



LUMPKIN COUNTY
Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting Minutes
99 Courthouse Hill
Dahlonega, GA 30533

June 17, 2025
6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm. Present were Chairman Chris Dockery and Commissioners Tucker Greene, Rhett Stringer, and Jeff Moran. Commissioner Bobby Mayfield was present via telephone.

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA

***Motion:** Commissioner Stringer moved to approve the agenda and was seconded by Commissioner Moran. The motion was approved unanimously.*

PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda Specific)

PRESENTATIONS

1. 2024 Audit Presentation (*Mauldin & Jenkins*)

Chairman Dockery said it seems there is a finding relating to the Water & Sewerage Authority every year. He has asked the LCWSA Director to come up with a solution, and he intends to get a progress report on what has been accomplished. In three months, he will meet with the County Manager, Finance Director, and the LCWSA Director to see what actions have taken place to rectify the findings on late charges.

***Motion:** Commissioner Stringer moved to accept the audit and was seconded by Commissioner Greene. The motion was approved unanimously.*

MINUTES

***Motion:** Commissioner Moran moved to approve the minutes by acclamation and was seconded by Commissioner Stringer. The motion was approved unanimously.*

2. Board of Commissioners - Work Session - May 6, 2025 4:00 PM

3. Board of Commissioners - Public Hearing - May 20, 2025 5:10 PM

4. Board of Commissioners - Public Hearing - May 20, 2025 5:15 PM
5. Board of Commissioners - Work Session II - May 20, 2025 5:30 PM
6. Board of Commissioners - Regular Meeting - May 20, 2025 6:00 PM

RESOLUTIONS

7. 2025-35 Resolution Dedicating the Burnt Stand/Auraria Road Roundabout - The Charles F. Trammell Roundabout ***Ratify***
Motion: Commissioner Mayfield moved to approve the resolution and was seconded by Commissioner Greene. The motion was approved unanimously.
8. 2025-36 Appoint Members to Joint Development Authority - Donna Minnich to Seat 2, and Mac McConnell to Seat 4, both with a terms expiring 12/31/2028 and A.C. Moore to Seat 3, with a term expiring 12/31/2026
Motion: Chairman Dockery moved to appoint Donna Minnich to seat 2 and Mac McConnell to seat 3, both with terms expiring 12/31/2028. He was seconded by Commissioner Moran, and the motion was approved unanimously.

Motion: Chairman Dockery moved to appoint A.C. Moore to seat 3 with a term expiring 12/31/2026. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Greene, and it was approved unanimously.
9. 2025-37 Appoint Member to Board of Health - Kari Mills in the Physician County Seat, of an unexpired term ending 12/31/2029
Motion: Chairman Dockery moved to appoint Kari Mills to the County Physician seat with a term expiring 12/31/2029. Commissioner Moran seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.
10. 2025-38 Amend 2025 Budget Calendar for FY2026 Budget (Finance Director Abby Branan)
Motion: Commissioner Greene moved to approve the resolution and was seconded by Commissioner Stringer. The motion was approved unanimously.

REPORTS

ELECTED OFFICIALS

CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS

11. 2025-056 ACCG - IRMA Property & Liability Renewal (*Community & Employee Services Director Alicia Davis*)
Motion: *Commissioner Stringer moved to approve the contract and was seconded by Commissioner Moran. The motion was approved unanimously.*
12. 2025-057 Jack Freeman Medical Director Contract Renewal (*EMA Director David Wimpy*)
Motion: *Commissioner Moran moved to approve the contract and was seconded by Commissioner Stringer. The motion was approved unanimously.*
13. 2025-058 Lanier Tech Contract Renewal - Johnson Street (*Assistant County Manager Ashley Peck*)
Motion: *Commissioner Stringer moved to approve the contract and was seconded by Commissioner Greene. The motion was approved unanimously.*
14. 2025-059 Tru Green Turf Care Contract Renewal - Park & Rec Fields (*Park & Rec Manager Tim Towe*)
Motion: *Commissioner Stringer moved to approve the contract and was seconded by Commissioner Moran. The motion was approved unanimously.*
15. 2025-060 United Futbol Academy Soccer Contract Renewal (*Park & Rec Manager Tim Towe*)
Motion: *Commissioner Greene moved to approve the contract and was seconded by Commissioner Moran. The motion was approved unanimously.*
16. 2025-061 Legacy Link Agreement Addendum #2 (*Senior Center Manager Marc Bottoms*)
Ratify
Motion: *Commissioner Moran moved to approve the contract and was seconded by Commissioner Greene. The motion was approved unanimously.*

