



LUMPKIN COUNTY
Board of Commissioners
BOC Retreat Agenda
Union County Community Center

January 11, 2023
9:00 AM

- **Welcome and Opening Comments** (*Walt McBride*)
- **9:00 AM - 9:30 AM**
 1. Overview of Union County Transfer Station & Recycling Program (*Larry Garrett*)
- **9:30 AM - 10:30 AM**
 2. Visit Union County Transfer Station & Recycling Center
- **10:30 AM - 10:45 AM - Morning Break**
- **10:45 AM - 11:30 AM**
 3. Review Timeline for Developing Transfer Station & Recycling Center (*Alan Ours, Abby Branan*)
- **11:30 AM - 12:00 PM**
 4. Recycling Committee (*Alan Ours*)
- **12:00 PM - 12:30 PM - Lunch**
- **12:30 PM - 1:30 PM**
 5. Financial Update (*Abby Branan*)
 - a) 2020 SPLOST Work Plan FY23
 - b) 2019 TSPLOST Work Plan FY23
 - c) Capital Needs
- **1:30 PM - 1:45 PM**
 6. Broadcast BOC Meetings (*Melissa Witcher*)
- **1:45 PM - 2:00 PM - Afternoon Break**
- **2:00 PM - 3:00 PM**
 7. Water & Sewer Authority Update (*Sean Phipps*)
- **3:00 PM - 4:00 PM**
 8. Economic Development Outlook (*Rebecca Mincey*)
- **4:00 PM - 4:30 PM**
 9. Review 2022 Goals (*Alan Ours*)



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Lumpkin County Retreat Notes

The Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners met for their annual retreat January 11, 2023, at the Union County Community Center in Blairsville, Georgia. In addition to the Board of Commissioners, key county staff were in attendance. The retreat was facilitated by Walt McBride from the University of Georgia Carl Vinson Institute of Government.

The meeting began with a presentation by Pam Hawkins and Larry Garrett on the Union County recycling program. Following the presentation those in attendance toured the transfer station and main recycling center to see Union County's recycling program in person. Upon returning to the Community Center, Alan Ours led a discussion on a proposed timeline for opening a similar recycling center in Lumpkin County, including creating a Lumpkin County Recycling and Litter Committee.

Abby Branan provided a financial update including SPLOST, TSPLOST, and capital needs. Highlights of her presentation on the 2022 and 2023 budgets were:

- 2022 General Fund revenues and expenditures are expected to exceed the budget
- As of 01/05/23, 2022 revenues exceed the budget by approximately \$500,000
- As of 01/05/23, 2022 expenditures exceed the budget by approximately \$600,000
- These 2022 figures will change and ultimately affect the final 2022 fund balance. \$26,477,334
- 2023 Budget uses \$1,140,998 of fund balance
 - \$180,000 – Reservoir Bridge
 - \$5,000 – E911 Funds
 - \$735,998 – Balance Budget
 - \$220,000 – Self-insurance Funding
- Expending \$1,140,998 of Fund Balance in 2023 will result in Fund Balance being 23.8% of the 2023 General Fund budget

Following the discussion of the financial update, Melissa Witcher shared information regarding broadcasting Commission meetings. After a short break, Sean Phipps updated the Board of Commissioners on the state of the Lumpkin County Water and Sewerage Authority. Rebecca Mincey then updated the Board on the economic development outlook. Finally, Alan Ours reviewed the 2022 goals and gave a report on their status.

Notes Submitted by Walt McBride