

**DAWSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
VOTING SESSION MINUTES – NOVEMBER 18, 2021
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 Emory Dooley, District 4; County Manager David Headley; County Attorney Jeffrey Strickland; County Clerk Kristen Cloud; and interested citizens of Dawson County.

INVOCATION: Chairman Thurmond

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Chairman Thurmond

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Chairman Thurmond announced that county offices would be closed November 25 and 26, 2021, for the Thanksgiving holiday.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion passed 4-0 to approve the Minutes of the Work Session held on November 4, 2021. Dooley/Satterfield

Motion passed 4-0 to approve the Minutes of the Voting Session held on November 4, 2021. Fausett/Gaines

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

- Addition of Nos. 11 and 12 under New Business:
 - Request to Release a Request for Proposal for Operation and Management of Glamping Sites at War Hill Park
 - Ratification of Request to Apply for and Accept a FY 2022 Emergency Management Performance Grant
- Removal of No. 2 under New Business (at the request of Chief Superior Court Judge Kathlene Gosselin):
 - Creation of a New Traffic Bureau Division

Gaines/Fausett

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

PUBLIC HEARING:

Resolution to Adopt a Greenway and Trail Master Plan

Chairman Thurmond opened the hearing by asking if there was anyone present who wished to be heard on a Resolution to Adopt a Greenway and Trail Master Plan and, hearing none, closed the hearing.

Motion passed 4-0 to approve a Resolution to Adopt a Greenway and Trail Master Plan. Gaines/Dooley

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 21-19 - Tony Singleton requests to rezone TMP 094-053 from RSR (Residential Sub-Rural) to RSRMM (Residential Sub-Rural Manufactured Moved).

Planning & Development Director Sharon Farrell said the applicant owns a little more than 7 acres and wishes to rezone for a mobile home use. She said two mobile homes currently are on the property. She said the Planning Commission recommended approval of the application.

Applicant Tony Singleton said his parents gave him the property and that he eventually plans to give the property to his daughter. He said he wishes to put a [third] mobile home on the property in order to provide affordable housing for his daughter. Singleton said the mobile home will be situated so that, if his daughter chooses to someday build a house on the property, she can live in the mobile home while a house is being built and the mobile home can later be easily moved off the 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 21-19. Fausett/Satterfield

ZA 21-21 - Jim King requests to rezone TMP 098-015, 098-016-001 and 098-016-002 from RA (Residential Agriculture) to RS3 (Residential Suburban 3) for the purpose of developing a 379-lot subdivision (Highway 9 South / Goodson Road).

VR 21-08 - Jim King requests a variance to the Dawson County Subdivision Regulations Article X Section 1003.D minimum lot width reduction - TMP 098-015, 098-016-001 and 098-016-002.

(POSTPONEMENT REQUESTED BY THE APPLICANT; PUBLIC HEARING WILL NOT BE CONDUCTED UNTIL DATE TO BE ADVERTISED IN THE FUTURE.)

Applicant Jim King requested ZA 21-21 and VR 21-08 be postponed until December 16, 2021.

Motion passed 4-0 to postpone ZA 21-21 and VR 21-08 until December 16, 2021. Satterfield/Fausett

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Proposed FY 2022 Budget (Tabled from the November 4, 2021, Voting Session)

The Board of Commissioners reviewed, discussed and made recommendations concerning a Proposed FY 2022 Budget.

Motion passed 4-0 to approve a Proposed FY 2022 Budget – all funds in the amount of \$57,281,168. Fausett/Satterfield

NEW BUSINESS:

Consideration of RFP #377-21 - Construction Services-Comprehensive Security System Upgrade for Dawson County

Motion passed 4-0 to approve RFP #377-21 – Construction Services-Comprehensive Security System Update for Dawson County; to accept the offers received and approve a contract to South Western Communications for the Comprehensive Security System Upgrade project not to exceed \$2,075,409.40, utilizing the Capital Fund in the amount of \$1,405,500 previously approved and \$669,909.40 from General Fund’s fund balance - to be reimbursed by Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax VII funds approved for the upgrade. Fausett/Dooley

Consideration of the Creation of a New Traffic Bureau Division

This item was removed from the agenda.

Consideration of Request to Upgrade Part-Time Tax Commissioner's Clerk Position to Full-Time Position

Motion passed 4-0 to approve a Request to Upgrade a Part-Time Tax Commissioner's Clerk Position to a Full-Time Position and to amend the FY 2022 Budget to reflect an increase of \$33,223.76 to fund the upgraded position. Gaines/Fausett

Consideration of Request to Update Tax Commissioner’s Resolutions

Motion passed 4-0 to table a Request to Update Tax Commissioner’s Resolutions until December 2, 2021. Fausett/Dooley

Consideration of Request to Apply for Georgia Forestry Grant

Motion passed 4-0 to approve a Request to Apply for a Georgia Forestry Grant. Satterfield/Fausett

Consideration of 2021 Dawson County Surplus List

Motion passed 4-0 to approve a 2021 Dawson County Surplus List. Dooley/Fausett

Consideration of Rate Adjustments for Recreation Programs

Motion passed 4-0 to approve Rate Adjustments for Recreation Programs. Satterfield/Gaines

Consideration to Move Forward to a Public Hearing for a Proposed Short-Term Rental / Bed and Breakfast Establishment Ordinance

Motion passed 4-0 to approve to Move Forward to a Public Hearing for a Proposed Short-Term Rental / Bed and Breakfast Establishment Ordinance. Fausett/Gaines

Consideration of RFP #394-21 - Delinquent Debt Collection for EMS Billing

Motion passed 4-0 to approve RFP #394-21 - Delinquent Debt Collection for EMS Billing. Gaines/Satterfield

Ratification of No Reserve for Parcels Included in IFB #399-21 - Sale of Surplus Real Property Owned by Dawson County Board of Commissioners

Motion passed 4-0 to ratify No Reserve for Parcels Included in IFB #399-21 - Sale of Surplus Real Property Owned by Dawson County Board of Commissioners. Satterfield/Gaines

Consideration of Request to Release a Request for Proposal for Operation and Management of Glamping Sites at War Hill Park

Motion passed 4-0 to approve a Request to Release a Request for Proposal for Operation and Management of Glamping Sites at War Hill Park. Fausett/Dooley

Ratification of Request to Apply for and Accept a FY 2022 Emergency Management Performance Grant

Motion passed 4-0 to ratify a Request to Apply for and Accept a FY 2022 Emergency Management Performance Grant. Dooley/Fausett

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

APPROVE:

ATTEST:

Billy Thurmond, Chairman

Kristen Cloud, County Clerk