



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

February 4, 2025
4:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:01 pm. Present were Chairman Chris Dockery and Commissioners Tucker Greene, Bobby Mayfield, Rhett Stringer, and Jeff Moran.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Recognition of 2024 Employees of the Year ***Regular Meeting***
This is to recognize Aaron Taylor as the 2024 Employee of the Year, Dylan Elliott as the 2024 Fire/EMS Employee of the Year, and Hasley Gipson as the Sheriff's Department Employee of the Year at the regular meeting.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

2. Board of Commissioners - Work Session - January 7, 2025 4:00 PM
3. Board of Commissioners - BOC Retreat - January 10, 2025 8:30 AM
4. Board of Commissioners - Work Session II - January 21, 2025 5:30 PM
5. Board of Commissioners - Regular Meeting - January 21, 2025 6:00 PM

RESOLUTIONS

6. 2025-05 Resolution to Appoint Member to Serve on the Water & Sewerage Authority
(*Henry Davis*)

7. 2025-06 Appoint/Reappoint Members to Development Authority - *Bradley McEntyre to Seat 4, with a term expiring 03/07/2028 and Clarence Stowers to Seat 8, and Mac McConnell to Seat 9, both with terms expiring 03/07/2029*
8. 2025-07 Appoint Member to Park & Rec Citizens Advisory Board - *Justin Davis to Seat 2, with a term expiring 12/31/2026*
9. 2025-08 Appoint Member to Yahoola Creek Reservoir Property Study Committee - *David Payne to Seat 4, with a term expiring 05/15/2025*
10. 2025-09 February Surplus Property (*Finance Director Abby Branan*)
Chairman Dockery said he has discussed with the County Manager creating a policy to ensure surplus items are put onto GovDeals in a timely manner.
11. 2025-10 Resolution to Update Lumpkin County Fee Schedule to Include an Early Bird Rate for Waterpark Season Passes at Pinetree Rec Center (*Finance Director Abby Branan*)
12. 2025-11 Resolution to Adopt Emergency Access Requirements & Amend Chapter 20 - Fire Prevention & Protection Ordinance (*EMA Director David Wimpy*)
Chairman Dockery and Commissioner Stringer said that the definition of a Fire Department access roadway was not clearly defined in this ordinance. They discussed if this would affect private driveways and roadways, and Commissioner Stringer asked about the differentiation between commercial and residential. The Chairman said it isn't clear the extent of the Fire Marshal's authority to determine if something is an access road or not, and perhaps we need to discuss it further. Commissioner Mayfield wondered how this could affect shared driveways, which are common in some smaller subdivisions. They also discussed the requirement for commercial properties to have Knox boxes for fire department access and whether it should be required for pre-existing businesses or only new businesses.
13. 2025-12 Reappoint Members to Hospital Authority - *Cindy Tomblin to Seat 4, with a term expiring 03/01/2029*

CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS

14. 2025-009 Master Service Agreement for Professional Service & Task Order #1 between Lumpkin County and KCI Technologies, Inc (*Special Projects Manager Charles Trammell*)
Commissioner Mayfield asked if this study would tell us what the maximum safe speed is for a road, and Charles Trammell responded that it would. These roads do not have speed limits currently posted. Sheriff Jarrard said 55 mph is the max on non-posted county roads, but the Sheriff's Office can still cite people for driving too fast for conditions. There are some yellow signs with suggested safe speeds, but they are just suggestions, he added. Mr. Trammell said setting speed limits will allow the use of radar on these roads.
15. 2025-010 Georgia County Internship Program Agreement between ACCG Civic Affairs Foundation, Inc. and Lumpkin County (*Assistant County Manager Rebecca Mincey*)
16. 2025-011 Life Inspection Safety Vault (LIV) Agreement - Fire and Life Safety Reporting System (*Emergency Services Director David Wimpy*)
17. 2025-012 Legacy Link SFY2025 Contract Addendum #1 (*Senior Center Manager, Marc Bottoms*)
18. 2025-013 Service Agreement with Johnson Controls for the Replacement of a Pre-Action Panel in the Justice Center (*Director of Operations Ashley Peck*)
19. 2025-014 GDOT Mowing and Maintenance Agreement - SR 9 @ SR 60 Stone Pile Gap (*Director of Operations Ashley Peck*)
20. 2025-015 Parks and Recreation - Baseball/Softball Fields Renovation Scope of Work Change and Credit (*Director of Operations Ashley Peck*)
Ms. Peck said staff is still working to get the credit price, and we expect to have it before the regular meeting.
21. 2025-016 CorrectHealth Inmate Medical Renewal (*Sheriff Stacy Jarrard*)
Sheriff Jarrard handed out a staff analysis to the Commissioners and said he would prefer to stay with CorrectHealth if possible. Chairman Dockery asked when was the last time this was bid, and Ms. Branan said this was bid out two years ago. The County has used CorrectHealth since 2010.

