

**DAWSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
VOTING SESSION MINUTES – MARCH 19, 2020
DAWSON COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER ASSEMBLY ROOM
25 JUSTICE WAY, DAWSONVILLE, GEORGIA 30534
6:00 PM**

ROLL CALL: Those present were Chairman Billy Thurmond; Commissioner Sharon Fausett, District 1; Commissioner Chris Gaines, District 2; Commissioner Tim Satterfield, District 3; Commissioner Julie Hughes Nix, District 4; County Manager David Headley; County Attorney Christopher Hamilton; County Clerk Kristen Cloud; and interested citizens of Dawson County.

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 March 5, 2020.
Nix/Satterfield

Motion passed 4-0 to approve the Minutes of the Voting Session held on March 5, 2020.
Fausett/Gaines

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion passed 4-0 to approve the agenda with the following changes:

- Addition of Nos. 1 and 7 under New Business:
 - No. 1: Consideration of Emergency Action Related to Coronavirus (COVID-19)
 - No. 7: Consideration of Secure the Vote Help America Vote Act Grant Program

Nix/Gaines

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Kati Owen, Dawsonville, said she is the co-owner of The Blue Bicycle restaurant and asked for the board's consideration to allow the restaurant to offer package sales of beer and wine with takeout orders. Owen said, "In 2019, our alcohol sales were 32 percent of our overall revenue; this is a big part of who we are." She said The Blue Bicycle's menu and dining experience always has been paired with responsible beer and wine consumption. By adding its wine list to its take-away options, The Blue Bicycle would be able to maintain a long and hard cultivated presence in Dawson County, according to Owen. "Package sales of alcohol are already here in Dawson County, and we are aware that this is a change to existing law pertaining to on premise consumption. However, we are just trying to think of ways to keep our doors open and allow our employees to be able to meet their expenses," said Owen. She added that the Lawrenceville City Council has declared a state of emergency, which includes a provision allowing for restaurants that have alcohol licenses to sell bottled beer and wine with takeout orders. "We believe that if we don't get through these hard times now, we just won't be able to bounce back. I am asking

for swift action as every day the pressure is getting harder and harder,” said Owen, mentioning measures her restaurant would take should alcohol sales be allowed with takeout orders, as well as “positive points” should such sales be allowed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Consideration of Emergency Action Related to Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Motion passed 4-0 to approve an Emergency Action Related to Coronavirus (COVID-19).
Fausett/Gaines

Consideration of Abatement of Nuisance Property Ordinance (Moved Forward from the March 5, 2020, Board of Commissioners’ Voting Session Following a Public Hearing)

Motion passed 4-0 to approve an Abatement of Nuisance Property Ordinance. Satterfield/Nix

Consideration of Request to Accept FY 2020 Violence Against Women Act Grant Award

Motion passed 4-0 to approve a Request to Accept the FY 2020 Violence Against Women Act Grant Award. Fausett/Gaines

Consideration of Application for Parade and Assembly - 3rd Annual Sheriff’s Office Motorcycle Ride for Charity

Consideration of Application for Parade and Assembly - Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation Atlanta Ride for Kids

Motion passed 4-0 to table an Application for Parade and Assembly - 3rd Annual Sheriff’s Office Motorcycle Ride for Charity and an Application for Parade and Assembly - Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation Atlanta Ride for Kid pending expiration of an Emergency Action Related to Coronavirus (COVID-19) adopted via a resolution by the Board of Commissioners on March 19, 2020. Nix/Fausett

Consideration of Board Appointment:

- Long Range Planning Committee
 - Cal Miller- replacing Ronnie Adkins

Motion passed 4-0 to approve the appointment of Cal Miller to the Long Range Planning Committee. Nix/Satterfield

Consideration of Secure the Vote Help America Vote Act Grant Program

Motion passed 4-0 to approve the Secure the Vote Help America Vote Act Grant Program – to allow the Board of Elections & Registration to apply for the full amount of the grant in two categories (security and general implementation), with the fund match of any grant award to come from General Fund’s fund balance. Fausett/Satterfield

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

APPROVE:

ATTEST:

Billy Thurmond, Chairman

Kristen Cloud, County Clerk