

**DAWSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**VOTING SESSION MINUTES – JULY 2, 2015**  
**DAWSON COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER ASSEMBLY ROOM**  
**25 JUSTICE WAY, DAWSONVILLE**  
**6:00PM**

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**ROLL CALL:** Those present were Chairman Berg; Commissioner Fausett, District 1; Commissioner Swafford, District 2; Commissioner Hamby, District 3; Commissioner Nix, District 4; County Manager Campbell; County Attorney Homans; County Clerk Yarbrough and interested citizens of Dawson County.

**OPENING PRESENTATION:** Recognition of Sheriff's Office Investigators Jennifer Wright and Jeremy Thompson

**INVOCATION:** Chairman Berg

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Chairman Berg

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Commissioner Fausett reminded everyone that the Government Center would be closed tomorrow, July 3rd, for the 4th of July holiday.

Chairman Berg reminded everyone of the Sparks in the Motor Park event that would be taking place on Saturday, July 4th at the Atlanta Motorsports Park.

Michele Hester from the Dawson Community News recognized Chairman Berg, Commissioner Swafford, and Commissioner Hamby who had all received Senior Superlative Awards recently.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion passed unanimously to approve the minutes from the Voting Session held on June 18, 2015. Nix/Hamby

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:**

Motion passed unanimously to approve the agenda with the following change:

- Removal of Item #4 – Approval of the Atlanta Regional Commission Section 5307 Grant Funds

Swafford/Fausett

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

**ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARING:**

None

**ZONING:**

None

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

Social Hosting Ordinance (2<sup>nd</sup> of 2 hearings. 1<sup>st</sup> hearing was held on June 18, 2015)

Chairman Berg opened the hearing and asked if there was anyone present who wished to be heard regarding the Social Hosting Ordinance. The following spoke in favor of the ordinance:

Sheriff Billy Carlisle, Dawsonville

Nancy Stites, Dawson County Family Connection

Tiffany Davis, Dawson County Family Connection

Bill Brownell, Gainesville

Chairman Berg asked if there was anyone else present who wished to be heard regarding the Social Hosting Ordinance, and hearing none, closed the hearing.

Motion passed 3-1 to approve the Social Hosting Ordinance. Nix/Fausett- Commissioner Hamby voted against the motion.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Approval of the FY 2016 VAWA Grant Application

Motion passed unanimously to approve the FY 2016 VAWA Grant Application. Swafford/Nix

Approval of the March for Meals Grant Award

Motion passed unanimously to approve the March for Meals Grant Award. Nix/Hamby

Approval of the Atlanta Regional Commission Section 5307 Grant Funds

Motion passed unanimously to approve to reject the Atlanta Regional Commission Section 5307 Grant Funds. Swafford/Fausett

Ratification of the 2015 ACCG Health Promotion & Wellness Grant Application

Motion passed unanimously to ratify the 2015 ACCG Health Promotion & Wellness Grant Application. Nix/Swafford

Approval of the Vehicle Replacement and Maintenance Policy Update

Motion made and seconded to approve the Vehicle Replacement and Maintenance Policy Update. Swafford/Hamby

First and second motions withdrawn and new motion made and passed unanimously to table the agenda item for two weeks until language contained in the policy could be amended. Swafford/Hamby

Approval to move forward with public hearings on the 2015 Millage Rate and Property Tax

Motion passed unanimously to move forward with public hearings on the 2015 Millage Rate and Property Tax. Fausett/Nix

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

2015 Millage Rate and Property Tax (1<sup>st</sup> of 3 hearings. Next hearings will be held on July 9, 2015 and July 16, 2015)

Chairman Berg opened the hearing and asked if there was anyone present who wished to be heard regarding the 2015 Millage Rate and Property Tax. The following expressed concerns regarding her tax appraisal and the appeal process:

Janice Edens, Jasper

Chairman Berg asked if there was anyone else present who wished to be heard regarding the 2015 Millage Rate and Property Tax, and hearing none, closed the hearing.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Motion passed unanimously to go into Executive Session for the purpose of legal and personnel.  
Nix/Hamby

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

APPROVE:

ATTEST:

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Mike Berg, Chairman

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Danielle Yarbrough, County Clerk