

**DAWSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORK SESSION AGENDA – THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2023
DAWSON COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER ASSEMBLY ROOM
25 JUSTICE WAY, DAWSONVILLE, GEORGIA 30534
4:00 PM**

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Proposed FY 2024 Budget (*1st of 3 hearings; 2nd hearing will be held at the November 2, 2023, Voting Session and the 3rd hearing will be held on November 16, 2023*)

NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion of the Design and Cost Estimates of the Emergency 9-1-1 / Emergency Operations Center Building- Purchasing Manager Melissa Hawk / Jericho Design Group Studio Director Yara Rymer Bond
2. Presentation of FY 2024 Highway Enforcement of Aggressive Traffic Grant Award Acceptance- Sheriff Jeff Johnson
3. Presentation of FY 2024 Violence Against Women Act Grant Application- Sheriff Jeff Johnson
4. Presentation of Georgia Forestry Commission Volunteer Fire Assistance 50/50 Grant Application- Emergency Services Director Troy Leist
5. County Manager Report
6. County Attorney Report

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

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DAWSON COUNTY ANNOUNCEMENT AND ADVERTISEMENT REQUEST

Submitting Department:	County Clerk	Department contact name:	Kristen Cloud
Submittal Date:	10.02.2023	Run Dates:	10.11.2023 and 10.18.2023
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Notice of Public Hearings

Notice is hereby given that public hearings shall be held by the Dawson County Board of Commissioners at the Dawson County Government Center, 25 Justice Way, Assembly Room 2302 (2nd floor), Dawsonville, Georgia, as follows:

October 19, 2023	Chairman's FY 2024 Proposed Budget Presentation – Work Session
November 2, 2023	Budget Public Hearing #1 – Work Session
November 2, 2023	Budget Public Hearing #2 – Voting Session
November 16, 2023	Budget Public Hearing #3 / Tentative Budget Adoption – Voting Session

BOC work sessions begin at 4 p.m. and voting sessions immediately follow.

O.C.G.A. § # 36-81-5.

Department Head Approval: K. Cloud

DAWSON COUNTY GOVERNMENT PROPOSED BUDGET PRESENTATION FY 2024



Presented by:
Chairman Billy Thurmond
October 19, 2023

Budget Goals

- ▶ Prepare a realistic, revenue-based budget.
- ▶ Budget conforms to the reduced millage rate from 7.2225 to 5.6340.
- ▶ Provide same or improved level of funding for all departments—thus improving level of service.
- ▶ Provide all departments/agencies the opportunity to present their requests to the full Board during public hearings.

Budget Challenges

- ▶ Provide funding for increased personnel costs from pay increases granted during the last 3+ years.
- ▶ Increasing operational needs of multiple departments.
- ▶ Anticipate any foreseeable changes in revenue sources.
- ▶ Maintain strong fund balance.

Personnel Costs History—all funds

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>COST*</u>	<u>\$ Change</u>	<u>% Change</u>
2019	\$ 19,547,657 (Actual)		
2020	\$ 21,355,731 (Actual)	\$ 1,808,074	9.25%
2021	\$ 22,935,479 (Actual)	\$ 1,579,748	7.40%
2022	\$ 24,835,514 (Actual)	\$ 1,900,035	8.28%
2023	\$ 29,294,460 (Budget)	\$ 4,458,946	17.95%
2024	\$ 32,169,799 (Proposed)	\$ 2,875,339	9.82%

***These numbers include salary and benefits**

General Fund

- ▶ Main operating fund of the County. All property tax received by the County government provides revenue to the General Fund.
- ▶ In this proposed budget, property tax provides 35% of revenue for General Fund.
- ▶ L.O.S.T. provides 27.26% of revenue.
- ▶ Fund balance would provide 7.39% of revenue.

Where we started.....

- ▶ General Fund operating requests totaled \$38,479,892.
- ▶ \$9.4 million in capital requests to be funded in FY 24.
- ▶ Over \$2.4 million in new personnel/salary change requests (including benefits).

FY 2023 Original Budget was \$37,292,621

FY 2023 Current budget is \$38,583,653

General Fund Revenue Changes

- ▶ In 2021, the County received word it would receive \$5 million from the Federal Government as a part of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). The Board made the decision to use these funds to offset the cost of pay increases for First Responders.
- ▶ In this proposed budget, those funds are programmed to help cover salary increases provided to First Responders– includes Sheriff officers, Emergency Services and Public Works. Those costs total over \$1.2 million for 2024 and are budgeted in Special Revenue fund 230. This grant funding takes pressure off the General Fund.
- ▶ This proposed budget includes use of fund balance (reserves) of \$3,116,181 or 7.39% of revenue.

ARPA FUNDS

COUNTY TOTAL AWARD

\$ 5,171,173.00

	<u>Total allocated to ARPA</u>	<u>COVID PTO*</u>
FY 21 (Actual)	\$ 1,101,278.00	\$ 71,767.84
FY 22 (Actual)	\$ 1,202,219.93	\$ 107,636.61
FY 23 (Budget)	\$ 1,640,207.00	\$ 100,000.00
FY 24 (Budget)	<u>\$ 1,194,627.00</u>	\$ 50,000.00
Total	<u>\$ 5,138,331.93</u>	

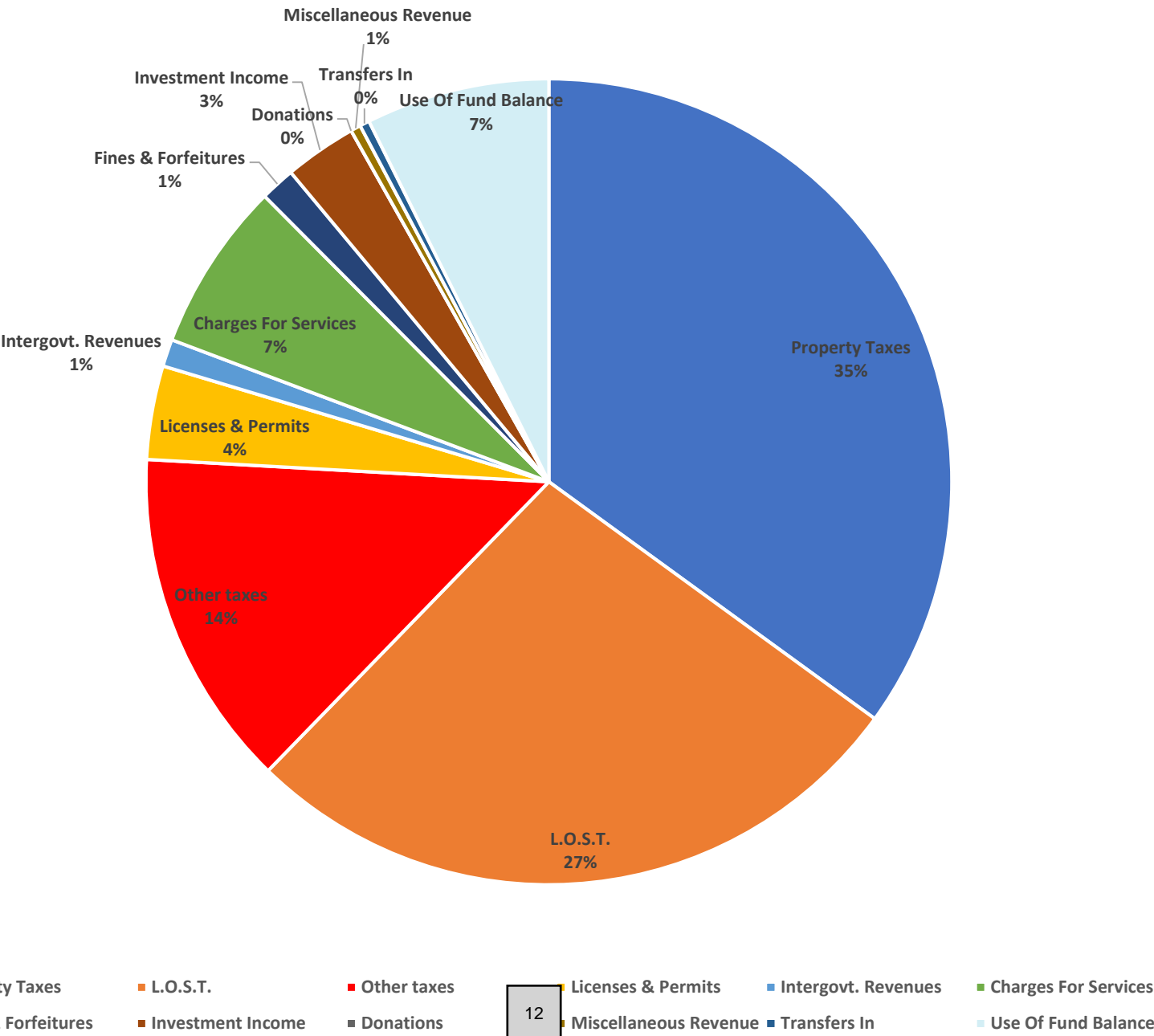
*NOTE: THESE FUNDS HAVE BEEN USED TO PROVIDE COVID-PTO
FOR ALL DEPARTMENTS.

