

Voting Session Minutes - January 15, 2015

DAWSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

VOTING SESSION MINUTES – JANUARY 15, 2015

DAWSON COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER ASSEMBLY ROOM

25 JUSTICE WAY, DAWSONVILLE

6:00PM

ROLL CALL: Those present were Chairman Berg; Commissioner Fausett, District 1; Commissioner Swafford, District 2; Commissioner Hamby, District 3; Commissioner Nix, District 4; County Manager Campbell; County Attorney Homans; County Clerk Yarbrough and interested citizens of Dawson County.

OPENING PRESENTATION:

Clark MacAllister – Extension Office Coordinator/Agriculture Agent

INVOCATION: Chairman Berg

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Chairman Berg

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Chairman Berg announced that a fund had been set up at United Community Bank for anyone wanting to assist Sheriff's Carlisle family, due to the recent tragedy they experienced.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion passed 3-0 to approve the minutes from the Voting Session held on December 18, 2014. Swafford/Hamby- Commissioner Fausett abstained.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Motion passed unanimously to approve the agenda as written. Nix/Fausett

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARING:

None

ZONING

ZA 14-09 – Wyman Walden has made a request to rezone 2.98 acres from RSRMM (Residential Sub-Rural Manufactured or Moved) to C-HB (Commercial Highway Business). The property is located at TMP 113-019.

Planning and Development Director David McKee explained that the Planning Commission had approved this case with stipulations and that the proposed use was for a retail hardware store. He also stated that this property was part of the 400 overlay, but would not be visible from GA 400.

Applicant Wyman Walden stated that the site was well-suited for the True Value Hardware store he planned to construct, and that he understood the stipulations and was willing to comply.

Chairman Berg announced that if anyone had contributed more than \$250 to the campaign for public office and wished to speak they will have to fill out a form which will 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.

Chairman Berg asked if anyone wished to speak in favor or opposition of the application, and hearing none, closed the hearing.

Motion passed unanimously to approve ZA 14-09 with the following stipulations:

- Site plan must meet applicable parking and landscape requirements.
- Access to the site needs to be adequate. If accessed from Highway 53, a GDOT permit will need to be obtained.

Swafford/Hamby

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Approval of the Family Connection Fiscal Agent Request

Motion passed unanimously to approve the Family Connection Fiscal Agent Request. Nix/Fausett

Approval of Bid #248-14 RFP Elevator Maintenance

Motion passed 3-1 to award Bid #248-14 RFP Elevator Maintenance to the most responsible, responsive bidder, Mowrey Elevator Company in the amount of \$7,700.00. Hamby/Swofford- Commissioner Nix voted against the motion.

Approval of the Automatic Aid Agreement with Lumpkin County

Motion passed unanimously to approve the Automatic Aid Agreement with Lumpkin County.
Swofford/Hamby

Approval of the Automatic Aid Agreement with Cherokee County

Motion passed unanimously to approve the Automatic Aid Agreement with Cherokee County.
Nix/Fausett

Approval of the FY 2015 Chamber of Commerce Contract

Motion passed unanimously to approve the FY 2015 Chamber of Commerce Contract. Swofford/Hamby

Discussion of Annexation Petition #14-001

Motion passed unanimously to approve Annexation Petition #14-001. Swofford/Hamby

Appointment of Board of Commissioners Vice-Chair

Motion passed unanimously to appoint Commissioner James Swafford as the Board of Commissioners Vice-Chair for 2015.

Reappointment of County Registrar

Motion passed unanimously to reappoint Glenda Ferguson as Dawson County Registrar. Nix/ Hamby

Reappointment of County Clerk

Motion passed unanimously to reappoint Danielle Yarbrough as Dawson County Clerk for 2015. Swafford/Hamby

Reappointment of County Attorney

Motion passed 3-0 to reappoint Joey Homans as Dawson County Attorney for 2015. Hamby/Nix-Commissioner Swafford abstained.

Reappointment of County Manager

Motion passed 3-1 to reappoint Cindy Campbell as Dawson County Manager for 2015. Hamby/Fausett-Commissioner Nix voted against the motion.

ADJOURNMENT:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

APPROVE:

ATTEST:

Mike Berg, Chairman

Danielle Yarbrough, County Clerk

Voting Session Minutes - February 5, 2015

DAWSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

VOTING SESSION MINUTES – FEBRUARY 5, 2015

DAWSON COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER ASSEMBLY ROOM

25 JUSTICE WAY, DAWSONVILLE

6:00PM

ROLL CALL: Those present were Chairman Berg; Commissioner Fausett, District 1; Commissioner Swafford, District 2; Commissioner Hamby, District 3; Commissioner Nix, District 4; County Manager Campbell; County Attorney Homans; Director of Administration David McKee filling in for County Clerk Yarbrough and interested citizens of Dawson County.

OPENING PRESENTATION:

Frank Riley – Chestatee/Chattahoochee RC & D Council

INVOCATION: Chairman Berg

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Chairman Berg

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Chairman Berg announced that traffic would be delayed on GA 400 Saturday from 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. due to continuous flow intersection photography and site evaluation.

Chairman Berg also announced that there is a lot of debate and miscommunication occurring regarding Transportation Funding Bill HB 170. This bill involves how excise and fuel taxes are collected and there is discussion on how it would impact the county. Chairman Berg said he would recommend waiting until the bill goes to the senate before the Board of Commissioners decides upon what action to take, in terms of a possible referendum.

Commissioner Swafford announced that Dawson County Parks and Recreation would be hosting Pre-District Tournaments this weekend with visitors coming from many different counties.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion passed unanimously to approve the minutes from the Voting Session held on January 15, 2015.
Nix/Hamby

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Motion passed unanimously to approve the agenda as written with the addition of the following agenda item as Item #5:

- Discussion of Annexation Petition #14-008

Swafford/Fausett

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARING:

None

ZONING

None

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Approval of the Title VI Plan for Dawson County Transit

Motion passed unanimously to approve the Title VI Plan for Dawson County Transit. Swafford/Hamby

Approval of the Board of Commissioners 2014 Expenses

Motion passed unanimously to approve the Board of Commissioners 2014 Expenses. Nix/Fausett

Approval of the Use of Office Space within County Building Contract

Motion passed unanimously to approve the Use of Office Space within County Building Contract.
Swafford/Nix

Approval of Board Appointments

Motion passed unanimously to approve the following board appointments:

- Development Authority
 - o Clint Bearden (Term: January 2015 through December 2018)
 - o Sherry Weeks (Term: January 2015 through December 2018)
 - o Charlie Tarver (Term: January 2015 through December 2018)
- Industrial Building Authority
 - o Tom Alexander (Term: January 2015 through December 2018)
 - o Charlie Tarver Alternate (Term: January 2015 through December 2018)
 - o Sherry Weeks- (Term: January 2015 through December 2018)
- Joint Development Authority
 - o Mary Simmons (Term: January 2015 through December 2018)
 - o John Drew (Term: January 2015 through December 2018)

Nix/Swafford

Discussion of Annexation Petition #14-008

Motion passed unanimously to approve Annexation Petition #14-008. Hamby/Nix

ADJOURNMENT:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

APPROVE:

Mike Berg, Chairman

ATTEST:

Danielle Yarbrough, County Clerk

Voting Session Minutes - February 19, 2015

DAWSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

VOTING SESSION MINUTES – FEBRUARY 19, 2015

DAWSON COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER ASSEMBLY ROOM

25 JUSTICE WAY, DAWSONVILLE

6:00PM

ROLL CALL: Those present were Chairman Berg; Commissioner Fausett, District 1; Commissioner Swafford, District 2; Commissioner Hamby, District 3; Commissioner Nix, District 4; County Manager Campbell; County Attorney Homans; County Clerk Yarbrough and interested citizens of Dawson County.

