



Development Authority of Dawson County
Regular Meeting
8:00 AM | August 24, 2021
Dawson County Chamber of Commerce
44 Commerce Dr
Dawsonville, GA 30534

Call to Order	Tony Passarello
Announcements	Tony Passarello
Approval of the Quorum & Attendance	Tony Passarello
Approval of the Agenda	Tony Passarello
Economic Development Report	Betsy McGriff
Approval of the Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none">• June Regular Meeting Minutes	Tara Hardwick
Financial Report Annual Audit Review	Jere Allen
Ex-Officio Reports	
Old Business <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Business & Industry Park Site Development• Chamber Service Agreement Roadmap	Tony Passarello
New Business <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Approve Incubator Study Consultant Selection• Water Line Easement for neighboring development• SPLOST Disbursement Strategy & MOU• American Rescue Plan Funding Strategies & Support<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ ETC○ EWSA – Sewer Expansion○ EWSA – Water Expansion• Economic Development Director Search Process	Tony Passarello
Executive Session	
Adjourn	Tony Passarello

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARIES

Topic: Fiscal & Economic Impact Analysis of Etowah Bluffs Development

Summary: The fiscal impact analysis will show the balance of commercial/industrial development with residential from the standpoint of impact on county services. The economic impact analysis will show the impact on the local economy in terms of wages and spending projected to be generated by the development.

Recommendation: *Accept proposal from Georgia Tech’s Center for Economic Development Research in the amount of \$8,300 to be completed 4th Quarter 2021.*

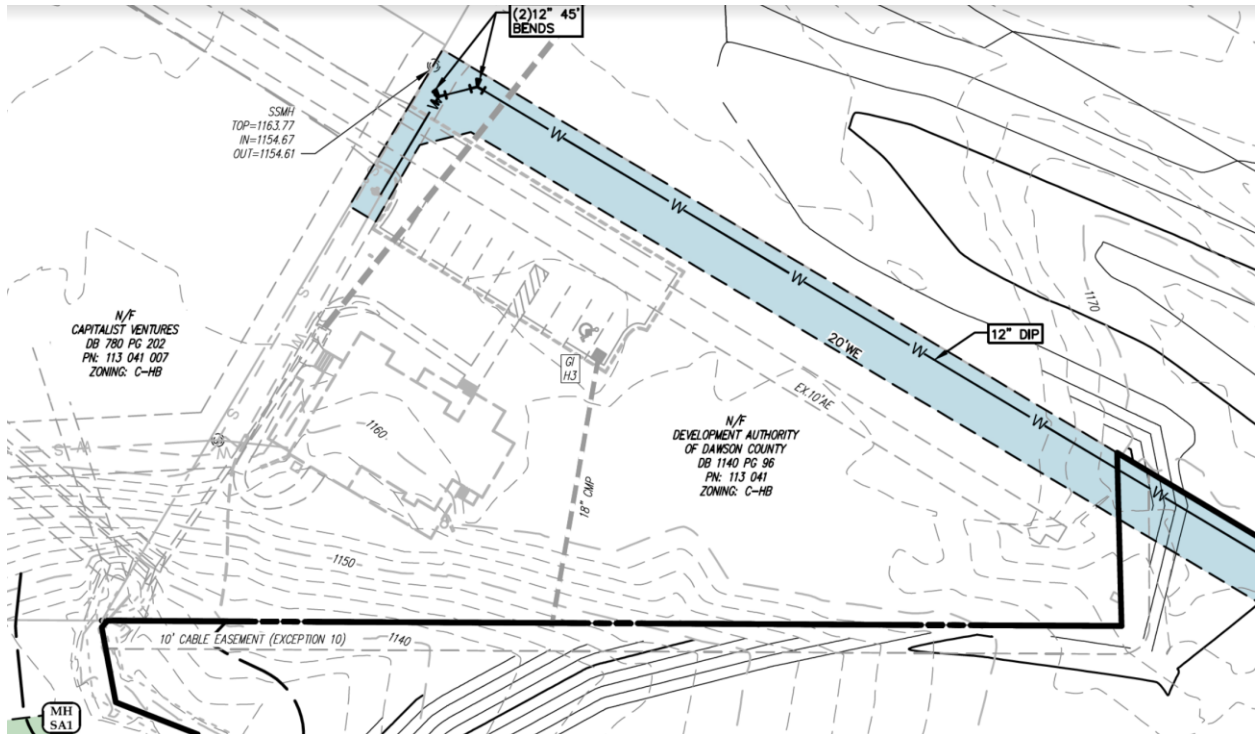
Topic: Incubator Study Consultant (USDA Grant)

Summary: Staff has reviewed responses to RFP with input from Georgia Mountains Regional Commission.

Recommendation: *Approve the contract with to perform the feasibility analysis of the establishment of a business and innovation hub in Dawson County.*

Topic: Water Line Easement on Chamber Property

Summary: Due to the development of the “Kilough Tract” adjacent to the Chamber of Commerce property, Kilough Ventures, LLC (developers) request an easement to relocate & extend an existing water line. The Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce have already approved the easement.



Recommendation: Grant the easement requested by Kilough Ventures, LLC.

Topic: Broadband ARP Funding

Summary: ETC proposes to extend last mile fiber service in un/underserved areas of North Dawson County roughly aligned with Amicalola EMC's service delivery territory. Funding must be applied for by either a local government or a qualified authority. ETC proposes to partner with DADC to apply for the funding.

Recommendation: *Approve the application for American Rescue Plan Broadband Funding in partnership with ETC.*

Topic: Etowah River Sewer Extension ARP Funding

Summary: Etowah Water & Sewer Authority proposes to construct 4 miles of 24" gravity sewer to extend service north along GA-400 to tie into existing lines on GA-53. This will expand commercial & industrial growth and job creation opportunities further north along GA 400. As a state-chartered authority, EWSA can apply for funding directly, but request a letter of support for the application.

Recommendation: *Approve the issuance of a letter of support from the DADC for the Etowah River Sewer Extension Project.*

Topic: North Dawson Water Main Extension ARP Funding

Summary: Etowah Water & Sewer Authority propose to extend a 12" water main to serve the new fire station and the Duck Thurmond Road area (AMP). This project will improve fire protection & promote job creation in the area.

Recommendation: *Approve the issuance of a letter of support from the DADC for the North Dawson Water Main Extension Project.*