Proposed General Fund Revenues

	FY 2024 Proposed	FY 2023 Amended	% Change	FY 2023 Original	% of revenue
Property Taxes	14,762,722	14,267,096	3.47%	14,267,096	35.00%
L.O.S.T.	11,500,000	10,500,000	9.52%	10,500,000	27.26%
Other taxes	5,739,800	5,316,500	7.96%	5,316,500	13.61%
Licenses & Permits	1,584,150	1,331,450	18.98%	1,331,450	3.76%
Intergovt. Revenues	460,200	397,000	15.92%	397,000	1.09%
Charges For Services	2,869,630	2,763,485	3.84%	2,694,920	6.80%
Fines & Forfeitures	590,100	378,500	55.90%	378,500	1.40%
Investment Income	1,223,500	13,225	9151.42%	13,225	2.90%
Donations	-	45,742	-100.00%	-	0.00%
Miscellaneous Revenue	171,340	369,019	-53.57%	183,575	0.41%
Transfers In	164,610	111,860	47.16%	111,860	0.39%
Use Of Fund Balance	3,116,181	3,089,776	0.85%	2,098,495	7.39%
Totals	\$ 42,182,233	\$ 38,583,653	9.33%	\$ 37,292,621	100.00%

Change from Original Budget **13.11%**
\$ 4,889,612

Revenue Sources



Proposed General Fund Expenditures by Function

	FY 2024 Proposed Budget	FY 2023 Budget Amended	% Change	FY 2023 Budget Original
General Government	8,496,702	7,021,120	21.02%	7,669,172
Judicial	4,930,872	4,635,788	6.37%	4,440,184
Public Safety-Sheriff	11,436,514	10,900,355	4.92%	10,270,805
Public Safety	8,111,906	7,292,671	11.23%	7,159,237
Public Works	2,423,057	2,278,038	6.37%	2,174,497
Health & Welfare	397,796	489,173	-18.68%	381,168
Recreation & Culture	2,283,073	2,229,972	2.38%	1,932,986
Housing & Development	1,414,855	1,402,455	0.88%	1,363,869
Transfers out (uses)	2,687,458	2,334,081	15.14%	1,900,703
Totals	42,182,233	38,583,653	9.33%	37,292,621

Change from Original Budget 13.11%

General Government

	FY 2024 Proposed Budget	FY 2023 Budget Amended	FY 2023 Budget Original	% Change From Amended
Board of Commissioners	242,780	211,700	211,700	14.68%
County Administration	334,128	276,099	272,349	21.02%
Elections/Registrar	528,328	378,244	364,872	39.68%
General Government	2,099,834	1,071,151	2,056,742	96.04%
Finance	746,374	690,502	672,271	8.09%
Information Technology	951,047	927,355	911,856	2.55%
Human Resources	290,938	275,645	267,989	5.55%
Tax Commissioner	571,235	523,680	507,073	9.08%
Tax Assessor	693,560	621,116	614,286	11.66%
Board of Equalization	20,695	20,545	20,545	0.73%
Risk Management	556,350	644,508	426,634	-13.68%
Facilities	1,242,909	1,157,238	1,139,546	7.40%
Public Relations	88,945	112,335	112,335	-20.82%
GIS	129,579	111,002	90,974	16.74%
Total General Government	8,496,702	7,021,120	7,669,172	21.02%

Change from 2023 Original Budget	10.79%
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Judicial

	FY 2024 Proposed Budget	FY 2023 Budget Amended	FY 2023 Budget Original	% Change From Amended
Superior Court	778,427	729,954	691,127	6.64%
Clerk of Court	832,887	855,512	761,678	-2.64%
District Attorney	1,023,111	902,291	871,869	13.39%
Magistrate Court	537,868	567,809	558,640	-5.27%
Probate Court	440,834	426,224	404,331	3.43%
Juvenile Court	409,925	378,747	378,747	8.23%
Public Defender	687,506	563,068	561,609	22.10%
Treatment Court	220,314	212,183	212,183	3.83%
Total Judicial	4,930,872	4,635,788	4,440,184	6.37%

Change from 2023 Original Budget	11.05%
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Public Safety

	FY 2024 Proposed Budget	FY 2023 Budget Amended	FY 2023 Budget Original	% Change From Amended
Marshals	343,366	305,857	296,569	12.26%
Fire	3,535,570	3,034,506	2,979,422	16.51%
Fire Marshal & Prevention	49,550	71,489	34,835	-30.69%
EMS	3,686,228	3,413,486	3,387,698	7.99%
Coroner	164,393	157,974	157,974	4.06%
EMA	149,999	136,559	129,939	9.84%
Humane Society	182,800	172,800	172,800	5.79%
Total Public Safety	8,111,906	7,292,671	7,159,237	11.23%

Change from 2023 Original Budget	13.31%
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Sheriff

	FY 2024 Proposed Budget	FY 2023 Budget Amended	FY 2023 Budget Original	% Change From Amended
Sheriff	5,622,641	5,017,861	4,743,178	12.05%
Sheriff-K-9	33,550	49,850	49,850	-32.70%
Sheriff-Jail	4,064,923	4,063,303	3,985,510	0.04%
Sheriff-School Traffic Mgmt.	60,500	60,000	60,000	0.83%
Sheriff-School Resource Officers	574,088	621,872	514,672	-7.68%
Sheriff- Donations	-	83,629	-	-100.00%
Sheriff-Court Services	1,058,282	981,310	895,065	7.84%
Sheriff-Special Event Officers	22,530	22,530	22,530	0.00%
TOTAL SHERIFF	11,436,514	10,900,355	10,270,805	4.92%

Change from 2023 Original Budget	11.35%
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Public Works

	FY 2024 Proposed Budget	FY 2023 Budget Amended	FY 2023 Budget Original	% Change From Amended
Public Works -Admin	419,003	386,017	300,195	8.55%
Roads Department	1,989,121	1,876,858	1,859,369	5.98%
Keep Dawson Co. Beautiful	14,933	15,163	14,933	-1.52%
Total Public Works	2,423,057	2,278,038	2,174,497	6.37%

Change from 2023 Original Budget	11.43%
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Health & Welfare

	FY 2024 Proposed Budget	FY 2023 Budget Amended	FY 2023 Budget Original	% Change From Amended
Health Department	162,000	162,000	162,000	0.00%
Good Shepherd Clinic	30,000	30,000	30,000	0.00%
Avita	10,000	10,000	10,000	0.00%
CASA	9,000	9,000	9,000	0.00%
DFACS	35,300	35,300	35,300	0.00%
No one alone (NOA)	5,000	5,000	5,000	0.00%
Indigent Welfare	7,000	7,000	7,000	0.00%
Senior Center	132,496	130,033	116,338	1.89%
Senior Services Donations	-	93,525	-	-100.00%
Medicare Silver Sneakers	7,000	7,315	6,530	-4.31%
Total Health & Welfare	397,796	489,173	381,168	-18.68%

Change from 2023 Original Budget	4.36%
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Recreation & Culture

	FY 2024 Proposed Budget	FY 2023 Budget Amended	FY 2023 Budget Original	% Change From Amended
Park	1,697,901	1,540,585	1,398,936	10.21%
Park Donations	-	45,488	-	-100.00%
Park Women's Club	-	219	-	-100.00%
Park Pool	47,989	40,036	44,836	19.86%
War Hill Park	43,874	153,644	39,214	-71.44%
Lake Parks	21,000			
Library	472,309	450,000	450,000	4.96%
Total Recreation & Culture	2,283,073	2,229,972	1,932,986	2.38%
Change from 2023 Original Budget				18.11%

