

**DAWSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
VOTING SESSION MINUTES – OCTOBER 4, 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 Nix, District 4; County Manager Headley; County Attorney Frey; County Clerk Cloud; and interested citizens of Dawson County. Commissioner Hamby was not present.

**INVOCATION:** Chairman Thurmond

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Chairman Thurmond

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Commissioner Fausett announced that Chairman Thurmond and County Clerk Cloud would celebrate birthdays this month.

Chairman Thurmond announced that Dawson County and the City of Dawsonville would host a joint planning meeting at Amicalola Falls State Park & Lodge at 8:30 a.m. October 5, 2018. He invited the public to attend.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion passed unanimously to approve the Minutes of the Voting Session held on September 20, 2018. Nix/Gaines

Motion passed 3-0 to approve the Minutes of the Work Session held on September 27, 2018. Fausett/Nix- Commissioner Gaines abstained and Chairman Thurmond voted in order for the item to pass

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

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

- Removal of Item H. Alcohol License: New Alcohol License (Retail Consumption on Premises of Beer and Wine) – Blackrock Food Service LLC d/b/a Crave Hot Dogs & BBQ.

Gaines/Fausett

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Hugh Stowers Jr., Dawsonville, Georgia- Spoke about the City of Dawsonville’s annexing of property, specifically annexations #C8-00209 and #C8-00210. He mentioned the impact that the land’s proposed use (a subdivision) would have on safety due to extra traffic, etc. Mr. Stowers asked if the city would install turn lanes at Allen Street/Perimeter Road and at Highway 9 North/Perimeter Road. He also asked if the city would pay the county for sheriff’s protection and emergency services, as well as schools. He asked, “Is the city getting us to pick up the tab for a lot of things just because we’re county taxpayers?”

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

FY 2019 Proposed Budget (1<sup>st</sup> of 3 hearings. 2<sup>nd</sup> hearing will be held at 4 p.m. October 11, 2018, and the 3<sup>rd</sup> hearing will be held at 6 p.m. October 18, 2018.)

Chairman Thurmond opened the hearing by asking if there was anyone present who wished to be heard on the FY 2019 Proposed Budget.

The following spoke on the FY 2019 Proposed Budget:

- Jeff Johnson, Dawsonville, Georgia, spoke in his capacity as the sheriff of Dawson County. Sheriff Johnson expressed thanks for the proposed budget and for the Board of Commissioners' (BOC) efforts during the budget process. He said, "I know it's not a fix-all but obviously a step in the right direction, and I appreciate that. I appreciate the attention that's been paid to it." Sheriff Johnson said the positions that have been recommended for his office will indeed be patrol positions if allocated since that is where his office's greatest need currently lies. He said he is confident the sheriff's office can remain within the proposed budget. He asked if the BOC had any questions for him.
- Tim Satterfield, Dawsonville, Georgia, commended the chairman and his budget presentation - for "getting creative and finding money." He thanked the finance department for its work on the proposed budget. Mr. Satterfield also expressed thanks to the county's department heads and their staffs for their efforts to streamline. He said the county needs to continue to seek out grant monies; proceed with much-needed capital improvements; perhaps look at entering into leases or lease-purchases on technology items (copiers, etc.) since such items become "out of date so quick"; and "look hard" at public safety since he said the county is losing personnel to higher-paying jobs in neighboring and nearby counties.

Chairman Thurmond asked if there was anyone else present who wished to speak on the FY 2019 Proposed Budget and, hearing none, closed the hearing.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Consideration of Request to Accept 2019 Victims of Crime Act Grant Funds

Motion passed unanimously to approve the Request to Accept 2019 Victims of Crime Act Grant Funds. Nix/Gaines

Consideration of Request to Apply for Department of Natural Resources Land & Water Conservation Fund Grant

Motion passed unanimously to approve the Request to Apply for the Department of Natural Resources Land & Water Conservation Fund Grant. Fausett/Gaines

Consideration of Request to Hire a Legal Assistant for County Attorney

Motion passed unanimously to approve the Request to Hire a Legal Assistant for the County Attorney. Gaines/Fausett.

Consideration of Service Delivery Strategy Draft Agreement

Motion passed unanimously to approve the Service Delivery Strategy Draft Agreement. Fausett/Gaines

Consideration of Annexations #C8-00209 and #C8-00210

Motion passed unanimously to table Annexations #C8-00209 and #C8-00210 until the October 11, 2018, Work Session. Gaines/Nix

Presentation and Consideration of Appraisal Agreement to Assist Board of Tax Assessors- Chief Appraiser Elaine Garrett / County Attorney Lynn Frey

Motion passed unanimously to approve the Appraisal Agreement to Assist the Board of Tax Assessors. Fausett/Nix

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

APPROVE:

ATTEST:

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Billy Thurmond, Chairman

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Kristen Cloud, County Clerk