

**DAWSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
VOTING SESSION MINUTES – AUGUST 20, 2020  
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 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 Angela Davis; County Clerk Kristen Cloud; and interested citizens of Dawson County.

**INVOCATION:** Chairman Thurmond

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Chairman Thurmond

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion passed 4-0 to approve the Minutes of the Special Called Meeting held on August 6, 2020.  
Gaines/Nix

Motion passed 4-0 to approve the Minutes of the Work Session held on August 6, 2020.  
Satterfield/Fausett

Motion passed 4-0 to approve the Minutes of the Voting Session held on August 6, 2020.  
Fausett/Nix

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Motion passed 4-0 to approve the agenda with the following change:

- Additions of Nos. 4 through 6 under New Business:
  - FY 2021 Department of Human Services / Deanna Specialty Transportation Contract and Memorandum of Understanding
  - Move Forward with a Public Hearing for Annual Capital Improvements Element Update
  - Resolution of Acceptance of Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act Funding for Dawson County

Gaines/Fausett

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

**ZONINGS:**

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, 10 minutes will be given to those who wish to speak in favor of or opposition to with some redirect, time permitting.

ZA 20-02 - Paul Behrmann requests to rezone 5 acres of property located at Highway 53 East TMP 094-136 from CCB (Commercial Community Business) to RSR (Residential Sub-Rural).

Planning & Development Director Jameson Kinley said the applicant seeks to rezone 5 acres of property that he and two associates purchased in 1996, from CCB to RSR. When the property was purchased they had intentions to build medical / dental offices; that did not come to fruition and the applicant has had the property for sale for several years, according to Kinley. The applicant seeks to revert the property back to a residential zoning in hopes of selling it. Kinley said the Planning Commission recommended unanimous approval of the request at its July meeting.

Applicant Carole Behrmann said the property has been for sale as a commercial property for about six years and that it has failed to sale. She said a real estate agent suggests rezoning in an attempt to sale the property.

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 4-0 to approve ZA 20-02. Nix/Gaines

ZA 20-03 - Derek Perry requests to rezone 7.48 acres of property located at Big Savannah Road TMP 111-105 from RSR (Residential Sub-Rural) to RA (Residential Agriculture).

Planning & Development Director Jameson Kinley said the applicant seeks to down zone his property, located off Etowah River Road, from RSR to RA for the purpose of building a caretaker's cottage for his daughter and granddaughter to move into so that they can assist in caring for him and his wife as they age. Kinley said the applicant purchased the property in 1989 and has lived there since. The property is surrounded by RSR and RA property and it backs up to the Etowah River, according to Kinley, who said the Planning Commission recommended unanimous approval of the request at its July meeting.

Applicant Derek Perry said he has lived on the property for many years and his daughter, a mother who attends college and works full-time, would like stay on the property. Perry said the property remains mostly natural, and the proposed caretaker's cottage would be a small footprint on a slab.

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 4-0 to approve ZA 20-03. Fausett/Satterfield

ZA 20-04 - Ronald Jones requests to rezone 2 acres of property located at 1710 Howser Mill Road TMP 082-030-001 from RA (Residential Agriculture) to RSR (Residential Sub-Rural).

Planning & Development Director Jameson Kinley said the applicant acquired the property in 2016 and seeks to rezone a 2-acre portion of parcel 082-030-001. This would leave 9.03 acres of the property to be absorbed by the applicant's son-in-law, according to Kinley. The applicant's primary residence is on the portion of the property he seeks to rezone, according to Kinley, adding that the property is surrounded by RA, RSR and the City of Dawsonville. Kinley said,

“Rezoning this property to RSR would fit into the general character of this area.” He said the Planning Commission recommended unanimous approval of the request at its July meeting.

Applicant Ronald Jones said his wife passed away and that he is refinancing his home. Jones said he only wants to refinance 2 acres with the residence. He said “the other 9 acres will go to my son-in-law, which we already have 14 other acres there.” Jones said his residence is away from the road and that he has a 700-foot driveway.

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 4-0 to approve ZA 20-04. Satterfield/Fausett

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Consideration of Information Technology Exemption Request for Ambulance Transport Billing Software and Electronic Patient Care Reporting Software

Motion passed 4-0 to approve the Information Technology Exemption Request for Ambulance Transport Billing Software and Electronic Patient Care Reporting Software – for Emergency Medical Services Consultants to perform the ambulance billing services at 5 percent of the collections and for ESO Solutions to perform the electronic patient care reporting and cardiac monitor integration at costs of a one-time fee of \$3,808.50 and \$10,780 annually. Nix/Satterfield

Consideration of Naming the New Pavilion at Veterans Memorial Park

Motion passed 4-0 to approve to Name the New Pavilion at Veterans Memorial Park the “Bowen Family Pavilion.” Fausett/Gaines

Consideration to Move Forward with a Public Hearing for 9-1-1 Ordinance Update

Motion passed 4-0 to approve to Move Forward with a Public Hearing for 9-1-1 Ordinance Update. Gaines/Fausett

Consideration of FY 2021 Department of Human Services / Deanna Specialty Transportation Contract and Memorandum of Understanding

Motion passed 4-0 to approve the FY 2021 Department of Human Services / Deanna Specialty Transportation Contract and Memorandum of Understanding. Satterfield/Gaines

Consideration to Move Forward with a Public Hearing for Annual Capital Improvements Element Update

Motion passed 4-0 to approve to Move Forward with a Public Hearing for Annual Capital Improvements Element Update. Nix/Satterfield

Consideration of Resolution of Acceptance of Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act Funding for Dawson County

Motion passed 4-0 to approve the Resolution of Acceptance of Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act Funding for Dawson County – to accept funding in the amount of \$1,196,773. Satterfield/Gaines

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Motion passed 4-0 to enter into Executive Session to discuss litigation and personnel. Gaines/Nix

APPROVE:

ATTEST:

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Billy Thurmond, Chairman

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Kristen Cloud, County Clerk