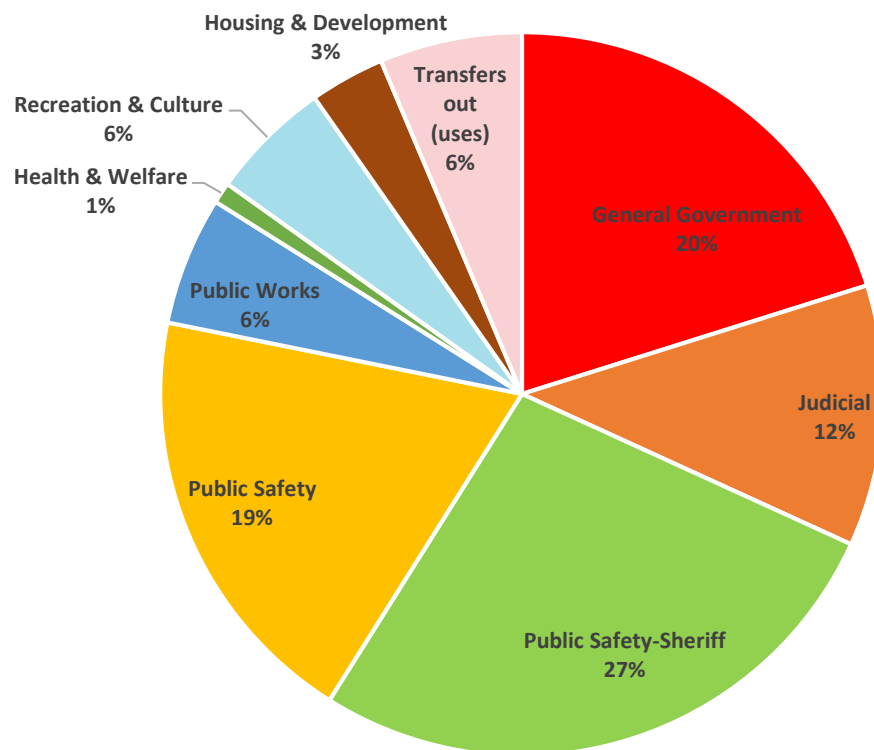
Housing & Development

	FY 2024 Proposed Budget	FY 2023 Budget Amended	FY 2023 Budget Original	% Change From Amended
County Extension	101,973	115,717	114,168	-11.88%
Planning & Development	912,882	986,738	949,701	-7.48%
Development Authority	400,000	300,000	300,000	33.33%
Total Housing & Development	1,414,855	1,402,455	1,363,869	0.88%
Change from 2023 Original Budget				3.74%

Other financing uses

	FY 2024 Proposed Budget	FY 2023 Budget Amended	FY 2023 Budget Original	% Change From Amended
Transfer out to Family Connection	70,925	85,398	49,041	-16.95%
Transfer out to Grants	845,266	962,167	807,458	-12.15%
Transfer out to Capital	512,000	226,490	17,000	126.06%
Transfer out to SW Fund		642		
Transfer out to Fleet	521,368	421,249	420,781	23.77%
Transfer out to E-911	737,899	638,135	606,423	15.63%
	2,687,458	2,334,081	1,900,703	15.14%
Change from 2023 Original Budget				41.39%

Expenditure allocation



■ General Government ■ Judicial ■ Public Safety-Sheriff ■ Public Safety ■ Public Works
■ Health & Welfare ■ Recreation & Culture ■ Housing & Development ■ Transfers out (uses)

Proposed budget highlights

- ▶ Added \$1 million to budget for salary contingency
- ▶ \$1.2 million of personnel costs (for First Responders) moved from General fund to special ARPA fund
- ▶ \$340,000 budgeted between Fire and EMS for the Career Advancement Through Training Program (CATT)
- ▶ \$338,734 budgeted for debt service
- ▶ \$21,000 included for lake parks maintenance

Proposed New Positions

- ▶ 13 new positions are being proposed in this budget
- ▶ 1 frozen position would be activated
- ▶ 1 position would be changed from PT to FT
- ▶ 3 positions would be reclassified with no salary change
- ▶ These 18 additions/changes total \$1,008,840 including benefits

Position Requested	Type	Salary Provided by HR	Total Benefit Costs	Total Additional Cost
District Attorney				
Assistant District Attorney	New Position	\$ 67,189.00	\$ 33,624.61	\$ 100,813.61
Victim Witness changed from grant to Gen fund		No change due to other employee moving to State		
Elections				
Systems Manager	New Position	\$ 39,284.00	\$ 30,094.63	\$ 69,378.63
Emergency Services				
Fire/EMS Training Captain	Unfreeze Current Position	\$ 63,581.00	\$ 33,168.20	\$ 96,749.20
Facilities				
Maintenance Worker	New Position	\$ 35,630.00	\$ 29,632.40	\$ 65,262.40
Fleet				
Fleet Mechanic	New Position	\$ 35,630.00	\$ 29,632.40	\$ 65,262.40
Admin. Assistant	PT to FT Upgrade	\$ 35,630.00	\$ 27,724.39	\$ 38,413.11
Marshal's Office				
Alcohol License Administrator	New Position	\$ 39,228.80	\$ 30,087.64	\$ 69,316.44
Park & Rec				
Park Maintenance	New Position	\$ 29,307.00	\$ 28,832.54	\$ 58,139.54
Camp Host	New Position	\$ 14,560.00	\$ 1,167.84	\$ 15,727.84
Public Defender				
Assistant Public Defender	New Position	\$ 67,189.00	\$ 33,624.61	\$ 100,813.61
Superior Court				
Part Time Intern	New Position	\$ 20,384.00	\$ 1,613.38	\$ 21,997.38
Sheriff				
Deputy (Patrol)	New Position	\$ 45,820.00	\$ 30,921.43	\$ 76,741.43
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Tax Commissioner				
Delinquent Tax Specialist	Reclass of Current Position/no sal	\$ 41,974.40	\$ -	\$ -
Tax/Fog Specialist, Senior	Reclass of Current Position/no sal	\$ 34,320.00	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL		\$ 630,892.80	\$ 402,888.33	\$ 1,008,839.85

Capital Projects Fund

- ▶ Total proposed in the Capital Projects Fund –\$512,000.
- ▶ Replace 2 Life Pak cardiac monitors \$80,000
- ▶ 2 sets of turnout gear \$144,000
- ▶ Fire hose replacement \$50,000
- ▶ Government air quality control system \$60,000
- ▶ Lake parks pay stations \$80,000
- ▶ Purchase/install school zone flashing beacons \$98,000

SPLOST VI

SPLOST VI collections ended June 30, 2021.

\$4,100,000 budgeted to be used for projects as needed. These remaining projects will follow the guidelines set by the resolution that approved SPLOST VI.

SPLOST VII

- ▶ SPLOST VII Collections began July 1, 2021
- ▶ \$12,000,000 in sales tax revenue budgeted to be received in 2024.

SPLOST VII

SPLOST VII BUDGET/PLAN OF PROJECTS FOR FY 2024

Level II Project - EOC/Communications **\$2,000,000** (Project will be completed in FY 25 ?
and will require additional funding)

<u>Project</u>	<u>Estimated Cost</u>	
IT	\$ 300,000	(computers/equipment for new employees will come from SPLOST)
Ambulance replacement	460,000	
Burn Building Replacement	1,000,000	
New roof on LEC	400,000	
Sheriff Vehicles	250,000	
PW Vehicles/Equipment	625,000	
County Roads/Culverts	2,700,000	
County admin vehicle/equipment	300,000	
Park paving	400,000	
Park improvements	450,000	
Public Health Building	2,500,000	
County Projects	9,385,000	
Level Two	2,000,000	
TOTAL FOR FY 24	\$ 11,385,000	

Grant Transfers

FY 2024 DAWSON COUNTY GRANTS FUND

<u>GRANT NAME</u>	<u>GRANT BUDGET</u>	<u>COUNTY MATCH/BUDGET</u>
Treatment Court	248,686	in kind
Match for potential grants	50,000	50,000
Superior Court-ARPA	298,778	
K-9	112,204	-
H.E.A.T. Grant	126,465	50,587
Bulletproof Vest Grant	14,714	7,357
GA Forestry	10,000	5,000
EMPG	15,568	7,784
EMS Trauma Equipment Gran	5,500	-
Hazard Mitigation	30,000	7,500
LMIG	686,794	206,038
Legacy Link	550,000	400,000
Legacy Link (Respite Care)	40,000	20,000
DOT Capital Grant	13,000	13,000
Transit	310,000	78,000
Totals	\$ 2,511,709	\$ 845,266

All Funds Proposed Budgets

FUND	FY 2024 Proposed Budget	FY 2023 Amended Budget	% Change
General Fund	42,182,233	38,583,653	9.33%
D.A.T.E Fund	25,000	25,000	0.00%
Jail Fund	40,000	34,900	14.61%
LVAP (Crime Victims)	19,000	17,350	9.51%
Law Library	22,000	24,360	-9.69%
Family Connection	123,425	283,068	-56.40%
Inmate Welfare	85,000	85,000	0.00%
DA Forfeiture	1,900	1,500	26.67%
Confiscated Assets -Sheriff	10,700	10,700	0.00%
Emergency 911	1,290,899	1,188,835	8.59%
ARPA Local Fiscal Recovery	1,294,627	1,640,207	-21.07%
Multiple Grants Fund	2,511,709	3,868,915	-35.08%
Hotel-Motel Tax	750,000	572,000	31.12%
SPLOST VI	4,100,000	4,525,373	-9.40%
SPLOST VII	12,385,000	16,571,792	-25.26%
Capital Projects	512,000	847,276	-39.57%
Solid Waste	706,375	1,022,211	-30.90%
Fleet & Fuel	522,493	422,474	23.67%
Inmate Escrow	80,000	80,000	0.00%
Impact Fees	1,719,078	3,774,062	-54.45%
Total ALL FUNDS	68,381,439	73,578,676	-7.06%

FY 2024 Public Budget Hearings

- ▶ 4:00 p.m. Thursday, November 2, 2023 – Public Comment on Proposed FY 2024 Budget
- ▶ Following Work Session at 4:00 (during the Voting Session) Thursday, November 2, 2023 – Public Comment on Proposed FY 2024 Budget
- ▶ Following Work Session at 4:00 (during the Voting Session) Thursday, November 16, 2023 – Public Comment on Proposed FY 2024 Budget
- ▶ At the November 16, 2023, Voting Session, the Board will consider and may adopt the FY 2024 Budget.

