

**DAWSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
VOTING SESSION MINUTES – MARCH 5, 2020  
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 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 Angela Davis; County Clerk Kristen Cloud; and interested citizens of Dawson County.

Motion passed 4-0 to come out of Executive Session. Satterfield/Nix

**OPENING PRESENTATION:**

*Development Authority of Dawson County (DADC) Update- DADC's Brian Trapnell*

In addition to providing a Development Authority of Dawson County (DADC) Update, Brian Trapnell introduced new DADC Chairman Tony Passarello.

**INVOCATION:** Chairman Thurmond

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Chairman Thurmond

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Commissioner Satterfield announced that the Senior Center is hosting a canned soup drive during the month of March and said any donations would be appreciated.

Commissioner Gaines announced that the Rotary Club hosted a ribbon cutting at the new Action Island Sports Complex at Rock Creek Park earlier in the day. He thanked the Rotary Club for continuing to be a “big supporter of the county” and undertaking many projects in the county.

Chairman Thurmond announced that a ribbon cutting ceremony for the Dawson County Transportation Complex would be held at 3 p.m. March 6, 2020. He invited citizens to the event for a tour of the facilities to see “what your sales tax money has done.”

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion passed 4-0 to approve the Minutes of the Work Session held on February 20, 2020. Nix/Satterfield

Motion passed 4-0 to approve the Minutes of the Voting Session held on February 20, 2020. Fausett/Gaines

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

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

- Additions of No. 5 and 6 under New Business:
  - Consideration of FY 2021 Council of Accountability Court Judges / Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Enhancement Grant for Dawson County Treatment Court

- Consideration of FY 2021 Council of Accountability Court Judges / Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Enhancement Grant for Dawson County Family Treatment Court

Satterfield/Nix

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

**ALCOHOL LICENSES:**

*New Alcohol License (Retail Consumption on Premises of Beer, Wine and Distilled Spirits) - Bekho Inc. d/b/a as Kani House*

Motion passed 4-0 to approve the New Alcohol License (Retail Consumption on Premises of Beer, Wine and Distilled Spirits) – Bekho Inc. d/b/a as Kani House. Satterfield/Fausett

*New Alcohol License (Retail Package Sale of Beer and Wine) - 400 Food & Gas LLC d/b/a Chevron Food Mart*

Motion passed 4-0 to approve the New Alcohol License (Retail Package Sale of Beer and Wine) - 400 Food & Gas LLC d/b/a Chevron Food Mart. Fausett/Gaines

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

*Abatement of Nuisance Property Ordinance (1st of 1 hearing)*

Chairman Thurmond opened the hearing by asking if there was anyone present who wished to be heard on the Abatement of Nuisance Property Ordinance.

The following spoke on the Abatement of Nuisance Property Ordinance:

- Lloyd Thompson, Dawsonville, asked if the proposed ordinance addresses the issue of “unsightly” properties or portions of properties that do not necessarily pose a safety or health concern. He cited an example of a property with a “very nice” and “well maintained” home but noted a portion of the property contains a “load of junk.” Thompson added, “...it’s not a safety hazard because we can’t trespass on his property. No one can go on it. There’s no vermin running through it or anything, but it is very, very unsightly.”
- Beth Martin, Dawsonville, said the proposed ordinance needs to address “the private roads [and] the potholes because, when I read through it, it didn’t seem like it really included it at all, and I think that’s one of our biggest problems.” Additionally, Martin said, “Not everybody can afford to update [or] upgrade their house, so a lot of that is subjective. With a lot of the new homes being built and moving in, I don’t want to see people complaining about people who have lived here for generations,” mentioning the potential of older homes/properties being compared against newer homes/properties.

Chairman Thurmond asked if there was anyone else present who wished to speak on the Abatement of Nuisance Property Ordinance and, hearing none, closed the hearing.

The item, Abatement of Nuisance Property Ordinance, will be placed on the March 19, 2020, Board of Commissioners’ Voting Session Agenda for consideration.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Consideration of 2019 Commissioners' Expenses

Motion passed 4-0 to approve the 2019 Commissioners' Expenses. Nix/Gaines

Consideration of Board Appointment:

- Tree Preservation Committee
  - Bill Hess- replacing Judy Baer as Chairman (March 2020 through December 2023)

Motion passed 4-0 to approve the appointment of Bill Hess to the Tree Preservation Committee as chairman for a term of March 2020 through December 2023. Satterfield/Fausett

Consideration of a Resolution to Ratify Sheriff Salary and Local Supplement

Motion passed 4-0 to approve a Resolution to Ratify Sheriff Salary and Local Supplement. Nix/Fausett

Consideration of a Resolution to Ratify Tax Commissioner Salary and Local Supplement

Motion passed 4-0 to approve a Resolution to Ratify Tax Commissioner Salary and Local Supplement. Fausett/Gaines

Consideration of FY 2021 Council of Accountability Court Judges / Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Enhancement Grant for Dawson County Treatment Court

Motion passed 4-0 to approve the FY 2021 Council of Accountability Court Judges / Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Enhancement Grant for Dawson County Treatment Court. Gaines/Fausett

Consideration of FY 2021 Council of Accountability Court Judges / Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Enhancement Grant for Dawson County Family Treatment Court

Motion passed 4-0 to approve the FY 2021 Council of Accountability Court Judges / Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Enhancement Grant for Dawson County Family Treatment Court. Satterfield/Gaines

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

APPROVE:

ATTEST:

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Billy Thurmond, Chairman

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Kristen Cloud, County Clerk