

**DAWSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
VOTING SESSION MINUTES – MAY 6, 2021  
DAWSON COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER ASSEMBLY ROOM  
25 JUSTICE WAY, DAWSONVILLE, GEORGIA 30534  
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE 4:00 PM WORK SESSION**

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**ROLL CALL:** Those present were Chairman Billy Thurmond; Commissioner Sharon Fausett, District 1; Commissioner Chris Gaines, District 2; Commissioner Tim Satterfield, District 3; Commissioner Emory Dooley, District 4; County Manager David Headley; County Attorneys Sam VanVolkenburgh, Paul Frickey and Patrick Dodson; County Clerk Kristen Cloud; and interested citizens of Dawson County.

**OPENING PRESENTATIONS:**

*Recognition of Rotary Club's Employees of the Year- County Manager David Headley and Rotary Club President Sharon Hall*

County Manager David Headley and Rotary Club President Sharon Hall recognized Project Manager Bryan Young (Public Works) as the Rotary Club's 2020 Dawson County Employee of the Year and Firefighter/EMT Patrick Meyers as the Rotary Club's 2020 Emergency Services Employee of the Year.

*Development Authority of Dawson County (DADC) Quarterly Update- DADC Chairman Tony Passarello*

Development Authority of Dawson County Chairman Tony Passarello provided a DADC Quarterly Update.

**INVOCATION:** Chairman Thurmond

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Chairman Thurmond

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Commissioner Gaines said that May 6, 2021, was the National Day of Prayer and asked for prayers for the country and its leaders, as well as local leaders.

Commissioner Gaines announced that Commissioner Fausett and her husband, Danny, who own and operate Fausett Farms, were recognized on May 1, 2021, with the Chamber of Commerce's Outstanding Tourism Partner Award.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion passed 3-1 to approve the Minutes of the Work Session held on April 15, 2021. Dooley/Satterfield- Commissioner Gaines abstained

Motion passed 3-1 to approve the Minutes of the Voting Session held on April 15, 2021. Fausett/Dooley- Commissioner Gaines abstained

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

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

- Addition of Nos. 6 and 7 under New Business:

- An Intergovernmental Agreement Between Dawson County and the City of Dawsonville Concerning Two City-Funded Sheriff's Deputy Positions
- A Resolution to Extend an Emergency Moratorium on Acceptance of Applications for Rezoning to Residential Suburban 2 (RS2), Residential Suburban 3 (RS3), Residential Multi-Family (RMF), Commercial Planned Community Development (CPCD) and Mixed-Use Village (MUV) Land Use Districts

Gaines/Fausett

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

Broadband Ready Community Ordinance (2<sup>nd</sup> of 2 hearings; 1<sup>st</sup> hearing was held at the April 15, 2021, Voting Session)

Chairman Thurmond opened the hearing by asking if there was anyone present who wished to be heard on the Broadband Ready Community Ordinance and, hearing none, closed the hearing.

Motion passed 4-0 to approve the Broadband Ready Community Ordinance. Fausett/Dooley

Alcohol Ordinance Update (2<sup>nd</sup> of 2 hearings; 1<sup>st</sup> hearing was held at the April 20, 2021, Planning Commission Meeting)

Chairman Thurmond opened the hearing by asking if there was anyone present who wished to be heard on the Alcohol Ordinance Update.

The following spoke on the Alcohol Ordinance Update:

- Mandy Power- Dawsonville, Georgia, president and CEO of the Chamber of Commerce, said she publicly wished to thank the board and the Planning & Development director and his staff for considering this ordinance update. "This is an ordinance that has needed to be reviewed, and I appreciate that you guys are always willing to improve and help businesses be able to do business better here in Dawson County," said Power.

Chairman Thurmond asked if there was anyone else present who wished to speak on the Alcohol Ordinance Update and, hearing none, closed the hearing.

Motion passed 4-0 to approve the Alcohol Ordinance Update. Gaines/Satterfield

Vape Ordinance Update (1<sup>st</sup> of 1 hearing)

Chairman Thurmond opened the hearing by asking if there was anyone present who wished to be heard on the Vape Ordinance Update and, hearing none, closed the hearing.

