

**DAWSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**VOTING SESSION MINUTES – APRIL 21, 2016**  
**DAWSON COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER ASSEMBLY ROOM**  
**25 JUSTICE WAY, DAWSONVILLE**  
**6:00PM**

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**ROLL CALL:** Those present were Chairman Berg; Commissioner Swafford, District 2; Commissioner Hamby, District 3; Commissioner Nix, District 4; County Attorney Homans; County Manager Dowling; County Clerk Yarbrough and interested citizens of Dawson County. Commissioner Fausett was not present.

**OPENING PRESENTATION:** None

**INVOCATION:** Chairman Berg

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Chairman Berg

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion passed unanimously to approve the minutes from the Voting Session held on April 7, 2016. Swafford/Hamby

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:**

Motion passed unanimously to approve the agenda as written. Nix/Swafford

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

**ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARING:**

None

**ZONING:**

ZA 16-01 – Casey and Constance Tatum have made a request to rezone 5 acres from RSRMM (Residential Sub-Rural Manufactured/Moved) to RA (Residential Agriculture). The property is located at TMP 076-051.

Planning and Development Director Rachel Burton explained that it was the applicants' intent to rezone the property for the purpose of raising goats. Burton also stated that the Planning Commission had approved the request without stipulations and that it was in line with the current land use plan.

Chairman Berg announced that if anyone had contributed more than \$250 to the campaign for public office and wished to speak they will have to fill out a form which will be made available to them. Under normal program, ten minutes will be given to those who wish to speak in favor of or opposition to with some redirect, time permitting.

Sean Courtney, 4212 Post Road, Cumming, GA- spoke on behalf of the applicants. Courtney stated that the applicants had purchased their property back in 2009 with the intent of being able to raise farm animals. There have been no complaints from neighbors nor have they been considered a nuisance. It is their intent to remain in the home for many more years and wish to rezone just in case regulations were to change in the future.

Chairman Berg asked if anyone wished to speak for or against the application and hearing none, closed the hearing.

Motion passed unanimously to approve ZA 16-01. Nix/Swofford

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

Electronic Cigarette Ordinance (1<sup>st</sup> of 2 hearings)

Chairman Berg opened the hearing and asked if there was anyone present who wished to be heard on the matter of the Electronic Cigarette Ordinance, and hearing none, closed the hearing. The next hearing will be held on May 5, 2016.

Vacant and Burned Structures Ordinance (1<sup>st</sup> of 2 hearings)

Chairman Berg opened the hearing and asked if there was anyone present who wished to be heard on the matter of the Vacant and Burned Structures Ordinance, and hearing none, closed the hearing. The next hearing will be held on May 5, 2016.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Consideration of Courthouse Canopy Options

Motion passed unanimously to go with a revised version of Option 3 to include a smaller canopy which would go out to the edge of the street. Swafford/Hamby

Consideration of 2016 Arbor Day Proclamation

Motion passed unanimously to approve the 2016 Arbor Day Proclamation. Nix/Hamby

Re-Consideration of Bid #265-16 RFP IT Servers- Revised

Motion passed unanimously to table re-consideration of Bid #265-16 RFP IT Servers- Revised until the Voting Session on May 5, 2016. Swafford/Nix

Consideration of request for additional funds for the District Attorney to cover legal expenses associated with murder trial

Motion passed unanimously to approve request for additional funds for the District Attorney to cover legal expenses associated with murder trial. Hamby/Nix

Consideration to move forward with public hearings on May 17, 2016 and May 19, 2016 regarding adoption of the 2016 Land Use District Map

Motion passed unanimously to move forward with public hearings on May 17, 2016 and May 19, 2016 regarding adoption of the 2016 Land Use District Map. Swafford/Hamby

Consideration of 2016 Vehicle & Equipment Surplus List

Motion passed unanimously to approve the 2016 Vehicle & Equipment Surplus List. Nix/Hamby

Consideration of Geographic Name Recommendation (Logan Creek)

Motion passed unanimously to approve the Geographic Name Recommendation (Logan Creek). Hamby/Nix

Consideration of Etowah Water & Sewer Authority (EWSA) agreement to allow residents of Dawson County to grow crops on property owned by their entity

Motion passed unanimously to ratify the Etowah Water & Sewer Authority Agreement to allow residents of Dawson County to grow crops on property owned by their entity. Swafford/Hamby

Consideration of Budget Amendment for the Clerk of Court's Office to cover legal settlement

Motion passed unanimously to approve the budget amendment for the Clerk of Court's Office to cover legal settlement. Hamby/Nix

Approval of Board Appointment

Motion passed unanimously to re-appoint Charlie Auvermann to the Dawson County Joint Development Authority Board (Term: January 2016 through December 2019). Swafford/Hamby

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

APPROVE:

ATTEST:

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Mike Berg, Chairman

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Danielle Yarbrough, County Clerk