OPENING PRESENTATION: Donna Weaver – Family Promise of Dawson County

INVOCATION: Chairman Berg

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Chairman Berg

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Chairman Berg announced that the Arbor Day Ceremony scheduled for Friday, February 20th had been postponed.

Chairman Berg also announced that over a 12 hour time span from 6:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. on February 16th, 911 had received 789 calls for service with 420 of those being weather-related. During a normal night the center would usually handle 80 to 100 calls for service. Chairman Berg also announced that 11 people had signed up for the warming station down at Rock Creek Park, with 4 of those individuals staying the entire night and 7 coming in just to take showers.

County Attorney Homans announced that the Dawson County High School Varsity Girls Basketball Team was in the process of progressing through play-off games.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion passed unanimously to approve the minutes from the Voting Session held on February 5, 2015.
Nix/Hamby

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Motion passed unanimously to approve the agenda as written. Swafford/Fausett

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARING:

None

ZONING

None

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Application for Business License – Black Ice Hookah Lounge (1st of 1 hearing)

Applicant withdrew business license application on February 19, 2015

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Approval of the 2015 Arbor Day Proclamation

Motion passed unanimously to approve the 2015 Arbor Day Proclamation. Hamby/Fausett

Approval of the Govolution Agreement for Credit/Debit Card Services

Motion passed unanimously to approve the Govolution Agreement for Credit/Debit Card Services.
Swafford/Hamby

Approval of the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant

Motion passed unanimously to approve the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant. Hamby/Nix

Approval to move forward with Public Hearings on the 2015 Land Use District Map

Motion passed unanimously to move forward with public hearings on the 2015 Land Use District Map. Fausett/Hamby

Approval to permit Chairman Berg to sign the Notice of Intent (NOI) for the Stormwater Management Program and forward the documents to the Environmental Protection Division (EPD) for review

Motion passed unanimously to permit Chairman Berg to sign the Notice of Intent (NOI) for the Stormwater Management Program and forward the documents to the Environmental Protection Division (EPD) for review. Nix/Fausett

ADJOURNMENT:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

APPROVE:

ATTEST:

Mike Berg, Chairman

Danielle Yarbrough, County Clerk

Voting Session Minutes - March 19, 2015

DAWSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

VOTING SESSION MINUTES – MARCH 19, 2015

DAWSON COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER ASSEMBLY ROOM

25 JUSTICE WAY, DAWSONVILLE

6:00PM

ROLL CALL: Those present were Chairman Berg; Commissioner Fausett, District 1; Commissioner Swafford, District 2; Commissioner Hamby, District 3; Commissioner Nix, District 4; County Manager Campbell; County Attorney Homans; County Clerk Yarbrough and interested citizens of Dawson County.

OPENING PRESENTATION: Christie Haynes – President, Dawson County Chamber of Commerce

INVOCATION: Chairman Berg

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Chairman Berg

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Chairman Berg announced County Manager Cindy Campbell's and Chief Financial Officer Dena Bosten's birthdays.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion passed unanimously to approve the minutes from the Voting Session held on February 19, 2015.
Nix/Fausett

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Motion passed unanimously to approve the agenda with the following changes:

- Remove Item #7 – Approval to allow Emergency Services to participate in the “Touch-A-Truck” Benefit
- Add Item #9 – Executive Session

Swafford/Nix

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARING:

None

ZONING

None

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

2015 Land Use District Map (2nd of 2 hearings. First hearing was held on March 17, 2015 before the Planning Commission)

Chairman Berg asked if there was anyone present who wished to be heard on the matter of the proposed 2015 Land Use District Map, and hearing none, closed the hearing.

Motion passed unanimously to approve the 2015 Land Use District Map. Swafford/Hamby

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Approval of Application for Parade and Assembly – 4-H Rabies Clinic

Motion passed unanimously to approve the Application for Parade and Assembly – 4-H Rabies Clinic.
Nix/Hamby

Approval to move forward with public hearings on the Illicit Discharge and Illegal Connection Ordinance

Motion passed unanimously to approve to move forward with public hearings on April 2, 2015 and April 14, 2015 regarding the Illicit Discharge and Illegal Connection Ordinance. Nix/Hamby

Ratification of the FY2016 DOT 5311 Transit Grant

Motion passed unanimously to ratify the FY2016 DOT 5311 Transit Grant. Swafford/Fausett

Approval of the Agreement for Animal Care and Control

Motion passed unanimously to approve the contract as presented, including the requirement for an audit to be completed by June 30, 2015, but not to include the 10% reduction in payment if the number of dogs and cats delivered by Animal Control Officers is less than 10% of the previous year's quarterly totals. Swafford/Hamby

Approval to move forward with public hearings on the ordinance to amend the rules and regulations applicable to employees of the Dawson County Board of Commissioners known as the Dawson County Board of Commissioners Employee Handbook

Motion passed unanimously to move forward with public hearings on the ordinance to amend the rules and regulations applicable to employees of the Dawson County Board of Commissioners known as the Dawson County Board of Commissioners Employee Handbook. Swafford/Fausett

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion passed unanimously to go into Executive Session for the purpose of legal. Nix/Fausett

Motion passed unanimously to come out of Executive Session. Nix/Hamby

Comfort Inn Litigation

Motion passed unanimously to proceed with litigation against the Comfort Inn. Swafford/Fausett

ADJOURNMENT:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

APPROVE:

ATTEST:

Mike Berg, Chairman

Danielle Yarbrough, County Clerk

Voting Session Minutes - April 2, 2015

DAWSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

VOTING SESSION MINUTES – APRIL 2, 2015

DAWSON COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER ASSEMBLY ROOM

25 JUSTICE WAY, DAWSONVILLE

6:00PM

ROLL CALL: Those present were Chairman Berg; Commissioner Fausett, District 1; Commissioner Swafford, District 2; Commissioner Hamby, District 3; Commissioner Nix, District 4; County Manager Campbell; County Attorney Homans; County Clerk Yarbrough and interested citizens of Dawson County.

OPENING PRESENTATION:

Proclamation and Presentation for Distinguished Service to Billy Mahaffey

Motion passed unanimously to approve the Proclamation for Distinguished Service to Billy Mahaffey. Swafford/Fausett

INVOCATION: Chairman Berg

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Chairman Berg

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Commissioner Swafford announced the passing of former Dawson County employee Eddy DeCoursey along with the details of his visitation and memorial service.

Commissioner Swafford also asked everyone to keep the family of Betty Jean Styles in their prayers. Ms. Styles was a former educator who had passed away the night before.

Chairman Berg announced the following upcoming events:

- Electronics Recycling Day on Saturday, April 18th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Walmart Shopping Center
- Tire Amnesty Day on Saturday, May 9th from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Transfer Station

- 4-H Rabies Clinic- Saturday, April 25th from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. at Burt's Pumpkin Farm, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Dawson County Courthouse, and 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Kilough Elementary School.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion passed unanimously to approve the minutes from the Voting Session held on March 19, 2015.
Nix/Fausett

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Motion passed unanimously to approve the agenda as written. Swafford/Nix

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARING:

None

ZONING:

None

PUBLIC HEARING:

Illicit Discharge and Illegal Connection Ordinance (1st of 2 hearings. Next hearing will be held on April 14, 2015)

Chairman Berg asked if there was anyone present who wished to be heard on the matter of the Illicit Discharge and Illegal Connection Ordinance, and hearing none, closed the hearing.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Ratification of the FY2016 Dawson County HELP Court Grant Application

Motion passed unanimously to ratify the FY2016 Dawson County HELP Court Grant Application.
Swafford/Nix

Ratification of the FY2016 Dawson County Treatment Court Grant Application

Motion passed unanimously to ratify the FY2016 Dawson County Treatment Court Grant Application.
Swafford/Nix

Approval of the 2015 Boot Drives

Motion passed unanimously to approve the 2015 Boot Drives. Nix/Swafford

Approval of the 2015 GEMA Homeland Security Grant

Motion passed unanimously to approve the 2015 GEMA Homeland Security Grant. Swafford/Hamby

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion passed unanimously to go into Executive Session for the purpose of legal. Nix/Hamby

Motion passed unanimously to come out of Executive Session. Swafford/Fausett

ADJOURNMENT:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

APPROVE:

ATTEST:

Mike Berg, Chairman

Danielle Yarbrough, County Clerk

Voting Session Minutes - April 14, 2015

DAWSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

VOTING SESSION MINUTES – APRIL 14, 2015

DAWSON COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER ASSEMBLY ROOM

25 JUSTICE WAY, DAWSONVILLE

6:00PM

ROLL CALL: Those present were Chairman Berg; Commissioner Fausett, District 1; Commissioner Swafford, District 2; Commissioner Hamby, District 3; Commissioner Nix, District 4; County Manager Campbell; County Attorney Homans; County Clerk Yarbrough and interested citizens of Dawson County.

