

**DAWSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
VOTING SESSION MINUTES – JULY 21, 2022
DAWSON COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER ASSEMBLY ROOM
25 JUSTICE WAY, DAWSONVILLE, GEORGIA 30534
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE 4:00 PM WORK SESSION**

ROLL CALL: Those present were Chairman Billy Thurmond; Commissioner Sharon Fausett, District 1; Commissioner Chris Gaines, District 2; Commissioner Tim Satterfield, District 3; Commissioner Emory Dooley, District 4; County Attorney Angela Davis; County Clerk Kristen Cloud; and interested citizens of Dawson County. County Manager David Headley was not present.

INVOCATION: Chairman Thurmond

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Chairman Thurmond

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Chairman Thurmond announced that the August 4, 2022, Board of Commissioners (BOC) Voting Session meeting would begin at 6 p.m. due to a Millage Rate and Property Tax public hearing that must be held at that time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion passed 4-0 to approve the Minutes of the Work Session held on July 7, 2022. Fausett/Satterfield

Motion passed 4-0 to approve the Minutes of the Voting Session held on July 7, 2022. Dooley/Gaines

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

- Addition of No. 3 under New Business:
 - Assembly Room Equipment Budget and Cooperative Agreement Approval Request

Fausett/Gaines

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

ALCOHOL LICENSES:

New Alcohol License (Retail Package Sale of Beer and Wine) – Jagats Enterprises Inc. d/b/a Elliott Food Mart

Motion passed 4-0 to approve a New Alcohol License (Retail Package Sale of Beer and Wine) – Jagats Enterprises Inc. d/b/a Elliott Food Mart. Satterfield/Gaines

New Alcohol License (Retail Package Sale of Beer, Wine and Liquor) – Elliott Inc. d/b/a Elliott Package Outlet

Motion passed 3-1 to approve a New Alcohol License (Retail Package Sale of Beer, Wine and Liquor) – Elliott Inc. d/b/a Elliott Package Outlet. Dooley/Gaines- Commissioner Fausett opposed the motion

ZONINGS:

Chairman Thurmond announced that if anyone 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, 10 minutes is given to those who wish to speak in favor of or opposition to with some redirect, time permitting.

ZA 22-04 - Fox Creek Properties Inc. requests to rezone TMP 112-109, 104-065, 112-019, 112-013, 113-057-002 and 112-018 from RA (Residential Agriculture), RPC (Residential Planned Community), CHB (Commercial Highway Business), CPCD (Commercial Planned Community Development) and COI (Commercial Office Institution) to Mixed Use Village for the purpose of developing single-family, multi-family, retail/commercial/office, and light industrial uses (Georgia 400 and Lumpkin Campground Road). (Tabled from the May 19, 2022, Voting Session, at which time a public hearing was held.)

Planning & Development Director Sharon Farrell read aloud proposed stipulations concerning ZA 22-04.

Discussion was had between the BOC and Fox Creek Properties Inc.’s Bill Evans Jr. and Jim Bowersox.

A public hearing was held at the May 19, 2022, BOC Voting Session.

Motion passed 4-0 to table ZA 22-04 until August 18, 2022. Gaines/Dooley

ZA 22-14 - Brian and Diana Lunsford request to rezone TMP 038-007-001 from RA (Residential Agriculture) to RRE (Residential Rural Estate) for the purposes of subdividing the parcel to RRE standards (Hobert Styles Road).

Planning & Development Director Sharon Farrell said the applicant “would have qualified for a family density exception lot split but they’re not quite ready to deed over property to family members so their next best step was to take 16 acres and rezone it to rural estate...” She said the Planning Commission recommended approval of the application.

Applicants Brian and Diana Lunsford, Cumming, Georgia, addressed the board. Brian Lunsford said, “The purpose of purchasing the land back in December of last year [was to] convey pieces of that property to our three children to, basically, build a family compound.” He added, “Under RA, that would require 5-acre lots and going to RRE would give us the ability to split that property up in a more meaningful way and also to convey smaller parcels to our children so they wouldn’t incur a larger tax burden on a higher acre piece of property.”

Chairman Thurmond opened the hearing by asking if there was anyone present who wished to speak either for or against the application and, hearing none, closed the hearing.

Motion passed 4-0 to approve ZA 22-14. Fausett/Gaines

NEW BUSINESS:

Consideration of Proposed Transfer Station Improvements

Motion passed 4-0 to table Proposed Transfer Station Improvements until August 4, 2022.
Gaines/Dooley

Ratification of Emergency Purchase for Sheriff's Office Vehicles

Motion passed 4-0 to approve the Ratification of an Emergency Purchase for Sheriff's Office Vehicles - the emergency purchase for eight Dodge Chargers for the Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$271,406.96, to be funded by Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) VI; and the upfitting of the emergency purchase for the eight Dodge Chargers for \$88,000, to be funded by SPLOST VII. Satterfield/Fausett

Consideration of Assembly Room Equipment Budget and Cooperative Agreement Approval Request

Motion was made by Commissioner Fausett and seconded by Commissioner Gaines to approve an Assembly Room Equipment Budget and Cooperative Agreement Approval Request.

Commissioner Fausett withdrew her motion and Commissioner Gaines withdrew his second.

Motion passed 4-0 to approve a cooperative agreement through U.S. Educational Technology Purchasing Alliance (USETPA), professionally exempt WH Platts, accept the quote submitted and to award a purchase order to WH Platts for work, and to increase the budget for the project by \$23,501 for a total budget of \$99,742. Fausett/Gaines

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

APPROVE:

ATTEST:

Billy Thurmond, Chairman

Kristen Cloud, County Clerk