In closing.....

Thank you to fellow BOC members, elected officials, department heads and agencies, and their staff, in their assistance with this budget process.





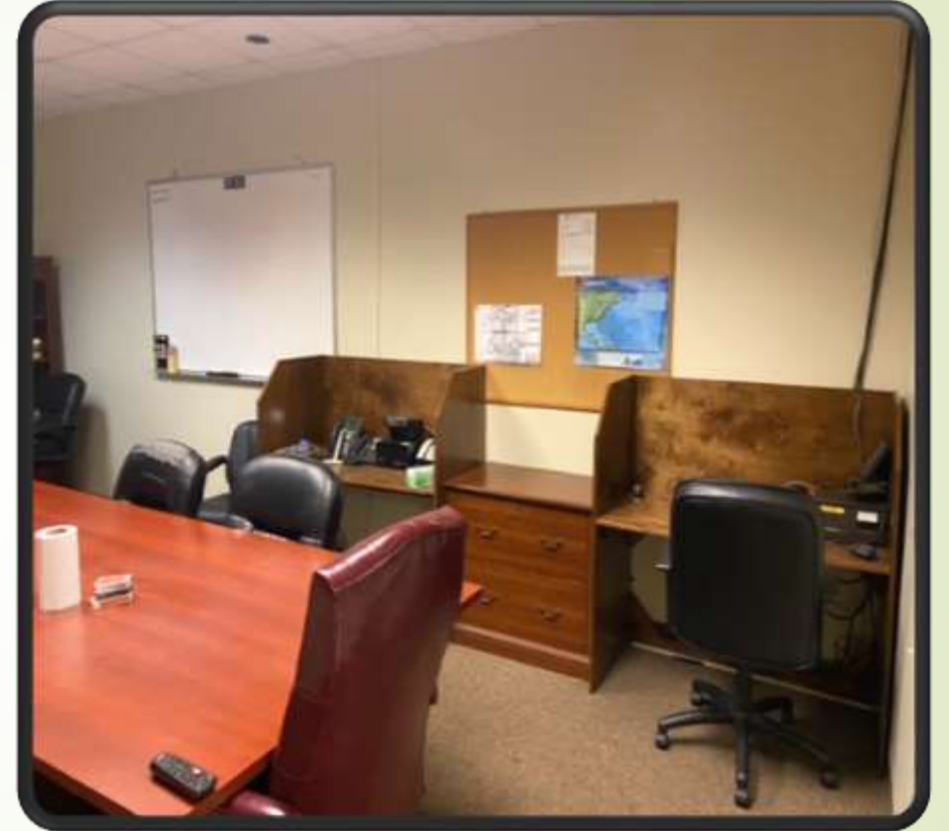
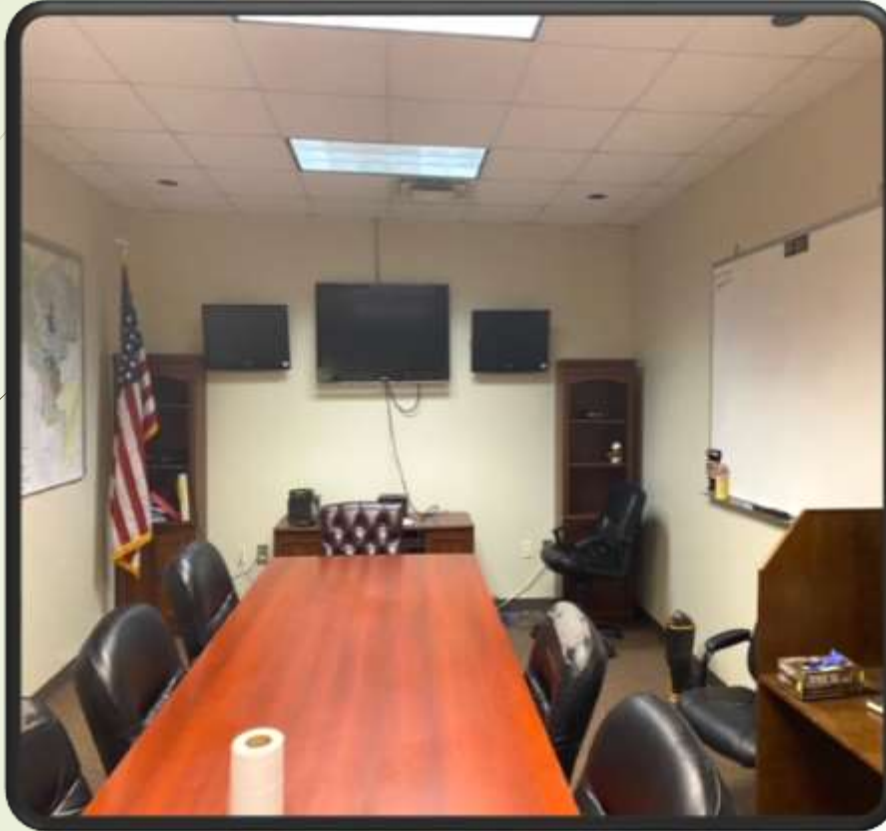
UPDATE ON THE DESIGN AND COST ESTIMATES FOR THE E911/EOC BUILDING

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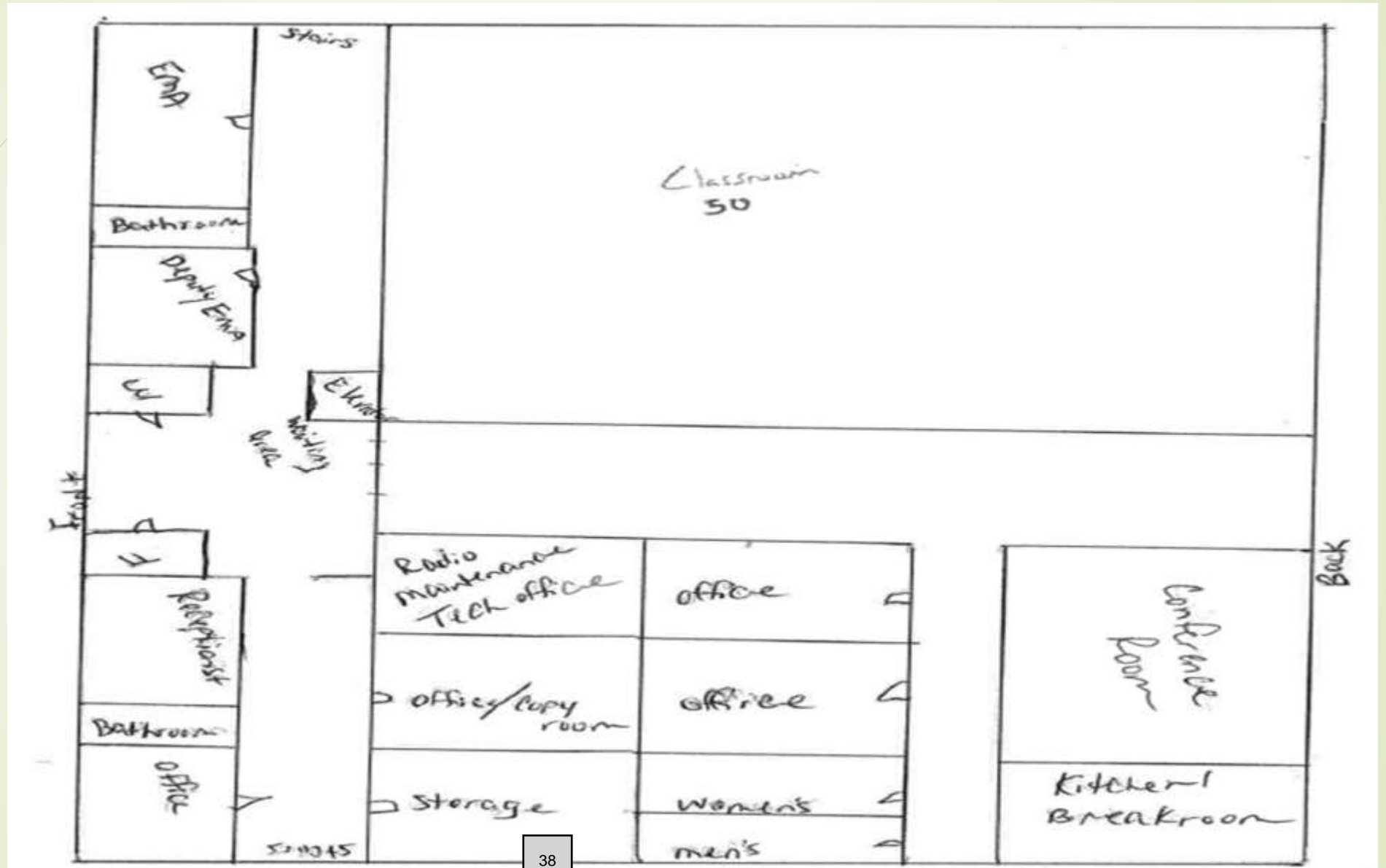
Background

- ❖ The citizens of Dawson County voted to pass SPLOST VII on March 16, 2021.
- ❖ This SPLOST holds a Level 2- Countywide project which is the new Emergency Operations Center/E911 building and radio system upgrade, with a combined \$8,500,000.00 budget.
- ❖ The portions of the SPLOST VII designated towards the center is \$5,500,000.00, which have been collected.
- ❖ The Board of Commissioners approved the contract with Jericho Design Group for A & E services on December 15, 2022, with a 3-phase design process and construction administration.

