



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

May 20, 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.

MINUTES

1. Board of Commissioners - Work Session - April 1, 2025 4:00 PM
2. Board of Commissioners - Special Called Meeting - April 1, 2025 4:15 PM
3. Board of Commissioners - Work Session II - April 15, 2025 5:30 PM
4. Board of Commissioners - Regular Meeting - April 15, 2025 6:00 PM

RESOLUTIONS

5. 2025-29 Reappoint Members to Board of Tax Assessors - *Jill Holman to Seat 3, and Deborah Armstrong to Seat 5, with a term expiring 06/30/2030*
6. 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*
7. 2025-31 Reappoint Member to DFACS Board - *Brigette Barker to Seat 2, with a term expiring 06/30/2030*
8. 2025-32 Resolution to Abandon Northwoods Drive (*Special Projects Manager Charles*

Trammell)

9. 2025-33 Travel Policy and Procedures – 2025 Update (*Finance Director Abby Branan*)
Chairman Dockery informed Sheriff Jarrard that the language in the resolution had been updated so that the overnight lodging requests of constitutional officers will be approved by the constitutional officers.
10. 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

11. 2025-041 Consideration of Health Insurance Renewal & Other Voluntary Insurance Benefits (*Community & Employee Services Director Alicia Davis*)
12. 2025-042 Xtra Hands Cleaning Services Renewal - Senior Center (*Senior Center Manager Marc Bottoms*)
13. 2025-043 Colditz Trucking LMIG Contract Amendment (*Special Projects Manager Charles Trammell*)
14. 2025-044 GDOC Inmate Work Detail Contract Renewal (*Assistant County Manager Ashley Peck*)
15. 2025-045 Board of Regents/UGA & LC MOU - Extension Service Office Contract Renewal (*Finance Director Abby Branan*)
16. 2025-046 Yahoola Creek Park Field Renovations Scope Change (*Assistant County Manager Ashley Peck*)

17. 2025-047 Animal Shelter Additions and Alterations Architect Contract (*County Manager Alan Ours*)

Commissioner Moran said he is having second thoughts on the location of the animal shelter and whether this is an ideal location to keep using for the shelter. Commissioner Mayfield asked if anyone had spoken to Jeremiah's Place about potentially acquiring some of their land, but Commissioner Moran said that the area of their property is swampy and that their well is on that portion. Chairman Dockery said we had explored part of Blackburn Park as an option, but there was a big pushback from some of the residents. The Chairman noted that the County has also spent a lot of money at the current site to upgrade and expand the kennels. The main issue with the site is the onsite septic system, which limits where you can build on the 1.2 acres. However, the County water and sewer system has now been extended down to that area, so the animal shelter can be hooked up to that. Chairman Dockery said the old house on the property, which serves as the administrative office of the shelter, is in bad shape and has a lot of moisture problems. For that reason, the shelter will need a new administrative office building on site to replace the old house. Commissioner Moran said he is concerned with the potential for more moisture issues and the small acreage of the site, which will limit future expansion. The money the County has spent on kennels isn't much compared to the cost of a new shelter. If we are going to do it, we should do it right, he said.

County Manager Alan Ours said he was just informed that Vulcan (owners of the quarry adjacent to the animal shelter) reached out this week and are interested in negotiating about additional property. Mr. Ours said he recommends for the BOC to approve the contract to let the project get started. There is a lot of programming that needs to be done, and we should know fairly quickly if the owners of the quarry land are willing to part with some. Chairman Dockery explained that the Robinson family, who own the land and lease it to Vulcan, initially said they were not interested in negotiating about land because of the difficulty in coordinating with Vulcan's out-of-state attorneys. However, there might be an opportunity if Vulcan is reaching out to us.

18. 2025-048 Audit of Homestead Residential Properties - Trueroll Software Service Agreement (*County Manager Alan Ours*)

19. 2025-049 GDOT New Fuel System Funding Contract - Lumpkin County Wimpy Airport (*Assistant County Manager Ashley Peck*)

20. 2025-050 Enotah Public Defender Indigent Defense Contract – Four Counties (*Finance Director Abby Branan*)

21. 2025-051 Enotah Public Defender Indigent Defense Contract - City (*Finance Director*

Abby Branan)

22. 2025-052 GDOT 5311 FY26 Grant Award (*County Clerk Melissa Witcher*)
23. 2025-053 Department of the Army/Camp Frank D. Merrill - Fire Mutual Aid Agreement (*EMA Director David Wimpy*)
24. 2025-054 Custom Built Buildings Contract Amendment - Pole Barn (*Finance Director Abby Branan*)
25. 2025-055 Payer Access Agreement between Cigna LifeSOURCE Transplant Network® and Healthgram (*Community & Employee Services Director Alicia Davis*)

OTHER ITEMS

26. Request to Freeze Staff Position (*County Manager Alan Ours*)
27. Synthetic Turf Project Staff Direction (*Finance Director Abby Branan*)
Park & Rec Manager Tim Towe said they need guidance from the BOC soon to avoid the possibility of fall baseball and softball cancellations. Staff needs to know if the Commissioners want to proceed with the state contract or if they want to do an open bid. The BOC was in consensus to proceed with the state contract. Commissioner Mayfield said we need to ensure there will not be any sports program cancellations.
28. Enotah Circuit – FY26 Budget (*Finance Director Abby Branan*)
29. 2014 SPLOST 2024 Work Plan Amendment (*Finance Director Abby Branan*)
30. Special Event Permit - R-Ranch - Knox-Out Little Legends Short Fuse Showdown Micro Wrestling Event (*County Clerk Melissa Witcher*)

31. Alcoholic Beverage License - Hurfilio Garcia for Hacienda Bar & Grill 9, LLC (*County Clerk Melissa Witcher*)

COUNTY MANAGER

ASSISTANT COUNTY MANAGER & DEPARTMENT HEADS

COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Mayfield said the football team had their reverse raffle this past Friday, and Commissioner Greene did a great job as their MC.

Chairman Dockery said he and Mr. Ours met with the Mayor of Dahlonega and their City Manager to discuss the community-wide transportation plan. We plan to hold a series of meetings, surveys, and other public input opportunities before the estimated completion time of November. Social media is popular, he said, but coming to these meetings and participating in surveys will be the best way for the public to directly give feedback to local officials.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda Specific)

Citizen Robin Hall shared with everyone that the Lumpkin County Library's 5th birthday party celebration is scheduled for May 31st at 9:30 am. He invited everyone to attend.

Sheriff Stacy Jarrard wanted to make the public and the Commissioners aware of the City of Dahlonega's intention to start allowing open-container alcohol consumption at Hancock Park. He said he is not in favor because he predicts it will lead to more accidents and pedestrian incidents. Many of the crosswalks are not well-lit, and we have already had cases of pedestrians being struck by vehicles. Sheriff Jarrard said he will be going on a crusade against it and encouraged the public to voice their opinions on the issue. He said after he attended a city meeting on this topic the last time it came up, he was asked not to come back.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:59 pm.

Date

Chris Dockery, Chairman
Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Melissa Witcher
Clerk, Lumpkin County