OPENING PRESENTATION:

Service Appreciation Award for Dave Hinderliter presented by Chairman Berg

INVOCATION: Chairman Berg

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Chairman Berg

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion passed 3-1 to approve the minutes from the Voting Session held on April 2, 2015. Nix/Swafford-Commissioner Hamby abstained

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Motion passed unanimously to approve the agenda as written. Swafford/Fausett

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARING:

None

ZONING:

None

PUBLIC HEARING:

Illicit Discharge and Illegal Connection Ordinance (2nd of 2 hearings. First hearing was held on April 2, 2015)

Chairman Berg asked if there was anyone present who wished to be heard on the matter of the Illicit Discharge and Illegal Connection Ordinance, and hearing none, closed the hearing.

Motion passed unanimously to approve the Illicit Discharge and Illegal Connection Ordinance.
Nix/Hamby

Ordinance to amend the rules and regulations applicable to employees of the Dawson County Board of Commissioners known as the Dawson County Board of Commissioners Employee Handbook (1st of 2 hearings. Next hearing will be held on May 7, 2015)

Chairman Berg asked if there was anyone present who wished to be heard on the matter of the ordinance to amend the rules and regulations applicable to employees of the Dawson County Board of Commissioners known as the Dawson County Board of Commissioners Employee Handbook, and hearing none, closed the hearing.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Approval of the Georgia Forestry Commission Cooperative Lease Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding

Motion passed unanimously to approve the Georgia Forestry Commission Cooperative Lease Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding in its final version. Swafford/Nix

ADJOURNMENT:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

APPROVE:

ATTEST:

Mike Berg, Chairman

Danielle Yarbrough, County Clerk

Voting Session Minutes - May 7, 2015

DAWSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

VOTING SESSION MINUTES – MAY 7, 2015

DAWSON COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER ASSEMBLY ROOM

25 JUSTICE WAY, DAWSONVILLE

6:00PM

ROLL CALL: Those present were Chairman Berg; Commissioner Fausett, District 1; Commissioner Swafford, District 2; Commissioner Hamby, District 3; Commissioner Nix, District 4; County Manager Campbell; County Attorney Homans; County Clerk Yarbrough and interested citizens of Dawson County.

OPENING PRESENTATION:

None

INVOCATION: Chairman Berg

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Chairman Berg

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Chairman Berg announced Commissioner Hamby's upcoming birthday on Sunday, May 10th.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion passed unanimously to approve the minutes from the Voting Session held on April 14, 2015.
Nix/Fausett

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Motion passed unanimously to approve the agenda as written. Swafford/Hamby

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARING:

None

ZONING:

None

PUBLIC HEARING:

Ordinance to amend the rules and regulations applicable to employees of the Dawson County Board of Commissioners known as the Dawson County Board of Commissioners Employee Handbook (2nd of 2 hearings. First hearing was held on April 14, 2015)

Chairman Berg asked if there was anyone present who wished to be heard on the matter of the Ordinance to amend the rules and regulations applicable to employees of the Dawson County Board of Commissioners known as the Dawson County Board of Commissioners Employee Handbook, and hearing none, closed the hearing.

Chairman Berg asked the Board if they wanted to address each suggested item of change as a whole or individually.

Commissioner Hamby motioned to approve the Employee Handbook as it was originally submitted.

Motion died for lack of a second.

- Smoking cessation by employees while on government property- No motion made
- Texting and cell phone usage while operating a county vehicle- No motion made
- Additional compensation for employees having to work during inclement weather

Commissioner Swafford motioned to allow additional compensation for employees who have to work during inclement weather.

Motion died for lack of a second.

Motion passed 3-1 to approve the Employee Handbook as originally submitted. Hamby/Nix-Commissioner Swafford voted against the motion.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Approval of the Revision of Application for Parade and Assembly – 4-H Rabies Clinic (Date Change)

Motion passed unanimously to approve the Revision of Application for Parade and Assembly – 4-H Rabies Clinic. Swafford/Nix

Approval of Applications for Parade and Assembly – Cinco-De-Run-O, GA Super Sprint Triathlon, Bootlegger Marathon & Bootlegger Triathlon

Motion passed unanimously to approve Applications for Parade and Assembly – Cinco-De-Run-O, GA Super Sprint Triathlon, Bootlegger Marathon & Bootlegger Triathlon. Nix/Hamby

Approval of the 2015 Bullet Proof Vest (BVP) Grant

Motion passed unanimously to approve the 2015 Bullet Proof Vest (BVP) Grant. Swafford/Hamby

Approval of Bid #249-15 RFP Inmate Telephone Systems for Dawson County Sheriff's Office

Motion passed unanimously to award Bid #249-15 RFP Inmate Telephone Systems for Dawson County Sheriff's Office to the most responsible, responsive bidder Inmate Calling Solutions (ICS) out of San Antonio, Texas and to approve the contract with Option A as submitted beginning May 8, 2015. Swafford/Nix

Approval to move forward with public hearings on May 21, 2015 and June 4, 2015 for the Dawson County Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control Ordinance Update

Motion passed unanimously to move forward with public hearings on May 21, 2015 and June 4, 2015 for the Dawson County Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control Ordinance Update. Swafford/Nix

Approval to move forward with public hearings on May 21, 2015 and June 4, 2015 for the Dawson County Stormwater Management Ordinance

Motion passed unanimously to move forward with public hearings on May 21, 2015 and June 4, 2015 for the Dawson County Stormwater Management Ordinance. Nix/Fausett

Approval of the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC)

Motion passed unanimously to approve the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC). Swafford/Nix

Approval of Trauma Course Funding for Emergency Services Personnel

Motion passed unanimously to approve the Trauma Course Funding for Emergency Services Personnel. Swafford/Hamby

Approval to move forward with public hearings on May 21, 2015 and June 4, 2015 for the Ordinance to Amend the Compensation of the Chairman and Commissioners

Motion passed unanimously to approve to move forward with public hearings on May 21, 2015 and June 4, 2015 for the Ordinance to Amend the Compensation of the Chairman and Commissioners. Nix/Swafford

ADJOURNMENT:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

APPROVE:

ATTEST:

Mike Berg, Chairman

Danielle Yarbrough, County Clerk

Voting Session Minutes - June 4, 2015

DAWSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

VOTING SESSION MINUTES – JUNE 4, 2015

DAWSON COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER ASSEMBLY ROOM

25 JUSTICE WAY, DAWSONVILLE

6:00PM

ROLL CALL: Those present were Chairman Berg; Commissioner Fausett, District 1; Commissioner Swafford, District 2; Commissioner Hamby, District 3; Commissioner Nix, District 4; County Manager Campbell; County Attorney Homans; County Clerk Yarbrough and interested citizens of Dawson County.

