sources that may be available to assist with the funding of the Program.

3.3 The School District shall provide an appropriate workspace in the school for the SRO which shall include the following:

3.3.1 Access to an air-conditioned and properly lit area, which shall contain a telephone available for use by the SRO .

3.3.2 A designated location for files and records that can be properly locked and secured and to which the SRO shall have access during all regular school hours.

3.3.3 A standard office desk, a desk chair, filing cabinet, standard office supplies and access to a school-provided computer to be used for the purpose of creating reports.

4. <u>Standard Operating Procedures.</u> The parties shall abide by the standard operating procedures, as amended from time to time, set forth within Exhibit "A", which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference.

5. Dispute Resolution Any claim, dispute, or other matter in question arising out of or related to this Agreement shall be subject to mediation as a condition precedent to arbitration or the institution of legal or equitable proceedings by either party. The parties shall endeavor to resolve claims, disputes, and other matters in question by mediation, unless the parties mutually agree otherwise. A Request for mediation shall be filed in writing with the other party. The mediation shall proceed in advance of legal or equitable proceedings, which shall be stayed pending mediation for a period of 60 days from the date of filing, unless stayed for a longer period by agreement of the parties or court order. The parties shall share the mediator's fee and any filing fees equally. The mediation shall be held in Dawson County, Georgia, unless another location is mutually agreed upon. Agreements reached in mediation shall be enforceable as settlement agreements.

6. <u>Notices.</u>

6.1 Any notice required under this Agreement may be personally delivered or mailed in the United States mail, first-class postage prepaid to the party to be served at the following addresses:

County:	Dawson County Sheriff Attn Jeff Johnson, County Sheriff 19 Tucker Ave Dawsonville, GA 30534
County:	Dawson County Commission Chairperson Attn Billy Thurmond, Chairman of the Board of Commissioners 25 Justice Way Dawsonville, GA 30534
With Copy to:	Dawson County Sheriff.Attorney Joey Homans 272 Highway 9 South PO Box 477 Dawsonville, GA 30534
School District:	Dawson County School District Attn Mrs. Nicole LeCave, Superintendent 28 Main Street Dawsonville, GA 30534
With Copy to:	Cory O. Kirby, Esq. 340 Jesse Jewell Parkway Wells Fargo Center, Suite 750 Gainesville, GA 30501

6.2 Notices personally served shall be deemed served on the date of delivery. Unless otherwise provided herein, notice mailed shall be deemed served the next business day following the date of mailing if mailed in the State of Georgia, otherwise on the date that is two business days after the date of mailing. Any party may change the party's address by sending written notice to the other parties hereto.

7. <u>Miscellaneous Provisions.</u> The parties agree to cooperate in good faith in fulfilling the terms of this Agreement. Unforeseen questions or difficulties will be resolved between the Sheriff and the Superintendent or their designees. Except as herein specifically provided otherwise, this contract shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the parties hereto and their respective successors and assigns, provided,

however, that no party may assign, delegate, or otherwise transfer any of its rights or obligations hereunder, except as provided herein, without the consent of each other party hereto, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the law of the State of Georgia. This Agreement shall be binding upon, inure solely to the benefit of, and be enforceable by only the parties hereto, their respective successors and permitted assigns, and nothing in the Agreement, express or implied, is intended to or shall confer upon any person, other than the parties hereto, their respective successors and permitted assigns, any rights, remedies, obligations, or liabilities of any nature whatsoever. If any one or more of the provisions or parts of a provision contained herein shall, for any reason, be held to be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable in any respect in any jurisdiction, such determination of invalidity illegality, or unenforceability shall not affect any other provision or part of a provision, but this Agreement shall be reformed and construed as if such invalid, illegal or unenforceable provision or part of a provision had never been contained herein and such provision or part shall be reformed so that it would be valid, legal, and enforceable to the maximum extent permitted in such jurisdiction.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Intergovernmental Agreement as of the dates set out below, effective the dates and year first above written. DAWSON COUNTY

