

**DAWSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
VOTING SESSION MINUTES – FEBRUARY 21, 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; 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:**

Commissioner Fausett announced that she attended a meeting held in the Assembly Room earlier in the week and experienced difficulty hearing those speaking from the bench. She asked anyone unable to hear the board to request that the board speak louder.

Commissioner Thurmond announced that the Leap for Literacy event would be held on February 23, 2019.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion passed unanimously to approve the Minutes of the Voting Session held on February 7, 2019. Fausett/Nix

Motion passed unanimously to approve the Minutes of the Work Session held on February 14, 2019. Nix/Gaines

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Joey Homans- Dawsonville, Georgia, said he wished to address item No. 11 under New Business on the agenda- Resolution of Censure. Homans said, "In your resolution, in the sixth Whereas clause, in the final line, you have this phrase: '...and this employee was taking positions adverse to Dawson County's interests;'. As best I can tell from reading that Whereas clause, that addresses Ms. Danielle Yarbrough. Ms. Yarbrough has been a 20-year employee of Dawson County, and as to the allegations set forth that she was taking positions adverse to Dawson County's interests we submit there's no basis for that line. We ask that it be stricken from the resolution, that one line be stricken. I understand the rest of it is a matter for the board. But to the extent that makes a statement of fact; at the time she was serving as the HR director and the assistant clerk and was not acting adverse to Dawson County's interests, and we just ask y'all to please remove that from the Censure Resolution."

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Presentation and Consideration of a Resolution Extending Agreement with Interim County Attorneys- County Manager David Headley (Discussed at the January 24, 2019, Work Session)

Motion passed unanimously to approve the Resolution Extending the Agreement with the Interim County Attorneys. Satterfield/Gaines

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Consideration of FY 2019 Public Defender Intergovernmental Agreement Between Dawson and Hall Counties

Motion passed unanimously to approve the FY 2019 Public Defender Intergovernmental Agreement Between Dawson and Hall Counties. Nix/Fausett

Consideration of FY 2019 State Public Defender Contract

Motion passed unanimously to approve the FY 2019 State Public Defender Contract. Fausett/Satterfield

Consideration of 2019 Charity Boot Drives

Motion passed unanimously to approve the 2019 Charity Boot Drives. Nix/Gaines

Consideration of Special Event Business License Application - Motorcycle Event

Motion passed unanimously to approve the Special Event Business License Application - Motorcycle Event. Fausett/Gaines

Consideration of Request to Accept Geographic Information System Summer Intern Grant

Motion passed unanimously to approve the Request to Accept the Geographic Information System Summer Intern Grant. Satterfield/Nix

Consideration of New Proposed Recycling Agreement with Advanced Disposal

Motion passed unanimously to approve the New Proposed Recycling Agreement with Advanced Disposal. Satterfield/Gaines

Consideration of Request for Highway 53 / Lumpkin Campground Road Intersection Improvement Project Budget

Motion passed unanimously to approve the Request for Highway 53 / Lumpkin Campground Road Intersection Improvement Project Budget. Gaines/Fausett

Consideration of a Resolution Approving Legal Services Agreement to Retain Blasingame, Burch, Garrard & Ashley, P.C. as Special Legal Counsel in Opioid Litigation

Motion passed unanimously to approve the Resolution Approving Legal Services Agreement to Retain Blasingame, Burch, Garrard & Ashley, P.C. as Special Legal Counsel in Opioid Litigation. Nix/Satterfield

Consideration of Reducing Impact Fees on Commercial Businesses

Motion passed 3-2 to approve reducing the impact fee rate in the roads and fire categories to 25 percent immediately and be open to reviewing the rate on a 6-month basis. Gaines/Satterfield-Commissioners Fausett and Nix opposed the motion and Chairman Thurmond voted in order for the item to pass

Consideration of Settlement Agreement with Hodges-Mace LLC to Resolve Contract Claim  
Motion passed unanimously to approve the Settlement Agreement with Hodges-Mace LLC to Resolve a Contract Claim. Gaines/Fausett

Consideration of Resolution of Censure  
Motion passed 3-1 to approve the Resolution of Censure- to censure Commissioner Nix.  
Gaines/Satterfield- Commissioner Fausett opposed the motion and Commissioner Nix abstained

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

APPROVE:

ATTEST:

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Billy Thurmond, Chairman

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Kristen Cloud, County Clerk