

DAWSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
VOTING SESSION MINUTES – AUGUST 20, 2015
DAWSON COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER ASSEMBLY ROOM
25 JUSTICE WAY, DAWSONVILLE
6:00PM

ROLL CALL: Those present were Chairman Berg; Commissioner Fausett, District 1; Commissioner Swafford, District 2; Commissioner Hamby, District 3; Commissioner Nix, District 4; County Manager Campbell; County Attorney Homans; County Clerk Yarbrough and interested citizens of Dawson County.

OPENING PRESENTATION: Muscular Dystrophy Association Proclamation – Abby Ruffner

Motion passed unanimously to approve the Muscular Dystrophy Association Proclamation as written. Hamby/Nix

INVOCATION: Chairman Berg

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Chairman Berg

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Chairman Berg announced that Commissioner Nix would be celebrating a birthday next week.
- Chairman Berg also announced that the next two Board of Commissioners meetings had been cancelled due to lack of business. The next meeting would be the regularly scheduled Work Session on September 10, 2015.
- Commissioner Swafford announced that this Saturday at 6:00 p.m., the Dawson County Fire Department would be graduating a volunteer class at Riverview Middle School.
- Chairman Berg announced that the county had received two reimbursement checks from the Georgia Emergency Management Agency for assistance with storm debris clean-up. One check was for \$223,732.22 and the other for \$119,384.76.
- Chairman Berg asked Executive Assistant Ginny Tarver to give an update on the Citizens' Government Academy. She reported that there were 18 participants registered so far and the first night of class would be September 8th.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion passed unanimously to approve the minutes from the Voting Session held on August 6, 2015 as written. Nix/Hamby

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Motion passed unanimously to approve the agenda as written with the following change:

- Move the Executive Session originally scheduled after Roll Call to the end of the meeting.

Fausett/Swafford

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARING:

None

ZONING:

ZA 15-03 – Delinda Umberger on behalf of Aqua Design Pool and Spas has made a request to rezone 1.998 acres from R-A (Residential Agricultural) to C-HB (Commercial Highway Business). The property is located at TMP 098-009.

Chairman Berg announced that if anyone had contributed more than \$250 to the campaign for public office and wished to speak they will have to fill out a form which will be made available to them. Under normal program, ten minutes will be given to those who wish to speak in favor of or opposition to with some redirect, time permitting.

Planning and Development Director Rachel Burton explained that there was no additional information to report regarding this application.

Applicant Delinda Umberger stated that her intent in rezoning the property was to establish a custom pool business called Aqua Pool and Spas. Her future plans were to tear down the barn currently on the property and erect a metal building 40' x 80' and 15-20' feet high.

Chairman Berg asked if anyone wished to speak in favor of the application. The following spoke:

- Chris Sharp- *6903 Alan Thomas Road, Cumming, Georgia*

Chairman Berg asked if anyone wished to speak in opposition of the application. The following spoke:

- Attorney Christopher Light- *112 N. Main Street, Cumming, Georgia*- Representing Bryan Martin
- Debbie Kelly- *7090 Alan Thomas Road, Cumming, Georgia*
- Bryan Martin- *6965 Alan Thomas Road, Cumming, Georgia*

Motion tied 2-2 to deny ZA 15-03. Nix/Fausett. Commissioners Hamby and Swafford voted against the motion.

Motion passed 3-1 to approve ZA 15-03 with the following stipulations:

- An additional 10 foot wide vegetative buffer a minimum of 8' in height to the required 25 foot side and rear building setbacks adjacent to residential district.
- The rezoning is only approved for this specific business and owner.

Swafford/Hamby- Commissioner Nix voted against the motion.

PUBLIC HEARING:

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Approval of the 2015 Employee Compensation Proposal – Postponed from the August 6, 2015 Voting Session

Motion passed unanimously to approve the 2015 Employee Compensation Proposal of a 4.38% increase, for a total of \$333,784.00 to be allocated to elected officials and department heads, excluding the sheriff’s office, to be distributed at their discretion with the stipulation that any employee receiving an increase must have been employed with the county at least six months. Swafford/Hamby

NEW BUSINESS:

Approval to of the request to unfreeze a salaried District Attorney’s Office position

Motion passed 3-1 to approve the request to unfreeze a salaried District Attorney’s Office position. Nix/Hamby- Commissioner Swafford voted against the motion.

Approval of the request to install an ATM in the Government Center 1st Floor Public Area

Motion passed unanimously to approve the request to install an ATM in the Government Center 1st Floor Public Area. Nix/Hamby

Approval of the request for approval of budget increase for Tax Assessor’s Attorney Fees

Motion passed unanimously to approve the request for approval of budget increase for Tax Assessor’s Attorney Fees. Swafford/Fausett

Approval of the 2015 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG)

Motion passed unanimously to approve the 2015 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG). Swafford/Hamby

Approval of Special Event Business License – MarineMax Boat Show

Motion passed unanimously to approve Special Event Business License – MarineMax Boat Show. Hamby/Fausett

ADJOURNMENT:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion passed unanimously to go into Executive Session. Hamby/Swafford

APPROVE:

ATTEST:

Mike Berg, Chairman

Danielle Yarbrough, County Clerk