

**DAWSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORK SESSION MINUTES - JANUARY 10, 2019
DAWSON COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER ASSEMBLY ROOM
25 JUSTICE WAY, DAWSONVILLE, GEORGIA 30534
4:00 PM**

Those present were Chairman Thurmond; Commissioner Fausett, District 1; Commissioner Gaines, District 2; Commissioner Satterfield, District 3; Commissioner Nix, District 4; County Manager Headley; Interim County Attorney Jarrard; County Clerk Cloud; and interested citizens of Dawson County.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Presentation of Georgia Trauma Commission Grant Application Request- Emergency Services Director Danny Thompson
This item will be placed on the January 17, 2019, Voting Session Agenda.
2. Presentation of IFB #330-18 - 15-Foot Rock Gravel Spreader Award Request- Public Works Director David McKee / Purchasing Manager Melissa Hawk
This item, presented by Public Works Director David McKee, will be placed on the January 17, 2019, Voting Session Agenda.
3. Presentation of Professional Exemption for Medical Director Services for the Dawson County Detention Center- Purchasing Manager Melissa Hawk
This item will be placed on the January 17, 2019, Voting Session Agenda.
4. Presentation of Sole Source Purchase Request for Computer Aided Dispatch System Upgrade- Purchasing Manager Melissa Hawk
This item will be placed on the January 17, 2019, Voting Session Agenda.
5. Presentation of Purchasing Policy Ordinance and Purchasing Card Program Policies and Procedures Update Recommendation- Purchasing Manager Melissa Hawk
This item will be placed on the January 17, 2019, Voting Session Agenda.
6. Presentation of Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Dawsonville for Municipal Elections- Interim County Attorney
This item will be placed on the January 17, 2019, Voting Session Agenda.
7. Presentation of Revised Intergovernmental Agreement with Pickens County Regarding Fire Protection for the Wildcat Community- Chairman Thurmond
This item will be placed on the January 17, 2019, Voting Session Agenda.
8. Presentation of Board Appointments:
 - a. **Chestatee-Chattahoochee Resource Conservation & Development Council**
 - i. Sharon Fausett- *reappointment* (Term: January 2019 through December 2022)
 - ii. George Lyons- *reappointment* (Term: January 2019 through December 2022)*This item will be placed on the January 17, 2019, Voting Session Agenda.*

9. County Manager Report
This item was for information only.
10. County Attorney Report
This item was for information only.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Comprehensive Plan (1st of 1 hearing)

Georgia Mountains Regional Commission (GMRC) Planning Director Adam Hazell said the last time he was before the Board of Commissioners that there was some discussion about the approach of using character areas on behalf of the future development strategy for the Comprehensive Plan. “The charge was to go back and look at that using more of the conventional future land use type that would change the categories and change some of the map.” Hazell said that either the character area approach or land use approach could work. He said the county previously has used the future land use approach. Hazell, who said he met with the county’s Long Range Planning Committee (LRPC) on January 4, 2019, noted that the committee requested to revisit and review the Comprehensive Plan over the next year regardless of which version the Board of Commissioners approved.

Chairman Thurmond opened the hearing by asking if there was anyone present who wished to be heard on the Comprehensive Plan.

The following spoke on the Comprehensive Plan:

- Christie Haynes Moore, Dawsonville, Georgia, spoke on behalf of the Dawson County Chamber of Commerce. Moore said the Comprehensive Plan is a document that some people “live and breathe every single day” and that it plays an important role in setting expectations for the future. She said the Chamber would argue that the character area map “makes absolutely the most sense.” Moore said the character area map “allows for us to accommodate and be flexible to those things that we really just can’t foresee right now.” Moore encouraged the Board of Commissioners to “pick one [version] or the other but, whichever one we do, I hope we can invest a little more time in making sure it’s really correct and a guiding document that we don’t have to come back and change over and over again...”
- Hugh Stowers Jr., Dawsonville, Georgia, commended Hazell’s work on the Comprehensive Plan.
- Tony Passarello, Dawsonville, Georgia, said the Comprehensive Plan essentially could be described in three parts: a section that carries over what has been done previously; a section that reflects the current environment; and a section that “paints a picture of where we want to be” - the latter of which needs to be examined further, according Passarello. He said a “comprehensive look” needs to be taken at State Route 53 from the Forsyth County line to Dawsonville since “that stretch of road will probably be expanded” in the future. He said, while potential for the Comprehensive Plan is there, he asked for the

Board of Commissioners’ “continued support to handle [any] contingencies as they come up.”

- Terri Tragesser, Dawsonville, Georgia, spoke on behalf of the LRPC. Tragesser thanked the county’s Planning & Development department and Hazell for their work on the Comprehensive Plan project. Tragesser said the LRPC was “late to the party” and began the official review process “later rather than earlier.” She said the LRPC has questions regarding the character area map versus the future land use map, noting that the group currently is more comfortable with the future land use map until it can understand more about the character area version. She said the LRPC views the Comprehensive Plan process “not as a sprint but as a marathon” and that the group is “here to do the work.”

Chairman Thurmond asked if there was anyone else present who wished to speak on the Comprehensive Plan and, hearing none, closed the hearing.

Motion passed unanimously to table the Comprehensive Plan until the January 17, 2019, Voting Session. Gaines/Satterfield

APPROVE:

ATTEST:

Billy Thurmond, Chairman

Kristen Cloud, County Clerk