

LUMPKIN COUNTY
Board of Commissioners
Work Session Agenda
Commissioners Boardroom
99 Courthouse Hill
Dahlonega, GA 30533

February 7, 2023
4:00 PM

- **CALL TO ORDER**
- **PRESENTATIONS**
 1. Avita Community Partners Presentation - *Cindy Levi*
 2. TWS Insurance Update
 3. Recognition of 2022 Employees of the Year *Regular Meeting*
- **PROCLAMATIONS**
 4. FBLA Week Proclamation
- **MINUTES**
 5. Board of Commissioners - Work Session - January 3, 2023 4:00 p.m.
 6. Board of Commissioners - Retreat - January 11, 2023 9:00 a.m.
 7. Board of Commissioners - Work Session II - January 17, 2023 5:30 p.m.
 8. Board of Commissioners - Regular Meeting - January 17, 2023 6:00 p.m.
- **RESOLUTIONS**
 9. 2023-04 Appoint/Reappoint Members to Development Authority of Lumpkin County - *Donna Minnich to Seat 3, and John Gaston to Seat 6, both with terms expiring 03/07/2027*
 10. 2023-05 Appoint/Reappoint Members to Hospital Authority of Lumpkin County - *Debbie Bodney to Seat 7, Michiel E. Davis to Seat 8, and Clark Pierce to Seat 9 all with terms expiring 03/01/2027*
 11. 2023-06 Create and Appoint Members to Recycling & Litter Committee (*County Manager Alan Ours*)
 12. 2023-07 February Surplus Property (*Finance Director Abby Branan*)
 13. 2023-08 Request Local Action to Increase Hotel Motel Tax (*County Attorney Joy Edelberg*)
 14. 2023-09 Appoint Member to Veterans Affairs Committee - *John Howerton to Seat 6, with a term expiring 04/14/2027.*
 15. 2023-10 Multi-Bank Securities, Inc. (*Finance Director Abby Branan*)
- **CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS**
 16. 2023-007 Consideration of Renewal of State Properties Commission Lease - Technical College System of GA - Adult Learning Center (*Special Projects Director Ashley Peck*)

17. 2023-008 Mark Robinson Hauling, Inc. - Recycling & Transfer Station Lease Agreement
(*Special Projects Director Ashley Peck*)
18. 2023-009 Legacy Link Addendum #1 FY-2023 (*Senior Center Manager Linda Kirkpatrick*)
19. 2023-010 Loan of Tractor for Display in the Administration Building Lobby (*Special Projects Director Ashley Peck*)
20. 2023-011 Prepared 911, Text to 911 - Prepared Emergency Communications Service
Contract with Invictus Apps, Inc. (*E911 Director Carlton Chester*)
21. 2023-012 PowerPhone Site License Training Program (*E911 Director Carlton Chester*)
22. 2023-013 Off System Safety Project Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) (*Special Projects Manager Charles Trammell*)
23. 2023-014 2023 LMIG Asphalt Resurfacing Bid Award (*Special Projects Manager Charles Trammell*)
24. 2023-015 CorrectHealth Contract Renewal (*Sheriff Stacy Jarrard*)

- **OTHER ITEMS**

25. 2014 SPLOST 2023 Work Plan Amendment (*Finance Director Abby Branan*)
26. 2020 SPLOST 2023 Work Plan (*Finance Director Abby Branan*)
27. 2019 TSPLOST 2023 Work Plan Amendment (*Finance Director Abby Branan*)
28. Recycling & Transfer Station Timeline (*Special Projects Director Ashley Peck*)
29. Request to Dispose of County Owned ROW (*County Attorney Joy Edelberg*)
30. LCWSA Application for GEFA Loan - Update (*W&S Authority Director Sean Phipps*)

- **COUNTY MANAGER**

- **COUNTY ATTORNEY**

- **COMMISSIONERS**

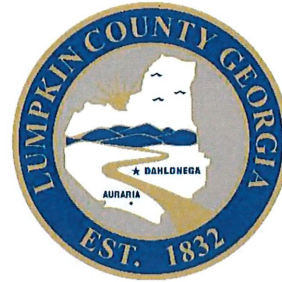
- **PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda Specific)**

- **EXECUTIVE SESSION - Personnel & Litigation**

- **ADJOURNMENT**

LUMPKIN COUNTY Board of Commissioners

Work Session Minutes
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CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Dockery called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm. Present were Chairman Chris Dockery, Commissioner Tucker Greene, Commissioner Bobby Mayfield, Commissioner Rhett Stringer, and Commissioner Jeff Moran.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Avita Community Partners Presentation - Cindy Levi

This is Avita's annual report to the Board of Commissioners.

Chairman Dockery said mental health services are a critical issue nationwide.

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11. 2023-06 Create and Appoint Members to Recycling & Litter Committee (County Manager Alan Ours)
Lumpkin County's recycling program has become stagnant and needs to be revised and upgraded.