Motion passed 4-0 to approve the Vape Ordinance Update. Fausett/Dooley

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Consideration of Ambulance Billing Ordinance and Policy Change

Motion passed 4-0 to approve to move forward with a public hearing for the Ambulance Billing Ordinance and Policy Change. Fausett/Gaines

Consideration of FY 2021 Legacy Link Contract Addendum No. 2

Motion passed 4-0 to approve the FY 2021 Legacy Link Contract Addendum No. 2. Satterfield/Fausett

Consideration of Request to Use Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax VI Overage Funds

Motion passed 4-0 to approve the Request to Use Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax VI Overage Funds for projects requested at Rock Creek and Veterans Memorial parks, and to approve a budget not to exceed \$1,595,000. Satterfield/Gaines

Consideration of Annexation #C2100192

This item was for information only; no action necessary.

Consideration of Settlement Agreement Between Dawson County and Dawson Forest Holdings

Motion passed 4-0 to approve a Settlement Agreement Between Dawson County and Dawson Forest Holdings. Fausett/Satterfield

Consideration of an Intergovernmental Agreement Between Dawson County and the City of Dawsonville Concerning Two City-Funded Sheriff's Deputy Positions

Motion passed 4-0 to table an Intergovernmental Agreement Between Dawson County and the City of Dawsonville Concerning Two City-Funded Sheriff's Deputy Positions until the May 20, 2021, Work Session. Gaines/Dooley

Consideration of a Resolution to Extend an Emergency Moratorium on Acceptance of Applications for Rezoning to Residential Suburban 2 (RS2), Residential Suburban 3 (RS3), Residential Multi-Family (RMF), Commercial Planned Community Development (CPCD) and Mixed-Use Village (MUV) Land Use Districts

Chairman Thurmond read aloud a Resolution to Extend an Emergency Moratorium on Acceptance of Applications for Rezoning to Residential Suburban 2 (RS2), Residential Suburban 3 (RS3), Residential Multi-Family (RMF), Commercial Planned Community Development (CPCD) and Mixed-Use Village (MUV) Land Use Districts.

Motion passed 3-1 to approve a Resolution to Extend an Emergency Moratorium for 30 days, until June 5, 2021, on Acceptance of Applications for Rezoning to Residential Suburban 2 (RS2), Residential Suburban 3 (RS3), Residential Multi-Family (RMF), Commercial Planned Community Development (CPCD) and Mixed-Use Village (MUV) Land Use Districts. Dooley/Fausett- Commissioner Satterfield opposed the motion

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Thomas Davidson, Dawsonville, Georgia, said he has lived in the county since 2019 when he purchased a new home. He said he has concerns about his neighborhood on Emmett Drive near Lake Lanier. He said several county officials and employees have spoken with him about the issue. "Emmett Drive is a dirt road that's been treated with gravel ... I understand the county actually owns the road." He said the road once served as a driveway for Donald Moss. Davidson added, "The drainage wasn't put in properly, only halfway. You have drainage on one side of the road and no drainage on the other side of the road." He said the drainage issues have caused problems, including difficulty with exiting driveways. "The whole thing amounts to a Band-Aid being put on a big, big gash," said Davidson, who was complimentary of Commissioner Fausett

and the county manager for their assistance concerning the matter. In addition to the county, Davidson said he has spoken with other agencies about the issue. "The road needs to be paved," said Davidson, noting he wants the board to put the issue "on the docket, consider it and have your attorney look at it again." He said, "I really think the county needs to hold somebody (the developer, according to Davidson) accountable for not doing what they're supposed to do ... Somebody needs to pave the road, and I don't think you guys really need to be responsible for paving the road."

Chairman Thurmond addressed Davidson: "We want to say we appreciate you coming here tonight and sharing this issue with us. This is certainly not what the county intended, and it is clear that this developer has not acted in accordance with what everyone understood to be the expectations and requirements of the county. For that, this board is very sorry. We are definitely sympathetic to your situation and incredibly disappointed in a developer who would take this approach. We will take what you have told us and work with our legal counsel to further determine what our next steps will be."

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Motion passed 4-0 to enter into Executive Session to discuss litigation and land acquisition. Fausett/Gaines

Motion passed 4-0 to come out of Executive Session. Satterfield/Dooley

APPROVE:

ATTEST:

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Billy Thurmond, Chairman

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Kristen Cloud, County Clerk