

**DAWSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
VOTING SESSION MINUTES - SEPTEMBER 20, 2018  
DAWSON COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER ASSEMBLY ROOM  
25 JUSTICE WAY, DAWSONVILLE  
6:00PM**

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**ROLL CALL:** Those present were Chairman Thurmond; Commissioner Fausett, District 1; Commissioner Gaines, District 2; Commissioner Hamby, District 3; Commissioner Nix, District 4; County Manager Headley; County Attorney Frey; 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 September 6, 2018. Gaines/Fausett

Motion passed unanimously to approve the Minutes of the Work Session held on September 13, 2018. Nix/Hamby

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

**ZONING:**

*ZA 18-03 – Herman Goforth has made a request for a conditional use subject to County Commission approval to allow for multiple accessory structures to be built on a 2.744±-acre tract prior to construction of a primary/residential structure. The subject property is zoned RSRMM (Residential Sub-Rural Manufactured/Moved) and is located at TMP 107-044.*

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 the application with some redirect, time permitting.

Planning & Development Director Jameson Kinley said the application is not a zoning change but a request for a conditional use. Kinley said the applicant wishes to put on the property three garages to store his collector cars prior to the principal structure (a home) being constructed, which is why the conditional use is requested. Kinley said the Planning Commission recommended approval of the application.

Applicant Herman Goforth said he plans to build a home on the property but, in the meantime, needs a place to store his collector cars, which currently are in his garage in Commerce, Georgia. Goforth said his home and garage in Commerce currently are for sale, and he needs a place to store his cars while that home/garage is for sale and while he builds his home on the subject Dawson County property.

Chairman Thurmond opened the hearing by asking if there was anyone present who wished to speak either for or against the application

None spoke in favor of the application.

- Terri Tragesser- Dawsonville, Georgia, said that she was neither for nor against the application but asked the Board of Commissioners, should it choose to approve the conditional use, to include a stipulation to not allow the showcasing or selling of cars or parts on the property.

Chairman Thurmond asked if there was anyone else present who wished to speak on ZA 18-03 and, hearing none, closed the hearing.

Motion passed 3-1 to deny ZA 18-03. Fausett/Nix- Commissioner Gaines opposed the motion

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

##### Consideration of Request for Additional Funds for Coroner's Office

Motion passed unanimously to approve the Request for Additional Funds for the Coroner's Office in the amount of \$8,876 - \$3,600 for salary, \$276 for FICA/Medicare and \$5,000 for other services-morgue; funds will come from general fund contingencies. Gaines/Fausett

##### Consideration of Request for Coroner to Provide Only Direct Cremation for Indigent Persons as Allowed by State Law

Motion passed unanimously to approve the Request for the Coroner to Provide Only Direct Cremation for Indigent Persons as Allowed by State Law and for the Coroner's Office to make the determination of indigency, with this approval to be set forth in a resolution to be executed by the chairman of the Board of Commissioners. Fausett/Gaines

##### Consideration of Veterans Memorial Park Civil Design Update Professional Exemption Request

Motion passed unanimously to approve the Veterans Memorial Park Civil Design Update Professional Exemption Request. Fausett/Nix

##### Consideration of 2019 Board of Commissioners Meeting Schedule

Motion passed unanimously to approve the 2019 Board of Commissioners Meeting Schedule. Nix/Gaines

##### Consideration of Board Appointment:

- Chief Registrar/Chair of Board of Elections & Registration
  - Glenda Ferguson- reappointment (Term: January 2019 through December 2022)

Motion passed unanimously to reappoint Glenda Ferguson as chief registrar and chair of the Dawson County Board of Elections & Registration with a term of January 2019 through December 2022. Fausett/Gaines

Consideration of County Manager Contract Renewal

Motion passed unanimously to table indefinitely the County Manager Contract Renewal.  
Nix/Fausett

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Hugh Stowers Jr., Dawsonville, Georgia- Spoke about his appreciation for Dawson County's kind and professional employees; his concern about zoning notifications, noting that inclusion of a physical address in zoning-related legal advertisements would be helpful; and the need to include a monument at Veterans Memorial Park to make the park one that truly honors the county's veterans.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

APPROVE:

ATTEST:

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Billy Thurmond, Chairman

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Kristen Cloud, County Clerk