

**DAWSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**VOTING SESSION MINUTES – AUGUST 16, 2018**  
**DAWSON COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER ASSEMBLY ROOM**  
**25 JUSTICE WAY, DAWSONVILLE**  
**6:00PM**

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**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:**

None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion passed unanimously to approve the minutes from the Voting Session held on August 2, 2018. Nix/Gaines

Motion passed unanimously to approve the minutes from the Work Session held on August 9, 2018. Fausett/Hamby

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

**ALCOHOL LICENSE:**

*New Alcohol License (Retail Package Sale of Beer and Wine) - Jasmine Food Mart Inc.*

Motion passed 3-2 to approve the New Alcohol License (Retail Package Sale of Beer and Wine) - Jasmine Food Mart Inc. contingent on the Planning & Development department receiving approval of any and all outstanding information required. Gaines/Hamby-Commissioner Fausett and Commissioner Nix opposed the motion and Chairman Thurmond voted in order for the item to pass

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

*Adoption of Impact Fees (2nd of 2 hearings. 1st hearing was held on August 2, 2018.)*

Chairman Thurmond opened the hearing by asking if there was anyone present who wished to be heard on the Adoption of Impact Fees.

The following spoke on the Adoption of Impact Fees:

- Christie Haynes Moore- Dawsonville, Georgia, spoke on behalf of the Dawson County Chamber of Commerce. She voiced concerns that the chamber and its board have about

the implementation of impact fees. She asked the Board of Commissioners to adopt impact fees at 25 percent or less for at least one year and not at the maximum-allowable amount.

Chairman Thurmond asked if there was anyone else present who wished to speak on the Adoption of Impact Fees and, hearing none, closed the hearing.

Motion passed 3-1 to adopt the impact fees at the maximum rate. Fausett/Nix- Commissioner Gaines opposed the motion

2018 Millage Rate and Property Tax (3rd of 3 hearings. 1st hearing was held on August 2, 2018, and the 2nd hearing was held on August 9, 2018.)

Chairman Thurmond opened the hearing by asking if there was anyone present who wished to be heard on the 2018 Millage Rate and Property Tax.

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

- Tony Passarello- Dawsonville, Georgia, urged the Board of Commissioners to consider a “compromise” by “keeping the millage rate above a total rollback.”

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.

Motion made by Commissioner Gaines, and seconded by Chairman Thurmond for the purpose of discussion, to roll back the millage rate to 8.0635 percent. The motion failed to pass. The vote was 3-1 with Commissioner Fausett, Commissioner Hamby and Commissioner Nix voting against the motion.

Motion passed 3-1 to maintain the current millage rate of 8.138 percent. Nix/Fausett- Commissioner Gaines opposed the motion

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

##### Consideration of Request to Adopt Hazard Mitigation Plan

Motion passed unanimously to approve the Request to Adopt the Hazard Mitigation Plan. Fausett/Nix

##### Consideration of Request to Apply for Georgia Firefighter Standards and Training Council Fireworks Tax Grant

Motion passed unanimously to approve the Request to Apply for the Georgia Firefighter Standards and Training Council Fireworks Tax Grant. Nix/Hamby

##### Consideration of Options for the County's Multi-Functional Printers

Motion passed unanimously to approve the purchase of 17 recommended copiers, plus one additional copier for Superior Court. Prices submitted for black-and-white copy and color copy costs, to include service maintenance toner, will apply to all 35 copiers utilized by the county. The cost for equipment is \$94,489.36 and an estimated \$10,264.82 for cost-per-copy service/maintenance annually; funds will come from the 2019 budget. Nix/Gaines

Consideration of Red Rider Road Traffic Change Request

Motion passed unanimously to approve the Red Rider Road Traffic Change Request to allow for the Public Works department to install traffic control/restrictive signage and to move forward with a traffic count study. Hamby/Fausett

Consideration to Move Weekly Board of Commissioners Meetings from Thursday to Tuesday Beginning in 2019

No action was taken on this discussion item; the weekly Board of Commissioners meetings will continue to be held on Thursday in 2019.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Motion passed unanimously to enter into Executive Session to discuss litigation, personnel and real estate. Nix/Fausett

Motion passed unanimously to come out of Executive Session. Fausett/Nix

**ADJOURNMENT:**

APPROVE:

ATTEST:

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Billy Thurmond, Chairman

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Kristen Cloud, County Clerk