

**DAWSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
VOTING SESSION MINUTES – FEBRUARY 16, 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 Attorney Frey; County Manager Headley; County Clerk Yarbrough and interested citizens of Dawson County.

OPENING PRESENTATION:
Gordon Pirkle Proclamation

Motion passed unanimously to approve the Gordon Pirkle Proclamation as written. Hamby/Nix

INVOCATION: Chairman Thurmond

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Chairman Thurmond

ANNOUNCEMENTS:
None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
Motion passed unanimously to approve the minutes from the Special Called Meeting held on February 2, 2017 as presented. Nix/Gaines

Motion passed unanimously to approve the minutes from the Voting Session held on February 2, 2017 as presented. Hamby/Fausett

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:
Motion passed unanimously to approve the agenda as presented. Fausett/Gaines

PUBLIC COMMENT:
Kristie Myers, *Dawsonville*- spoke in support of Paladin Wireless

ZONINGS:
ZA 16-13 – Barbara Peterson has made a request to rezone 5.95 acres from RSR (Residential Sub-Rural) to RA (Residential Agricultural). The property is located on TMP 033-021.

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 downzone her property to create more agricultural uses for the purpose of keeping goats, horses,

and chickens for personal use, and that the application had been approved by the Planning Commission.

Applicant Barbara Peterson explained that she would like to add chickens to her group of goats, and possibly offer fostering services for llamas.

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 16-13. Fausett/Hamby

ZA 16-14 – Hardip Singh has made a request to rezone 1 acre from RSRMM (Residential Sub-Rural Manufactured/Moved) to CCB (Commercial Community Business) for a convenience store. The property is located on TMP 076-061.

Planning and Development Director Jason Streetman stated it was the applicant's intent to re-open an existing convenience store with gas pumps. There is an existing convenience store in place, but the property has never been zoned properly. Streetman also stated that the Planning Commission recommended approval.

Applicant Hardip Singh stated his intent to operate a convenience store on the property.

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 16-14. Fausett/Gaines

ZA 16-15 – Hetrip Unit, LLC has made a request to rezone 1.58 acres from CCB (Commercial Community Business) to CHB (Commercial Highway Business) for a package store. The property is located at TMP 119-032.

Planning and Development Director Jason Streetman stated that this application applied more to the alcohol ordinance than zoning, and that the application was denied by the Planning Commission. Streetman also stated that the applicant had requested the application be tabled in order to allow him more time to reach out to surrounding neighbors.

Anderson Lipscomb on behalf of applicant Hetrip Unit requested that the application be tabled to allow for additional time to discuss the zoning with neighbors.

Chairman Thurmond opened the hearing by asking if there was anyone present who wished to speak either for or against the application.

The following spoke against ZA 16-15:

- Raymond Wells, *Dawsonville, GA*
- Douglas Hughes, *Dahlonega, GA*
- Harriet Wells, *Baldwin, GA*

Chairman Thurmond asked there was anyone else who wished to speak on ZA 16-15, and hearing none, closed the hearing.

Motion passed 3-0 to deny ZA 16-15. Hamby/Fausett- Commissioner Nix abstained.

PUBLIC HEARING:

2017 Transfer Station Fee Assessment (1st of 2 hearings. 2nd hearing will be held on March 2, 2017)

Chairman Thurmond opened the hearing by asking if there was anyone present who wished to speak on the 2017 Transfer Station Fee Assessment, and hearing none, closed the hearing.

NEW BUSINESS:

Consideration of 2017 Emergency Services Boot Drive Dates

Motion passed unanimously to approve the 2017 Emergency Services Boot Drive Dates.
Nix/Hamby

Consideration of 2017 Georgia Trauma Commission EMS Trauma Equipment Grant Application

Motion passed unanimously to approve the 2017 Georgia Trauma Commission EMS Trauma Equipment Grant Application. Hamby/Fausett

Consideration of 2017 SPLOST VI Update

Motion passed unanimously to approve 2017 SPLOST VI Update. Fausett/Gaines

Consideration of Board Appointments:

Development Authority of Dawson County

- i. Mike Ball- (Term: February 2017 through December 2020)
- ii. Brian Trapnell- *replacing Dan Tennant* (Term: February 2017 through December 2020)
- iii. Steven Melching- *replacing Tom Alexander* (Term: February 2017 through December 2020)
- iv. C. Anthony Passarello- *replacing Peter Hill* (Term: February 2017 through December 2020)
- v. Calvin Byrd- *replacing Charlie Tarver* (Term: February 2017 through December 2020)

Motion passed unanimously to approve the listed appointments for the Development Authority of Dawson County. Gaines/Fausett

Consideration of Paladin Wireless Proposal

Motion passed unanimously to table the Paladin Wireless Proposal until such time that the company can come back with a more comprehensive plan to reach more citizens in Dawson County. Hamby/Fausett

Consideration of 2017 Dawson County Salary Study

Motion passed unanimously to table the 2017 Dawson County Salary Study to the March 2, 2017 Voting Session.

Consideration of the Dawson County 2016 Capital Improvement Element (CIE) Adoption Resolution

Motion passed unanimously to approve the Dawson County 2016 Capital Improvement Element (CIE) Adoption Resolution. Fausett/Gaines

Consideration of Revised SPLOST V Addendum

Motion passed unanimously to approve the Revised SPLOST V Addendum. Hamby/Gaines

ADJOURNMENT:

APPROVE:

ATTEST:

Billy Thurmond, Chairman

Danielle Yarbrough, County Clerk