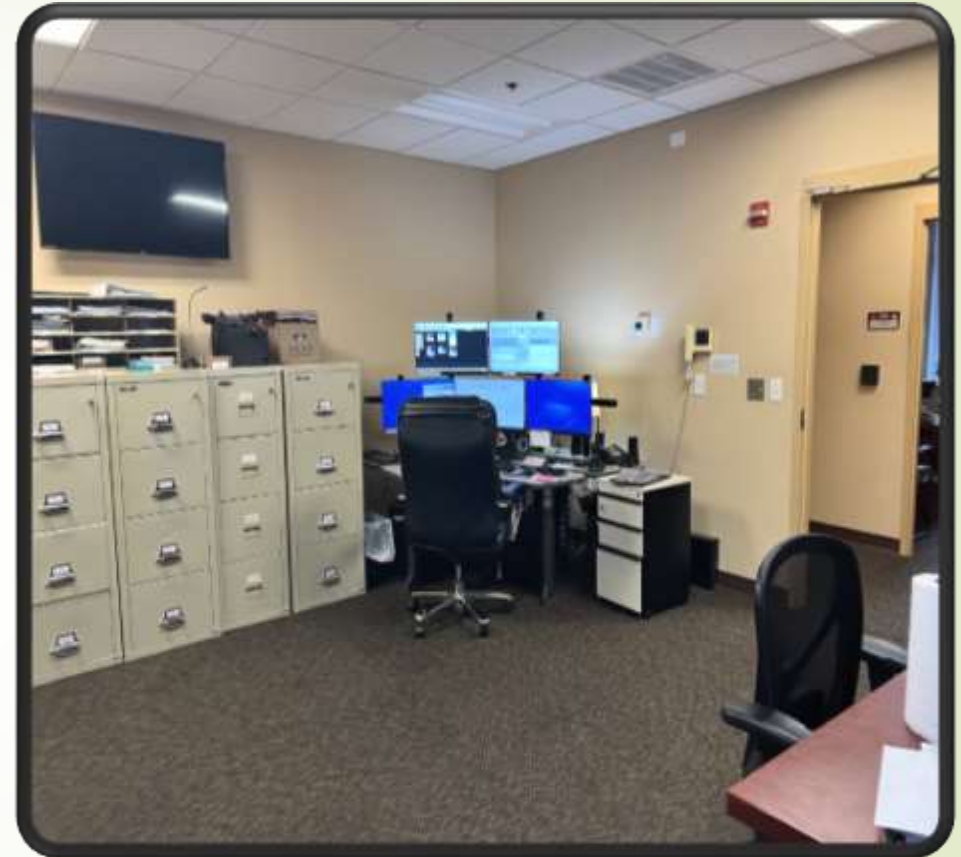
Current Emergency Operations Center



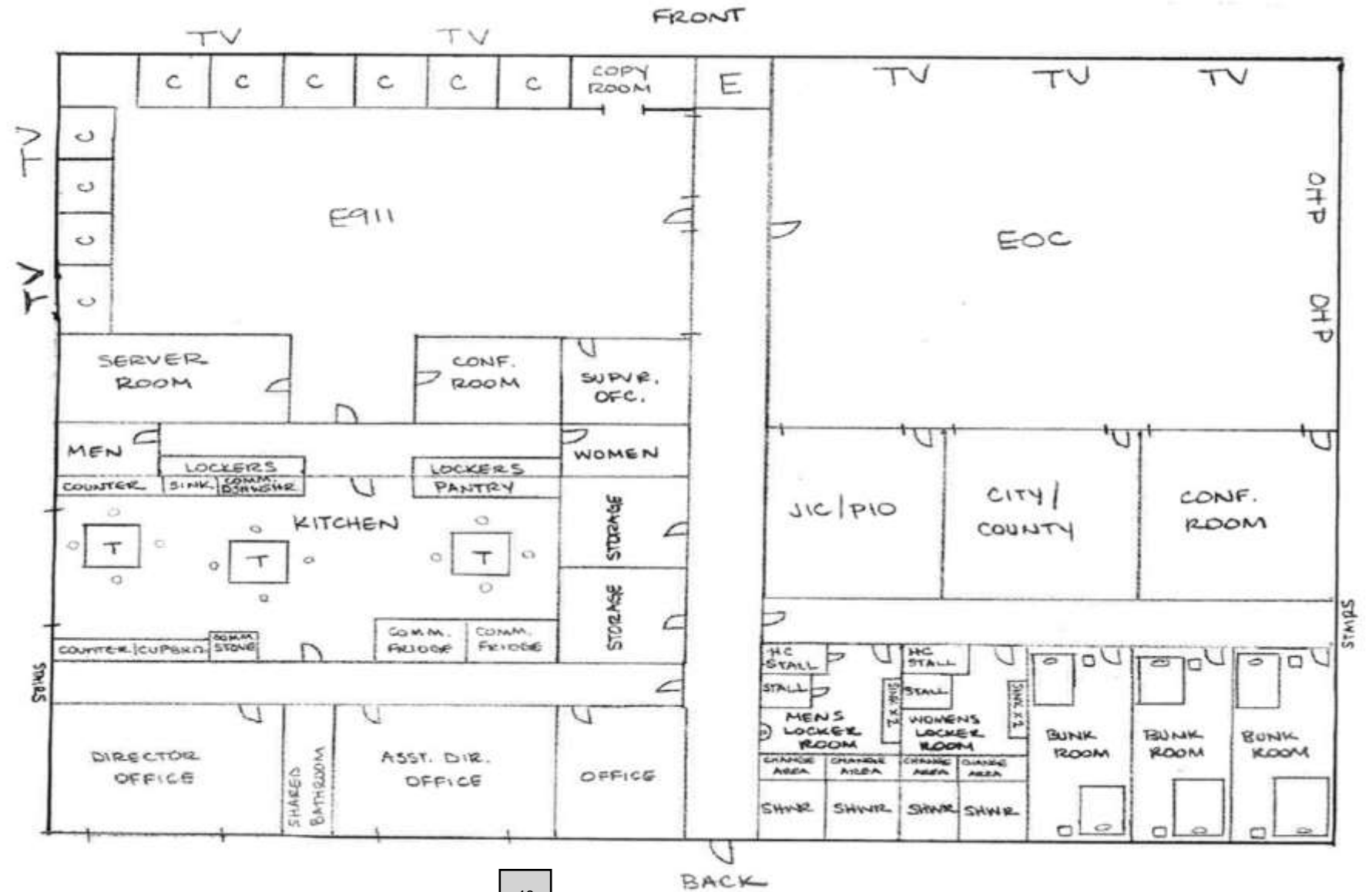
EOC Conceptual Drawing for 6,000 sf



