

DAWSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
VOTING SESSION MINUTES – MAY 18, 2017
DAWSON COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER ASSEMBLY ROOM
25 JUSTICE WAY, DAWSONVILLE
6:00PM

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 Yarbrough and interested citizens of Dawson County.

OPENING PRESENTATION:

Presentation by Mr. Bill Ross of Ross & Associates to discuss updating the Dawson County Impact Fee Program and Comprehensive Plan

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 May 4, 2017 as presented. Nix/Gaines

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

ZONINGS:

ZA 17-01 – Joseph E. Stauffer, Attorney has made a request on behalf of Steele Buffalo Butchery, for a Special Use Permit to allow for the butchering, processing, and slaughtering of naturally processed products. The property is located on TMP 118-091-001 and is zoned CHB (Commercial Highway Business)

Chairman Thurmond announced that if anyone had contributed more than \$250 to the commissioners or chairman in the past two years and wished to speak they would have to fill out a disclosure form which would 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.

Planning and Development Director Jason Streetman stated that it was the applicant's intent to operate a family owned small scale butchery and that the Planning Commission had approved it with stipulations.

Joseph E. Stauffer, attorney for property owners Joe and Lisa Green stated that the applicants intend to operate a small-scale, family run butchery for farm to table products.

Chairman Thurmond opened the hearing by asking if there was anyone present who wished to speak either for or against the application, and hearing none, closed the hearing.

Motion passed unanimously to approve ZA 17-01 with the following stipulations:

1. Prior to operation, the applicant/owner shall upgrade their onsite septic system and be approved as per the Georgia Department of Public Health and/or the Georgia Environmental Protection Division for non-domestic system.
2. The onsite slaughtering of animals shall be limited to a maximum of 25 animals per week.
3. Noise shall be limited to what would normally be associated with a small scale farm or farmers market and off-site noise is prohibited.
4. All animal refuse and waste shall be stored in a sealed dumpster(s)/container(s) to eliminate offsite odor and shall be picked up at least once per week.
5. Dumpster area shall be enclosed with a minimum 6' high opaque gated fence.
6. All applicable licensing and certifications and inspections etc. shall be kept current, placed in a conspicuous location and available for review upon request.
7. Failure to adhere to all stipulations required within this approval to include a discontinuance of use greater than one (1) year shall result in the voiding of the permissive use for a slaughterhouse on the subject property.
8. All stipulations of zoning shall be made a part of any plat(s) and/or permit(s) associated with this request.

Gaines/Hamby

ZA 17-02- John A. Roberts, Esquire has made a request on behalf of Michael and Deborah Papaionau, for a Special Use Permit to allow for a public arena for equine events. The properties are located on TMPs 066-007-001 and 066-007 and are zoned RA (Residential Agriculture) *This application was withdrawn by the applicant.*

Motion passed unanimously to accept the withdrawal of the application. Gaines/Nix

ZA 17-03- Richard Bourgeois has made a request to rezone 7+/- acres from RS (Residential Suburban) to RA (Residential Agriculture) to allow for greater agricultural uses. The property is located on TMP 105-153.

Planning and Development Director Jason Streetman advised that it is the applicant's intent to build a small personal home and have some horses on the property. He also stated that the Planning Commission had approved the application without stipulations.

Applicant Richard Bourgeois stated that he plans to build his personal home on the property and develop the land around it as pasture land, on which he plans to pasture his family's personal horses.

Chairman Thurmond opened the hearing by asking if there was anyone present who wished to speak either for or against the application, and hearing none, closed the hearing.

Motion passed unanimously to approve ZA 17-03 without stipulations. Nix/Hamby

PUBLIC HEARING

2017 Updated Environmental Health Fee Schedule (*1st of 2 hearings. 2nd hearing will be held on June 1, 2017*)

Chairman Thurmond opened the hearing by asking if there was anyone present who wished to speak either for or against the 2017 Updated Environmental Health Fee Schedule, and hearing none, closed the hearing.

NEW BUSINESS:

Consideration of County-Wide Revaluation and Equalization Project RFP

Motion passed unanimously to award RFP #291-17 County-Wide Revaluation and Equalization Project to the most responsive, responsible bidder, GMASS; and approve the contract with pricing of \$588,300.00 for the cost of project to Dawson County, with Appeal Hearing costs possible as follows: \$600/day – BOE/Settlement costs; \$1,000/day – Superior Court costs; \$500/day – Appeal Preparation costs, as submitted. Fausett/Hamby

Consideration of Fire House Subs and Chick-fil-A Dawsonville Fund Raising Opportunities to Support Dawson County Emergency Services

Motion passed unanimously to approve Fire House Subs and Chick-fil-A Dawsonville Fund Raising Opportunities to Support Dawson County Emergency Services. Nix/Hamby

Consideration of Request to Surplus Three Fire Apparatuses

Motion passed unanimously to approve the request to surplus three fire apparatuses. Hamby/Gaines

Consideration to move forward with Public Hearings on June 1, 2017 and June 15, 2017 regarding the Scrap Tire and Disposal Draft Ordinance

Motion made and passed unanimously to change the fine amount from \$25.00 up to \$500.00 to \$250.00 up to \$500.00 and to move forward with public hearings on June 1, 2017 and June 15, 2017. Gaines/Fausett

Consideration of Dawson County Rotary Club request to contribute handicapped accessible playground equipment for the playground at Rock Creek Park

Motion passed unanimously to approve the Dawson County Rotary Club request to contribute handicapped accessible playground equipment for the playground at Rock Creek Park. Hamby/Gaines

Consideration of FY2017 Legacy Link Addendum #2

Motion passed unanimously to approve the FY2017 Legacy Link Addendum #2. Fausett/Hamby

Consideration of FY2018 Legacy Link Contract

Motion passed unanimously to approve the FY2018 Legacy Link Contract. Nix/Hamby

Consideration of Proposed Revised Travel Policy

Motion passed unanimously to approve the Proposed Revised Travel Policy. Nix/Gaines

Consideration of 2016 Budget Amendments

Motion passed unanimously to approve the 2016 Budget Amendments. Fausett/Nix

Consideration of Contract with GMRC Regarding Community Development Block Grant Application Services for Senior Center Expansion

Motion passed unanimously to approve the contract with GMRC regarding Community Development Block Grant Application Services for Senior Center Expansion. Hamby/Fausett

Consideration of Board Appointment:

Motion passed unanimously to approve the following board appointment:

- **Dawson County Library**
 - Susan Roof- *Reappointment* (Term: July 2017 to June 2021)

Nix/Hamby

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion passed unanimously to go into Executive Session. Fausett/Nix

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

Motion passed unanimously to continue to have Danielle Yarbrough serve in the role as Dawson County Clerk. Gaines/Hamby

ADJOURNMENT:

APPROVE:

ATTEST:

Billy Thurmond, Chairman

Danielle Yarbrough, County Clerk