



LUMPKIN COUNTY

Board of Commissioners

Work Session II Agenda

99 Courthouse Hill
Dahlonega, GA 30533

January 21, 2025
5:30 PM

- **CALL TO ORDER**

- **PROCLAMATIONS**

1. Proclamation Recognizing Career & Technical Education Month (*Regular Meeting*)

- **MINUTES**

2. Board of Commissioners - Work Session - December 3, 2024 4:00 PM
3. Board of Commissioners - Work Session II - December 17, 2024 5:30 PM
4. Board of Commissioners - Regular Meeting - December 17, 2024 6:00 PM

- **RESOLUTIONS**

5. 2025-01 Appoint/Reappoint Members to the Lumpkin County Public Building Authority - *Chris Dockery to Seat 1, and Leland Cox to Seat 2, both with terms expiring 02/21/2028.*
6. 2025-02 Appoint/Reappoint Member to the Lumpkin County Airport Authority - *Greg Trammell to Seat B and Murl Jones to Seat D, both with terms expiring 02/19/2029.*
7. 2025-03 Resolution to Update Lumpkin County Fee Schedule - Include Pinetree Recreation Center Activities (*Finance Director Abby Branan*)

- **CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS**

8. 2025-001 Mauldin & Jenkins - 2024 Audit Engagement Letter (*Finance Director Abby Branan*)

9. 2025-002 Ambulance Billing Services Contract Renewal (*Finance Director Abby Branan*)
10. 2025-003 Loan of 1929 Wayne 800 Gas Pump for Display at the Administration Building Lobby (*County Clerk Melissa Witcher*)
11. 2025-004 Loan of 1964 Ford 4000 Farm Tractor for Display at the Administration Building Lobby (*County Clerk Melissa Witcher*)
12. 2025-005 Deanna, Inc. DHS Coordinated Transportation SFY2024 – Congregate Transportation Agreement (*Senior Center Manager Marc Bottoms*)
13. 2025-006 Pinetree Recreation Center Pool Maintenance Agreement - Aquatic Consulting & Equipment Inc. (*Pinetree Recreation Center Manager Jared Ray*)
14. 2025-007 Agreement between Lumpkin County & Mercer Group Associates (*County Manager Alan Ours*)

- **OTHER ITEMS**

15. Election of Vice Chairman
16. Special Event Permit Request – "The Roundup" for CASA Event (*County Clerk Melissa Witcher*)
17. 2026 SPLOST 2025 Work Plan (*Finance Director Abby Branan*)
18. 2020 SPLOST 2025 Work Plan (*Finance Director Abby Branan*)
19. 2023 TSPLOST 2025 Work Plan (*Finance Director Abby Branan*)
20. Consideration of Easement Across Yahoola Creek Fire Station Property (*County Manager Alan Ours*)

- **COUNTY MANAGER**

- **ASSISTANT COUNTY MANAGER & DEPARTMENT HEADS**

- **COMMISSIONERS**

- **PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda Specific)**

- **ADJOURNMENT**



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The meeting was called to order at 5:34 pm. Present were Chairman Chris Dockery and Commissioners Tucker Greene, Bobby Mayfield, Rhett Stringer, and Jeff Moran.

The agenda was amended to add a resolution after item 6, which is to appoint Wes Chambers to seat 4 of the Water & Sewerage Authority.

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8. 2025-04 Appoint Member to Lumpkin County Water & Sewerage Authority - *Wes Chambers to Seat 4 with an unexpired term ending 5/31/2025*

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Commissioner Stringer raised some concerns about the broad scope of some of the listed projects, and he asked if any of these would come back before the BOC before any money is expended. Ms. Branan said they do normally come back if a contract is involved, and if the BOC wants to approve the workplan with the exception of certain items, they can. She said it was presented this way because the BOC had to bond some of these, but staff can certainly bring them back individually. Commissioner Stringer said he is not comfortable with approving a lump sum. Chairman Dockery said he would like to be more involved. Ms. Branan said certain things will be done as design-builds (such as the restrooms) so that would come back before the BOC.

Commissioner Mayfield said it seems like these are just plans and he can't think of something that would go through without us looking at it again. Ms. Branan said some things can be done as state contracts or cooperative agreements, so they would not have to be bid out. She explained the workplan is to authorize funding for projects and to give staff the green light to move forward with the process, such as beginning RFPs. Commissioner Tucker said perhaps we could authorize a particular dollar amount, and then anything over that amount would come back before the Board. Chairman Dockery asked if that would delay anything, and Ms. Branan said it could if it is normally something that wouldn't come back before the BOC. For example, if we estimate \$123,000 for flooring and it comes back under that, we normally would not bring that back to the BOC. However, we can bring everything back before the BOC if that is what is desired.

Chairman Dockery said state contracts are not always the best route. They have been bid out by the state to get a lower price, but you could instead do the bidding process and get a better price. Ms. Branan said the purpose of using the pre-approved state contracts is a time-saving measure. It is allowed in the purchasing policy so that is why we have done that previously, but we can do it differently. Commissioner Stringer said he doesn't want to slow down the process but he also doesn't want to rubber stamp it. Ms. Branan said we could competitively bid everything and just not use the state contracts. Chairman Dockery asked if we put something out for bid, does that then preclude us from using the state contract if it is cheaper? Ms. Branan said we would have to go with the lowest bid.

The Chairman said if we approve the whole workplan, is there a way the BOC can be notified or still get to sign off on these contracts? Ms. Branan said if there is a construction component to the project, it is likely it will come back before the Board even if it uses the preapproved state contract. Commissioner Stringer said don't all of these projects involve construction? Ms. Branan said certain things such as flooring and painting do not. She asked if the BOC was fine with the listed projects, and Chairman Dockery said we could approve the workplan with the understanding the items would be brought back before the Board for consideration.

19. 2020 SPLOST 2025 Work Plan (*Finance Director Abby Branan*)
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There was some discussion over the two bush hogs requested in the 2025 work plan.
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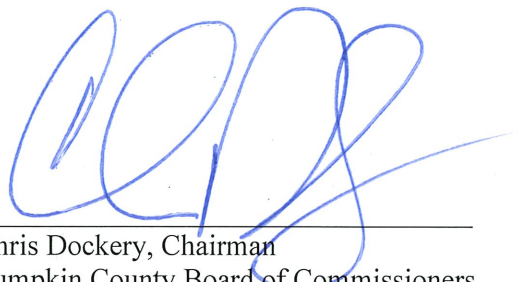
PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda Specific)

Jansen Haight, a teacher at Lumpkin County High School, thanked the Commissioners for recognizing CTAE Month.

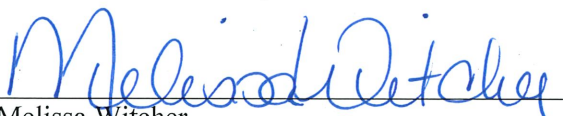
ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 pm.

February 18, 2025
Date


Chris Dockery, Chairman
Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners

Attest:


Melissa Witcher
Clerk, Lumpkin County