22. 2025-017 2025 LMIG Asphalt Resurfacing Bid Award (*Special Projects Manager Charles Trammell*)
23. 2025-018 2025 TSPLOST Asphalt Resurfacing Bid Award (*Special Projects Manager Charles Trammell*)

OTHER ITEMS

24. Special Event Permit - ConnectAbility Gala (*County County Clerk Melissa Witcher*)
25. National Opioid Settlements 2025 Projects (*Finance Director Abby Branan*)
Commissioner Mayfield said if the accountability court is the same as "drug court," then that would be a good use of the funds.
26. Authorization to Contract with Energy Services Contractor (*County Manager Alan Ours*)
27. Synthetic Turf Project Discussion (*Assistant County Manager Rebecca Mincey*)
Ms. Mincey explained staff is still awaiting confirmation from the BOC to submit a change request. After much discussion, the current proposal is to turf the infields of the clover leaf, rehabilitate the multipurpose field, and then turf the rugby field. Commissioner Greene said turfing the rugby field would open up a lot more playing surface, but the problem would be parking and restroom access. Water, sewer, and lighting would be additional requirements. Ms. Mincey said lighting is currently included in SPLOST. Commissioner Stringer said he would rather see something new added than redoing something we already have. He said we can forego the amenities for now and focus on creating that playing surface, because people use it even now without the amenities.
The BOC was in agreement to change the turf from the multipurpose field up to the rugby field. Fields 4 & 6 will be changed to the infield of the cloverleaf, and the multipurpose field will be rehabilitated.
28. W&S Authority Yahoola Creek Stream Restoration Design-Build Project (*W&S Authority Director Sean Phipps*)
Mr. Phipps said this project was presented at the BOC retreat in January. The 2026 SPLOST 2025 work plan had a condition that projects were to come before the BOC before they moved forward, which is why he asked for this item to be on the agenda. Chairman Dockery asked Mr. Phipps to briefly summarize the project for the benefit of the public. Mr. Phipps explained that the LCWSA is building a new wastewater treatment plant which

will be flowing into the Lake Lanier watershed. For us to be granted that discharge, officials want us to make an improvement to our watershed to balance the additional loading. This project would stabilize the banks of Yahoola Creek Park, resulting in less load going in to Lake Lanier. Chairman Dockery said it is like a 2-for-1; we get the benefit of an improved park and the LCWSA meets their requirement for watershed improvement. Mr. Phipps also noted this process will include input from the BOC and the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board.

COUNTY MANAGER

ASSISTANT COUNTY MANAGER & DEPARTMENT HEADS

Ms. Branan said the recently approved TSPLOST work plan included funding for two mowers. Once approved, our normal process is to issue a purchase order. We used the state contract vendor, and they require a signature before we can finalize the purchase of the mowers. For this reason, staff will need consensus from the BOC allowing Chairman Dockery to sign. If we wait until March, we will be getting into mowing season, she explained. The BOC was in consensus to allow the Chairman to sign, and the purchase agreement will be ratified at the regular meeting.

COMMISSIONERS

PUBLIC COMMENTS (Agenda Specific)

Pam Dietz, a resident of Larmon Forks Road, said she was concerned about the upcoming BOC Public Hearing that she saw advertised in The Nugget newspaper. She asked if more information about the proposed changes would be posted before the meeting. Rebecca Mincey said staff is still fine-tuning it, but we should have an agenda packet ready a week prior to the hearing. She welcomed Ms. Dietz to meet with her to go over the proposed changes.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:51 pm.

Date

Chris Dockery, Chairman
Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Melissa Witcher
Clerk, Lumpkin County