Date

By: _____, Chairperson

Attest:_____, County Clerk

6-11-24

Date

DAWSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

By: Nathan Ingram, Chairperson

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Attest: Nicole LeCave, Superintendent

Approved:

_____, Sheriff

EXHIBIT"A"

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER / LAW ENFORCEMENT / SCHOOL STAFF PROCEDURE AND GUIDELINES

The purpose of this administrative procedure is to provide procedure and guidelines for the conduct of SRO and other law enforcement authorities in the school and School System Staff and Administration and their interaction with SRO and other law enforcement. These are guidelines only and may and should be adjusted within reasonable and lawful limits on a case-by-case basis.

A. General Expectations Concerning the Roles of School Personnel and SRO

1. The SRO shall comply with applicable federal and state laws and Sheriff's Office policies while performing assigned duties.

2. School administrators and staff are responsible for enforcing Board policies, school rules, and maintaining order in the schools. The SRO who observes violations of policies and/or rules may intervene with students to stop the behavior and shall report violations to appropriate administrators.

3. School administrators and staff may consult with and request assistance from the SRO in addressing student violations of policies and rules as they deem appropriate. This does not imply that the SRO shall become the school disciplinarian for the regular school disciplinary process, which responsibility and authority for said process shall remain with the school system administration and staff.

4. School administrators and staff will immediately notify the SRO if they have reason to believe that a student has committed a crime or If they obtain evidence of illegal activity (such as weapons, drugs, alcohol, or child pornography).

5. School administrators may request the assistance of SRO when enforcing Board policies, school rules and federal/state laws with visitors and intruders on school property.

6. Unless there is a health or safety emergency or an SRO otherwise reasonably deems immediate action is warranted, the SRO shall consult with an appropriate school administrator before requesting additional law enforcement or Emergency Management assistance on school grounds.

7. TheSROshallmaintain professionalconductstandardsin dealingswithadministration, staff, students, parents and community members.

B. Investigations, Questioning and Searches of Students for School-Related Purposes

1. Some types of student conduct that are forbidden by school rules, such as assaults, bomb threats, weapons possession and drug offenses, are also punishable by criminal law. When a particular act is both a violation of school rules and a crime, the school disciplinary investigation by school administrators and the criminal investigation by the Sheriff's office and district attorney may operate simultaneously. The criminal investigation shall take priority and School administrators shall cooperate with the SRO and law enforcement in their investigations.

2. Evidence of violation of state/federal laws will be turned over to the SRO. The SRO shall comply with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) (20 U.S.C. §1232g; 34 CFR Part 99) that protects the privacy of student educational records and will not disclose student records, except as provided by law or order of the Court.

3. Investigative reports and witness statements may not always be available to school administrators. School staff and administrator shall prepare and maintain his/her own records and reports concerning school-related investigations.

<u>C. Investigations, Questioning and Searches of Students for Non-School-Related</u> <u>Purposes</u>

1. The SRO and other law enforcement authorities are discouraged from using the schools as a venue for questioning and searching students for alleged violations of state or federal laws unrelated to the schools.

2. Exceptions will be made for an emergency endangering student or staff safety or exigent circumstances . Other exceptions may be made on a case-by-case basis after consultation between the Superintendent/designee and law enforcement officers.

3. The SRO (or other law enforcement officer if applicable) shall be responsible for ensuring that a student is informed of rights before questioning or a search.

D. Arrests of Students at School

1. The SRO and other law enforcement authorities are discouraged from arresting

students at school for non-school-related activities.

2. Exceptions shall be permitted for an emergency endangering student and/or staff safety or in exigent circumstances. Other exceptions may be made on a case-by-case basis after consultation between the Superintendent/designee and law enforcement officers. When practical, the Sheriff's office should contact the school administrator before making an arrest in school.

3. If the SRO anticipates possible criminal charges, the SRO shall follow applicable laws and sheriff's office policies concerning questioning and searches of juvenile suspects (if the student is under 17) or adult suspects (if the student is 17 or older).

