

**DAWSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
VOTING SESSION MINUTES – DECEMBER 17, 2015
DAWSON COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER ASSEMBLY ROOM
25 JUSTICE WAY, DAWSONVILLE
6:00PM**

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

OPENING PRESENTATION: Dawson County High School Football Team Proclamation

INVOCATION: Chairman Berg

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Chairman Berg

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Chairman Berg announced the passing of long-time Dawson County Public Works Employee Scott Adams and stated that visitation would be this evening with the funeral scheduled for 3:00 p.m. tomorrow at Banister Funeral Home in Dahlonega. He also asked for prayers for Scott's family.

Chairman Berg announced that Development Authority of Dawson County Director Charlie Auvermann was recently named Appointed Official of the Year by the Georgia Mountains Regional Commission.

Chairman Berg stated that Dawson County's ISO Rating had recently dropped from a 10/5 to a 10/3 and anyone currently living in this area should contact their insurance company before March 7, 2016.

Last, Chairman Berg announced that the next meeting of the Dawson County Board of Commissioners would not be until January 14, 2016.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion passed 3-0 to approve the minutes from the Voting Session held on December 3, 2015. Nix/Hamby- Commissioner Fausett abstained.

Motion passed unanimously to approve the minutes from the Special Called Meeting held on December 7, 2015. Swafford/Fausett

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

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

- Anyone present wishing to speak on Zoning Item ZA 15-03 which was originally scheduled to be heard tonight but had been rescheduled for January, would still have a chance to be heard after the other two zonings on the agenda.

- The Request for Change Order to Narrowbanding Contract with Motorola to include the E911 Control Station Consoles that had been pulled at the December 10, 2015 Work Session was back on the agenda as Item #3.

Nix/Fausett

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARING:

None

ZONINGS:

ZA 15-07 - Karen Reece has made a request to rezone 6.8 acres from RSRMM (Residential Sub-Rural Manufactured/Moved) to C-HB (Commercial Highway Business). Karen Reece has also made a request to vary from the Land Use Resolution, Article IV, Section 121-99.1 for a front setback reduction. The property is located at TMP 113-012.

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.

Planning and Development Director Rachel Burton stated that the applicant historically has had two non-conforming business tenants and it is now her intent to bring this property into compliance.

Applicant Karen Reece, 85 Taylor Road, Dawsonville, came forward to explain it is not her intent to add or subtract from the current structure located on the property. She only wishes to bring the property into compliance in order to be able to continue leasing the building to different tenants.

Chairman Berg asked if anyone wished to speak in favor of the application. The following spoke:

- Kenneth Lowman- *Dawsonville, Georgia*
- Mark Byrd- *5040 Highway 53 East, Dawsonville, Georgia*

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

Motion passed unanimously to table the zoning agenda item until the next Voting Session on January 21, 2016. Swafford/Hamby

ZA 15-08 - Dawson County has made a request to rezone 116.43 acres from CPCD (Commercial Planned Comprehensive District) to C-IR (Commercial Industrial Restricted) and C-HB (Commercial Highway Business). The properties are located at TMPs 105-032, 105-032-001 through 105-032-005, 113-004, 113-004-001 through 113-004-003, 113-004-009 through 113-004-011, 113-010, 113-0101-001 through 113-0101-003, 113-010-006 through 113-010-008, 113-010-010, 113-010-011, 113-178, 113-181, and 113-183 through 113-184.

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.

Planning and Development Director Rachel Burton stated this was a county initiated rezoning request to bring these properties into alignment with the future Land Use Plan.

Chairman Berg asked if anyone wished to speak in favor of the application. The following spoke:

- Mark Byrd- 5040 Highway 53 East, Dawsonville, Georgia

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

Motion passed unanimously to approve ZA 15-08. Swafford/Nix

PUBLIC HEARING:

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Consideration of Juvenile Court's request for additional funds to cover parent and child representation as required by law and related court reporter costs

Motion passed unanimously to approve Juvenile Court's request for additional funds to cover parent and child representation as required by law and related court reporter costs in the amount of \$17,100.00. Nix/Hamby

Consideration of Family Connection Fiscal Agent Request

Motion passed unanimously to approve the Family Connection Fiscal Agent Request. Hamby/Swafford

Consideration of Request for Change Order to Narrowbanding Contract with Motorola to include the E911 Control Station Consoles

Motion passed unanimously to approve the request for change order to narrowbanding contract with Motorola to include the E911 control station consoles in the amount of \$200,121.00 to be paid out of SPLOST V. Swafford/Hamby

Consideration of Historic Courthouse Restoration Projects: Bid #259-15 RFP Window Replacement and Bid #260-15 RFP Painting & Caulking

- Bid #259-15 RFP Window Replacement- Motion passed unanimously to award Bid #259-15 RFP Historic Courthouse Restoration: Window Replacement to the most responsive, responsible bidder, Architectural Visions, Inc. out of Alpharetta, Georgia in the amount of \$69,073.70. Swafford/Fausett

- Bid #260-15 RFP Painting & Caulking- Motion passed unanimously to award Bid #260-15 RFP Historic Courthouse Restoration: Painting & Caulking to the most responsive, responsible bidder, Metro Waterproofing out of Scottdale, Georgia in the amount of \$56,114.00. Nix/Hamby

Consideration of 2016 GDOT Local Maintenance Improvement Grant (LMIG) Application

Motion passed unanimously to approve the 2016 Local Maintenance Improvement Grant (LMIG) Application. Hamby/Nix

Consideration of Purchasing Card Resolution

Motion passed unanimously to approve the Purchasing Card Resolution as presented which would affect the following elected officials:

- Magistrate Judge
- Probate Judge
- Sheriff
- Clerk of Superior Court
- Tax Commissioner

The Chairman and Commissioners have opted not to have Purchasing Cards.

Swafford/Hamby

Consideration of FY 2016 Chamber of Commerce Contract

Motion passed unanimously to approve the FY 2016 Chamber of Commerce Contract. Fausett/Nix

Consideration of D.A.'s Office request for additional funds to cover unexpected legal expenses associated with murder trial

Motion passed unanimously to approve the District Attorney's Office request for additional funds to cover unexpected legal expenses associated with a murder trial in the amount of \$6,125.00 to come out of General Fund Contingency. Nix/Fausett

ADJOURNMENT:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Hugh Stowers, Jr.

APPROVE:

ATTEST:

Mike Berg, Chairman

Danielle Yarbrough, County Clerk