12. 2023-07 February Surplus Property (Finance Director Abby Branan)
Consideration of list of County inventory items to be declared surplus.

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15. 2023-10 Multi-Bank Securities, Inc. (Finance Director Abby Branan)
Consideration of a Resolution for investing with Multi-Bank Securities, Inc.

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17. 2023-008 Mark Robinson Hauling, Inc. - Recycling & Transfer Station Lease Agreement (Special Projects Director Ashley Peck)
Amendment to contract with Mark Robinson Hauling for the operation and management of the Lumpkin County Solid Waste Transfer Station and the County's Recycling Program.

Commissioner Stringer mentioned a discussion he had with Mr. Robinson regarding the Transfer Station. Chairman Dockery said if Mr. Robinson wants to increase his prices, he will have to clean up the Transfer Station before the Recycling Committee decides the direction for the County's trash and recycling. He asked if we could add it to the Regular Meeting agenda as a separate item from the contract.

County Attorney Joy Edelberg informed the Commissioners that since the fee is included in the current contract, the BOC would have to approve a change as a contract amendment. The fee is set in the contract. The Chairman asked if staff could create a standard and then send it to the BOC for evaluation. We can renew the contract as-is, he suggested, but we could inform him of certain requirements he needs to meet if he wants to increase fees.

18. 2023-009 Legacy Link Addendum #1 FY-2023 (Senior Center Manager Linda Kirkpatrick)
This is a request to amend the contract that Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners entered into with Legacy Link, Inc. (Contract #2022-020-A-S approved on August 15, 2022) for the Lumpkin County Senior Center to provide nutrition and wellness services, nutrition screening and support services for senior adults in Lumpkin County.

19. 2023-010 Loan of Tractor for Display in the Administration Building Lobby (Special Projects Director Ashley Peck)
Loan of Tractor for Display in the Administration Building Lobby

20. 2023-011 Prepared 911, Text to 911 - Prepared Emergency Communications Service Contract with Invictus Apps, Inc. (E911 Director Carlton Chester)
This is a new service recently made available through Rapid SOS, our call locating system, that will allow us to receive text messages, photos, and video from cell phones.

Commissioner Stringer asked if the E-911 Director could look into having the rate adjusted, since the contract was written to begin in January, but we are already in February.

21. 2023-012 PowerPhone Site License Training Program (E911 Director Carlton Chester)
This is a new program recently made available through our power phone software where we currently obtain our EMD (emergency medical dispatch) training/recertification.

22. 2023-013 Off System Safety Project Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) (Special Projects Manager Charles Trammell)
Request for BOC approval of a MOU with GDOT on the proposed safety project on Ben Higgins Rd.

23. 2023-014 2023 LMIG Asphalt Resurfacing Bid Award (Special Projects Manager Charles Trammell)
Recommendation to award the LMIG (Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant) Project Bids.

24. 2023-015 CorrectHealth Contract Renewal (Sheriff Stacy Jarrard)
Renewal of the contract for inmate medical services.

Sheriff Jarrard discussed how CorrectHealth has offered to waive the "extraordinary wage clause" invoices from prior to April 1, 2022. They are requesting that the County pay the EWC invoices since April 1, 2022 according to the current contract, but they are proposing to remove the extraordinary wage clause completely in this proposed contract. Finance Work Session
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Director Abby Branan explained that while they are offering to waive the old invoices, it was the County's stance that we did not owe that. CorrectHealth is disputing that we do owe them, and there are some additional invoices from this contract as well. Ms. Branan has contacted CorrectHealth multiple times over several months to ask the company questions regarding these invoices, but they have not answered her inquiries.

Ms. Branan said they are also proposing an increase to the base compensation since there are no labor variances in the proposed contract. The 2023 budget for inmate care is \$400,000, and the proposed rate is \$3,853 lower than that amount. However, there is also a varying amount required every year for specialty medical care and dentistry. Ms. Branan explained this would mean we will be over-budget if we accept the new contract rate. Commissioner Stringer asked the Finance Director about the current contract compensation, and she explained it is just shy of \$30,000 per month. The current contract also allowed for about \$16,000 in labor, which CorrectHealth has billed us for. Ms. Branan said they have not paid those invoices yet because CorrectHealth would not answer her questions about the invoices.

Chairman Dockery said he thought it was made clear to CorrectHealth that they were supposed to seek confirmation from the County before they proceeded with staff changes that would result in extra labor charges. They are supposed to ask before they use contract nurses, but it sounds like they just sent us a bill. Ms. Branan said their bid was based on the existing staffing model, and it has not changed except for a nurse being on leave during December.