4. A student may be removed from school by an SRO or other law enforcement officer if a court order, an arrest warrant or a warrantless arrest is authorized by law. The school administrator shall make every attempt to notify the student's parent/guardian as soon as possible of the student's removal from school. The arresting officer shall notify the parent/designated guardian as soon as practical after the arrest.

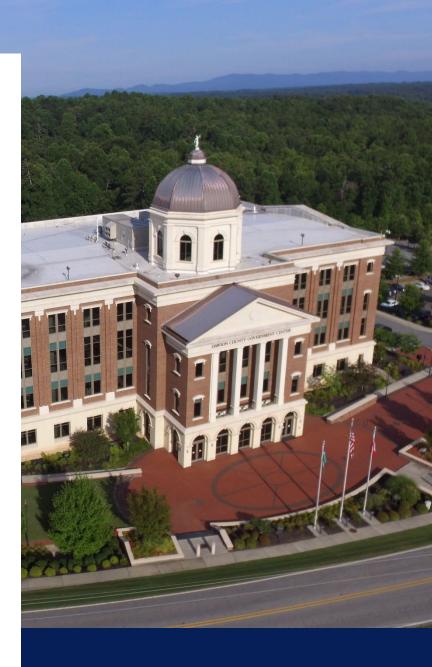
E. Confidentiality of Student Information and Records

1. Confidential information, protected by the State and Federal Law, including student records, shall not be disclosed except as otherwise required by law;

2. School administrators may release personally identifiable student information contained in education records to the SRO and other law enforcement officers in accordance with the requirements of the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act and other applicable laws.

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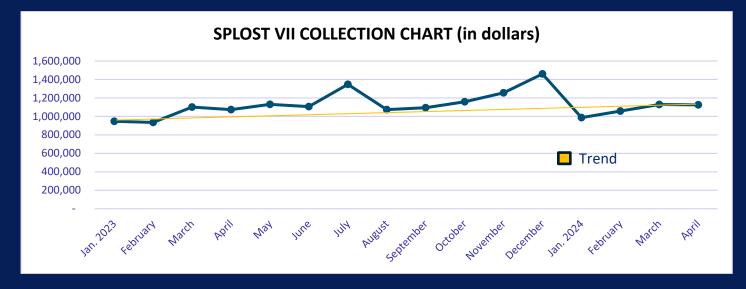
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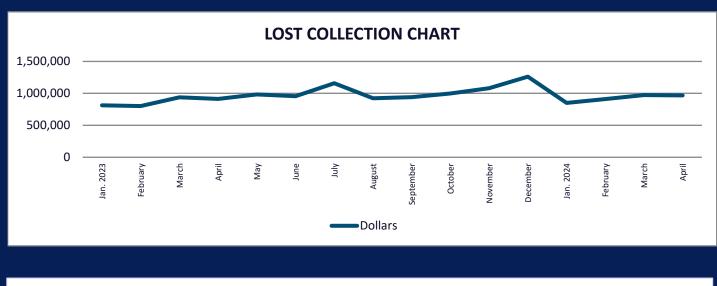


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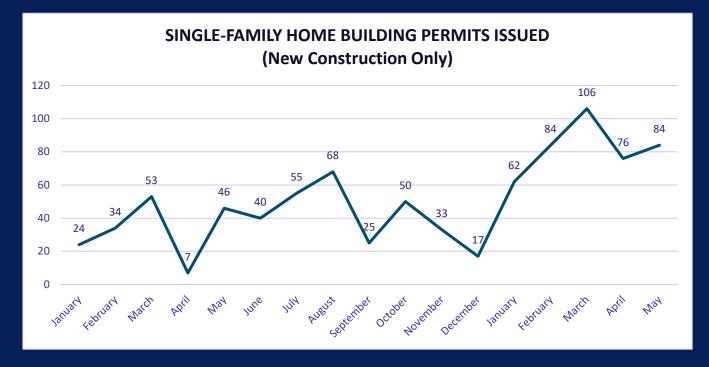


