

**DAWSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
VOTING SESSION MINUTES – JULY 1, 2021
DAWSON COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER ASSEMBLY ROOM
25 JUSTICE WAY, DAWSONVILLE, GEORGIA 30534
6:00 PM**

Motion passed 4-0 to come out of Executive Session. Satterfield/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 Manager David Headley; County Attorney Angela Davis; County Clerk Kristen Cloud; and interested citizens of Dawson County.

OPENING PRESENTATIONS:

Proclamation Recognizing Retirement of Health Department's Janelle Wilson- Chairman Billy Thurmond and Commissioner Sharon Fausett

Chairman Thurmond read aloud a Proclamation Recognizing the Retirement of the Health Department's Janelle Wilson.

Motion passed 4-0 to approve a Proclamation Recognizing the Retirement of the Health Department's Janelle Wilson. Fausett/Gaines

In addition to a proclamation, Wilson was presented with an engraved vase that included a flower arrangement.

Introducing The Place of Dawson County- Director of Purposeful Engagement Jacob Granados and Outreach Coordinator Amy Palmer

Jacob Granados, The Place of Forsyth County's director of purposeful engagement, presented a PowerPoint presentation introducing The Place of Dawson County.

INVOCATION: Chairman Thurmond

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Chairman Thurmond

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Chairman Thurmond announced that county offices would be closed July 5, 2021, in observance of the Fourth of July holiday.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion passed 4-0 to approve the Minutes of the Work Session held on June 17, 2021. Fausett/Dooley

Motion passed 4-0 to approve the Minutes of the Voting Session held on June 17, 2021. Satterfield/Gaines

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

- Addition of No. 5 under New Business:

- Request to Make Part-Time Custodian Position a Full-Time Position

Fausett/Satterfield

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Consideration of Request to Accept an Underage Drinking Prevention Stipend Awarded to Family Connection by the Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration

Motion passed 4-0 to approve a Request to Accept an Underage Drinking Prevention Stipend of \$750 Awarded to Family Connection by the Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration. Dooley/Gaines

Consideration of Application for Parade and Assembly - KARE for Kids Annual Mountain Moonshine Festival Use of County Facilities for Parking

Motion passed 4-0 to approve an Application for Parade and Assembly - KARE for Kids Annual Mountain Moonshine Festival Use of County Facilities for Parking. Gaines/Fausett

Consideration to Move Forward with a Public Hearing for an Animal Control Ordinance Update

Motion passed 4-0 to approve to Move Forward with a Public Hearing for an Animal Control Ordinance Update. Satterfield/Dooley

Consideration to Move Forward with a Public Hearing for a Broadband Ready Community Ordinance

Motion passed 4-0 to approve to Move Forward with a Public Hearing for a Broadband Ready Community Ordinance. Gaines/Satterfield

Consideration of Request to Make Part-Time Custodian Position a Full-Time Position

Motion passed 4-0 to approve a Request to a Make Part-Time Custodian Position a Full-Time Position; funds for the position will come from the Facilities department's 2021 budget. Satterfield/Fausett

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Weldon Sheriff, Dawsonville, Georgia, said he is "asking the people of Dawson County and Dawson County governing authority to please protect our rural land from development and support down zoning." Sheriff said, "Should the county governing authority look at down zoning ordinances for unwanted and rapid growth? What is down zoning? For example: Farm agriculture land zoned RA requires 10 acres to qualify for its CUV (current use value) to rezone less than 10 acres from RA property should not be permitted, allowing one house on 10 acres of RA land ... Would this not make a difference for a prospector turning a fast dollar? Would it be too expensive for a prospector to sell one house on 10 acres, zoned [Residential Agriculture] use only and taxed on its soil productivity? The land owner would be more secure, protecting the landscape while providing for his family and stopping the bedroom homes for Atlanta."

ADJOURNMENT:

APPROVE:

ATTEST:

Billy Thurmond, Chairman

Kristen Cloud, County Clerk