OPENING PRESENTATION: None

INVOCATION: Chairman Berg

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Chairman Berg

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Chairman Berg reminded everyone of the Family Connection Celebrity Waiter fundraiser tomorrow morning from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. at Longhorn's.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion passed unanimously to approve the minutes from the Voting Session held on May 21, 2015. Swafford/Nix

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Motion passed unanimously to approve the agenda as written with the addition of an Executive Session at the end of tonight's meeting. Nix/Hamby

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARING:

None

ZONING:

None

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control Ordinance (2nd of 2 hearings. 1st hearing was held on May 21, 2015)

Chairman Berg asked if there was anyone present who wished to be heard on the matter of the Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control Ordinance, and hearing none, closed the hearing.

Motion passed unanimously to approve the Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control Ordinance. Swafford/Hamby

Stormwater Management Ordinance (2nd of 2 hearings. 1st hearing was held on May 21, 2015)

Chairman Berg asked if there was anyone present who wished to be heard on the matter of the Stormwater Management Ordinance, and hearing none, closed the hearing.

Motion passed unanimously to approve the Stormwater Management Ordinance. Nix/ Fausett

Ordinance to amend the compensation of the Chairman and Commissioners (2nd of 2 hearings. 1st hearing was held on May 21, 2015)

Chairman Berg asked if there was anyone present who wished to be heard on the matter of the Ordinance to amend the compensation of the Chairman and Commissioners, and hearing none, closed the hearing.

Motion passed unanimously to approve the ordinance to amend the compensation of the Chairman and Commissioners. Swafford/Nix

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Approval of the Firm for the Humane Society's FY 2014 Audit and Request for Extension of Audit Deadline

Motion passed unanimously to approve Goldman and Company as the audit firm to complete the Humane Society's FY 2014 audit and extend the audit deadline to August 31, 2015. Nix/Hamby

Approval of the FY 2016 Legacy Link Contract

Motion passed unanimously to approve the FY 2016 Legacy Link Contract. Swafford/Nix

Approval of Bid #253-15 RFP Property and Liability Insurance

Motion passed unanimously to award Bid #253-15 RFP Property and Liability Insurance to the most responsive, responsible bidder, ACCG-IRMA out of Atlanta, Georgia. Nix/Swafford

Approval of the Georgia Department of Transportation Indication of Roundabout Support for the SR 9 and Dawson Forest Road Intersection

Motion passed unanimously to approve the Georgia Department of Transportation Indication of Roundabout Support for the SR 9 and Dawson Forest Road Intersection. Nix/Hamby

Approval of the Georgia Department of Transportation Indication of Roundabout Support for the SR 52 and SR 183 Intersection

Motion passed unanimously to approve the Georgia Department of Transportation Indication of Roundabout Support for the SR 52 and SR 183 Intersection. Nix/Swafford

Approval of the Georgia Department of Transportation Agreement for Roundabout Support for the SR 53 and SR 183 Intersection

Motion passed unanimously to approve the Georgia Department of Transportation Agreement for Roundabout Support for the SR 53 and SR 183 Intersection with the stipulation that Dawson County determine the type of lights and quantity. Swafford/Hamby

Approval of the Georgia Trauma Commission Equipment Grant

Motion passed unanimously to approve application of the Georgia Trauma Commission Equipment Grant. Nix/ Fausett

Approval of the FY 2014 Georgia Trauma Commission Excess Funds

Motion passed unanimously to approve the FY 2014 Georgia Trauma Commission Excess Funds. Swafford/Fausett

Approval of FY 2014 Budget Amendments

Motion passed unanimously to approve the FY 2014 Budget Amendments. Swafford/Hamby

Approval of the Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Dawsonville for Animal Control Enforcement

Motion passed unanimously to approve to deny the Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Dawsonville for Animal Control Enforcement and to draft a new agreement. Fausett/Nix

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion passed unanimously to go into Executive Session for the purpose of legal. Nix/Fausett

Motion passed unanimously to come out of Executive Session. Swafford/Hamby

ADJOURNMENT:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

APPROVE:

ATTEST:

Mike Berg, Chairman

Danielle Yarbrough, County Clerk

Voting Session Minutes - July 16, 2015

DAWSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

VOTING SESSION MINUTES – JULY 16, 2015

DAWSON COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER ASSEMBLY ROOM

25 JUSTICE WAY, DAWSONVILLE

6:00PM

ROLL CALL: Those present were Chairman Berg; Commissioner Fausett, District 1; Commissioner Swafford, District 2; Commissioner Hamby, District 3; Commissioner Nix, District 4; County Manager Campbell; County Attorney Homans; County Clerk Yarbrough and interested citizens of Dawson County.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (5:00 p.m.):

Motion passed unanimously to go into Executive Session for the purpose of legal, personnel, and property. Nix/Swafford

Motion passed unanimously to come out of Executive Session. Hamby/Nix

OPENING PRESENTATIONS:

1. Georgia House of Representatives Resolution Honoring the Gerrish Family – State Representative Kevin Tanner
2. Ninth District Opportunity – Denise Davis

INVOCATION: Chairman Berg

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Chairman Berg

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Chairman Berg reminded everyone of the Government Center Bond Burning which would immediately follow the voting session, and thanked everyone in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion passed unanimously to approve the minutes from the Voting Session held on July 2, 2015.
Nix/Swafford

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Motion passed unanimously to approve the agenda as written. Swafford/Hamby

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARING:

None

ZONING:

ZA 15-02 – Billy Carlisle has made a request to rezone 4.97 acres from R-A (Residential Agricultural) to C-HB (Commercial Highway Business). The property is located at TMP 115-005 & 115-005-001.

Chairman Berg announced that if anyone had contributed more than \$250 to the campaign for public office and wished to speak they will have to fill out a form which will 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 Rachel Burton explained that Sheriff Carlisle has requested to rezone the property for a proposed RV rental business and that his request is in line with the future Land Use Plan, and that the Planning Commission recommended approval with no stipulations.

Applicant Billy Carlisle stated that his intent for rezoning the property is to open up a RV rental business, but with no camping on the property allowed. He also stated that he will service all of the RV units upon return and requested a variance from the Planning Commission in order to place a mobile office on the property.

Chairman Berg asked if anyone wished to speak in favor or opposition of the application, and hearing none, closed the hearing.

Motion made to approve ZA 15-02 as presented with one stipulation. Swafford/

- The mobile office is to be removed from the property within 24 months.

Motion died for lack of a second.

Motion made again to approve ZA 15-02 as presented with the previous stipulation.

- The mobile office is to be removed from the property within 24 months.

Motion passed 3-0 to approve ZA 15-02 as presented with the stipulation that mobile office be removed from the property within 24 months. Swafford/Fausett- Chairman Berg voted yes to ensure there were three votes. Commissioners Hamby and Nix abstained.

PUBLIC HEARING:

2015 Millage Rate and Property Tax (3rd of 3 hearings. First hearings were held on July 2, 2015 and July 9, 2015)

Chairman Berg opened the hearing and asked if there was anyone present who wished to be heard regarding the 2015 Millage Rate and Property Tax, and hearing none, closed the hearing.

Motion passed unanimously to approve the 2015 Millage Rate and Property Tax of 8.138. Nix/Fausett

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Approval of the Sheriff's Office Budget Transfer Request

Motion passed unanimously to approve the Sheriff's Office Budget Transfer Request. Nix/Fausett

Approval of the Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Lease Purchase Agreement with Association of County Commissioners of Georgia

Motion passed unanimously to approve the resolution authorizing the execution of a lease purchase agreement with Association County Commissioners of Georgia. Swafford/Hamby

Approval of Bid #254-15 IFB Dodge Trucks for Dawson County Government and Approval of Financing Documents

Motion passed unanimously to award Bid #254-15 IFB Dodge Trucks for Dawson County Government to the only responsive, responsible bidder, Don Jackson Automotive Group, LLC out of Union City, Georgia and approve financing documents. Swafford/Hamby

Approval of the Recommendation to Terminate Contract and Agreements Relating to Credit/Debit Card Services

Motion passed unanimously to approve the recommendation to terminate contract and agreements relating to credit/debit card services. Swafford/Fausett

Approval of the Vehicle Replacement and Maintenance Policy Update

Motion passed unanimously to approve the Vehicle Replacement and Maintenance Policy Update. Swafford/Hamby

ADJOURNMENT:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

APPROVE:

ATTEST:

Mike Berg, Chairman

Danielle Yarbrough, County Clerk

Voting Session Minutes - August 6, 2015

DAWSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

VOTING SESSION MINUTES – AUGUST 6, 2015

DAWSON COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER ASSEMBLY ROOM

25 JUSTICE WAY, DAWSONVILLE

6:00PM

ROLL CALL: Those present were Chairman Berg; Commissioner Fausett, District 1; Commissioner Swafford, District 2; Commissioner Hamby, District 3; Commissioner Nix, District 4; County Manager Campbell; County Attorney Homans; County Clerk Yarbrough and interested citizens of Dawson County.