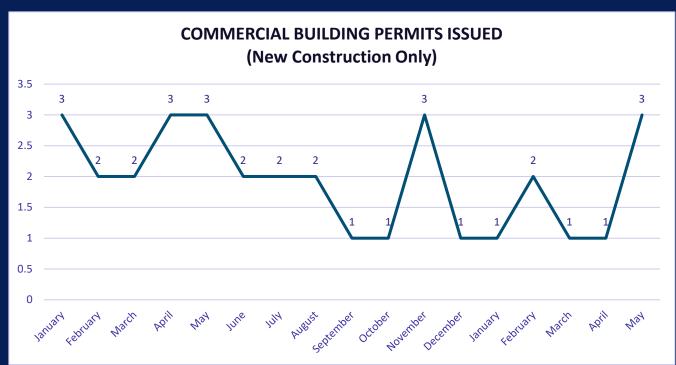


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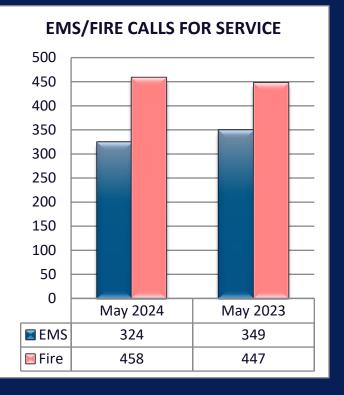
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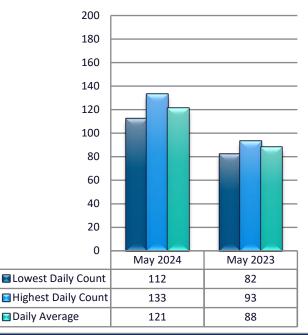


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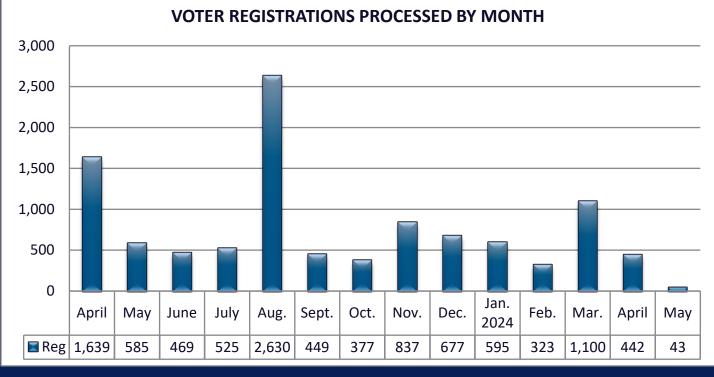
INMATE POPULATION



*Max Capacity: 192

Elections

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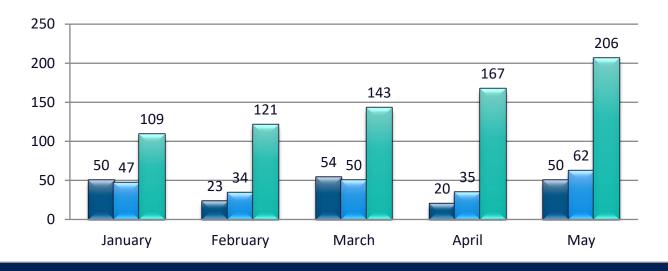
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Service Requests by Department

2024 SERVICE REQUESTS RECEIVED

🖬 Roads 🛛 Facilities 🔄 Fleet



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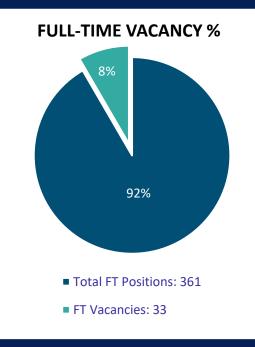


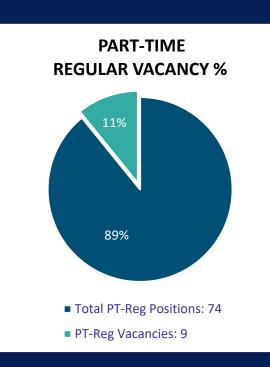
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Human Resources

