

**DAWSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
VOTING SESSION MINUTES – DECEMBER 3, 2020
DAWSON COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER ASSEMBLY ROOM
25 JUSTICE WAY, DAWSONVILLE, GEORGIA 30534
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE 4:00 PM WORK SESSION**

ROLL CALL: Those present were Chairman Billy Thurmond; Commissioner Sharon Fausett, District 1; Commissioner Chris Gaines, District 2; Commissioner Tim Satterfield, District 3; Commissioner Julie Hughes Nix, District 4; County Manager David Headley; County Attorney Sam VanVolkenburgh; County Clerk Kristen Cloud; and interested citizens of Dawson County. County Manager David Headley was not present.

INVOCATION: Chairman Thurmond

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Chairman Thurmond

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Chairman Thurmond said Chamber of Commerce President Christie Moore, who will depart the chamber later in December, wished to address the board.

Moore said she was not speaking in an official capacity but wished to publicly thank the Board of Commissioners (BOC). She said she has attended countless meetings with board members, enjoyed working alongside them for the past eight years, and appreciated their dedication and sacrifices.

Public Affairs Officer Laura Fulcher announced several upcoming activities, including Senior Services making available for purchase home-delivered meal holiday certificates; 25 Days of Christmas concerning fire prevention; and free flu shots being offered by the Good Shepherd Clinic.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion passed 4-0 to approve the Minutes of the Work Session held on November 19, 2020. Fausett/Satterfield

Motion passed 4-0 to approve the Minutes of the Voting Session held on November 19, 2020. Nix/Gaines

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion passed 4-0 to approve the agenda with the following change:

- Addition of Nos. 3 through 5 under New Business:
 - Request to Purchase a Ladder Truck
 - Harry Sosebee Road / Lee Castleberry Road Roundabout Right-of-Way Acquisition
 - D53 LLC Settlement Agreement

Gaines/Fausett

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

PUBLIC HEARING:

Proposed FY 2021 Budget (3rd of 3 hearings; the 1st hearing was held on November 19, 2020, and the 2nd hearing was held at the December 3, 2020, Work Session)

The BOC reviewed, discussed and made recommendations concerning the Proposed FY 2021 Budget.

Chairman Thurmond opened the hearing by asking if there was anyone present who wished to be heard on the Proposed FY 2021 Budget and, hearing none, closed the hearing.

Motion passed 4-0 to approve the Proposed FY 2021 Budget – all funds in the amount of \$47,399,332. Satterfield/Fausett

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

ZA 20-15 – Arquim Velasquez requests to rezone TMP L15-116-009 from RA (Residential Agriculture) to CHI (Commercial Highway Intensive) for the purpose of opening a landscape supply business (Highway 53 East). (Tabled from the November 19, 2020, Voting Session, at which time a public hearing was held)

Planning & Development Director Jameson Kinley said his department met with the applicant at the subject property and the applicant agreed to stipulations.

Motion passed 4-0 to approve ZA 20-15 with the following stipulations:

1. An additional 10-foot planted screen buffer is to be applied to the northern portion of the property that is adjacent to the residential neighborhood. This is to be per specs of the Dawson County Buffer, Landscape and Tree Ordinance in order to reduce or eliminate noise or visual effects that may negatively impact the residential area; and
2. With the exception of the entrance to the property, an undisturbed buffer of 50 feet from the property line fronting Highway 53 is to be adhered to; this is to help screen drivers along 53 from any unwanted visual effects, including tractor trailers.

Gaines/Fausett

NEW BUSINESS:

Consideration of IFB #371-20 - Stand-By Road Striping Award Recommendation

Motion passed 4-0 to approve IFB #371-20 - Stand-By Road Striping Award Recommendation; to accept the bids submitted and to award a contract to Peek Pavement Marking for pricing offered - using funds from the Road department's regular operating budget, Local Maintenance & Improvement Grant funds, and Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax VI funds. Satterfield/Nix

Consideration to Move Forward with Public Hearings for Residential Planned Community Zoning District Road Maintenance

Motion passed 4-0 to approve to Move Forward with Public Hearings for Residential Planned Community Zoning District Road Maintenance. Fausett/Satterfield

Consideration of Request to Purchase a Ladder Truck

Motion passed 4-0 to approve the Request to Purchase a Ladder Truck for \$1,198,639, to direct staff to send a letter of intent / purchase order, and look into funding sources - with funding

options of: Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST VI), a lease/purchase agreement, or the county's general fund. Satterfield/Gaines

Consideration of Harry Sosebee Road / Lee Castleberry Road Roundabout Right-of-Way Acquisition

Motion passed 4-0 to approve the Harry Sosebee Road / Lee Castleberry Road Roundabout Right-of-Way Acquisition. Gaines/Nix

Consideration of D53 LLC Settlement Agreement

Motion passed 4-0 to approve a settlement agreement between Dawson County and D53 LLC. Satterfield/Fausett

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Chamber of Commerce President Christie Moore said the City of Dawsonville's annual Christmas tree lighting and parade event has been postponed a day to December 5, 2020, due to forecasted heavy rains on the original event date.

ADJOURNMENT:

APPROVE:

ATTEST:

Billy Thurmond, Chairman

Kristen Cloud, County Clerk