

**DAWSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
VOTING SESSION MINUTES – NOVEMBER 19, 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; Public Works Director McKee filling in for County Clerk Yarbrough and interested citizens of Dawson County.

OPENING PRESENTATION:

Dawson County Citizens' Government Academy Graduation

INVOCATION: Chairman Berg

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Chairman Berg

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Commissioner Swafford announced that the Dawson County High School football team would be playing Spencer High out of Columbus, Georgia Friday night at 7:30 p.m. for the 2nd round of play-offs.

Chairman Berg announced there would be a Thanksgiving Luncheon for Dawson County employees on Friday from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Veterans Memorial Park sponsored by the Dawson County Board of Commissioners.

Chairman Berg announced that Emergency Services Assistant Chief Danny Speaks recently completed a yearlong EMS Directors and Management Leadership Course.

Chairman Berg announced that the Dawson County Finance Department had recently received the GGFOA Certificate of Achievement for the 8th year in a row for Financial Reporting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion passed unanimously to approve the minutes from the Voting Session held on November 5, 2015 as written. Nix/Hamby

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Motion passed unanimously to approve the agenda as written. Fausett/Swafford

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARING:

None

ZONING:

ZA 15-06- Joseph Green has made a request to rezone 1.08 acres from C-HB (Commercial Highway Business) to C-IR (Commercial Industrial Restricted). Joseph Green has also made a request to vary from the Land Use Resolution, Article IV, Section 121-102.2 for a side and rear setback reduction. The property is located at TMP 118-091-001.

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 explained that the property is currently zoned C-HB and that the applicant has requested it to be rezoned to C-IR for the purpose of operating a slaughterhouse. The property was rezoned to C-HB in 2006, and both Planning and Development Staff and the Planning Commission recommend denial of the application because it does not fit with the future Land Use Plan.

Applicants Haley Green and Geri Neal stated that is their family's intent to operate a processing facility for deer and livestock. Their kill methods would be humane, and they only wish to improve Dawson County since they would be the only processing facility within 60 miles.

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

- Jimmy Couch- *4500 Ledan Extension, Gainesville, Georgia*
- Tim Byrd- *Dawsonville, Georgia*
- Laura Benson- *124 Fern Valley Road, Dawsonville, Georgia*
- Tim Costley- *Chairman, Dawson County Chamber of Commerce Agricultural Committee*
- Brad Weaver- *25 Lawrence Drive, Dawsonville, Georgia*
- Rob Milligan, D.V.M.- *Dawsonville, Georgia*
- Daniel Charles- *Dawsonville, Georgia*
- Jake Malcolm- *Dawsonville, Georgia*

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

- Charles Tarver- *115 River Overlook Road, Dawsonville, Georgia*
- Tamara Koperda- *254 Blue Heron Bluff, Dawsonville, Georgia*
- Olivia Cariglyn- *28 Knollwood Court, Dawsonville, Georgia*

Motion passed 3-0 to deny ZA 15-06 based upon the future Land Use Plan. Hamby/Nix-Commissioner Swafford abstained.

PUBLIC HEARING:

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Consideration of National Reimbursement Group, Inc. (NRG) Settlement and Release Agreement
Motion passed unanimously to accept the \$5,000.00 settlement as outlined in the National Reimbursement Group, Inc. (NRG) Settlement and Release Agreement. Nix/Fausett

NEW BUSINESS:

Consideration of Bid #252-15 IFB Janitorial Supplies

Motion passed unanimously to award Bid #252-15 IFB Janitorial Supplies to the most responsive, responsible bidder, Georgia Janitor Supply out of Cumming, Georgia. Nix/Swofford

Consideration of Bid #257-15 RFP IT Servers

Motion passed unanimously to reject Bid #257-15 RFP IT Servers. Hamby/Fausett

Consideration of FY 16 DHS Coordinated Transportation Contract

Motion passed unanimously to approve the FY 16 DHS Coordinated Contract. Swofford/Hamby

Consideration of FY 17 GDOT 5311 Transit Grant Application

Motion passed unanimously to approve the FY 17 GDOT 5311 Transit Grant Application.
Hamby/Nix

Consideration of Firehouse Subs Grant Application

Motion passed unanimously to approve the Firehouse Subs Grant Application. Swofford/Hamby

Consideration of 2015 CIE Annual Update

Motion passed unanimously to move forward with a public hearing on the 2015 CIE Annual Update on December 3, 2015. Swofford/Nix

ADJOURNMENT:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Hugh Stowers, Jr.

APPROVE:

ATTEST:

Mike Berg, Chairman

Danielle Yarbrough, County Clerk