OPENING PRESENTATION: None

INVOCATION: Chairman Berg

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Chairman Berg

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Commissioner Swafford announced that Commissioner Fausett had recently celebrated a birthday.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion passed unanimously to approve the minutes from the Voting Session held on July 16, 2015 with the following change:

- The vote for Zoning Item ZA 15-02 should have been shown as 3-0 with two abstentions and not 3-2 with two abstentions.

Swafford/Fausett

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Motion passed unanimously to approve the agenda as written. Swafford/Hamby

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARING:

None

ZONING:

None

PUBLIC HEARING:

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Approval to apply for the First Responder- EMT-B Grant

Motion passed unanimously to approve to apply for the First Responder- EMT-B Grant. Nix/Hamby

Approval of payment of the Debris Removal Contractor (CERES) Invoice using contingencies and fund balance

Motion passed unanimously to approve payment of the Debris Removal Contractor (CERES) Invoice using contingencies and fund balance. Swafford/Fausett

Approval of the 2015 Employee Compensation Proposal

Motion passed unanimously to postpone the approval of the 2015 Employee Compensation Proposal until the next voting session on August 20, 2015. Nix/Fausett

ADJOURNMENT:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion passed unanimously to go into Executive Session. Swafford/Hamby

Motion passed unanimously to come out of Executive Session. Swafford/Hamby

APPROVE:

ATTEST:

Mike Berg, Chairman

Danielle Yarbrough, County Clerk

Voting Session Minutes - August 20, 2015

DAWSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

VOTING SESSION MINUTES – AUGUST 20, 2015

DAWSON COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER ASSEMBLY ROOM

25 JUSTICE WAY, DAWSONVILLE

6:00PM

ROLL CALL: Those present were Chairman Berg; Commissioner Fausett, District 1; Commissioner Swafford, District 2; Commissioner Hamby, District 3; Commissioner Nix, District 4; County Manager Campbell; County Attorney Homans; County Clerk Yarbrough and interested citizens of Dawson County.

OPENING PRESENTATION: Muscular Dystrophy Association Proclamation – Abby Ruffner

Motion passed unanimously to approve the Muscular Dystrophy Association Proclamation as written.
Hamby/Nix

INVOCATION: Chairman Berg

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Chairman Berg

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Chairman Berg announced that Commissioner Nix would be celebrating a birthday next week.
- Chairman Berg also announced that the next two Board of Commissioners meetings had been cancelled due to lack of business. The next meeting would be the regularly scheduled Work Session on September 10, 2015.
- Commissioner Swafford announced that this Saturday at 6:00 p.m., the Dawson County Fire Department would be graduating a volunteer class at Riverview Middle School.
- Chairman Berg announced that the county had received two reimbursement checks from the Georgia Emergency Management Agency for assistance with storm debris clean-up. One check was for \$223,732.22 and the other for \$119,384.76.

- Chairman Berg asked Executive Assistant Ginny Tarver to give an update on the Citizens' Government Academy. She reported that there were 18 participants registered so far and the first night of class would be September 8th.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion passed unanimously to approve the minutes from the Voting Session held on August 6, 2015 as written. Nix/Hamby

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Motion passed unanimously to approve the agenda as written with the following change:

- Move the Executive Session originally scheduled after Roll Call to the end of the meeting.

Fausett/Swofford

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARING:

None

ZONING:

ZA 15-03 – Delinda Umberger on behalf of Aqua Design Pool and Spas has made a request to rezone 1.998 acres from R-A (Residential Agricultural) to C-HB (Commercial Highway Business). The property is located at TMP 098-009.

Chairman Berg announced that if anyone had contributed more than \$250 to the campaign for public office and wished to speak they will have to fill out a form which will 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 Rachel Burton explained that there was no additional information to report regarding this application.

Applicant Delinda Umberger stated that her intent in rezoning the property was to establish a custom pool business called Aqua Pool and Spas. Her future plans were to tear down the barn currently on the property and erect a metal building 40' x 80' and 15-20' feet high.

Chairman Berg asked if anyone wished to speak in favor of the application. The following spoke:

- Chris Sharp- 6903 Alan Thomas Road, Cumming, Georgia

Chairman Berg asked if anyone wished to speak in opposition of the application. The following spoke:

- Attorney Christopher Light- 112 N. Main Street, Cumming, Georgia- Representing Bryan Martin
- Debbie Kelly- 7090 Alan Thomas Road, Cumming, Georgia
- Bryan Martin- 6965 Alan Thomas Road, Cumming, Georgia

Motion tied 2-2 to deny ZA 15-03. Nix/Fausett. Commissioners Hamby and Swafford voted against the motion.

Motion passed 3-1 to approve ZA 15-03 with the following stipulations:

- An additional 10 foot wide vegetative buffer a minimum of 8' in height to the required 25 foot side and rear building setbacks adjacent to residential district.
- The rezoning is only approved for this specific business and owner.

Swafford/Hamby- Commissioner Nix voted against the motion.

PUBLIC HEARING:

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Approval of the 2015 Employee Compensation Proposal – Postponed from the August 6, 2015 Voting Session

Motion passed unanimously to approve the 2015 Employee Compensation Proposal of a 4.38% increase, for a total of \$333,784.00 to be allocated to elected officials and department heads, excluding the sheriff's office, to be distributed at their discretion with the stipulation that any employee receiving an increase must have been employed with the county at least six months. Swafford/Hamby

NEW BUSINESS:

Approval to of the request to unfreeze a salaried District Attorney's Office position

Motion passed 3-1 to approve the request to unfreeze a salaried District Attorney's Office position. Nix/Hamby- Commissioner Swafford voted against the motion.

Approval of the request to install an ATM in the Government Center 1st Floor Public Area

Motion passed unanimously to approve the request to install an ATM in the Government Center 1st Floor Public Area. Nix/Hamby

Approval of the request for approval of budget increase for Tax Assessor's Attorney Fees

Motion passed unanimously to approve the request for approval of budget increase for Tax Assessor's Attorney Fees. Swafford/Fausett

Approval of the 2015 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG)

Motion passed unanimously to approve the 2015 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG). Swafford/Hamby

Approval of Special Event Business License – MarineMax Boat Show

Motion passed unanimously to approve Special Event Business License – MarineMax Boat Show. Hamby/Fausett

ADJOURNMENT:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion passed unanimously to go into Executive Session. Hamby/Swafford

APPROVE:

ATTEST:

Mike Berg, Chairman

Danielle Yarbrough, County Clerk

Voting Session Minutes - September 17, 2015

DAWSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

VOTING SESSION MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 17, 2015

DAWSON COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER ASSEMBLY ROOM

25 JUSTICE WAY, DAWSONVILLE

6:00PM

ROLL CALL: Those present were Chairman Berg; Commissioner Fausett, District 1; Commissioner Hamby, District 3; Commissioner Nix, District 4; County Manager Campbell; County Attorney Homans; County Clerk Yarbrough and interested citizens of Dawson County. Commissioner Swafford was not present.

