

**DAWSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
VOTING SESSION MINUTES – AUGUST 2, 2018
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 Cloud; and interested citizens of Dawson County.

INVOCATION: Chairman Thurmond

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Chairman Thurmond

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Chairman Thurmond asked for the board and community to remember the family of Cecil Bennett, who died July 31, 2018. Chairman Thurmond noted that Mr. Bennett was a county resident and leader, a former county commissioner and longtime Board of Education member.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion passed unanimously to approve the minutes from the Voting Session held on July 19, 2018. Gaines/Hamby

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion passed unanimously to approve the agenda as presented. Nix/Fausett

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Adoption of Impact Fees (1st of 2 hearings. 2nd hearing will be held on August 16, 2018.)

Bill Ross of Ross+associates, the company the county hired to study reinstating an impact fee program, made a presentation explaining impact fees and their purpose. Ross said that Dawson County is expected to experience great growth over the next 20-plus years, and impact fees could help offset the costs of development for current residents. Ross discussed the maximum impact fee amounts that the county could adopt and how those impact fees would be used (road improvements, public safety, parks and recreation, etc.). Ross said the county, should it choose to adopt an impact fee program, is not obligated to adopt the maximum impact fee amounts but, by law, cannot exceed the maximum impact fee amounts.

Chairman Thurmond opened the hearing by asking if there was anyone present who wished to be heard on the adoption of impact fees and, hearing none, closed the hearing.

2018 Millage Rate and Property Tax (1st of 3 hearings. 2nd hearing will be held at 4 p.m. August 9, 2018, and 3rd hearing will be held at 6 p.m. August 16, 2018.)

Chairman Thurmond opened the hearing by asking if there was anyone present who wished to be heard on the Millage Rate and Property Tax.

The following spoke on the 2018 Millage Rate and Property Tax:

- Jim Purdy- Dawsonville, Georgia, asked, “Does it assume if we increase the tax revenue 12 percent, we will increase the county budget 12 percent?” Purdy said previous increases have been less and that he believes a 5 or 6 percent increase “would suffice.”

Chairman Thurmond asked if there was anyone else present who wished to speak on the 2018 Millage Rate and Property Tax and, hearing none, closed the hearing.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Consideration of Georgia Department of Administrative Services Vehicle Cooperative Agreement Purchase Request

Motion passed unanimously to approve the Georgia Department of Administrative Services Vehicle Cooperative Agreement Purchase at the request of Chief Deputy Greg Rowan and Purchasing Manager Melissa Hawk. Gaines/Fausett

NEW BUSINESS:

Consideration of Countywide Computer Replacement Program

Motion passed unanimously to approve the Countywide Computer Replacement Program. The three-phase replacement will cost \$145,000 a year for three years, monies which will come from Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) VI funds. Fausett/Nix

Consideration of Request to Extend HVAC Services Contract Renewal Period

Motion passed unanimously to approve the Request to Extend the HVAC Services Contract Renewal Period with Setpoint HVAC Services. Hamby/Fausett

Consideration of Keep Dawson County Beautiful Executive Director Appointment

Motion passed unanimously to appoint Kara Wilkins as Keep Dawson County Beautiful Executive Director. Nix/Hamby

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

APPROVE:

ATTEST:

Billy Thurmond, Chairman

Kristen Cloud, County Clerk