

**DAWSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
VOTING SESSION MINUTES – FEBRUARY 4, 2021
DAWSON COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER ASSEMBLY ROOM
25 JUSTICE WAY, DAWSONVILLE, GEORGIA 30534
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE 4:00 PM WORK SESSION**

Motion passed 4-0 to come out of Executive Session. Gaines/Dooley

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.

OPENING PRESENTATION:

Development Authority of Dawson County (DADC) Update- DADC Chairman Tony Passarello
DADC Chairman Tony Passarello presented a DADC Quarterly Update.

INVOCATION: Chairman Thurmond

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Chairman Thurmond

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion passed 4-0 to approve the Minutes of the Work Session held on January 21, 2021. Satterfield/Gaines

Motion passed 4-0 to approve the Minutes of the Voting Session held on January 21, 2021. Dooley/Fausett

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion passed 4-0 to approve the agenda as presented. Fausett/Gaines

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Attorney Joey Homans, Dawsonville, Georgia, on behalf of Sheriff Jeff Johnson, spoke about New Business item No. 9: A Revised Resolution Requesting the Calling of a Special Election to Impose a County One Percent Special Purpose Local Option Sales and Use Tax (SPLOST).

Homans referenced the proposed SPLOST VII project list and requested that, concerning a radio system, an asterisk be included to specifically reference that the current estimate for a functional radio system is \$7 million. He said the reason for the request comes because “that’s what the proposal that the Sheriff’s Office has received [is] for a functional system, a safe system...” Homans added, “...the way that your SPLOST is structured - which we approve and we agree that this ought to be one of the items that is in the first cut, if you will, the first 20 percent along with the other building that’s referenced - we simply request that you include that the current estimate for that radio system is \$7 million so as we go forward we have a baseline to start from

so that we don't wind up with \$3 million that is nothing but patchwork and certainly doesn't constitute a new, functional radio system."

ALCOHOL LICENSE

Alcohol License Transfer (Retail Package Sale of Beer and Wine) – Akshar Priya LLC dba Bo's Food Mart

Motion passed 4-0 to approve the Alcohol License Transfer (*Retail Package Sale of Beer and Wine*) – Akshar Priya LLC dba Bo's Food Mart. Gaines/Satterfield

NEW BUSINESS:

Consideration of Review of Dawson County Employee Handbook's Paid Time Off Policy (Section 14.3)

Motion passed 4-0 to approve the Dawson County Employee Handbook's Paid Time Off (PTO) Policy (Section 14.3) as follows: Employees may receive a one-time payout of up to 20 hours each calendar year for any unused PTO, provided that a minimum of 20 PTO hours is left remaining in the employee's PTO balance, not including sick bank, subsequent to the payout; and to review the policy in July 2021. Satterfield/Fausett

Consideration of Request to Accept Georgia Child Passenger Safety Mini-Grant

Motion passed 4-0 to approve the Request to Accept the Georgia Child Passenger Safety Mini-Grant. Dooley/Satterfield

Consideration of IFB #357-19 - Rock Creek Park Berm Construction - Change Order / Funding Request

Motion passed 4-0 to approve IFB #357-19 - Rock Creek Park Berm Construction - Change Order / Funding Request; to approve the work within the change order and to fund the additional \$70,586 from SPLOST VI funds. Fausett/Gaines

Consideration of Harry Sosebee Road Right-of-Way and Development Agreement Acceptance

Motion passed 4-0 to approve the Harry Sosebee Road Right-of-Way and Development Agreement Acceptance. Gaines/Satterfield

Consideration of Green Infrastructure and Low Impact Development Program

Motion passed 4-0 to approve a Green Infrastructure and Low Impact Development Program. Fausett/Dooley

Consideration of Elected Official Salaries

Motion passed 4-0 to approve a local supplement calculated based upon a 2 percent Cost-Of-Living Adjustment (COLA), in accordance with O.C.G.A. 45-16-11, for eight total employees in the Magistrate Court and Coroner's offices; and to ensure that all eligible part-time employees received a 2 percent COLA earlier in 2021. Satterfield/Dooley

Consideration of 2021 Board of Commissioners Vice Chair Appointment

Motion passed 3-1 to appoint District 4 Commissioner Emory Dooley as the 2021 Board of Commissioners Vice Chair. Satterfield/Fausett- Commissioner Dooley abstained

Consideration of Study Concerning Cost of Services by Land Use Type (Residential / Commercial / Agriculture)

Motion passed 4-0 to table a Study Concerning Cost of Services by Land Use Type (Residential / Commercial / Agriculture) and Efficiencies until February 18, 2021. Gaines/Fausett

Consideration of a Revised Resolution Requesting the Calling of a Special Election to Impose a County One Percent Special Purpose Local Option Sales and Use Tax

Motion passed 4-0 to approve a Revised Resolution Requesting the Calling of a Special Election to Impose a County One Percent Special Purpose Local Option Sales and Use Tax - the revision combines an Emergency Operations Center/E 9-1-1 Center and a radio system into a lump sum of \$8.5 million. Gaines/Dooley

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

APPROVE:

ATTEST:

Billy Thurmond, Chairman

Kristen Cloud, County Clerk