

**DAWSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
VOTING SESSION MINUTES – JANUARY 17, 2019  
DAWSON COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER ASSEMBLY ROOM  
25 JUSTICE WAY, DAWSONVILLE, GEORGIA 30534  
6:00 PM**

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

**INVOCATION:** Chairman Thurmond

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Chairman Thurmond

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion passed unanimously to approve the Minutes of the Voting Session held on December 20, 2018. Nix/Fausett

Motion passed unanimously to approve the Minutes of the Special Called Meeting held on December 21, 2018. Fausett/Satterfield

Motion passed unanimously to approve the Minutes of the Special Called Meeting held on December 27, 2018. Gaines/Satterfield

Motion passed unanimously to approve the Minutes of the Work Session held on January 10, 2019. Fausett/Nix

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Motion passed unanimously to approve the agenda as presented. Satterfield/Fausett

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

**ZONING:**

*ZA 18-07 - John and Rachel Senter have made a request for a rezoning subject to County Commission approval. They are seeking to change the current zoning of RSRMM (Residential Sub Rural Manufactured Moved) to RA (Residential Agricultural/Residential Exurban) for the purposed use of building an accessory structure prior to their primary residence. The subject property is zoned RSRMM (Residential Sub Rural Manufactured Moved) and is located at TMP 095 150 002.*

Chairman Thurmond announced that if anyone had contributed more than \$250 to the commissioners or chairman in the past two years and wished to speak they would have to fill out a disclosure form, which would 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 & Development Director Jameson Kinley said the requested rezoning is one that is considered a “downzoning” as density is concerned. He said the applicant intends to build a pole barn prior to a residence in order to store equipment and a recreational vehicle. The subject property is located on Ratcliff Drive, off Thompson Road, according to Kinley. Kinley said the Planning & Development department and the Planning Commission recommended approval of the application as presented, without stipulations.

Applicant John Senter, who currently resides in Cumming, Georgia, said he seeks to rezone the property in order to build a pole barn prior to a residence. He said, if all goes as planned, construction on the residence will begin by the end of 2019.

Chairman Thurmond opened the hearing by asking if there was anyone present who wished to speak either for or against the application and, hearing none, closed the hearing.

Motion passed unanimously to approve ZA 18-07. Fausett/Satterfield

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Consideration of the Comprehensive Plan (tabled following a Public Hearing at the January 10, 2019, Work Session)

Motion passed unanimously to table the Comprehensive Plan until the January 24, 2019, Work Session. Gaines/Fausett

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Consideration of Georgia Trauma Commission Grant Application Request

Motion passed unanimously to approve the Georgia Trauma Commission Grant Application Request. Fausett/Nix

Consideration of IFB #330-18 - 15-Foot Rock Gravel Spreader Award Request

Motion passed unanimously to approve IFB #330-18 - 15-Foot Rock Gravel Spreader Award Request; to accept the bid submitted and to issue a purchase order to Chandler Equipment Company of Gainesville, Georgia, in the amount of \$31,614. Money will come from SPLOST VI funds. Satterfield/Nix

Consideration of Professional Exemption for Medical Director Services for the Dawson County Detention Center

Motion passed unanimously to approve the Professional Exemption of CorrectHealth LLC to perform Medical Director Services for the Dawson County Detention Center. Gaines/Satterfield

Consideration of Sole Source Purchase Request for Computer Aided Dispatch System Upgrade

Motion passed unanimously to approve the Sole Source Purchase Request for InterAct Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) System Upgrade and APCO guidecard system upgrade; to approve increasing the E-911 Communications Center CAD upgrade project to a total not to exceed \$485,000; and to approve to utilize the Dell contract. Dawson County will put down 25 percent, to come from fund balance, of the total cost and will pay the remainder when the upgrade is complete. Satterfield/Nix

Consideration of Purchasing Policy Ordinance and Purchasing Card Program Policies and Procedures Update Recommendation

Motion passed unanimously to approve the Purchasing Policy Ordinance and Purchasing Card Program Policies and Procedures Update changes, to include allowing the Dawson County manager to have an unlimited amount approval of budgeted funds. If \$.01 over budget, not budgeted or recommendation is not lowest bid or highest score, the subject item must come before the Board of Commissioners for approval. Nix/Fausett

Consideration of Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Dawsonville for Municipal Elections

Motion passed unanimously to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Dawsonville for Municipal Elections. Satterfield/Fausett

Consideration of Revised Intergovernmental Agreement with Pickens County Regarding Fire Protection for the Wildcat Community

Motion passed unanimously to approve the Revised Intergovernmental Agreement with Pickens County Regarding Fire Protection for the Wildcat Community. Fausett/Satterfield

Consideration of Board Appointments:

- Chestatee-Chattahoochee Resource Conservation & Development Council
  - Sharon Fausett- reappointment (Term: January 2019 through December 2022)
  - George Lyons- reappointment (Term: January 2019 through December 2022)

Motion passed 3-1 to reappoint Sharon Fausett to the Chestatee-Chattahoochee Resource Conservation & Development Council with a term of January 2019 through December 2022. Gaines/Nix- Commissioner Fausett abstained

Motion passed unanimously to reappoint George Lyons to the Chestatee-Chattahoochee Resource Conservation & Development Council with a term of January 2019 through December 2022. Fausett/Satterfield

Appointment of County Clerk

Motion passed unanimously to table the Appointment of County Clerk until the February 7, 2019, Voting Session. Nix/Fausett

Appointment of Board of Commissioners Vice Chair

Motion passed 3-1 to appoint District 3 Commissioner Tim Satterfield as Dawson County Board of Commissioners Vice Chair. Fausett/Nix- Commissioner Satterfield abstained

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Hugh Stowers Jr.- Dawsonville, Georgia, said he would like to see the Board of Commissioners attempt to work with the city of Dawsonville so as the city would assist in operating and maintaining the planned fire station in the Sweetwater Juno Road area, particularly since this planned station would serve city businesses, including the motorsports park and airport. Stowers made a request to the board to request the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) add right turn arrows in the right lane of Highway 53, beginning in front of Burger King. He made a request to the board to discuss with GDOT how to improve safety at Highway 53 coming out of the Ingles shopping center, across from Burger King. Stowers also asked the board to attempt to

get “closer control or observation” of the four-way stop intersection of Grizzle Road and Lumpkin Campground Road. Stowers said he would like to see the county create a promotional Facebook page to market the county and, in conjunction, develop a way to regularly provide citizens the amount of sales tax visitors bring into the county. He said, in preparation for future growth, he would like the board to consider having staff identify and prioritize unsafe portions of county roads and place those road names in a database to include corresponding cost and safety metrics. Stowers encouraged each board member to find a citizen in their district to be “your eyes and ears” to assist in keeping board members abreast of “what is going on.” Stowers said the community’s water system is “pro-growth,” adding that he feels Etowah Water & Sewer Authority will raise costs for all of its customers due to a city-approved multi-family housing development on Highway 9. “The city can approve this housing for people living like sardines in a can, but they cannot supply the water, they cannot supply the sewage, education and enforcement...,” said Stowers.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

APPROVE:

ATTEST:

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Billy Thurmond, Chairman

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Kristen Cloud, County Clerk