

**DAWSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
WORK SESSION MINUTES – OCTOBER 3, 2019  
DAWSON COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER ASSEMBLY ROOM  
25 JUSTICE WAY, DAWSONVILLE, GEORGIA 30534  
4:00 PM**

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*Those present were Chairman Thurmond; Commissioner Fausett, District 1; Commissioner Gaines, District 2; Commissioner Satterfield, District 3; Commissioner Nix, District 4; County Manager Headley; Interim County Attorney Davis; County Clerk Cloud; and interested citizens of Dawson County.*

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

*Proposed FY 2020 Budget (1st of 3 hearings. 2nd hearing will be held at 6 p.m. October 3, 2019, and the 3rd hearing will be held at 6 p.m. October 17, 2019)*

Chairman Thurmond opened the hearing by asking if there was anyone present who wished to be heard on the Proposed FY 2020 Budget.

The following spoke on the Proposed FY 2020 Budget:

- Danny Thompson, Dawsonville, spoke as the director of Dawson County Emergency Services. He requested that funding be added to his department's 2020 budget. "As you may remember last year we asked this board to unfreeze the training captain position and, again, we did this year," Thompson said. "Commissioner Gaines had approached us about accepting the \$15,000 as a separate salary item. We did so and we've seen a positive result from that; it's been a good benefit for us. To current date, we still have about \$4,300 left of that training money but it will likely be exhausted. We've been waiting for fall to arrive; however, it's been a little bit out of our control to do our live fire training. With that, after the chairman's presentation of the proposed FY20 budget and understanding that the training captain position would remain frozen, we respectfully request that the \$15,000 be added back into the budget to support our instructional staff." Thompson noted the number of continuing education hours his staff must obtain annually and mentioned the funding "helps to support instructional staff to teach various programs, one of them being a driver program that we'll be doing countywide here and also various CPR programs that we offer to all of the county employees..."

Chairman Thurmond asked if there was anyone else present who wished to speak on the Proposed FY 2020 Budget and, hearing none, closed the hearing.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Presentation of Request to Use County Facility Parking Lots During Mountain Moonshine Festival- KARE for Kids Board Member Tom French  
*This item will be placed on the October 17, 2019, Voting Session Agenda.*
2. Presentation of Intergovernmental Agreement Between Dawson County and Development Authority of Dawson County- DADC Chairman Brian Trapnell  
*This item will be placed on the October 17, 2019, Voting Session Agenda.*

In addition, Development Authority of Dawson County (DADC) Chairman Brian Trapnell announced that the Dawson County Chamber of Commerce is partnering with the University of Georgia's College of Engineering to bring a study to potential developers of industrial sites in the county.

Trapnell also announced the DADC recently received a \$50,000 grant award from the Appalachian Regional Commission, for a total of \$100,000; the \$50,000 match comes from county funding for DADC as well as in-kind assistance from other projects.

3. Presentation of Request for Board of Elections & Registration 2019 Budget Adjustment- Chief Registrar / Board of Elections & Registration Chair Glenda Ferguson  
***This item, presented by Board of Elections & Registration's Rachele Hanlon, will be added to the October 3, 2019, Voting Session Agenda.***
4. Presentation of Special Event Business License Ordinance Revision- Planning & Development Director Jameson Kinley  
***This item will be placed on the October 17, 2019, Voting Session Agenda for consideration to move forward with a public hearing.***
5. Presentation of IFB #349-19 - Sale of Surplus Real Property Owned by Dawson County Board of Commissioners (Rebid)- Purchasing Manager Melissa Hawk  
***This item will be placed on the October 17, 2019, Voting Session Agenda.***
6. Presentation of Revised Dawson County Employee Handbook- Human Resources Director Lisa Green  
***This item, following legal review, will be placed on a future Voting Session Agenda.***
7. Presentation of Request for Additional Funds for Legal Fees- Chief Financial Officer Vickie Neikirk  
***This item will be placed on the October 17, 2019, Voting Session Agenda.***
8. County Manager Report  
***This item was for information only.***
9. County Attorney Report  
***Interim County Attorney Davis had no information to report and requested an Executive Session.***

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion passed 4-0 to enter into Executive Session to discuss real estate and litigation.  
Fausett/Nix

APPROVE:

ATTEST:

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Billy Thurmond, Chairman

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Kristen Cloud, County Clerk