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Public Relations



Streaming Viewers



Facebook Followers 6,361 (previous month 6,332)



X Followers 709 (previous month 708)



Instagram Followers 172 (previous month 160)

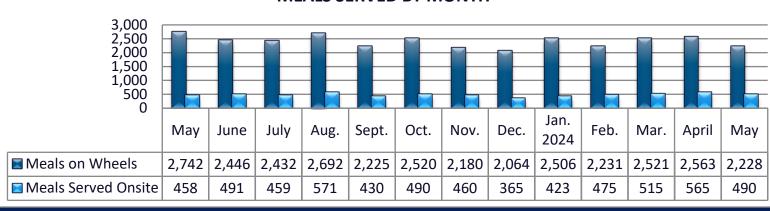


Website Visitors 17,015 (previous month 16,156)



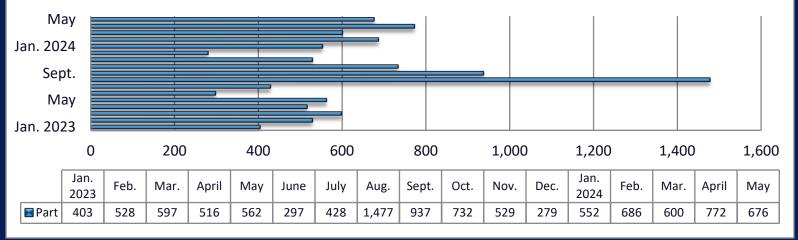
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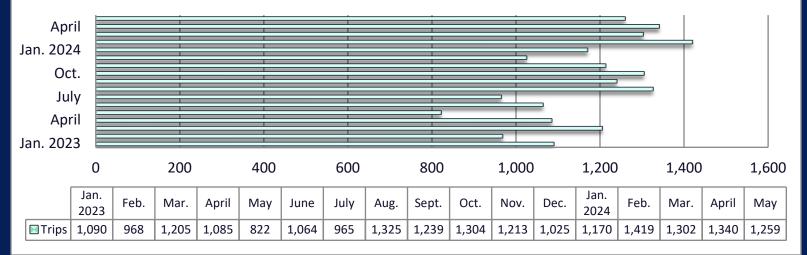


MEALS SERVED BY MONTH

PHYSICAL ACTIVITY PARTICIPANTS



TRANSIT - TOTAL TRIPS

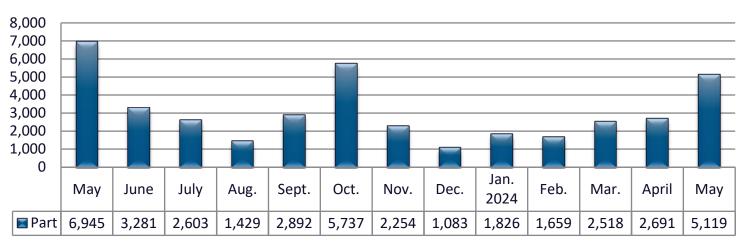


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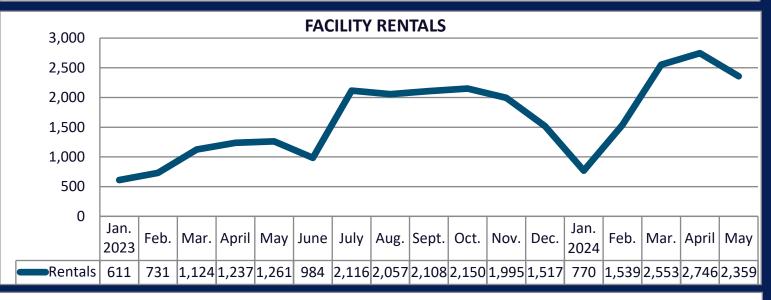
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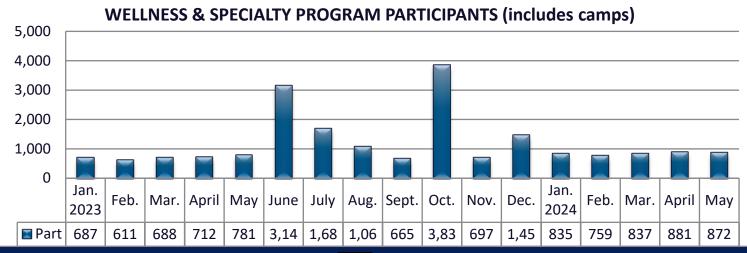
Parks & Recreation