OPENING PRESENTATIONS:

- Clean Water Proclamation – Doris Cook – Etowah Water and Sewer Authority

Motion passed unanimously to approve the Muscular Dystrophy Association Proclamation as written.
Hamby/Nix

- Dawson County Chamber of Commerce – Chamber President Christie Haynes

INVOCATION: Chairman Berg

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Chairman Berg

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Chairman Berg and Commissioner Fausett reminded everyone of the POW/MIA Veterans Ceremony taking place at Veterans Memorial Park, Friday, September 18th beginning at 5:00 p.m.
- Chairman Berg asked Michele Hester to provide an update regarding Shore Sweep. Ms. Hester announced that the 27th Annual Shore Sweep sponsored by Keep Dawson County Beautiful would be taking place on Saturday, September 26th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at War Hill Park.
- Chairman Berg announced that there would be no BOC meetings on October 8th and October 15th due to some of the commissioners attending ACCG training.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion passed unanimously to approve the minutes from the Voting Session held on August 20, 2015 as written. Fausett/Hamby

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Motion passed unanimously to approve the agenda as written. Nix/Fausett

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARING:

None

VARIANCE:

VR 15-16 – Dawson Marketplace has made a request to vary from the Land Use Resolution, Article IV, Section 121-102, to vary from the front setback requirement, Article VI, Section 121-171, to vary from the maximum parking allowed; the Development and Design Guidelines of the Georgia Highway 400 Corridor, Division 7, Section 117-235; to vary from the building façade, Division 8, Section 117-259, to vary from the screening of mechanical equipment. Dawson County Sign Ordinance, to vary from sign requirements; The property is located on TMP 106-075-008, 114-015, 114-024, 114-025 & 107-318. The property is zoned C-HB (Commercial Highway Business).

Chairman Berg announced that if anyone had contributed more than \$250 to the campaign for public office and wished to speak they will have to fill out a form which will 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 Rachel Burton went through each of the variances requested by the applicant:

1. Request for a 90' front building setback instead of 100' along Georgia Highway 400.

Chairman Berg asked if anyone wished to speak in favor of the application. The following spoke and also provided additional information on behalf of the applicant:

- Steve Spiegel- Hendon Properties, 3445 Peachtree Road, Suite 465, Atlanta, GA 30326

Chairman Berg asked if anyone wished to speak in opposition of the application and hearing none, closed that portion of the hearing.

Motion passed unanimously to approve the request for a 90' front building setback along Georgia Highway 400. Hamby/Nix

2. Request for the front building façade to be 25% brick/stone (reduction from 80%) and the side facades to be 25% brick/stone.

Chairman Berg asked if anyone wished to speak in favor of the application. The following spoke and also provided additional information:

- Steve Spiegel- Hendon Properties, 3445 Peachtree Road, Suite 465, Atlanta, GA 30326
- Alex Munoz- 452 E. Paces Ferry Road, Atlanta, GA 30305
- Charlie Auvermann- Director, Development Authority of Dawson County, 135 Prominence Court, Suite 170, Dawsonville, GA 30534

Chairman Berg asked if anyone wished to speak in opposition of the application and hearing none, closed that portion of the hearing.

Motion made to approve the request for the front building façade to be 60% brick/stone and the side facades to be 50% brick/stone. Nix/

Motion died for lack of a second.

Motion passed 3-1 for the front building façade to be 50% brick/stone and the side facades to be 50% brick/stone. Hamby/Fausett- Chairman Berg voted to make it 3-1. Commissioner Nix voted against the motion.

3. Request for restaurants located on outparcels to have two parking spaces per 100 s.f. of gross floor area.

Chairman Berg asked if anyone wished to speak in favor of the application. The following spoke and also provided additional information:

- Charlie Auvermann- Director, Development Authority of Dawson County, 135 Prominence Court, Suite 170, Dawsonville, GA 30534

Chairman Berg asked if anyone wished to speak in opposition of the application and hearing none, closed that portion of the hearing.

Motion passed unanimously to approve the request for restaurants located on outparcels to have two parking spaces per 100 s.f. of gross floor area. Nix/Hamby

4. Request for five monument signs along Georgia Highway 400 and two signs along Whitmire Road and Dawson Forest Road for the additional sign face area of 35 s.f. per sign.

Chairman Berg asked if anyone wished to speak in favor of the application. The following spoke and also provided additional information:

- Steve Spiegel- Hendon Properties, 3445 Peachtree Road, Suite 465, Atlanta, GA 30326
- Charlie Auvermann- Director, Development Authority of Dawson County, 135 Prominence Court, Suite 170, Dawsonville, GA 30534

Chairman Berg asked if anyone wished to speak in opposition of the application and hearing none, closed that portion of the hearing.

Motion passed unanimously to approve the request for five monument signs along Georgia Highway 400 and two signs along Whitmire Road and Dawson Forest Road for the additional sign face are of 35 s.f. per sign. Hamby/Fausett

5. Request for Wall Signage for Single Tenant Building

Chairman Berg asked if anyone wished to speak in favor of the application. The following spoke and also provided additional information:

- Steve Spiegel- Hendon Properties, 3445 Peachtree Road, Suite 465, Atlanta, GA 30326
- Alex Munoz- 452 E. Paces Ferry Road, Atlanta, GA 30305

Chairman Berg asked if anyone wished to speak in opposition of the application and hearing none, closed that portion of the hearing.

Motion passed unanimously to deny the request for Wall Signage for Single Tenant Building with the option for the applicant to re-file the request within one year before the Planning Commission.
Nix/Hamby

6. Request for Wall Signage for Multi-Tenant Building

Chairman Berg asked if anyone wished to speak in favor of the application. The following spoke:

- Steve Spiegel- Hendon Properties, 3445 Peachtree Road, Suite 465, Atlanta, GA 30326
- Alex Munoz- 452 E. Paces Ferry Road, Atlanta, GA 30305
- Charlie Auvermann- Director, Development Authority of Dawson County, 135 Prominence Court, Suite 170, Dawsonville, GA 30534

Chairman Berg asked if anyone wished to speak in opposition of the application and hearing none, closed that portion of the hearing.

Motion passed 3-1 to approve the request for Wall Signage for a Multi-Tenant Building to allow wall signs not to exceed 2 s.f. per linear foot of building wall façade each and not to exceed three hundred sixty (360) s.f. each. Hamby/Fausett- Chairman Berg voted to make it 3-1. Commissioner Nix voted against the motion.

7. Request to waive required rooftop screening of mechanical equipment from street for rear facades of buildings.

Chairman Berg asked if anyone wished to speak in favor of the application. The following spoke:

- Steve Spiegel- Hendon Properties, 3445 Peachtree Road, Suite 465, Atlanta, GA 30326
- Alex Munoz- 452 E. Paces Ferry Road, Atlanta, GA 30305
- Charlie Auvermann- Director, Development Authority of Dawson County, 135 Prominence Court, Suite 170, Dawsonville, GA 30534

Motion passed unanimously to approve the request to waive required rooftop screening for the rear facades of buildings adjacent to Lumpkin Campground Road so long as the landscaped berm (6' tall) along Lumpkin Campground Road screens the mechanical equipment rooftop views and that the mechanical equipment be setback 20' from the rear building wall face and less than 6' in height from the roof top surface. Hamby/Fausett

PUBLIC HEARING:

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Approval of request to hold Senior Center Quilt Raffle

Motion passed unanimously to approve the request to hold Senior Center Quilt Raffle. Nix/Fausett

Approval of FY 2016 Legacy Link Addendum #1

Motion passed unanimously to approve the FY 2016 Legacy Link Addendum #1. Hamby/Fausett

Approval of the Hazard Mitigation Plan Update Grant Application

Motion passed unanimously to approve the Hazard Mitigation Plan Update Grant Application.
Nix/Hamby

Approval of Board Appointments:

- Lori VanSickle - Dawson County Library Board - replacing Kay Black (Term: September 2015 to August 2019)
- Duane Wallace - Dawson County Library Board - replacing Eydie Stegall (Term: September 2015 to August 2019)

Motion passed unanimously to approve the Library Board Appointments. Hamby/Nix

ADJOURNMENT:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

APPROVE:

ATTEST:

Mike Berg, Chairman

Danielle Yarbrough, County Clerk

Voting Session Minutes - October 1, 2015

DAWSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

VOTING SESSION MINUTES – OCTOBER 1, 2015

DAWSON COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER ASSEMBLY ROOM

25 JUSTICE WAY, DAWSONVILLE

6:00PM

ROLL CALL: Those present were Chairman Berg; Commissioner Fausett, District 1; Commissioner Swafford, District 2; Commissioner Hamby, District 3; Commissioner Nix, District 4; County Manager Campbell; County Attorney Homans; County Clerk Yarbrough and interested citizens of Dawson County.