17. 2025-062 Burnt Stand/Auraria Road Roundabout Groundbreaking & Dedication Ceremony Contract (County Clerk Melissa Witcher) **Ratify**
***Motion:** Commissioner Moran moved to approve the contract and was seconded by Commissioner Stringer. The motion was approved unanimously.*
18. 2025-063 Trio Community Meals Food Service SFY26 Contract (Senior Center Manager Marc Bottoms)
***Motion:** Commissioner Stringer moved to approve the contract and was seconded by Commissioner Moran. The motion was approved unanimously.*
19. 2025-064 Cain Bridge Pipe Replacement on LC Parkway - TTL, Inc. Consultant Contract (Special Projects Manager Charles Trammell) **Ratify**
***Motion:** Commissioner Stringer moved to approve the contract and was seconded by Commissioner Greene. The motion was approved unanimously.*
20. 2025-065 Johnson Controls Repair & Service Contract - Justice Center Sprinkler System (Assistant County Manager Ashley Peck)
***Motion:** Commissioner Stringer moved to approve the contract and was seconded by Commissioner Moran. The motion was approved unanimously.*
21. 2025-067 Recycling Center Infrastructure Construction - JL Gaddis (Assistant County Manager Ashley Peck)
***Motion:** Commissioner Greene moved to approve the contract and was seconded by Commissioner Greene. The motion was approved unanimously.*
22. 2025-068 Yahoola Creek Park Clover Leaf Design Services - FieldTurf USA (Assistant County Manager Ashley Peck)
***Motion:** Commissioner Greene moved to approve the contract and was seconded by Commissioner Moran. The motion was approved unanimously.*
23. 2025-069 Yahoola Creek Park Rugby Field Design Services - FieldTurf USA (Assistant County Manager Ashley Peck)
***Motion:** Commissioner Moran moved to approve the contract and was seconded by Commissioner Stringer. The motion was approved unanimously.*
24. 2025-070 Turf Management Services for the Welcome Sign and Roundabouts Contract

Renewal #2 (Assistant County Manager Ashley Peck)

Motion: Commissioner Greene moved to approve the contract and was seconded by Commissioner Moran. The motion was approved unanimously.

25. 2025-071 Annual Service Contract for Tek84 Body Scanner (Sheriff Stacy Jarrard) **Ratify**
Motion: Commissioner Greene moved to approve the contract, and Commissioner Stringer seconded for discussion. The motion carried unanimously.
26. 2025-072 Pitney Bowes Contract – Administration Postage Meter (Finance Director Abby Branan)
Motion: Commissioner Stringer moved to approve the contract and was seconded by Commissioner Moran. The motion was approved unanimously.
27. 2025-073 Legacy Link Agreement Addendum #3 (Senior Center Manager Marc Bottoms)
Motion: Commissioner Moran moved to approve the contract and was seconded by Commissioner Greene. The motion was approved unanimously.

OTHER ITEMS

28. 2020 SPLOST 2025 Work Plan Amendment (Finance Director Abby Branan)
Motion: Commissioner Stringer moved to approve the amendment and was seconded by Commissioner Greene. The motion was approved unanimously.
29. 2026 SPLOST 2025 Work Plan Amendment (Finance Director Abby Branan)
Motion: Commissioner Greene moved to approve the amendment and was seconded by Commissioner Moran. The motion was approved unanimously.

COUNTY MANAGER

ASSISTANT COUNTY MANAGER & DEPARTMENT HEADS

COMMISSIONERS

Chairman Dockery thanked Ms. Branan and her staff for their hard work on the audit.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ric Jorge, resident of Little Bear Trail, made some comments concerning loud vehicle sounds

coming from Iron Mountain Park at all hours of the night. He said he has some questions about the direction that the park is going, and he believes it may end up being developed. He has tried discussing the noise problem with the owner, but he said there is no talking to him. Mr. Jorge said IMP should not be allowed to run so late during the night, and this commercial business should not have been allowed in an agricultural preservation area. It has negatively impacted the quality of life of everyone who lives nearby.

Chairman Dockery explained that Iron Mountain is able to operate under the Special Land Use Approval that they were granted. There were conditions put in place that they agreed to abide by, but they do not seem to be abiding by those conditions. He said they would like to have voluntary compliance, but unfortunately, some of these problems are having to be addressed in the court system. The Chairman then read aloud a list of citations issued to IMP that are currently pending with the courts. He said they will continue to work to achieve compliance. Mr. Jorge asked if there is anything citizens can do to help, and Chairman Dockery said if they witness a violation, they can call 911 to report it so it will be documented. Mr. Jorge then asked if the owner of IMP is found guilty of these pending violations, what will happen to the SLUA? Will it be dismantled and changed? Chairman Dockery said he isn't sure of the answer to that question, and all they can do right now is to address the violations until we gain compliance.

Citizen Steve Sylvester suggested that the County should consider implementing progressive penalties for violations. It would get their attention if habitual violators had their business license suspended, he said.

ADJOURNMENT

***Motion:** Commissioner Greene moved to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Commissioner Moran. The motion was approved unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm.*

Date

Chris Dockery, Chairman
Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Melissa Witcher
Clerk, Lumpkin County