

**DAWSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
VOTING SESSION MINUTES – OCTOBER 1, 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 Manager Campbell; County Attorney Homans; County Clerk Yarbrough and interested citizens of Dawson County.

OPENING PRESENTATIONS:
Tiffany Davis – Dawson County Family Connection

INVOCATION: Chairman Berg

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Chairman Berg

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Chairman Berg asked Michele Hester to provide an update regarding the recent Lake Lanier Shore Sweep. Ms. Hester announced that 33,000 pounds of trash had been collected at the 27th Annual Shore Sweep over the weekend.
- Chairman Berg asked Dawson County Humane Society President Carolyn Bowen to comment on “Pups in the Park” over the weekend. She stated that despite the drizzly weather, everyone seemed to enjoy the event.
- Chairman Berg announced that the Board of Commissioners Work Session scheduled for October 8th had been cancelled, but the Voting Session scheduled for October 15th would continue as planned.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion passed 3-0 to approve the minutes from the Voting Session held on September 17, 2015 as written. Nix/Hamby- Commissioner Swafford abstained

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARING:

None

ZONING:

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Approval of Special Event Permit for Skeleton Scuttle 5K and Fright Night Fun Run

Motion passed unanimously to approve the Special Event Permit for Skeleton Scuttle 5K and Fright Night Fun Run. Nix/Fausett

Approval of REVISED Special Event Alcohol Permit for Chamber Reverse Raffle

Motion made to approve the REVISED Special Event Alcohol Permit for Chamber Reverse Raffle. Nix/Fausett

Motion denied 2-3. Chairman Berg and Commissioners Swafford and Hamby voted against the motion.

Approval of ACCG Defined Benefit Plan Update

Motion passed unanimously to approve the ACCG Defined Benefit Plan Update. Swafford/Hamby

Approval of KARE for Kids Parking Lot Use Agreement

Motion passed unanimously to approve the KARE for Kids Parking Lot Use Agreement. Nix/Hamby

Approval of 2015 IT Surplus Equipment

Motion passed unanimously to approve the 2015 IT Surplus Equipment List provided. Swafford/Nix

Approval of Audit Services RFP #255-15

Motion passed unanimously to award Bid #255-15 RFP Audit Services to the most responsive, responsible bidder Rushton & Company in the amount of \$239,050.00 for a period of five (5) years. Swafford/Hamby

Discussion of Dawson Village Way South – Estimate Summary

Motion passed unanimously to move forward with a lawsuit to have Dawson Village Way declared a public nuisance before spending any funds to repair it. Swafford/Hamby

Approval to move forward with public hearing on the Proposed FY 2016-2018 Budget

Motion passed unanimously to move forward with a public hearing on the Proposed FY 2016-2018 Budget. Nix/Fausett

PUBLIC HEARING:

Proposed FY 2016-2018 Budget (1st of 1 hearing)

Chairman Berg opened the hearing and asked if there was anyone present who wished to be heard on the matter of the proposed FY 2016-2018 Budget.

The following spoke in support of staffing Fire Station 3:

Charlie Tarver, 115 River Overlook Road, Dawsonville, Georgia

The following spoke in support of putting \$6,000.00 that had been removed from the Dawson County Humane Society budget back in.

Carolyn Bowen, President, Dawson County Humane Society, Dawsonville, Georgia

The following commented on the amount budgeted in the Board of Commissioners Food line item.

Jane Graves, 224 Park Cove Road, Dawsonville, Georgia

The following spoke in support of additional funds to be allocated to the Chamber for the purpose of installing a handicap lift at their office.

Christie Haynes, President, Dawson County Chamber of Commerce, 55 Pearl Chambers Drive, Dawsonville, Georgia

Chairman Berg asked if there was anyone else present who wished to speak on the proposed FY 2015-2017 Budget and hearing none, closed the hearing.

Motion passed unanimously to table the vote of the Proposed 2016-2018 budget until the October 15th Voting Session. Swafford/Hamby

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion passed unanimously to go into Executive Session. Nix/Hamby

ADJOURNMENT:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

APPROVE:

ATTEST:

Mike Berg, Chairman

Danielle Yarbrough, County Clerk