

DAWSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
VOTING SESSION MINUTES – JULY 2, 2019
DAWSON COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER ASSEMBLY ROOM
25 JUSTICE WAY, DAWSONVILLE, GEORGIA 30534
6:00 PM

ROLL CALL: 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 Frickey; County Clerk Cloud; and interested citizens of Dawson County.

Motion passed 4-0 to come out of Executive Session. Nix/Fausett

INVOCATION: Chairman Thurmond

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Chairman Thurmond

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Chairman Thurmond announced that county government offices would be closed July 4, 2019, for the Fourth of July holiday.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion passed 4-0 to approve the Minutes of the Work Session held on June 20, 2019. Gaines/Satterfield

Motion passed 4-0 to approve the Minutes of the Voting Session held on June 20, 2019. Fausett/Nix

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

- Addition of No. 8 under New Business:
 - FY 2020 Department of Human Services / Deanna Specialty Transportation Inc. Contract

Nix/Gaines

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Lance Leuliette- Dawsonville, Georgia, urged the Board of Commissioners to support the county's firefighters, as well as Sheriff's deputies, with a pay increase. He said the county continues to grow and that there has not been a pay raise for firefighters in 10 years. He said the county must be proactive and asked the board to approve a pay increase for the county's firefighters as well as for the firefighters who join the county in the future. Leuliette said more firefighters are needed and encouraged the board to increase staffing on every fire engine. He said he understood budget concerns but stressed the importance of keeping the county and its citizens safe, even if it means implementing a fire tax or raising the millage rate.

ALCOHOL LICENSE:

Alcohol License Transfer (Retail Consumption on Premises of Beer and Wine) - Point Bluff LLC d/b/a Crave Hot Dogs

Motion passed 4-0 to approve the Alcohol License Transfer (Retail Consumption on Premises of Beer and Wine) - Point Bluff LLC d/b/a Crave Hot Dogs. Satterfield/Fausett

NEW BUSINESS:

Consideration of Special Event Business License Application - Carol Stream Amusements Inc. Carnival

Motion passed 4-0 to approve the Special Event Business License Application - Carol Stream Amusements Inc. Carnival. Gaines/Fausett

Consideration of Special Event Business License Application - North Georgia Premium Outlets Food Truck Events

Motion passed 4-0 to approve the Special Event Business License Application - North Georgia Premium Outlets Food Truck Events. Fausett/Satterfield

Consideration of Special Event Business License Application - Papa Pat's Corn Maze

Motion passed 4-0 to approve the Special Event Business License Application - Papa Pat's Corn Maze with the following stipulation:

1. The applicant shall seek rezoning of the property to Residential Agricultural (RA)

Fausett/Satterfield

Consideration of Emergency Services Pay Compensation Proposal

A motion was made by Commissioner Satterfield, and seconded by Commissioner Gaines, to approve the Emergency Services Pay Compensation Proposal – Option B: a 5 percent pay increase for firefighters / EMTs and a 10 percent pay increase for firefighters / paramedics.

Following discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Satterfield, and seconded by Commissioner Gaines, to amend the original motion to include that the Emergency Services Pay Compensation Proposal – Option B take effect during the pay period that began June 29, 2019.

Motion passed 4-0 to approve the amendment to the original motion: to include that the Emergency Services Pay Compensation Proposal – Option B take effect during the pay period that began June 29, 2019. Satterfield/Gaines

Motion passed 4-0 to approve the Emergency Services Pay Compensation Proposal – Option B: a 5 percent pay increase for firefighters / EMTs and a 10 percent pay increase for firefighters / paramedics. There currently are 10 vacant positions budgeted for Emergency Medical Services that are not filled; those funds will be used to pay for the pay increases for Emergency Medical Services. There are three vacant positions for Fire that are not filled; those funds will be used to pay for the pay increases for Fire. Satterfield/Gaines

Consideration of RFP #343-19 - Salary Study for Dawson County Award Request

Motion passed 4-0 to approve RFP #343-19 - Salary Study for Dawson County Award Request; to accept the proposals submitted and to award a contract to Management Advisory Group in the

amount of \$32,500. Funds will come from the General Government Contingency. Satterfield/Gaines

Consideration of Settlement Agreement with ALA Riley Place LLC with Respect to a Stop Work Order Issued on June 3, 2019, for the Riley Place Subdivision

Motion passed 4-0 to approve a Settlement Agreement with ALA Riley Place LLC with Respect to a Stop Work Order Issued on June 3, 2019, for the Riley Place Subdivision. Nix/Fausett

Consideration of Appeal by ALA Riley Place LLC of a Stop Work Order Issued on June 3, 2019, for the Riley Place Subdivision

This item was deemed moot following approval of the previous agenda item: Settlement Agreement with ALA Riley Place LLC with Respect to a Stop Work Order Issued on June 3, 2019, for the Riley Place Subdivision. Counsel for ALA Riley Place LLC and counsel for the county stated such for the record.

Consideration of FY 2020 Department of Human Services / Deanna Specialty Transportation Inc. Contract

Motion passed 4-0 to approve the FY 2020 Department of Human Services / Deanna Specialty Transportation Inc. Contract. Fausett/Gaines

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Anna Richardson- Dawsonville, Georgia, said she is concerned about some of the unstable trees near the area of Vandiviere and Valley roads. She said it likely would be best if the trees were removed since they pose a threat, especially during the winter months. Richardson spoke about the possibility of further code enforcement regarding accumulation of refuse in the same area. She said there is an especially “bad situation” on Valley Road. She said there is a large amount of garbage, etc., on a particular parcel, noting that it is “getting out of control.” Richardson said she is a certified residential appraiser and that such refuse deters builders and developers who might be interested in the area, as well as lowers property values. Richardson also said the area is a “hotspot” for drugs and alcohol, adding the way that some of the properties appear lends itself to such activity. She suggested that perhaps the Sheriff’s Office could check the areas of Vandiviere and Thompson roads and / or Highway 53 and Valley Road on Friday or Saturday night. She said she and her neighbors have picked up alcohol cans and bottles as well as needles in the area. Richardson said she is concerned because such appearances and activity stigmatizes a “beautiful area.” She requested the board focus a little of its time on the area and “remove the stigma.”

ADJOURNMENT:

APPROVE:

ATTEST:

Billy Thurmond, Chairman

Kristen Cloud, County Clerk