

**DAWSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
VOTING SESSION MINUTES – JANUARY 20, 2022
DAWSON COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER ASSEMBLY ROOM
25 JUSTICE WAY, DAWSONVILLE, GEORGIA 30534
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE 4:00 PM WORK SESSION**

ROLL CALL: Those present were Chairman Billy Thurmond; Commissioner Sharon Fausett, District 1; Commissioner Tim Satterfield, District 3; Commissioner Emory Dooley, District 4; County Manager David Headley; County Attorney Angela Davis; Harmony Gee, filling in for County Clerk Kristen Cloud; and interested citizens of Dawson County. District 2 Commissioner Chris Gaines was not present.

OPENING PRESENTATION:

*Proclamation Recognizing January 23-29, 2022, as School Choice Week in Dawson County-
Chairman Billy Thurmond*

Chairman Thurmond read aloud a Proclamation Recognizing January 23-29, 2022, as School Choice Week in Dawson County.

Motion passed 3-0 to approve a Proclamation Recognizing January 23-29, 2022, as School Choice Week in Dawson County. Fausett/Satterfield

INVOCATION: Chairman Thurmond

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Chairman Thurmond

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Commissioner Fausett announced that she would not seek reelection to the District 1 Commission seat.

Commissioner Satterfield announced that he would not seek reelection to the District 3 Commission seat.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion passed 3-0 to approve the Minutes of the Work Session held on December 16, 2021. Dooley/Fausett

Motion passed 3-0 to approve the Minutes of the Voting Session held on December 16, 2021. Satterfield/Fausett

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion passed 3-0 to approve the agenda with the following change:

- Addition of Nos. 4 through 11 under New Business:
 - 4. Request to Accept 2022 Criminal Justice Coordinating Council K9 Grant
 - 5. Request to Accept Highway Enforcement of Aggressive Traffic (HEAT) Grant
 - 6. Request to Accept FY 2022 Victims of Crime Act Grant
 - 7. Request to Accept Georgia Child Passenger Safety Mini-Grant
 - 8. 2022 Election Qualifying Fees for Local Offices
 - 9. Structural Repair and Refurbishment of Transfer Station

- 10. A Resolution Supporting Changes to Georgia’s Annexation Law
- 11. Board Appointments:
 - a. Board of Health**
 - i. Kay Parrish- *reappointment* (Term: January 2022 through December 2027)
 - b. Chestatee-Chattahoochee Resource Conservation & Development Council**
 - i. Sharon Fausett- *reappointment* (Term: January 2022 through December 2022)
 - ii. George Lyons- *reappointment* (Term: January 2022 through December 2022)

Fausett/Dooley

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

PUBLIC HEARING:

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 30 of the Code of Dawson County to Establish a Mechanism Whereby County Residents May Petition the Board of Commissioners for the Creation of Special Tax Districts to Fund Capital Improvement Projects

Chairman Thurmond opened the hearing by asking if there was anyone present who wished to be heard on An Ordinance Amending Chapter 30 of the Code of Dawson County to Establish a Mechanism Whereby County Residents May Petition the Board of Commissioners for the Creation of Special Tax Districts to Fund Capital Improvement Projects and, hearing none, closed the hearing.

Motion passed 3-0 to approve An Ordinance Amending Chapter 30 of the Code of Dawson County to Establish a Mechanism Whereby County Residents May Petition the Board of Commissioners for the Creation of Special Tax Districts to Fund Capital Improvement Projects. Satterfield/Fausett

ZONINGS:

Chairman Thurmond announced that if anyone 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, 10 minutes is given to those who wish to speak in favor of or opposition to with some redirect, time permitting.

SU 21-08 - Jeffrey Abbott requests a Special Use of TMP 118-039-002 for the purpose of placing a mobile home on less than 5 acres in a RA (Residential Agriculture) zoning.

Planning & Development Director Sharon Farrell said a special use permit is required to place a home on less than 5 acres in a RA zoning. She said the property, which is just less than 5 acres, is off Emmett Moss Road. Farrell said the Planning Commission recommended approval of the application.

Applicant Jeffrey Abbott said family lives on land surrounding the subject parcel. He said he plans to place a “higher-end” manufactured home on the property. He said that he, his wife and

three children currently rent a property and that he is “tired of renting” and that this would “be moving home for me.”

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 3-0 to approve SU 21-08. Satterfield/Dooley

ZA 21-23 - Stanley Hood requests to rezone TMP 088-108-001 from RA (Residential Agriculture) to RSR (Residential Sub-Rural) for the purpose of subdividing the parcel into two parcels (Highway 9 South).

Planning & Development Director Sharon Farrell said the property is near the Dollar General store. She said the applicant seeks to subdivide the parcel in order to construct a single-family home. Farrell said the Planning Commission recommended approval of the application.

