



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

March 18, 2025
5:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm. Present were Chairman Chris Dockery and Commissioners Tucker Greene, Bobby Mayfield, Rhett Stringer, and Jeff Moran.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Community Award from the Georgia City County Management Association (GCCMA) for the Pinetree Recreation Center Project ***Regular Meeting***

MINUTES

2. Board of Commissioners - Work Session - February 4, 2025 4:00 PM
3. Board of Commissioners - Public Hearing - February 18, 2025 4:30 PM
4. Board of Commissioners - Work Session II - February 18, 2025 5:30 PM
5. Board of Commissioners - Regular Meeting - February 18, 2025 6:00 PM

RESOLUTIONS

6. 2025-13 Appoint Member to Veterans Affairs Committee - *Stanley Kelley to Seat 1 with a term expiring 04/14/2029.*
7. 2025-14 Revising Certain Sections of Chapter 26 (Land Development) of the Code of

Ordinances of Lumpkin County, Georgia (*Assistant County Manager Rebecca Mincey*)

8. 2025-15 Revising Certain Sections of Chapter 27 (Land Use) of the Code of Ordinances of Lumpkin County, Georgia (*Assistant County Manager Rebecca Mincey*)
Commissioner Greene said regarding data or compute centers, he would like to consider increasing the minimum acreage to 15 or 20 instead of 10. Commissioner Mayfield agreed and said there are currently 8 properties in the industrial area that could meet the criteria for a data center. We need to make the acreage requirement larger to keep them out.
Commissioner Greene said the parcels are all near Red Oak Flats.

Chairman Dockery said Red Oak Flats is a highly industrial area; one side of the industrial park is a quarry encompassing 400 acres. If you have a data center backing up to a quarry, does that affect much? An outright ban might not be ideal. We should consider the size of the lot. If we are concerned about adjacent properties, we might consider adjusting setback requirements rather than acreage. Commissioner Mayfield said it would be a good idea to do both. Commissioner Stringer said 2/3 of these lots are never going to sell, and he is fine with the current wording of the resolution.

9. 2025-16 Replace the Senior Center's Facility Rental Policy with the Facility Reservation Policy (*Senior Center Manager, Marc Bottoms*)
10. 2025-17 Resolution Consenting to the Deannexation of CHP Parcels (*County Attorney Joy Edelberg*)
11. 2025-18 Appoint Member to the Board of Assessors (*Jill Holman to Seat 3, with a term expiring 06/30/2025*)

CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS

12. 2025-020 Contract Renewal for ESRI for ArcGIS Products (*GIS Administrator Martin Durand*)
13. 2025-021 Bluebeam Studio Subscription Service Renewal Agreement (*GIS Administrator Martin Durand*)

14. 2025-022 Investment Grade Audit Agreement - Schneider Electric Buildings Americas, Inc.
(County Manager Alan Ours)
15. 2025-023 Disaster Debris Removal and Disposal Contract - Southern Disaster Recovery
(Roads Superintendent David Robinson)
16. 2025-024 Disaster Debris Removal & Disposal Contract - Ceres Environmental *(Roads Superintendent David Robinson)*
17. 2025-025 Disaster Debris Monitoring Contract - Thompson Consulting Services *(Roads Superintendent David Robinson)*
18. 2025-026 Disaster Debris Monitoring Contract - DebrisTech *(Roads Superintendent David Robinson)*
19. 2025-027 Georgia Emergency Communications Authority (GECA) Nondisclosure Agreement *(Finance Director Abby Branan)*
20. 2025-028 Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) Grant Agreement *(Finance Director Abby Branan)*
21. 2025-029 CSC Design Agreement for Design Services on the Transfer Station Construction *(Director of Operations Ashley Peck)*
22. 2025-030 Agreement Between Lumpkin County & Georgia Cycling Association for the use of Blackburn Park for Mountain Bike Training and Practice *(Assistant County Manager Rebecca Mincey)*
23. 2025-031 Curve Realignment on Town Creek Church Road & Widening at SR 400 and SR 60 Intersection *(Special Projects Manager Charles Trammell)*
Chairman Dockery explained how this would make the curve at Christy Hill safer and that the dirt will be used at the Hwy 400 intersection to make a turning lane on the northbound lane. GDOT said adding the lane will allow them to improve signal timing at the

intersection.

24. 2025-032 Auraria Road/SR 9 & Burnt Stand Roundabout Construction Observation
(*Special Projects Manager Charles Trammell*)

Chairman Dockery said this is the roundabout near Blackburn Elementary. Falcon Design performed the design work, and the bids are due this Thursday. We don't have enough staff to manage the project, which is why we will be using FDS to do the observation.

OTHER ITEMS

25. Alcoholic Beverage License (Farm Winery Tasting Room) to Kevin Buckley for Buckley Vineyards (*County Clerk Melissa Witcher*)

26. Caterer's Special Event Permit Request - All Nashville Roadshow at R-Ranch (*County Clerk Melissa Witcher*)

27. Use of Remaining FF&E Funds for Pinetree Recreation Center (*Pinetree Recreation Center Manager Jared Ray*)

Chairman Dockery said the first priority is adding shade followed by picnic tables.

Commissioner Stringer asked if we should table this item until we get a firm price on some of these aluminum structures. The Chairman said these are basically two projects; the shade first, then using remaining FF&E funds for picnic tables. If we table this, it may be too late to get something installed before the pool opens. Jared Ray, the manager of Pinetree Recreation Center, said staff is looking for direction from the Board on whether they would prefer an aluminum shade structure or a canvas one. They can then narrow down the pricing. Chairman Dockery said we should give staff a "not-to-exceed" number and then let them nail it down as a quote.

Commissioner Mayfield said the school purchased some metal tables with umbrellas a few years ago and they have worked well. The Chairman said we can proceed with the shade structure and then do the picnic tables at the April meeting. He asked how much was left in the FF&E, and the Finance Director responded that there was \$157,000 remaining.

Commissioner Stringer suggested a limit of \$30,000 to \$40,000, but Mr. Ray said if it is more than \$20,000, it will have to be bid out. The Chairman said we could split it into two parts if needed, and we could add more later. Commissioner Moran asked Mr. Ray if he could verify the listed price (\$13,000) for the aluminum shade structure.

28. Approval of Field 5 Concession Stand/Restroom Construction Project (*Director of*

Operations Ashley Peck)

29. 2020 SPLOST 2025 Work Plan Amendment (*Finance Director Abby Branan*)

30. New Recycling Area Construction Documents/Plan Located at Transfer Station (Director of Operations Ashley Peck)

COUNTY MANAGER

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COMMISSIONERS

PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda Specific)

Sheriff Jarrard commented on the aluminum shade structure for Pinetree Rec Center and suggested the Board could look into using North Georgia Aluminum for the project.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:57 pm.

Date

Chris Dockery, Chairman
Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Melissa Witcher
Clerk, Lumpkin County