



LUMPKIN COUNTY Board of Commissioners

Work Session Minutes

**99 Courthouse Hill
Dahlonega, GA 30533**

**May 6, 2025
4:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm. Present were Chairman Chris Dockery and Commissioners Tucker Greene, Bobby Mayfield, Rhett Stringer, and Jeff Moran.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Historical Society Presentation - *Janet Barger*

Chairman Dockery asked Ms. Barger if there is anything that the Historical Society might need for the old jail. She said they have been putting displays on the walkaround, but they need curtains or blinds to stop the artifacts and displays from fading. The Chairman said if they can acquire some blinds, the County can help install them.

2. Ninth District Presentation - *Marilyn Smiley*

MINUTES

3. Board of Commissioners - Work Session - April 1, 2025 4:00 PM

4. Board of Commissioners - Special Called Meeting - April 1, 2025 4:15 PM

5. Board of Commissioners - Work Session II - April 15, 2025 5:30 PM

6. Board of Commissioners - Regular Meeting - April 15, 2025 6:00 PM

RESOLUTIONS

7. 2025-29 Reappoint Member to Board of Tax Assessors - *Jill Holman to Seat 3,*

and Deborah Armstrong to Seat 5, with a term expiring 06/30/2030

8. 2025-30 Appoint/Reappoint Members to Library Board of Trustees - *Hanna Dockery to Seat 2, and Linda Davis to Seat 5, both with terms expiring 06/30/2029*
9. 2025-31 Reappoint Member to DFACS Board - *Brigette Barker to Seat 2, with a term expiring 06/30/2030*
10. 2025-32 Resolution to Abandon Northwoods Drive (*Special Projects Manager Charles Trammell*) **Regular Meeting**
11. 2025-33 Travel Regulations and Procedures – 2025 Update (*Finance Director Abby Branan*)
12. 2025-34 Revise Certain Sections of the Land Development Regulations in Chapter 26 of the Code of Ordinances (*Interim Planning Director Rebecca Mincey*)

CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS

13. 2025-041 Consideration of Health Insurance Renewal & Other Voluntary Insurance Benefits (*Community & Employee Services Director Alicia Davis*)
The Commissioners were in consensus to move forward with the proposed insurance.
14. 2025-042 Xtra Hands Cleaning Services Renewal - Senior Center (*Senior Center Manager Marc Bottoms*)
15. 2025-043 Colditz Trucking LMIG Contract Amendment (*Special Projects Manager Charles Trammell*)
16. 2025-044 GDOC Inmate Work Detail Contract Renewal (*Assistant County Manager Ashley*)

Peck)

17. 2025-045 Board of Regents/UGA & LC MOU - Extension Service Office Contract Renewal (*Finance Director Abby Branan*)
18. 2025-046 Yahoola Creek Park Field Renovations Scope Change (*Assistant County Manager Ashley Peck*)
19. 2025-047 Animal Shelter Additions and Alterations Architect Contract (*County Manager Alan Ours*)
20. 2025-048 Audit of Homestead Residential Properties - Trueroll Software Service Agreement (*County Manager Alan Ours*)
Commissioner Stringer asked what was the capture rate compared to the cost the last time we did an audit like this? The last one was done in 2020. Ms. Branan said the last audit resulted in a bit over \$57,000 in revenue.
21. 2025-049 GDOT New Fuel System Funding Contract - Lumpkin County Wimpy Airport (*Assistant County Manager Ashley Peck*)
22. 2025-050 Enotah Public Defender Indigent Defense Contract – Four Counties (*Finance Director Abby Branan*)
23. 2025-051 Enotah Public Defender Indigent Defense Contract - City (*Finance Director Abby Branan*)

OTHER ITEMS

24. Request to Freeze Staff Position (*County Manager Alan Ours*)
25. Synthetic Turf Project Discussion (*Finance Director Abby Branan*)
Ms. Branan said staff is requesting direction on how to proceed with the project. The

Commissioners were in agreement to use a cooperative contract. Ms. Branan mentioned that during her discussions with FieldTurf, their cooperative agreement still has their pricing from Covid year, and they would price it higher than that if they had to bid on it. Chairman Dockery said that leaves a sour taste in his mouth that they said they would charge more if they have to bid it again. Commissioner Greene said he can understand a price increase from four or five years ago. The Chairman said some things have actually become cheaper since during Covid. Ms. Branan pointed out that if we bid it out and a more inexperienced company gets the bid, we will have to go with them.

26. Enotah Circuit – FY26 Budget (*Finance Director Abby Branan*)

27. 2014 SPLOST 2024 Work Plan Amendment (*Finance Director Abby Branan*)

28. Special Event Permit - R-Ranch - Knox-Out Little Legends Short Fuse Showdown Micro Wrestling Event (*County Clerk Melissa Witcher*)

COUNTY MANAGER

Mr. Ours said the pool at Pinetree Recreation Center had a soft opening this past Saturday and will also be open the next two Saturdays from 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm. The full opening will be on Memorial Day weekend.

ASSISTANT COUNTY MANAGER & DEPARTMENT HEADS

COMMISSIONERS

PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda Specific)

Sheriff Jarrard made some comments in regard to the Travel Policy update. He disagreed with the policy requiring overnight travel requests to be submitted to the County Manager for approval. He said the LCSO will continue to work with Finance and HR as they normally have, but he does not believe the County Manager's approval should be required for LCSO travel as long as they stay within their allocated budget. Chairman Dockery said the travel policy applies to civil service employees, but as a constitutional officer, the Sheriff may choose to do certain things differently. Sheriff Jarrard said this has nothing to do with the Civil Service Policy, which deals with hiring, firing, and disciplinary actions. He requested a copy of the original Civil Service agreement signed by Sheriff Jimmy Berry. He said they will not wait for the County Manager to approve overnight lodging, but they will work with Finance while booking the lodging. Some of the training is time-sensitive, and they hear about it with less than seven days in advance.

Chairman Dockery said the intent of the travel policy is to ensure the most efficient method of travel and lodging for the taxpayers' money, but that is the Sheriff's right as a constitutional officer. Even with a short lead time the County Manager is not hard to get in touch with, but that is your purview, he said. Sheriff Jarrard reiterated that they will work with Finance, but they do not want to obtain the County Manager's approval. Sheriff Jarrard said to him, it makes it seem like the County Manager is approving whether the employee can travel or not.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:54 pm.

Date

Chris Dockery, Chairman
Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Melissa Witcher
Clerk, Lumpkin County