

DAWSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
VOTING SESSION MINUTES – AUGUST 17, 2017
DAWSON COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER ASSEMBLY ROOM
25 JUSTICE WAY, DAWSONVILLE
6:00PM

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.

OPENING PRESENTATIONS:

Presentation of Founders' Circle Award- Christie Haynes, Chamber of Commerce President
Dawson County Chamber Update- Christie Haynes, Chamber of Commerce President

INVOCATION: Chairman Thurmond

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Chairman Thurmond

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Commissioner Hamby announced there would be a memorial for Dawson County High School Soccer Coach Jed Lacey on Saturday, August 19 at 2:00 p.m. at the Dawson County Performing Arts Center.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion passed unanimously to approve the minutes from the Voting Session held on July 20, 2017 as presented. Nix/Gaines

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

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

- Item #4 under New Business- Consideration of 2017 Millage Rate- will be voted on immediately following the hearing.

Gaines/Fausett

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Kurt Krattinger- Dawsonville- Spoke regarding the closure of Blacks Mill Bridge

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

2017 Millage Rate and Property Tax (3rd of 3 hearings. First and second hearings were held on August 10, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. and August 17, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.)

Chairman Thurmond opened the hearing by asking if there was anyone present who wished to speak either for or against the 2017 Millage Rate and Property Tax.

- Weldon Sheriff, Dawsonville- spoke in opposition to a tax increase, and in favor of a rollback.

Chairman Thurmond asked if there was anyone else present who wished to speak either for or against the 2017 Millage Rate and Property Tax, and hearing none, closed the hearing.

Motion passed unanimously to leave the 2017 millage rate the same as the 2016 millage rate of 8.138. Nix/Hamby

Proposed FY 2018 Budget (1st of 3 hearings. 2nd hearing will be held on August 24, 2017 and the third hearing on September 7, 2017)

Chairman Thurmond opened the hearing by asking if there was anyone present who wished to speak on the Proposed FY 2018 Budget.

The following spoke:

- Attorney Joey Homans on behalf of Sheriff Jeff Johnson- Dawsonville, GA
- Sheriff Jeff Johnson- Dawsonville, GA

Chairman Thurmond asked if there was anyone else wishing to speak on the proposed FY 2018 Budget, and hearing none, closed the hearing.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Consideration of purchase for 50' battery-operated trailer mounted boom through federal contract

Motion passed unanimously to approve the issuing of a purchase order to JLG Industries, Inc. for a total of \$35,662.72 from approved Capital Funds through approval for the purchase from GSA (a Federal Agency) contract #GS-07F-0141T. Gaines/Fausett

NEW BUSINESS:

Consideration of DHS Grant Award to Dawson County for Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER)

Motion passed unanimously to approve the DHS Grant Award to Dawson County for Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER). Fausett/Hamby

Consideration of Blacks Mill Bridge Closure Update

Motion passed unanimously to approve Option 1 which would allow staff to continue to work with GDOT on one of the bridge maintenance assistance programs while also utilizing a surplus beam program. Hamby/Nix

Discussion of Proposed FY 2018 Budget

No action taken. Item will continue on to next public hearing.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

APPROVE:

Billy Thurmond, Chairman

ATTEST:

Danielle Yarbrough, County Clerk