

**DAWSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND
CITY OF DAWSONVILLE CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL CALLED JOINT MEETING MINUTES – NOVEMBER 17, 2020
DAWSON COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER ASSEMBLY ROOM
25 JUSTICE WAY, DAWSONVILLE, GEORGIA 30534
10:00 AM**

ROLL CALL: Those present were Dawson County Board of Commissioners Chairman Billy Thurmond; Commissioner Sharon Fausett, District 1; Commissioner Chris Gaines, District 2; Commissioner Tim Satterfield, District 3; Commissioner Julie Hughes Nix, District 4; County Manager David Headley; County Attorney Sam VanVolkenburgh; County Clerk Kristen Cloud; Dawsonville Mayor Mike Eason; Councilman Caleb Phillips, Post 1; Councilman Stephen Tolson, Post 2; Councilman John Walden, Post 3; Councilman Mark French, Post 4; City Manager Bob Bolz; City Attorneys Dana Miles and Paul Mitchell; City Clerk Beverly Banister; and interested citizens.

INVOCATION: Chairman Thurmond

PLEDGE: Chairman Thurmond

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Eason announced that, once the Special Called Joint Meeting adjourns, the city council would meet at Dawsonville City Hall.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

City of Dawsonville: Motion passed unanimously to approve the agenda as presented.
Tolson/Walden

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Hugh Stowers Jr.- Dawsonville, Georgia, said he would like to see more joint meetings of the county and city. He said Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax must pass in order to “keep down property taxes,” noting that visitors to the county pay most of SPLOST. Stowers said he appreciates the work of the board and council and what they are “trying to do.”

NEW BUSINESS:

Proposed Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) Discussion

a. Allocation of Tax Proceeds

b. Possible Projects for Inclusion in the Referendum

c. Consider SPLOST Intergovernmental Agreement

Chairman Thurmond briefly provided an overview of SPLOST.

County Attorney VanVolkenburgh discussed a timeline to offer a SPLOST VII referendum on the March 16, 2021, ballot.

Mayor Eason and Chairman Thurmond said members of the council and board have met regarding SPLOST VII, specifically as it relates to the allocation of tax proceeds.

City Manager Bolz read aloud a comprehensive list of possible projects for inclusion in the referendum on behalf of the City of Dawsonville. Dawson County SPLOST Administrator David McKee read aloud a comprehensive list of possible projects for inclusion in the referendum on behalf of the county.

There was discussion between the board and council, with both noting that members from each entity are expected to meet in the coming weeks to discuss SPLOST VII further.

ADJOURNMENT:

Dawson County: Chairman Thurmond adjourned the meeting at 11:02 a.m.

City of Dawsonville: Motion passed 4-0 to adjourn the joint meeting at 11:03 a.m. and to reconvene the city's meeting at Dawsonville City Hall in approximately 15 minutes.
Phillips/Tolson

APPROVE:

ATTEST:

Billy Thurmond, Chairman

Kristen Cloud, County Clerk