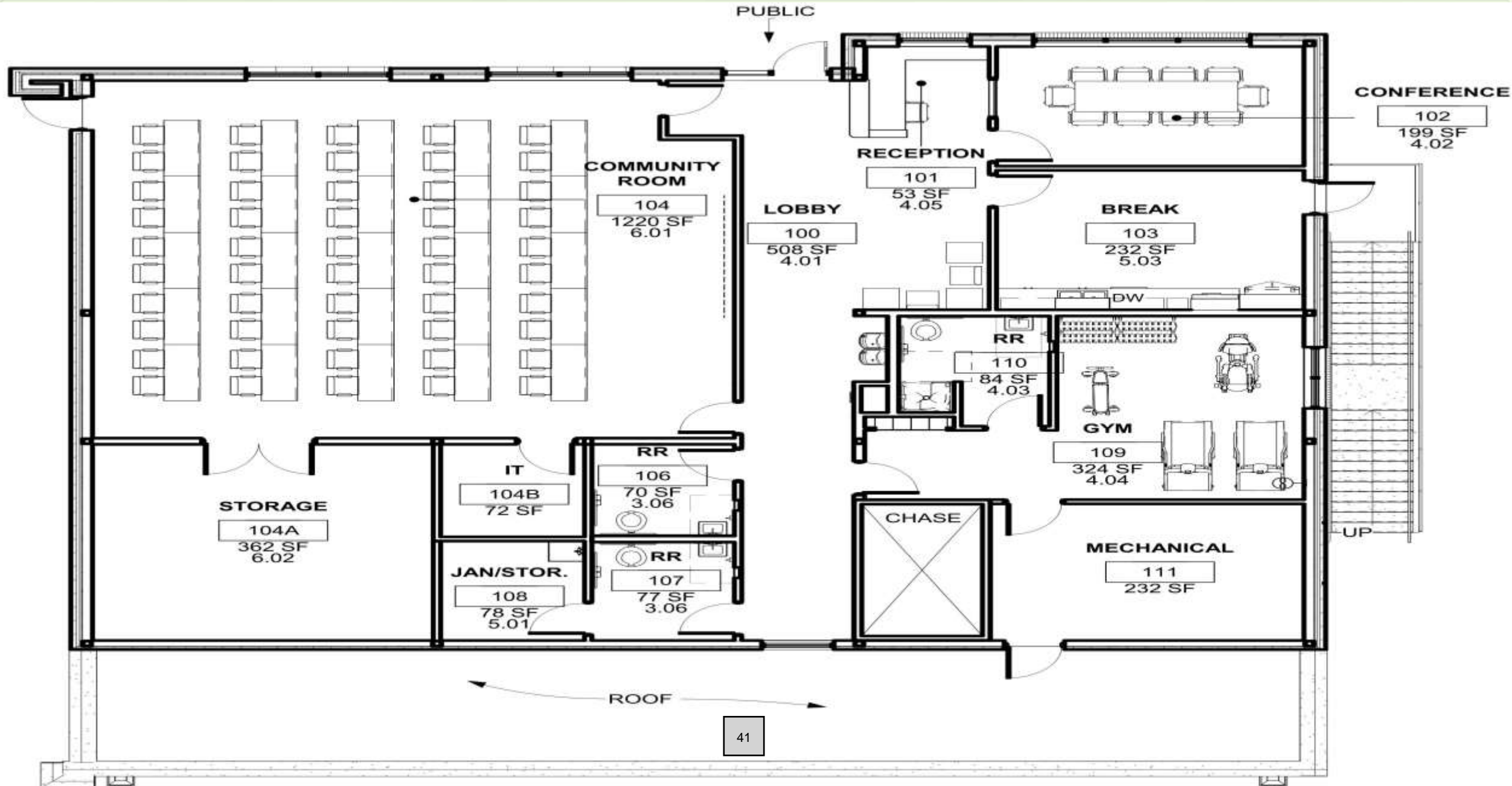
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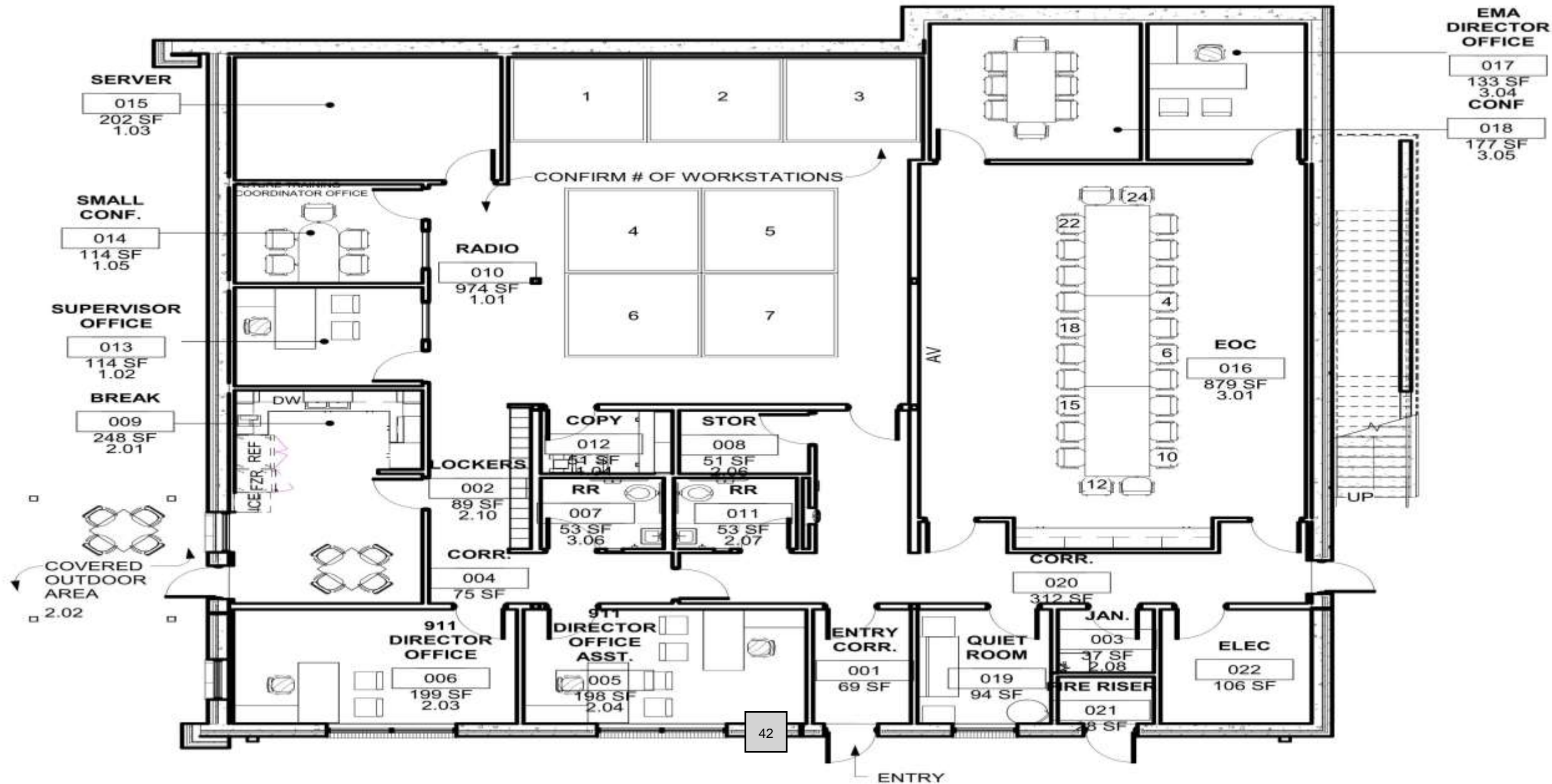
E911 Conceptual Drawing for 6,000 sf



