

**DAWSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**VOTING SESSION MINUTES – APRIL 6, 2017**  
**DAWSON COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER ASSEMBLY ROOM**  
**25 JUSTICE WAY, DAWSONVILLE**  
**6:00PM**

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**ROLL CALL:** Those present were Chairman Thurmond; Commissioner Gaines, District 2; Commissioner Hamby, District 3; Commissioner Nix, District 4; County Manager Headley; County Attorney Frey; County Clerk Yarbrough and interested citizens of Dawson County. Commissioner Fausett was not present.

**OPENING PRESENTATION:**

Diane Minick- Upper Etowah River Alliance

**INVOCATION:** Chairman Thurmond

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Chairman Thurmond

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion passed 3-0 to approve the minutes from the Voting Session held on March 16, 2017 as presented. Nix/Hamby- Commissioner Gaines abstained and Chairman Thurmond voted in order for the item to pass.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

**ZONING:**

**VR 17-01** – Hibbymo Properties – Nix Br., LLC has made a request to vary from the Land Use Resolution, Article IV, Section 402.C.5 and Article VI, Section 607.1.A to increase the maximum square footage of the proposed commercial building and decrease the minimum amount of parking required. The properties are located on TMPs 119-034, 119-034-001, 119-052 and zoned CCB (Commercial Community Business).

Appealed Action: Planning Commission Denial of VR 17-01 on February 21, 2017

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 with some redirect, time permitting.

Planning and Development Director Jason Streetman stated that it was the applicant's intent to build a Dollar General Store on the property and request a variance from the required 46 parking spaces to 33, allow a 9,100 square foot building per single tenant instead of 5,000 square feet as required by C-CB zoning, and to appeal the Planning Commission's denial.

Applicant Bobby Howard stated that it was his intent to build a 9,100 one use/one occupant building on a 2 acre lot with access changed from Nix Bridge Rd. to Harmony Church Rd. He was also requesting a variance from the required 46 parking spaces to 33.

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

The following spoke in favor of the application:

- Joshua Scott, *Cumming*

The following spoke against the application:

- Judy Cluck, *Dawsonville*
- Michael Rickey, *Dawsonville*
- Sarah Stowers, *Dawsonville*
- Kristie Myers, *Dawsonville*
- Janet Turner, *Dawsonville*
- Lee Blackstone, *Dawsonville*

Chairman Thurmond asked if there was anyone else present who wished to speak against the application, and hearing none, closed the hearing.

Motion made to approve VR 17-01 as presented. Hamby/

Motion made and passed unanimously to amend the first motion and add the following stipulations: Gaines/Hamby

1. Entrance must be moved per the plan from Nix Bridge Rd. to Harmony Church Rd. and approved by our engineering staff
2. Lighting must be low-bleed
3. Aesthetics must conform to the surrounding areas
4. Landscaping on Nix Bridge Rd. must shield the building
5. Outside merchandise excluded
6. Shopping carts must be shielded within the containment unit
7. Dumpster must be gated and shielded within the containment unit
8. Stipulations must meet or exceed current GA 400 Corridor guidelines

Original motion passed unanimously to approve VR 17-01. Hamby/Gaines

**NEW BUSINESS:**

*Consideration of Request to Dispose of Surplus Assets*

Motion passed unanimously to approve the request to dispose of surplus assets. Nix/Hamby

Consideration of Revised Dawson County Vehicle Policy

Motion passed unanimously to approve the revised Dawson County Vehicle Policy with the following amendment:

- Remove the paragraph on Page 5 that reads “Possible option for current take-home vehicle users due to current agreements: Current take-home vehicle assignments will remain intact whether verbal or written. As attrition takes place the County Manager will make determinations whether the position will retain a take-home vehicle.”

Nix/Hamby

Consideration of #288-17 Bobcat Compact Excavator IFB Results

Motion passed unanimously to reject all responses received for #288-17 Bobcat Compact Excavator and award a purchase order to Bobcat of Atlanta for a total of \$64,876.48 from SPLOST VI funds through a Cooperative Agreement with the NJPA, which has been executed. Nix/Gaines

Consideration of #287-17 Multi-Jurisdictional Mitigation Plan Update RFP Results

Motion passed unanimously to award RFP #287-17 Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Update to the most responsive, responsible bidder, Lux Mitigation and Planning Corp., from Shady Dale, GA; and approve the contract with pricing of \$18,000 for the total cost to Dawson County for the complete project as submitted. Hamby/Gaines

Consideration of FY2017 Budget Amendment for Salary Study Implementation

Motion passed unanimously to approve the FY2017 Budget Amendment for Salary Study Implementation. Gaines/Hamby

Consideration of LifeLink National Donate Life Month Proclamation

Motion passed unanimously to approve the LifeLink National Donate Life Month Proclamation as presented. Hamby/Gaines

Consideration of Long-Range Planning Committee Members

Motion passed unanimously to approve the following Long-Range Planning Committee Members:

- Gary Pichon- Chairman
- Ronnie Adkins
- Teri Tragresser
- Jane Graves
- Hugh Stowers
- Jo Brewer
- Tim Costley
- Mandy Power
- Dick Scharf

Nix/Hamby

Consideration of Board Appointment:

Motion passed unanimously to approve the following board appointment:

- **Dawson County Planning Commission**
  - Penny Pinion- Term: April 2017 to December 2018

Hamby/Gaines

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

APPROVE:

ATTEST:

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Billy Thurmond, Chairman

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Danielle Yarbrough, County Clerk