



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

April 1, 2025
4:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:03 pm. Present were Chairman Chris Dockery and Commissioners Tucker Greene, Rhett Stringer, and Jeff Moran. Commissioner Mayfield was absent.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Native American Advisory Committee Recommendations for Rock House Road Property
Commissioner Moran and committee member Ken Akins presented the recommendations of the committee to the BOC.
2. Avita Community Partners Presentation - *Michael Foust*
3. Certificate of Appreciation for Shirley Pace *Regular Meeting*

PROCLAMATIONS

4. Joint Proclamation to Recognize April as Child Abuse Awareness Month

MINUTES

5. Board of Commissioners - Work Session - March 4, 2025 4:00 PM
6. Board of Commissioners - Special Called Meeting - March 18, 2025 2:00 PM

7. Board of Commissioners - Public Hearing - March 18, 2025 5:15 PM
8. Board of Commissioners - Work Session II - March 18, 2025 5:30 PM
9. Board of Commissioners - Regular Meeting - March 18, 2025 6:00 PM

RESOLUTIONS

10. 2025-19 Resolution Creating an Opioid Antagonist Administration Training & Administration Policy (*Community & Employee Services Director Alicia Davis*)
11. 2025-20 Reappoint Members to Yahoola Creek Reservoir Property Study Committee - *Tom Lamb to Seat 1, Ben LaChance to Seat 2, Martie Heaton to Seat 3, David Payne to Seat 4, Steve Gooch to Seat 5, Wyman Walden to Seat 6, and DeEnna Walters to Seat 7, all with terms expiring 05/15/2026*
12. 2025-21 Reappoint Members to Water & Sewerage Authority - *Wes Chambers to Seat 4, and Murl Jones to Seat 7, both with a terms expiring 05/31/2029*
13. 2025-22 Amend Section 1-2 to Add Definition of Planning Department and Revise Definition of Planning Director (*Assistant County Manager Rebecca Mincey*)
14. 2025-23 Appoint Member to Veterans Affairs Committee - *Wyatt Phillips to Seat 8, with a term expiring 04/14/2026*
15. 2025-24 Appoint Member to Region 2 EMS Advisory Council - *David Wimpy with a term expiring 06/30/2028*
16. 2025-25 Appoint Member to AVITA Board - *Bobby Mayfield to Seat 2, with a term expiring 06/30/2028*

17. 2025-26 Inclement Weather Policy (*County Manager Alan Ours*)

18. 2025-27 April Surplus Property (*Finance Director Abby Branan*)

Commissioner Stringer asked Ms. Branan why a stove would sit for 12 years without being surplussed, and Chairman Dockery asked her what the normal process is like for her to find out which departments have items to surplus. Ms. Branan said she periodically reminds departments to mention if they have any items that need to be surplussed, and sometimes they will bring it up to her. Commissioner Stringer said he finds it frustrating when items sit unused for so long, and the Chairman said perhaps staff should make it a point to review their inventory every year to identify potential surplus items. He said it is possible that old items sometimes become "part of the landscape," and Ms. Branan agreed. Finance does get updated inventory each year, but they do not know which items departments are using or not using. She said it is doubtful that the stove is on any inventory list because it is so old. Chairman Dockery said perhaps the County Manager could look into a way to prevent this issue from happening in the future.

19. 2025-28 Amend the Pinetree Recreation Center Aquatic Facility Rules and Regulations (*Pinetree Recreation Center Manager Jared Ray*)

CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS

20. 2025-033 IGA with City of Dahlonge to Conduct the 2025 Municipal General Election (*Director of Operations Ashley Peck*)

21. 2024-034 Local Share Match and Commitment Letter Legacy Link, Inc. SFY2026 (*Senior Center Manager Marc Bottoms*)

22. 2025-035 AT&T Call Handling System for E911 Center (*E911 Director Carlton Chester*)

Mr. Chester explained that this was approved for last year's budget, but AT&T was unable to implement it in time, so it has been pushed to this budget. Chairman Dockery said with Next Gen 911 on the horizon, will this be compatible? Mr. Chester said yes, and everything currently in the 911 center is compatible. The biggest expense in regards to Next Gen 911 will involve GIS; boundaries, service delivery, et cetera. Chairman Dockery asked if the BOC funds this, or is there going to be another large item on the horizon that this could take funding away from. Is there anything that we should expect to come up in regards to 911? Fire Chief David Wimpy asked if mapping would be affected, and Mr. Chester said he does not think so.

Chairman Dockery asked what advantages does this system have that the current one does not? Mr. Chester said Dawson County had the same system as we do currently, and they recently experienced a huge outage. They switched to this new service with AT&T. Our system is probably ten years out of date, and we have been discussing replacing it. He said we will still need our third-party "text to 911" service because it has multiple languages translation and allows pictures to be sent.

23. 2025-036 Pole Barn Bid Award – Custom Built Buildings (*Finance Director Abby Branan*)

24. 2025-037 Avive Contract – AED Lease (*Finance Director Abby Branan*)

25. 2025-038 Amendment to Concession Stand Agreement for Travel Baseball and Softball (*Parks and Recreation Manager Tim Towe*)

Chairman Dockery asked about the order of priority for concession stand operations as listed in the proposed amendment. It has Park and Rec as first priority, then the travel ball tournament operator, and then local vendors or community organizations. He was of the opinion that local civic groups, non-profits, and booster clubs should have a higher priority than travel ball teams when it comes to who gets to operate the concession stands. Local civic groups do a lot to support Park & Rec and the school system. Mr. Towe said he is fine with whatever order the Commissioners decide, he just wants to have a policy in place for it. Chairman Dockery said it makes more sense to keep the money in the local community. He also said that the travel ball teams should be specified as having to follow health regulations just like the local organizations.

OTHER ITEMS

26. Halls Mill Road Right-of-Way Adjustment (*Assistant County Manager Rebecca Mincey*)

27. Updated Job Description - Community Development Director (*Assistant County Manager Rebecca Mincey*)

28. Purchase of Pinetree Recreation Center Picnic Tables (*Pinetree Recreation Center Manager Jared Ray*)

Commissioner Moran asked about the umbrella longevity. Jared Ray said the next step up was ten times the amount. Getting these makes more sense, even if we have to replace them more often. Chairman Dockery said he recommends doing one shade structure this year and then another next year. Perhaps we could go ahead and bid it out for next year. Mr. Ray

said the lead times for aluminum shade structures are about 16 to 18 weeks out, so we could wait until the end of the season to bid it out. The Commissioners were in agreement to go ahead and bid it out so it would be ready by next May. We can schedule the installation date after the pool closes.

29. Create the Position of Public Works Construction Inspector (*County Manager Alan Ours*)

30. 2020 SPLOST 2025 Work Plan Amendment (*Finance Director Abby Branan*)

COUNTY MANAGER

ASSISTANT COUNTY MANAGER & DEPARTMENT HEADS

COMMISSIONERS

PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda Specific)

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:57 pm.

Date

Chris Dockery, Chairman
Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Melissa Witcher
Clerk, Lumpkin County