



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

July 1, 2025
4:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:06 pm. Present were Chairman Chris Dockery and Commissioners Tucker Greene, Bobby Mayfield, Rhett Stringer, and Jeff Moran.

MINUTES

1. Board of Commissioners - Work Session - June 3, 2025 4:00 PM
2. Board of Commissioners - Work Session II - June 17, 2025 5:30 PM
3. Board of Commissioners - Regular Meeting - June 17, 2025 6:00 PM
4. Board of Commissioners - Special Called Work Session - June 18, 2025 8:30 AM

RESOLUTIONS

5. 2025-39 Resolution Revising Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance (*County Clerk Melissa Witcher*)
6. 2025-40 Resolution Revising Fee Schedule (*County Clerk Melissa Witcher*)
7. 2025-41 Reappoint Members to Planning Commission - *Mireya Eavey to Seat 6, and David Woodward to Seat 7, both with terms expiring 08/27/2029*
8. 2025-42 Reappoint Members to Native American Committee - *Ken Akins to Seat 1, Glenn Jones to Seat 2, Rhonda Bennett to Seat 3, Ross Shirley to Seat 4, Jeff Moran to Seat 5,*

Jimmy Anderson to Seat 6, Tamara Spike to Seat 7, and Steve Gooch to Seat 8, all with terms expiring 08/20/2027

9. 2025-43 Resolution to Approve the Application of a Permit to Add Certain Roadways to Lumpkin County's List of Off-System Roadways (*Special Projects Manager Charles Trammell*)
10. 2025-44 Resolution Approving a Memorandum of Clinical Affiliation Agreement Form for 3rd Riders - Authorizing EMS Director to Execute Agreements (*EMA Director David Wimpy*)
Fire Chief David Wimpy said we do training and EMT classes at several facilities, and sometimes third riders will come along for training. The problem is, there are third riders all year long. This generic contract will give him the authority to allow third riders without requiring a contract to be approved by the BOC every time. Chairman Dockery asked about insurance for the third riders, and Chief Wimpy said the schools have to furnish their own insurance. The County Attorney also assisted with this resolution, he added.

CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS

11. 2025-074 Lumpkin County Board of Health MOU (*Community & Employee Relations Director Alicia Davis*)
12. 2025-075 North Georgia Tech - EMS Ride-Along Agreement (*EMA Director David Wimpy*)
13. 2025-076 iWorQ Service Agreement Addition to Support a Short Term Rental Compliance Portal (*Interim Planning Director Rebecca Mincey*)
14. 2025-077 Mansfield Oil Fuel Contract (*Assistant County Manager Ashley Peck*) **Ratify**
15. 2025-078 Sandoz Settlement Participation Agreement - Opioid Settlement (*County Attorney Joy Edelberg*)

OTHER ITEMS

16. City of Dahlongega Annexation of Property - Bryan Bergstein Property (*County Clerk Melissa Witcher*)

17. Wahoo Creek Road Drainage Repair Options (*Special Projects Manager Charles Trammell*)

Commissioner Mayfield said Wahoo Creek Road follows the creek and basically runs along the lowest point. You can see all the times it has been washed out and repaired. Leaving it as-is isn't a good solution, he said. Commissioner Greene asked if option B, replacing the existing pipe and adding an additional pipe, would be a long-term solution. Special Projects Manager Charles Trammell said it would help a lot, and Commissioner Mayfield said it will at least buy us time. Commissioner Moran agreed, saying option B would be a good compromise. There is a large price range between these different options, he observed.

Commissioner Mayfield said the long-term fix would probably be to move the road and put it further up the hill, but that will be a big endeavor. Mr. Trammell said we are spending a couple of thousand dollars every time we have to go out and fix the road after flooding, but that is a comparatively small amount. Commissioner Stringer said to him, this is a "stop the bleeding" measure. The neighbors out there aren't upset; they are just happy for us to do something to address it, he said. Chairman Dockery said his main concern is safety. There was an incident out there recently that could have ended very badly. He said he agreed we can look at option B to see how it works.

Commissioner Stringer asked if this work would be hired out. Mr. Trammell said the Road Department probably won't have time to do it because they are behind on a lot of things. The Chairman suggested making the bid packet feasible for a local contractor to do it. If there's a lot of red tape, they won't be willing to do it. The Commissioners were in consensus to pursue option B and then approve a proposal later.

18. Pinetree Recreation Center Use of Remaining FF&E Funds (*Pinetree Recreation Center Manager Jared Ray*)

Mr. Ours said one of the requested items is some maintenance items, but he believes those can be handled via the normal budget process. The other request is for spare pumps. Last year at Pinetree Recreation Center, there were several occasions when various pumps broke at the pool, and it caused operational delays while they were waiting for replacement parts. Staff is proposing to purchase some spare pumps so that in the event of a breakdown, operations can be resumed. Mr. Ours said the FF&E is down to about \$150,000. There should be sufficient funds to purchase these pumps and finish the previously approved shade structures.

Commissioner Stringer said it's a good idea to have spares, and he said we need to make sure they are kept in a secure location.

19. Alcoholic Beverage License - Guarang Kumar Patel, Om Sai Whelchel, LLC. d/b/a Whelchel Food Store (*County Clerk Melissa Witcher*)
20. Native American Park - Bid Rejection (*Assistant County Manager Ashley Peck*)
The Commissioners said they were surprised by the cost and the long timeframe in the proposal. The Chairman said perhaps we can do the grading and sitework and then have the construction bid separately. He was taken aback by the bid too, but there were a lot of unknowns. If the contractor doesn't know exactly what they are bidding on, they are going to do an amount that will cover their bases and then some. If we do the site work, that gives us more time to look at construction.
21. Transfer Station Fees
Mr. Ours said Mark Robinson was informed by the landfill that they will be increasing their rates, so he is requesting to raise his per-ton fee to \$60. Nick Hugg, one of the County's summer interns, sampled other counties to see how much they are charging. The Commissioners were in consensus to approve this and ratify it at the regular meeting.

COUNTY MANAGER

ASSISTANT COUNTY MANAGER & DEPARTMENT HEADS

COMMISSIONERS

Chairman Dockery said he met with Ashley Peck, Charles Trammell, and the engineer overseeing the roundabout construction to examine some cost-saving measures. They also met with the Transfer Station engineers to look at how the design can be improved while still saving money. Later this week, we have a scheduled meeting with GDOT to discuss the 52/Auraria roundabout.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda Specific)

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:36 pm.

Date

Chris Dockery, Chairman
Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Melissa Witcher
Clerk, Lumpkin County