EOC Schematic Drawing at 4,020 sf



E911 Schematic Drawing at 4,780 sf



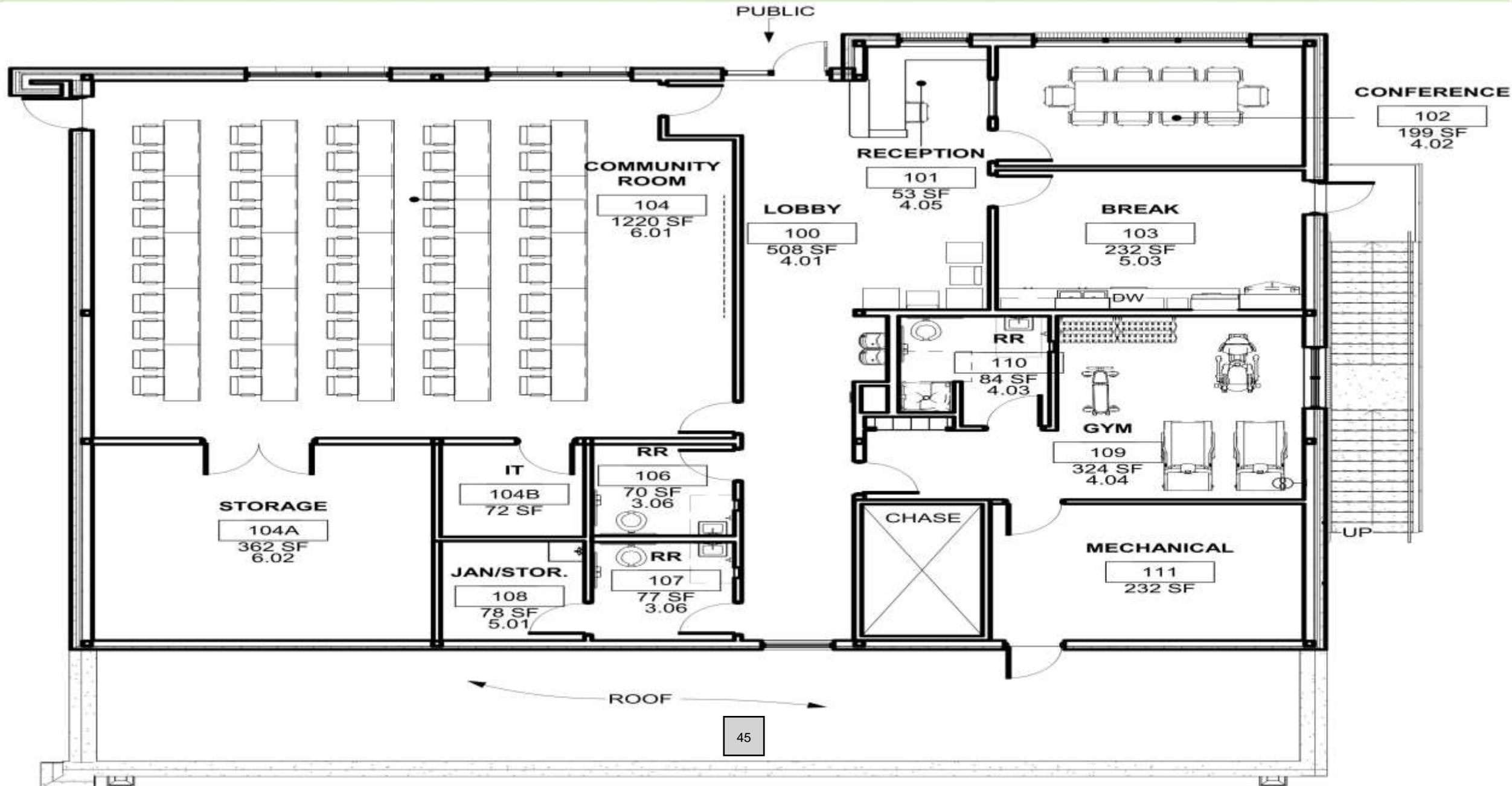
Parking/Building Schematic Drawing



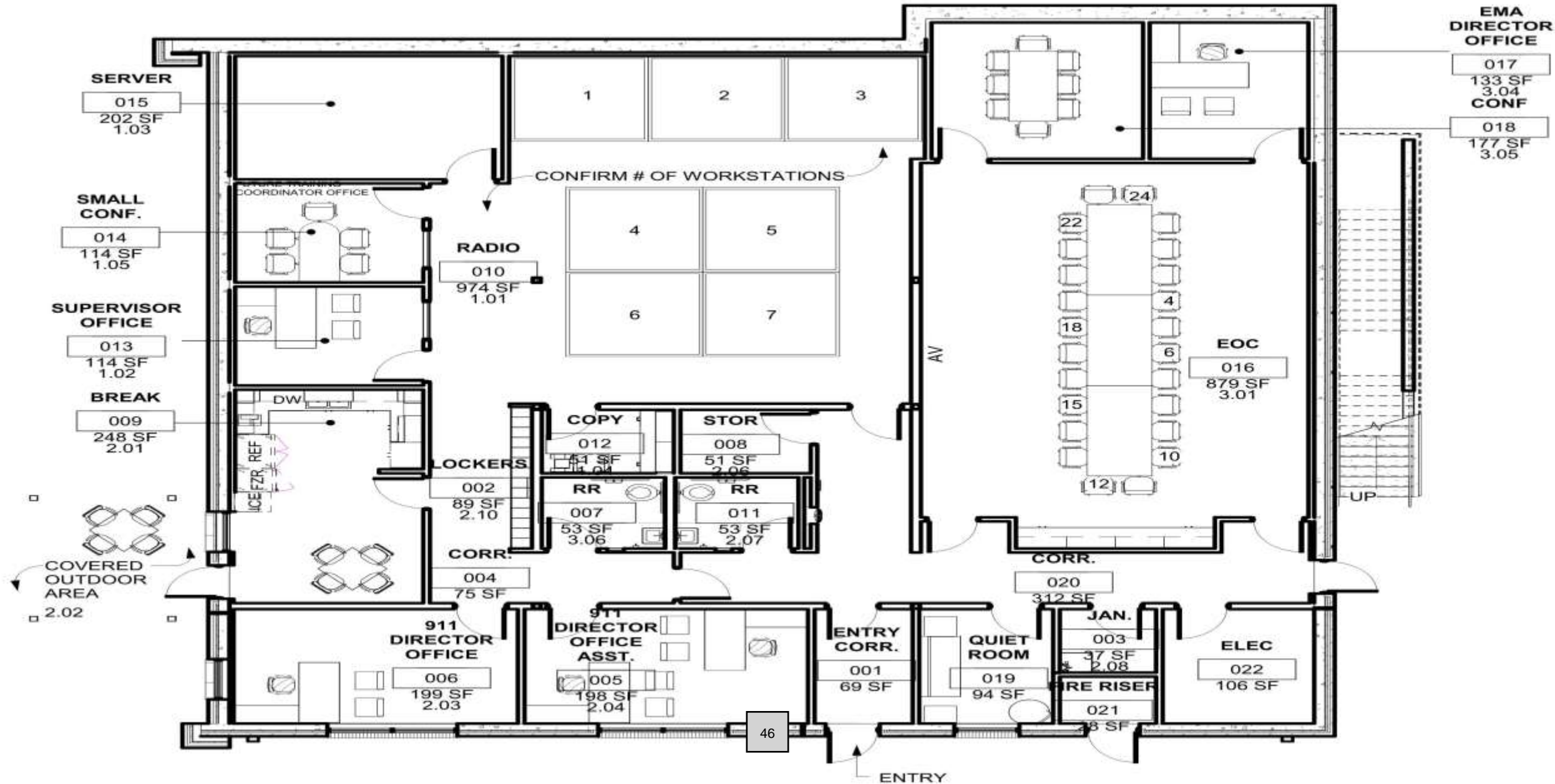
EOC Schematic Front Elevation



EOC Schematic Drawing at 4,020 sf



E911 Schematic Drawing at 4,780 sf



Parking/Building Schematic Drawing



Cost Considerations

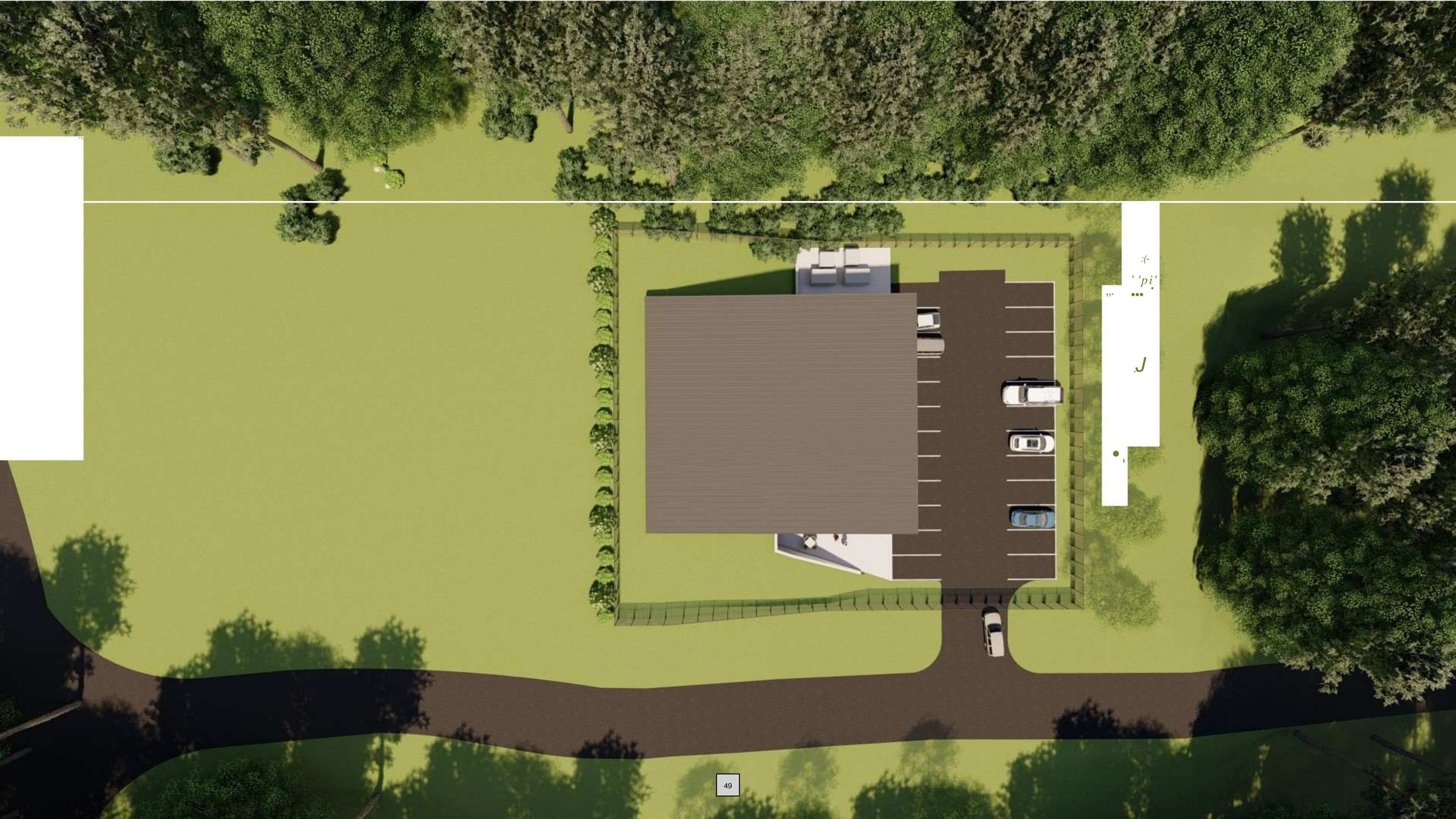
Cost for new EOC/Community building estimated at \$7,838,171 (includes escalation)

