



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

February 18, 2025
5:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:58 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*

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 to Seat 3*)
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*)
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 said a couple of last-minute tweaks were made to this earlier today. In the section where it discusses internal policies regarding Knox boxes, it was changed to include that a copy of the internal policies may be provided to the property owner upon request. Regarding existing businesses, the trigger to have a Knox box installed is if there is a change to the structure that significantly alters the fire safety, such as changing or removing exits or changing the sprinkler system (which is subject to final approval by the Fire Marshal.)
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*)
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*)
Commissioner Greene said the credit of \$6,700 for removing four fields of labor seems very small. What is the justification for that low amount? Ms. Peck said the contractor informed her most of the costs are from labor; it only saves a small amount of material to remove those fields. It will almost cost them the same amount just from deployment. Commissioner Greene said he found that extremely hard to believe, and if that is the case, it makes sense to just do the whole thing. Chairman Dockery agreed with him.
21. 2025-016 CorrectHealth Inmate Medical Renewal (*Sheriff Stacy Jarrard*)
Chairman Dockery asked if we had found a funding source. Mr. Ours said the proposed increase is \$458,000 and we budgeted \$450,000. We had also set aside \$50,000 in the admin services fund; we believe that combined with the \$450,000 should cover us for the year, he explained. Next year we will need additional funds.
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*)

24. 2025-019 Atlantic & Southern Equipment Agreement – Mowers Purchase - ***Ratify*** (*Finance Director Abby Branan*)

OTHER ITEMS

25. Special Event Permit - ConnectAbility Gala (*County County Clerk Melissa Witcher*)
26. National Opioid Settlements 2025 Projects (*Finance Director Abby Branan*)
27. Authorization to Contract with Energy Services Contractor (*County Manager Alan Ours*)
28. W&S Authority Yahoola Creek Stream Restoration Design-Build Project (*W&S Authority Director Sean Phipps*)
29. Consideration of Transfer of Property Ownership (*Assistant County Manager Rebecca Mincey*)
30. District Attorney Part-time Position Request (*District Attorney Jeff Langley*)
Chairman Dockery said the Enotah Judicial Circuit met this morning to discuss this issue. Jeff Langley, the District Attorney, has five positions that are funded through the circuit. He was down to two circuit-funded attorneys, and another one just resigned. The circuit-appointed attorneys start out at \$58,000 annually, so many of them are finding positions in other circuits. Chairman Dockery said they looked at the salaries from some other jurisdictions, and their attorneys are starting out around \$70,000 to \$86,000. District Attorney Langley is requesting a part-time attorney to help with some of the case load. He has funds available from the empty positions, but adding the part-time position requires approval from the governing bodies of the Enotah Judicial Circuit. Chairman Dockery said the circuit also decided to allow the DA to raise the attorney starting salary to \$67,000 annually. He said we will have to remember this when setting the budget for 2026. If we allow him to raise the starting pay, we need to commit to that in the following years.

COUNTY MANAGER

ASSISTANT COUNTY MANAGER & DEPARTMENT HEADS

COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Mayfield shared that Lumpkin County Schools will be having a teacher workday tomorrow.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda Specific)

Sheriff Stacy Jarrard said that his office is having trouble with employee retention similarly to the District Attorney's office. He has lost employees to both the City of Dahlonega and Dawson County, which just recently increased their starting pay. He thanked the Commissioners for everything they have done to help employees, and he said we are leaps and bounds ahead of where we used to be.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:23 pm.

Date

Chris Dockery, Chairman
Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Melissa Witcher
Clerk, Lumpkin County