OPENING PRESENTATIONS:

Tiffany Davis – Dawson County Family Connection

INVOCATION: Chairman Berg

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Chairman Berg

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Chairman Berg asked Michele Hester to provide an update regarding the recent Lake Lanier Shore Sweep. Ms. Hester announced that 33,000 pounds of trash had been collected at the 27th Annual Shore Sweep over the weekend.
- Chairman Berg asked Dawson County Humane Society President Carolyn Bowen to comment on “Pups in the Park” over the weekend. She stated that despite the drizzly weather, everyone seemed to enjoy the event.
- Chairman Berg announced that the Board of Commissioners Work Session scheduled for October 8th had been cancelled, but the Voting Session scheduled for October 15th would continue as planned.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion passed 3-0 to approve the minutes from the Voting Session held on September 17, 2015 as written. Nix/Hamby- Commissioner Swafford abstained

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Motion passed unanimously to approve the agenda as written. Swafford/Fausett

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARING:

None

ZONING:

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Approval of Special Event Permit for Skeleton Scuttle 5K and Fright Night Fun Run

Motion passed unanimously to approve the Special Event Permit for Skeleton Scuttle 5K and Fright Night Fun Run. Nix/Fausett

Approval of REVISED Special Event Alcohol Permit for Chamber Reverse Raffle

Motion made to approve the REVISED Special Event Alcohol Permit for Chamber Reverse Raffle.
Nix/Fausett

Motion denied 2-3. Chairman Berg and Commissioners Swafford and Hamby voted against the motion.

Approval of ACCG Defined Benefit Plan Update

Motion passed unanimously to approve the ACCG Defined Benefit Plan Update. Swafford/Hamby

Approval of KARE for Kids Parking Lot Use Agreement

Motion passed unanimously to approve the KARE for Kids Parking Lot Use Agreement. Nix/Hamby

Approval of 2015 IT Surplus Equipment

Motion passed unanimously to approve the 2015 IT Surplus Equipment List provided. Swafford/Nix

Approval of Audit Services RFP #255-15

Motion passed unanimously to award Bid #255-15 RFP Audit Services to the most responsive, responsible bidder Rushton & Company in the amount of \$239,050.00 for a period of five (5) years. Swafford/Hamby

Discussion of Dawson Village Way South – Estimate Summary

Motion passed unanimously to move forward with a lawsuit to have Dawson Village Way declared a public nuisance before spending any funds to repair it. Swafford/Hamby

Approval to move forward with public hearing on the Proposed FY 2016-2018 Budget

Motion passed unanimously to move forward with a public hearing on the Proposed FY 2016-2018 Budget. Nix/Fausett

PUBLIC HEARING:

Proposed FY 2016-2018 Budget (1st of 1 hearing)

Chairman Berg opened the hearing and asked if there was anyone present who wished to be heard on the matter of the proposed FY 2016-2018 Budget.

The following spoke in support of staffing Fire Station 3:

Charlie Tarver, 115 River Overlook Road, Dawsonville, Georgia

The following spoke in support of putting \$6,000.00 that had been removed from the Dawson County Humane Society budget back in.

Carolyn Bowen, President, Dawson County Humane Society, Dawsonville, Georgia

The following commented on the amount budgeted in the Board of Commissioners Food line item.

Jane Graves, 224 Park Cove Road, Dawsonville, Georgia

The following spoke in support of additional funds to be allocated to the Chamber for the purpose of installing a handicap lift at their office.

Christie Haynes, President, Dawson County Chamber of Commerce, 55 Pearl Chambers Drive, Dawsonville, Georgia

Chairman Berg asked if there was anyone else present who wished to speak on the proposed FY 2015-2017 Budget and hearing none, closed the hearing.

Motion passed unanimously to table the vote of the Proposed 2016-2018 budget until the October 15th Voting Session. Swafford/Hamby

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion passed unanimously to go into Executive Session. Nix/Hamby

ADJOURNMENT:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

APPROVE:

ATTEST:

Mike Berg, Chairman

Danielle Yarbrough, County Clerk

Special Called Meeting Minutes - October 26, 2015

DAWSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING MINUTES – OCTOBER 26, 2015

DAWSON COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER ASSEMBLY ROOM

25 JUSTICE WAY, DAWSONVILLE

6:00PM

ROLL CALL: Those present were Chairman Berg; Commissioner Fausett, District 1; Commissioner Swafford, District 2; Commissioner Hamby, District 3; Commissioner Nix, District 4; County Attorney Homans; County Clerk Yarbrough and interested citizens of Dawson County. County Manager Campbell was not present.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Motion passed unanimously to approve the agenda as written. Nix/Hamby

NEW BUSINESS:

Approval of County Manager Cindy Campbell's Resignation

Motion passed unanimously to accept County Manager Cindy Campbell's resignation as submitted. Swafford/Hamby

Approval of Severance Package

Motion passed unanimously to approve the resolution authorizing payment of severance pay to County Manager Cindy Campbell. Nix/Hamby

Approval of Resolution Granting Authorization to Perform Duties of County Manager

Motion passed unanimously to authorize the Chairman to perform the duties of County Manager temporarily until the Board appoints a County Manager. Hamby/Swafford

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion passed unanimously to adjourn. Nix/Fausett

APPROVE:

ATTEST:

Mike Berg, Chairman

Danielle Yarbrough, County Clerk

Voting Session Minutes - November 5, 2015

DAWSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

VOTING SESSION MINUTES – NOVEMBER 5, 2015

DAWSON COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER ASSEMBLY ROOM

25 JUSTICE WAY, DAWSONVILLE

6:00PM

ROLL CALL: Those present were Chairman Berg; Commissioner Fausett, District 1; Commissioner Swafford, District 2; Commissioner Hamby, District 3; Commissioner Nix, District 4; County Attorney Homans; County Clerk Yarbrough and interested citizens of Dawson County.

OPENING PRESENTATION:

None

INVOCATION: Chairman Berg

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Chairman Berg

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion passed unanimously to approve the minutes from the Voting Session held on October 15, 2015 as written. Nix/Swafford

Motion passed unanimously to approve the minutes from the Special Called Meeting held on October 26, 2015 as written. Swafford/Fausett

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Motion passed unanimously to approve the agenda as written. Nix/Hamby

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARING:

None

ZONING:

None

PUBLIC HEARING:

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Approval of Proposed FY 2016-2018 Budget (Postponed from the October 15, 2015 Voting Session.