Sheriff Jarrard said he put things into motion verbally. He has begun using some of his own staff to give out medications if a nurse is out, and he has spoken with Chief Wimpy about potentially using someone from EMS as well. The Sheriff said he is hopeful that we can handle it so we will not have to rely on a contract nurse again in the future. As far as specialty healthcare, the Sheriff said he cannot control who comes into custody. Commissioner Mayfield asked why CorrectHealth billed us for the \$16,000. Whether they chose to hire a nurse with more education; that is on them since we did not ask them to do that. Commissioner Moran agreed and said we need a justification. Sheriff Jarrard pointed out that they have agreed to eliminate the \$40,000 in labor invoices from the previous period, but Chairman Dockery said we did not owe that anyway.

Commissioner Stringer said it is concerning that they will not even answer our Finance Director's questions, yet they want to renew a nearly \$400,000 contract. He asked the Sheriff if he would ask CorrectHealth to contact Ms. Branan about the invoices. Sheriff Jarrard said he would try to get them to contact her. He said he has found it difficult to get a straight answer sometimes, and there are a lot of numbers going back and forth. Ms. Branan said she feels an explanation is warranted for the \$16,000 in extra payroll costs, and the Chairman agreed. Commissioner Stringer said they will have two weeks to speak to her before the regular meeting. The Sheriff said CorrectHealth is still preferred by many of the other Sheriffs he has spoken to, and they recently renewed their certification with the Medical Association of Georgia.

OTHER ITEMS

25. 2014 SPLOST 2023 Work Plan Amendment (Finance Director Abby Branan)

Consideration of 2014 SPLOST 2023 Work Plan Amendment

26. 2020 SPLOST 2023 Work Plan (Finance Director Abby Branan)

Request to approve work plan on 2020 SPLOST.

27. 2019 TSPLOST 2023 Work Plan Amendment (Finance Director Abby Branan)

Request to amend the work plan on the 2019 TSPLOST

28. Recycling & Transfer Station Timeline (Special Projects Director Ashley Peck)

Transfer Station and Recycling Center

29. Request to Dispose of County Owned ROW (County Attorney Joy Edelberg)

Discussion on selling a portion of GDOT PR-41-1 (187) ROW on Parcel 107 175.

30. LCWSA Application for GEFA Loan - Update (W&S Authority Director Sean Phipps)

LCWSA Staff to update the Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners on the status of a loan application LCWSA submitted to GEFA to secure matching funds for construction of the wastewater treatment plant at Lumpkin County Parkway.

LCWSA Director Sean Phipps said the loan application with GEFA may require the Water & Sewerage Authority to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the Board of Commissioners. Since GEFA expressed concern with their ability to meet the debt service ratio, an IGA with the County will help the LCWSA to secure the loan. Mr. Phipps explained the deadline to submit further information is March 1st. If the BOC is interested in issuing a letter that they intend to enter into an agreement with the LCWSA, it could help with obtaining the loan.

The Commissioners were in consensus to draft a letter supporting the agreement, and then to vote to send it as part of the application. Mr. Phipps said he will draft the letter and get feedback from GEFA. Chairman Dockery said the BOC can look it over and then vote on it at the regular meeting.

COUNTY MANAGER

The County Manager gave an update on the progress of the new recreation center sitework. The kickoff was in January, but there has been a lot of rain. During site excavation, they confirmed there is rock present that will have to undergo blasting, and then the void will have to be filled with dirt. Mr. Ours said there are also a lot of housekeeping things done during this time with insurance, and he thanked Commissioner Stringer and Alicia Davis for their assistance with that. He also commented that the architect has contracted with the same interior designer who worked on the library. The groundbreaking is projected to occur on March 24.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Mayfield said Senator Gooch and Representative Wade have been working hard at the Capitol, and he encouraged everyone to keep up with the activities of the Georgia Assembly.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda Specific)

Robin Hall, resident of 5764 Porter Springs Road, came to speak about the Recycling Committee. He asked the Commissioners if they would consider adding someone to the committee who could represent the citizens of Dahlonega. If something does happen as a result of this committee, then the City will benefit from it as well.

Sheriff Jarrard discussed the effort to create a 501-c3 for the Sheriff's Office. He learned that any attorney can assist with the paperwork; it does not have to be the County Attorney. He found one that is willing to help, but it won't be finalized until next year. Chairman Dockery explained to the audience that legislation was recently passed which will allow citizens to contribute a certain amount to their Sheriff's Office 501-c3 in lieu of taxes. Sheriff Jarrard said the 501-c3 will require the creation of a supervisory board, and he cannot serve as a member on it.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - Personnel & Litigation

There were no announcements from executive session.

Motion: A motion was made by District 2 Commissioner Mayfield to enter executive session at 5:01 pm. The motion was seconded by District 4 Commissioner Moran. The motion was approved and carried.

Motion: A motion was made by District 2 Commissioner Mayfield to exit executive session and re-enter regular session at 7:43 pm. The motion was seconded by District 4 Commissioner Moran. The motion was approved and carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: A motion was made by District 2 Commissioner Mayfield to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 pm. The motion was seconded by District 4 Commissioner Moran. The motion was approved and carried.

Date

3/21/23

Chris Dockery, Chairman

Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Melissa Witcher

Clerk, Lumpkin County

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