Applicant Stanley Hood seeks to subdivide the parcel into two parcels - a 2.86-acre parcel that is farthest away from his existing landscaping business and a 2.14-acre parcel that abuts his business. He said a young couple, who has family that lives across the street on Jewell Salton Road, wants to buy the 2.86-acre parcel in order to build a primary residence.

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 3-0 to approve ZA 21-23. Dooley/Fausett

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Consideration to Move Forward to a Public Hearing for a Zoning Fee Schedule Update (Originally presented at the October 21, 2021, Work Session; Removed from the November 4, 2021, Voting Session Agenda)

Motion passed 3-0 to approve to Move Forward to a Public Hearing for a Zoning Fee Schedule Update. Satterfield/Dooley

NEW BUSINESS:

Consideration of an Intergovernmental Agreement Between Dawson County and the City of Dawsonville Concerning Cross-Jurisdictional Right-of-Way Mowing

Motion passed 3-0 to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement Between Dawson County and the City of Dawsonville Concerning Cross-Jurisdictional Right-of-Way Mowing. Fausett/Dooley

Consideration of IFB-NOS #399-21 - Sale of Surplus Real Property Owned by Dawson County Board of Commissioners

Motion passed 3-0 to approve IFB-NOS #399-21 - Sale of Surplus Real Property Owned by Dawson County Board of Commissioners. Satterfield/Fausett

Consideration / Ratification of Settlement Agreement and Full and Final Release of Claims between Marguerite Murdock and Dawson County, Georgia

Motion passed 3-0 to approve a Settlement Agreement and Full and Final Release of Claims between Marguerite Murdock and Dawson County, Georgia. Fausett/Dooley

Consideration of Request to Accept 2022 Criminal Justice Coordinating Council K9 Grant

Motion passed 3-0 to approve a Request to Accept a 2022 Criminal Justice Coordinating Council K9 Grant. Satterfield/Fausett

Consideration of Request to Accept Highway Enforcement of Aggressive Traffic (HEAT) Grant

Motion passed 3-0 to approve a Request to Accept a Highway Enforcement of Aggressive Traffic (HEAT) Grant. Dooley/Fausett

Consideration of Request to Accept FY 2022 Victims of Crime Act Grant

Motion passed 3-0 to approve a Request to Accept a FY 2022 Victims of Crime Act Grant. Fausett/Satterfield

Consideration of Request to Accept Georgia Child Passenger Safety Mini-Grant

Motion passed 3-0 to approve a Request to Accept a Georgia Child Passenger Safety Mini-Grant. Dooley/Fausett

Consideration of 2022 Election Qualifying Fees for Local Offices

Motion passed 3-0 to approve 2022 Election Qualifying Fees for Local Offices. Fausett/Satterfield

Consideration of Structural Repair and Refurbishment of Transfer Station

Motion passed 3-0 to approve for county staff to solicit requests for proposal for Transfer Station engineering and repair costs for residential hauling with alternate scope and pricing for business and industry hauling. Satterfield/Dooley

Consideration of a Resolution Supporting Changes to Georgia's Annexation Law

Motion passed 3-0 to approve a Resolution Supporting Changes to Georgia's Annexation Law. Fausett/Dooley

Consideration of Board Appointments:

• **Board of Health**

- Kay Parrish- reappointment (Term: January 2022 through December 2027)

Motion passed 3-0 to approve the reappointment of Kay Parrish to the Board of Health for a term of January 2022 through December 2027. Satterfield/Fausett

• **Chestatee-Chattahoochee Resource Conservation & Development Council**

- Sharon Fausett- reappointment (Term: January 2022 through December 2022)
- George Lyons- reappointment (Term: January 2022 through December 2022)

Motion passed 3-0 to approve the reappointments of Sharon Fausett and George Lyons to the Chestatee-Chattahoochee Resource Conservation & Development Council for terms of January 2022 through December 2022. Dooley/Satterfield

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Marjorie Osborne, Dawsonville, Georgia, said she moved to Dawsonville in November 2021 and rents a home on a private piece of property on Heath Road. She said she is in a "situation" that she never thought she would find herself. Osborne said, after she moved to the property last year, she began "coughing violently" and became sick. In addition to contaminated well water, Osborne said the home's wiring is compromised while vents and duct work are contaminated and

in disrepair. She said the property's owner has made efforts to "fix things but never effectively." She said she has appealed to the owner to have repairs made. Osborne said she has been told by numerous agencies that there is "no help for me."

ADJOURNMENT:

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion passed 3-0 to enter into Executive Session to discuss litigation. Fausett/Satterfield

Motion passed 3-0 to come out of Executive Session. Fausett/Dooley

APPROVE:

ATTEST:

Billy Thurmond, Chairman

Kristen Cloud, County Clerk