Motion passed unanimously to approve the proposed FY 2016-2018 Budget as presented at this meeting. Swafford/Fausett

NEW BUSINESS:

Approval of FY 2016 K9 Grant Application

Motion passed unanimously to approve the FY 2016 K9 Grant Application. Nix/Fausett

Approval of 2016 Dawson County Payroll and Holiday Calendar

Motion passed unanimously to approve the 2016 Dawson County Payroll and Holiday Calendar.
Swafford/Hamby

Approval of 2016 Board of Commissioners Meeting Calendar

Motion passed unanimously to approve the 2016 Board of Commissioners Meeting Calendar.
Nix/Hamby

Approval of Bid #256-15 RFP HVAC Maintenance and Repair

Motion passed unanimously to award Bid #256-15 RFP HVAC Maintenance and Repair to the most responsive, responsible bidder, Set Point HVAC Services out of Dahlonega, Georgia in the amount of \$15,000. Hamby/Fausett

Approval of Bid #258-15 IFB Emergency Services Uniforms

Motion passed unanimously to award Bid #255-15 IFB Emergency Services Uniforms to the most responsive, responsible bidder, Uniforms Sales America. Nix/Hamby

Approval of Board Appointment

Motion passed unanimously to approve the following board appointment:

- Wendi Bock – Dawson County Library Board – replacing Nancy Disharoon (Term: October 2015 to June 2016)

Swafford/Fausett

Approval to reconsider ZA 15-03 – Delinda Umberger on behalf of Aqua Design Pools and Spas has made a request to rezone 1.998 acres from R-A (Residential Agricultural) to C-HB (Commercial Highway Business). The property is located at TMP 098-009.

Motion passed unanimously to reconsider ZA 15-03. Hamby/Swafford

Approval of resolution to amend the terms of the County Board of Assessors

Motion passed unanimously to approve the resolution to amend the terms of the County Board of Assessors. Nix/Fausett

Approval of Development Fee Agreement

Motion made to approve the Development Fee Agreement as written. Swafford/

Motion died for lack of a second

Ratification of approval for emergency purchase of fire truck to replace fire truck damaged in collision

Motion passed unanimously to ratify the approval for emergency purchase of fire truck to replace fire truck damaged in collision. Hamby/Nix

Resolution approving agreement with DOT – Lighting SR 53 @ SR 183 project

Motion passed unanimously to approve resolution approving agreement with DOT – Lighting SR 53 @ SR 183 project. Swafford/Fausett

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion passed unanimously to go into Executive Session. Nix/Hamby

ADJOURNMENT:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

APPROVE:

ATTEST:

Mike Berg, Chairman

Danielle Yarbrough, County Clerk

Voting Session Minutes - November 19, 2015

DAWSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

VOTING SESSION MINUTES – NOVEMBER 19, 2015

DAWSON COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER ASSEMBLY ROOM

25 JUSTICE WAY, DAWSONVILLE

6:00PM

ROLL CALL: Those present were Chairman Berg; Commissioner Fausett, District 1; Commissioner Swafford, District 2; Commissioner Hamby, District 3; Commissioner Nix, District 4; County Attorney Homans; Public Works Director McKee filling in for County Clerk Yarbrough and interested citizens of Dawson County.

OPENING PRESENTATION:

Dawson County Citizens' Government Academy Graduation

INVOCATION: Chairman Berg

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Chairman Berg

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Commissioner Swafford announced that the Dawson County High School football team would be playing Spencer High out of Columbus, Georgia Friday night at 7:30 p.m. for the 2nd round of play-offs.

Chairman Berg announced there would be a Thanksgiving Luncheon for Dawson County employees on Friday from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Veterans Memorial Park sponsored by the Dawson County Board of Commissioners.

Chairman Berg announced that Emergency Services Assistant Chief Danny Speaks recently completed a yearlong EMS Directors and Management Leadership Course.

Chairman Berg announced that the Dawson County Finance Department had recently received the GGFOA Certificate of Achievement for the 8th year in a row for Financial Reporting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion passed unanimously to approve the minutes from the Voting Session held on November 5, 2015 as written. Nix/Hamby

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Motion passed unanimously to approve the agenda as written. Fausett/Swafford

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARING:

None

ZONING:

ZA 15-06- Joseph Green has made a request to rezone 1.08 acres from C-HB (Commercial Highway Business) to C-IR (Commercial Industrial Restricted). Joseph Green has also made a request to vary from the Land Use Resolution, Article IV, Section 121-102.2 for a side and rear setback reduction. The property is located at TMP 118-091-001.

Chairman Berg announced that if anyone had contributed more than \$250 to the campaign for public office and wished to speak they will have to fill out a form which will 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 Rachel Burton explained that the property is currently zoned C-HB and that the applicant has requested it to be rezoned to C-IR for the purpose of operating a slaughterhouse. The property was rezoned to C-HB in 2006, and both Planning and Development Staff and the Planning Commission recommend denial of the application because it does not fit with the future Land Use Plan.

Applicants Haley Green and Geri Neal stated that is their family's intent to operate a processing facility for deer and livestock. Their kill methods would be humane, and they only wish to improve Dawson County since they would be the only processing facility within 60 miles.

Chairman Berg asked if anyone wished to speak in favor of the application. The following spoke:

- Jimmy Couch- 4500 Ledan Extension, Gainesville, Georgia
- Tim Byrd- Dawsonville, Georgia
- Laura Benson- 124 Fern Valley Road, Dawsonville, Georgia
- Tim Costley- Chairman, Dawson County Chamber of Commerce Agricultural Committee
- Brad Weaver- 25 Lawrence Drive, Dawsonville, Georgia
- Rob Milligan, D.V.M.- Dawsonville, Georgia
- Daniel Charles- Dawsonville, Georgia
- Jake Malcolm- Dawsonville, Georgia

Chairman Berg asked if anyone wished to speak in opposition of the application. The following spoke:

- Charles Tarver- 115 River Overlook Road, Dawsonville, Georgia
- Tamara Koperda- 254 Blue Heron Bluff, Dawsonville, Georgia
- Olivia Cariglyn- 28 Knollwood Court, Dawsonville, Georgia

Motion passed 3-0 to deny ZA 15-06 based upon the future Land Use Plan. Hamby/Nix- Commissioner Swafford abstained.

PUBLIC HEARING:

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Consideration of National Reimbursement Group, Inc. (NRG) Settlement and Release Agreement

Motion passed unanimously to accept the \$5,000.00 settlement as outlined in the National Reimbursement Group, Inc. (NRG) Settlement and Release Agreement. Nix/Fausett

NEW BUSINESS:

Consideration of Bid #252-15 IFB Janitorial Supplies

Motion passed unanimously to award Bid #252-15 IFB Janitorial Supplies to the most responsive, responsible bidder, Georgia Janitor Supply out of Cumming, Georgia. Nix/Swofford

Consideration of Bid #257-15 RFP IT Servers

Motion passed unanimously to reject Bid #257-15 RFP IT Servers. Hamby/Fausett

Consideration of FY 16 DHS Coordinated Transportation Contract

Motion passed unanimously to approve the FY 16 DHS Coordinated Contract. Swofford/Hamby

Consideration of FY 17 GDOT 5311 Transit Grant Application

Motion passed unanimously to approve the FY 17 GDOT 5311 Transit Grant Application. Hamby/Nix

Consideration of Firehouse Subs Grant Application

Motion passed unanimously to approve the Firehouse Subs Grant Application. Swofford/Hamby

Consideration of 2015 CIE Annual Update

Motion passed unanimously to move forward with a public hearing on the 2015 CIE Annual Update on December 3, 2015. Swofford/Nix

ADJOURNMENT:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Hugh Stowers, Jr.

APPROVE:

ATTEST:

Mike Berg, Chairman

Danielle Yarbrough, County Clerk

Special Called Meeting Minutes - December 7, 2015

DAWSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING MINUTES – DECEMBER 7, 2015

DAWSON COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER ASSEMBLY ROOM

25 JUSTICE WAY, DAWSONVILLE

3:00PM

ROLL CALL: Those present were Chairman Berg; Commissioner Fausett, District 1; Commissioner Swafford, District 2; Commissioner Hamby, District 3; Commissioner Nix, District 4; County Clerk Yarbrough and interested citizens of Dawson County.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion passed unanimously to go into Executive Session for the purpose of Personnel. Hamby/Nix

Motion passed unanimously to come out of Executive Session. Swafford/Hamby

ADJOURNMENT:

APPROVE:

ATTEST:

Mike Berg, Chairman

Danielle Yarbrough, County Clerk