

**DAWSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
VOTING SESSION MINUTES – AUGUST 15, 2019  
DAWSON COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER ASSEMBLY ROOM  
25 JUSTICE WAY, DAWSONVILLE, GEORGIA 30534  
6:00 PM**

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**ROLL CALL:** 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 Davis; County Clerk Cloud; and interested citizens of Dawson County.

**OPENING PRESENTATION:**

Tree City USA Recognition and Extension Office Update- Extension Coordinator Clark MacAllister

**INVOCATION:** Chairman Thurmond

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Chairman Thurmond

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion passed 4-0 to approve the Minutes of the Work Session held on August 1, 2019. Fausett/Gaines

Motion passed 4-0 to approve the Minutes of the Voting Session held on August 1, 2019. Satterfield/Nix

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Motion passed 4-0 to approve the agenda as presented. Nix/Fausett

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

**ZONINGS:**

Chairman Thurmond announced that if anyone had contributed more than \$250 to the commissioners or chairman in the past two years and wished to speak they would have to fill out a disclosure form, which would be made available to them. Under normal program, 10 minutes will be given to those who wish to speak in favor of or opposition to with some redirect, time permitting.

*ZA 19-08 – Michael Reuter requests the rezoning of TMP 095-047 from RA (Residential Agriculture) to RSR (Residential Sub-Rural).*

Planning & Development Director Jameson Kinley said the subject property includes approximately 11 acres on Norma Road. He said the applicant is estate planning and wishes to subdivide the property. Kinley said all surrounding parcels are zoned Residential Sub-Rural (RSR) or RSR Manufactured Moved and that the rezoning request adheres to the county's Land Use Resolution. He said the Planning Commission recommends approval of the application.

Applicant Michael Reuter said he has lived on the property for 20 years and that he does not intend to move. He said he is attempting to consolidate some assets and eliminate or reduce some financial obligations. Reuter said he plans to eventually sell several lots but intends to keep six-plus acres.

Chairman Thurmond opened the hearing by asking if there was anyone present who wished to speak either for or against the application and, hearing none, closed the hearing.

Motion passed 4-0 to approve ZA 19-08. Nix/Gaines

ZA 19-09 – Dan Mueller on behalf of BTM requests the rezoning of TMP 106-336-001 from RA (Residential Agriculture) to CIR (Commercial Industrial Restricted).

Planning & Development Director Jameson Kinley said the subject property's neighboring property is owned by BTM Manufacturing. He said BTM is one of the larger industrial businesses in the county, and there was strong support for BTM's expansion during the Planning Commission's July 2019 meeting. Kinley said the county's Future Land Use Map calls for the subject property to be an area for "commercial industrial" and that the property falls within the Highway 400 Corridor design guidelines. Kinley added that the property, which is 33-plus acres, is "appropriate for a development of this type." Kinley said the subject property is equipped for water and sewer and that the applicant conducted a traffic study. Kinley said the county's Public Works department has requested 10 feet of additional right of way on Lumpkin Campground Road to accommodate future growth. He said the Planning Commission recommends approval of the application.

Brian West of Kimley-Horn and Associates, civil engineer for the project, representing the applicant, said the project is a "code-compliant rezone" that adheres to the county's adopted Future Land Use Map and Comprehensive Plan. He said this is a "big investment" for BTM and that the company would use this facility to consolidate operations from around the county and surrounding counties. West said the project would provide quality jobs for people who live in the county. West mentioned the traffic study showed right-turn lanes into the development would be necessary; he said the lanes would be part of the construction documents.

Chairman Thurmond opened the hearing by asking if there was anyone present who wished to speak either for or against the application.

The following spoke in favor of the application:

- Bill Winner, Dawsonville
- Christie Moore, Dawsonville

None spoke against the application.

Chairman Thurmond asked if there was anyone else present who wished to speak either for or against the application and, hearing none, closed the hearing.

Motion passed 4-0 to approve ZA 19-09 with the following stipulation:

- The applicant shall allow the county the requested 10 feet of additional right of way on Lumpkin Campground Road.

Gaines/Fausett

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Consideration to Move Forward with a Public Hearing for Proposed Fire Prevention / Protection Ordinance

Motion passed 4-0 to approve to Move Forward with a Public Hearing for the Proposed Fire Prevention / Protection Ordinance. Satterfield/Fausett

Consideration of State Route 136 at Toto Creek Bridge Replacement Detour Request

Motion passed 4-0 to approve the State Route 136 at Toto Creek Bridge Replacement Detour Request. Nix/Gaines

Consideration of Updated Transit Drug and Alcohol Testing Policy

Motion passed 4-0 to approve the Updated Transit Drug and Alcohol Testing Policy. Fausett/Satterfield

Consideration of Title VI Plan for Transit

Motion passed 4-0 to approve the Title VI Plan for Transit. Gaines/Nix

Consideration of Board Appointments:

- **EMS Advisory Council**
  - Danny Thompson- replacing Lanier Swafford (Term: August 2019 through December 2020)
- **Georgia Mountains Regional Commission**
  - David Headley- reappointment or Betsy McGriff- appointment (Term: August 2019 through June 2020)

Motion passed 4-0 to approve the appointment of Danny Thompson to the EMS Advisory Council for a term of August 2019 through December 2020 and to send a letter of thanks to Lanier Swafford for his years of service on the EMS Advisory Council. Satterfield/Nix

Motion passed 4-0 to approve the appointment of Betsy McGriff to the Georgia Mountains Regional Commission Council for a term of August 2019 through June 2020. Gaines/Fausett

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

APPROVE:

ATTEST:

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Billy Thurmond, Chairman

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Kristen Cloud, County Clerk