

**DAWSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**VOTING SESSION MINUTES – JANUARY 18, 2018**  
**DAWSON COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER ASSEMBLY ROOM**  
**25 JUSTICE WAY, DAWSONVILLE**  
**6:00PM**

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**ROLL CALL:** Those present were Chairman Thurmond; Commissioner Fausett, District 1; Commissioner Gaines, District 2; Commissioner Hamby, District 3; Commissioner Nix, District 4; County Manager Headley; County Attorney Frey; County Clerk Yarbrough and interested citizens of Dawson County.

**INVOCATION:** Chairman Thurmond

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Chairman Thurmond

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Chairman Thurmond announced that the Board of Commissioners Work Session scheduled for Thursday, January 25, 2018 has been moved to Tuesday, January 23, 2018.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion passed unanimously to approve the minutes from the Voting Session held on December 21, 2017. Gaines/Hamby

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:**

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

- Addition of an Executive Session after the meeting

Nix/Hamby

**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, ten minutes will be given to those who wish to speak in favor of or opposition to with some redirect, time permitting.

ZA 17-07 – Miles Hansford & Tallant, LLC, has made a request to rezone 15.828 acres from RA (Residential Agriculture) to RMF (Residential Multi-Family) for a 95 unit townhome community. The property is located at TMP 114-019.

Planning and Development Director Jason Streetman stated that it was the applicant's intent to develop a residential neighborhood aimed at 55+ seniors.

Attorney Joshua Scoggins representing the applicant Dawson Forest Holdings, LLC asked that the Board of Commissioners postpone both ZA 17-07 and ZA 17-08 until his client could investigate other options for this development.

***\*Chairman Thurmond excused himself from the meeting due to a family emergency. Vice-Chair Nix took over in his absence.***

Motion passed unanimously to deny the applicant's request for a postponement on both ZA 17-07 and ZA 17-08. Hamby/Fausett

Vice-Chair Nix opened the hearing by asking if there was anyone present who wished to speak either for or against the application.

The following spoke against the application:

- Mike Miller- Dawsonville, GA
- Rhonda Goodwin, Dawsonville, GA
- Bettylou Pfister, Dawsonville, GA
- Tony Passarello- Dawsonville, GA
- Robert Tanner, Dawsonville, GA
- Harley Tanner, Dawsonville, GA
- Hugh Stowers Jr., Dawsonville, GA
- Michael Adamson, Dawsonville, GA

Vice-Chair Nix asked if there was anyone else wishing to speak either for or against the application, and hearing none, closed the hearing.

Motion passed unanimously to deny ZA 17-07. Hamby/Fausett

ZA 17-08 – Miles Hansford & Tallant, LLC, has made a request to rezone 59.497 acres from RA (Residential Agriculture) to RMF (Residential Multi-Family) for a 177 home neighborhood. The properties are located on TMP L13-081 and a portion of TMP 114-033.

Planning and Development Director Jason Streetman stated that it was the applicant's intent to develop a residential neighborhood aimed at 55+ seniors, equal to application ZA 17-07 that was just heard by the Board.

Attorney Joshua Scoggins representing the applicant Dawson Forest Holdings, LLC stated that it is his client's intent to develop a 55+ senior community on the property listed.

Vice-Chair Nix opened the hearing by asking if there was anyone present who wished to speak either for or against the application.

The following spoke against the application:

- Mike Miller- Dawsonville, GA
- Bill Adamson- Dawsonville, GA
- Greg Plank- Dawsonville, GA
- Mark Kunden- Dawsonville, GA

Vice-Chair Nix asked if there was anyone else wishing to speak either for or against the application, and hearing none, closed the hearing.

Motion passed unanimously to deny ZA 17-08. Hamby/Fausett

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

Request to abandon the portion of Powell Rd. between Amicalola Church Rd. and Colly Lane (2<sup>nd</sup> of 2 hearings. 1<sup>st</sup> hearing was held on December 21, 2017)

Vice-Chair Nix opened the hearing by asking if there was anyone present who wished to speak either for or against the partial abandonment of Powell Rd.

The following spoke in favor of the partial abandonment of Powell Rd.:

- Jeff Runner- Dawsonville, GA
- Chris Cowart- Dawsonville, GA
- Natalie Cowart- Dawsonville, GA
- Amy Browning- Dawsonville, GA

The following spoke against the partial abandonment of Powell Rd.

- Monica Powell- Dawsonville, GA
- Don Edwards- Dawsonville, GA
- Joe Edwards- Dawsonville, GA

Vice-Chair Nix asked if there was anyone else wishing to speak either for or against the partial abandonment of Powell Rd., and hearing none, closed the hearing.

Motion passed unanimously to deny the request to abandon the portion of Powell Rd. between Amicalola Church Rd. and Colly Lane. Hamby/Gaines

Revision of Animal Control Ordinance (1<sup>st</sup> of 1 hearing)

Vice-Chair Nix opened the hearing by asking if there was anyone present who wished to speak either for or against the Animal Control Ordinance Revision.

The following spoke in favor of the revision:

- Carolyn Bowen- Dawson County Humane Society

Vice-Chair Nix asked if there was anyone else wishing to speak either for or against the Animal Control Ordinance Revision., and hearing none, closed the hearing.

Motion passed unanimously to approve the Revision of the Animal Control Ordinance. Gaines/Hamby

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Consideration of Development Authority of Dawson County Budget Request

Motion passed unanimously to postpone consideration of the Development Authority of Dawson County Budget Request until the February 1, 2018 Voting Session. Gaines/Hamby

Consideration of Georgia Trauma Commission Non-Competitive EMS Equipment Grant Application

Motion passed unanimously to approve the Georgia Trauma Commission Non-Competitive EMS Grant Application. Fausett/Gaines

Consideration of IFB #304-17 Emergency Services Uniform Award Recommendation

Motion passed unanimously to award #304-17 IFB Emergency Management Services Uniforms to the most responsive, responsible bidder, NAFECO and approve the contract as submitted for one (1) year term with two (2) renewal options. Hamby/Gaines

Consideration of Proposed Text Amendments to Dawson County Animal Control Ordinance

Motion passed unanimously to approve the Proposed Text Amendments to the Dawson County Animal Control Ordinance following the public hearing earlier in the meeting.

Consideration of 2018 Qualifying Fees for Elected Officials

Motion passed unanimously to approve the 2018 Qualifying Fees for Elected Officials. Fausett/Gaines

Consideration of Board Appointments:

**a. Dawson County Tree Preservation Committee**

- i. Carl Bailey- *appointment* (Term: January 2018 through December 2021)
- ii. Nell Watson- *appointment* (Term: January 2018 through December 2021)

Motion passed unanimously to approve the appointments of Carl Bailey and Nell Watson to the Dawson County Tree Preservation Committee. Fausett/Hamby

Consideration of Impact Fee Methodology Report Final Draft

Motion passed unanimously to postpone consideration of the Impact Fee Methodology Report Final Draft until the February 1, 2018 Voting Session. Gaines/Hamby

Appointment of County Clerk

Motion passed unanimously to appoint Kristen Cloud as Dawson County Clerk. Hamby/Fausett

Appointment of Board of Commissioners Vice-Chair

Motion passed unanimously to appoint Commissioner Sharon Fausett as Board of Commissioners Vice-Chair. Hamby/Gaines

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Commissioner Hamby announced that he would not be seeking re-election in 2019.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

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

Motion passed unanimously to come out of Executive Session. Hamby/Fausett

APPROVE:

ATTEST:

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Billy Thurmond, Chairman

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Kristen Cloud, County Clerk