

**DAWSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
VOTING SESSION MINUTES – JULY 16, 2020
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 Chris Gaines, District 2; Commissioner Tim Satterfield, District 3; Commissioner Julie Hughes Nix, District 4; County Attorney Jeffrey Strickland; County Clerk Kristen Cloud; and interested citizens of Dawson County. County Manager David Headley was not present.

INVOCATION: Chairman Thurmond

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Chairman Thurmond

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Commissioner Nix provided an update on the Highway 9 / Dawson Forest Road roundabout project. Nix said she is in contact with the project's construction leader. She said the project is 25.6 percent finished; construction is scheduled for completion on October 31, 2021, and the project will be monitored until May 2022. She said the project includes five stages and that it is in the second stage. Nix distributed a handout with additional information about the project to her fellow commissioners.

Commissioner Gaines said, since he was elected to the Board of Commissioners (BOC) nearly four years ago, one of his passions has been to set up technology to allow citizens to watch and view BOC meetings from home, "to digest our meetings on their own time." He said a professional system now is in place, thanked staff members for their work to implement the system and noted it is funded through a grant. Gaines said, "It's a great way for us to improve our communication with citizens."

Chairman Thurmond announced that the next BOC meeting would be held August 6, 2020.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion passed 4-0 to approve the Minutes of the Work Session held on July 2, 2020. Satterfield/Fausett

Motion passed 4-0 to approve the Minutes of the Voting Session held on July 2, 2020. Nix/Fausett

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion passed 4-0 to approve the agenda as presented. Gaines/Nix

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Consideration of an Efficiencies Study Through the University of Georgia's Carl Vinson Institute of Government

Motion passed 4-0 to approve to move forward in gathering information and learning about an Efficiencies Study Through the University of Georgia's Carl Vinson Institute of Government - to involve Dawson County, the City of Dawsonville and Etowah Water & Sewer Authority.
Gaines/Satterfield

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion passed 4-0 to enter into Executive Session to discuss litigation. Fausett/Gaines

Motion passed 4-0 to come out of Executive Session. Nix/Satterfield

APPROVE:

ATTEST:

Billy Thurmond, Chairman

Kristen Cloud, County Clerk