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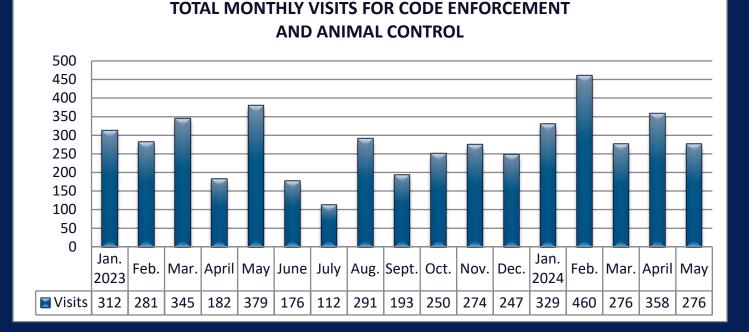




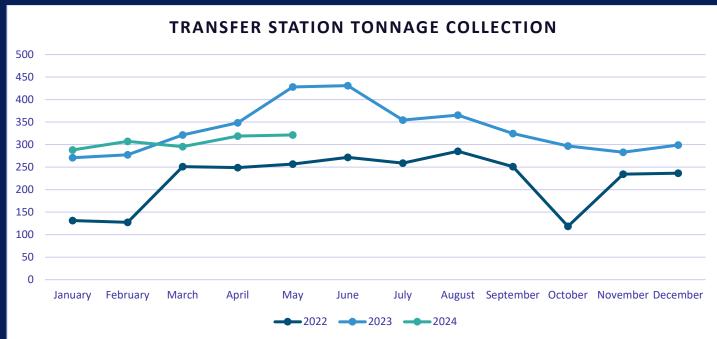
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Marshal

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Public Works



LOST and SPLOST Collections

Local Option Sales Tax (LOST) collections are up 5.9% for the same month in 2023 and up 6.8% for 2024 year to date. Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) collections are up 4.8% for the same month in 2023. Total SPLOST VII collections (July 2021 to present) are \$37,462,417.

April collections received in May are as follows:

LOST	\$968,197
SPLOST	\$1,124,237
County	\$1,026,428
City	\$97,809

Items Approved by the County Manager or Chief Financial Officer Since Last Report

Yancey	Public Works	Caterpillar Wheel Loader	Cooperative Agreement	Purchase Order	\$233,780	Funding Source - SPLOST VI and VII Roads Equipment Funds
Tractor and Equipment Company	Public Works	Hamm HP Rubber Tire Roller	Cooperative Agreement	Purchase Order	\$168,400	Funding Source - SPLOST VII Roads Equipment Funds
Gainesville Truck Center	Public Works	Mack PinnacleP164T Tractor and Dump Bed	Cooperative Agreement	Purchase Order	\$167,617	Funding Source - SPLOST VII Roads Vehicle Funds

Gainesville Truck Center	Public Works	Mack Granite 64FR with Spreader	Cooperative Agreement	Purchase Order	\$213,213	Funding Source - SPLOST VII Roads Vehicle Funds
Eclipse	Information Technology	Network Support - Block Hours	Cooperative Agreement	No Purchase Order Required	\$156 per hour	Funding Source - IT Regular Operating Funds
Cummins	Facilities	Courthouse Generator Maintenance	Agreement	Purchase Order	\$15,398.35 Prorated Annually Over Next 5 Years; Can Cancel Anytime	Funding Source - Facilities Regular Operating Funds