Essential facilities require a hardening of the structure – features include:

- Blast resistant, concrete perimeter walls at Terrace floor
- Blast resistant glazing, window framing & doors at Terrace floor
- 2 hour fire rated construction separation of 911 operations area from remainder of facility per 2019 NFPA 1221 & IBC 2018
- Enhanced security system, generators, lightning protection, specialized fire protection system (FM-200)
- Security fencing
- Protected mechanical units
- Proposed site work accounts for “future development” (West side at Rte. 53)

Building design & site cost savings include:

- Over 3,000 SF building size reduction
- Availability of onsite water detention, onsite water & fiber service, sewer availability located adjacent to the site



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DAWSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AGENDA FORM

Department: Dawson County Sheriff's Office

Work Session: 11-02-23

Prepared By: Laurie Whalen

Voting Session: 11-16-23

Presenter: Sheriff Jeff Johnson

Public Hearing: Yes No ☒ X

Agenda Item Title: HEAT Grant Fiscal Year 2024

Background Information:

In October 2020, the Sheriff's Office was awarded the HEAT grant from the Governor's Office of Highway Safety. It has been received every year since then.

It will continue to be used toward the salaries and other expenses for 2 patrol officers.

Current Information:

This year's award is: \$126,464.08. State portion: \$75,878.45. Local portion: \$50,585.63. (60% / 40% split)

The Sheriff's Office requests the BOC accept this award for the 2024 fiscal year.

Budget Information: Applicable: ☒ X Not Applicable: ☐ Budgeted: Yes ☒ X No ☐

Fund	Dept.	Acct No.	Budget	Balance	Requested	Remaining
250	3335					

Recommendation/Motion: _____

Department Head Authorization: _____

Date: _____

Finance Dept. Authorization: Vickie Neikirk

Date: 10/24/23

County Manager Authorization: Joey Leverette

Date: 10/27/23

County Attorney Authorization: _____

Date: _____

Comments/Attachments:



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Department: Dawson County Sheriff's Office

Work Session: 11-02-23

Prepared By: Laurie Whalen

Voting Session: 11-02-23

Presenter: Sheriff Jeff Johnson

Public Hearing: Yes No ☒ X

Agenda Item Title: Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Grant Fiscal Year 2024

Background Information:

The Dawson County Sheriff's Office is applying for the FY 2024 VAWA grant. It is for personnel expense related to the VAWA program in the Sheriff's Office. The Sheriff's Office has received this grant in the past and used it to offset the VAWA officer salary. This is not a new position.

Current Information:

This year's award amount is not known but it will be a 75% federal award and 25% local match split. In 2020, it was a \$52,000 award.

Due to application deadlines, the Sheriff's Office requests the BOC vote on this application request tonight.

Budget Information: Applicable: ☒ X Not Applicable: ☐ Budgeted: Yes ☒ X No ☐

Fund	Dept.	Acct No.	Budget	Balance	Requested	Remaining
250	3391					

Recommendation/Motion: _____

Department Head Authorization: _____

Date: _____

Finance Dept. Authorization: Vickie Neikirk

Date: 10/24/23

County Manager Authorization: Joey Leverette

Date: 10/25/23

County Attorney Authorization: _____

Date: _____

Comments/Attachments:



DAWSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AGENDA FORM

Emergency Services

Department: _____

Work Session: November 02, 2023

Prepared By: Troy Leist

Voting Session: November 16, 2023

Presenter: Troy Leist

Public Hearing: Yes _____ No X

Agenda Item Title: Georgia Forestry Grant

Background Information:

The Georgia Forestry Commission offers a yearly grant to purchase wildland firefighting equipment. This grant is a 50/50 match of \$5,000/\$5,000

Current Information:

Emergency Services would like to apply for this year's Georgia Forestry grant. If awarded, we would like to purchase a foam system, wildland fire hose, hard suction hose, and associated appliances.

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

Fund	Dept.	Acct No.	Budget	Balance	Requested	Remaining

Recommendation/Motion: _____

Department Head Authorization: _____

Date: _____

Finance Dept. Authorization: Vickie Neikirk

Date: 10/25/23

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Date: 10/27/23

County Attorney Authorization: _____

Date: _____

Comments/Attachments:



**GEORGIA FORESTRY COMMISSION VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSISTANCE
GRANT APPLICATION**

Name of Community Organization: Dawson County Emergency Services

*Federal ID Number: 58-6011882

COMMUNITY CONTACT INFORMATION

Contact Name: Troy Leist

Address: 393 Memory Lane

City: Dawsonville Zip Code: 30534 County: Dawson

Phone (primary): 706-344-3666 Phone (other): 831-998-0360

Email: tleist@dawsoncountyga.gov Fax: 706-344-3669

Fire Department: Dawson County

Fire Chief: Troy Leist Phone: 706-344-3500 x44504

Is the community in question bordered by any federally controlled land, such as a national park or forest? YES If not, how close is the nearest one? _____ miles

Other Community Contacts:

Name	Title	Phone
Billy Thurmond	Chairman of BOC	706-344-3500
Vickie Neikirk	CFO	706-344-3500

*If the community applying for grant money does not have a Federal ID number, the community will need to apply for one by going to <http://www.irs.gov/index.html>

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

We are applying for a Georgia Forestry Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant to:

We would like to purchase a foam system, wildland hose, hard suction, and hose appliances.

Please attach a short narrative on the situation(s) you want to mitigate and your expected results from completing this project. Include a timeline for completion, who is responsible, amount being requested, and measures of project accomplishments.

Estimated time it will take to complete this project: **Six Month(s)**

Anticipated date to start this project: **Immediately following the award of the grant**

Anticipated date the project will be finished: **June 2024**

Please attach a proposed timeline with milestones that need to be reached. All local governing bodies and authorities, if applicable, must approve all projects. Attach letters of approval as needed.

Authorized signature: _____ Date: _____

Position: **Chairman of BOC** _____

Other signatures, as required by the community:

Authorized signature:  Date: 10/24/23

Position: **Emergency Services Director** _____

Authorized signature: _____ Date: _____

Position: _____

Authorized signature: _____ Date: _____

Position: _____

Return completed application to:

Emily Hamilton
GA Forestry Commission RFD
5645 Riggins Mill Rd
Dry Branch, GA 31020
Or ehamilton@gfc.state.ga.us

Phone: 478-751-3504

No later than November 30th, 2023



Dawson County Emergency Services

Troy Leist, Emergency Services Director/EMA Director
Johnny Irvin, Division Chief Operations/Training
Justin Mitchell, Division Chief EMS/Administration
Jeff Bailey, Division Chief Fire Marshal

393 Memory Lane
Dawsonville, Georgia 30534
(706) 344-3666 Office
(706) 344-3669 Fax

GA Forestry Commission RFD
5645 Riggins Mill Rd
Dry Branch, GA 31020

October 1, 2023

Grant Administrator,

Once again, Dawson County Emergency Services would like to thank the Georgia Forestry Commission for the opportunity to apply for the Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant. According to our latest Hazard Mitigation Plan, wildfires have been identified as a high hazard for our county. With this year's grant, we would like to purchase a foam system for our new type 6 engine (Brush 1) that we just put into service. Additionally, we would like to purchase some forestry hose and appliances, as well as a few sections of hard suction to be placed on the Type 6.

I believe that the addition of our new Type 6 engine, outfitted with the appropriate equipment will greatly enhance our capability in providing quick, effective wildland fire suppression. Through training and education, our goal is to have crews trained and equipped to be deployable for mutual aid when needed.



Troy D. Leist
Emergency Services Director

Mission Statement

Dawson County Emergency Services is committed to the preservation of life and protection of property of the citizens of Dawson County.