



LUMPKIN COUNTY Board of Commissioners

Work Session Minutes
99 Courthouse Hill
Dahlonega, GA 30533

August 5, 2025
4:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:01 pm. Present were Chairman Dockery and Commissioners Tucker Greene, Bobby Mayfield, Rhett Stringer, and Jeff Moran.

PROCLAMATIONS

1. Proclamation Recognizing the 2025 8U Baseball Coach Pitch GRPA State Champions
2. Proclamation Recognizing September as National Senior Center Month (*Regular Meeting*)

MINUTES

3. Board of Commissioners - Work Session - July 1, 2025 4:00 PM
4. Board of Commissioners - Public Hearing - July 15, 2025 5:20 PM
5. Board of Commissioners - Work Session II - July 15, 2025 5:30 PM
6. Board of Commissioners - Regular Meeting - July 15, 2025 6:00 PM
7. Board of Commissioners - Special Called Work Session - July 23, 2025 1:00 PM

RESOLUTIONS

8. 2025-45 Resolution to Revise Lumpkin County Purchasing, Purchasing Card, and Fleet Card Policy (*Finance Director Abby Branan*)

CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS

9. 2025-081 Public Works Uniform Service Agreement - UniFirst Corp. (*Fleet Manager Randy Allison*)

10. 2025-082 Purdue National Opioids Settlement (*County Attorney Joy Edelberg*)

11. 2025-083 GDOT - Lighting Support Letter (*Special Projects Manager Charles Trammell*)

12. 2025-084 Turf Management Services Contract Amendment - Integrity Turf (*Assistant County Manager Ashley Peck*)

Commissioner Stringer asked if they could just do the weed and feed treatment instead of using Integrity to do the mowing and regular maintenance. Ms. Peck responded yes, option C is for the BOC to make adjustments to the service. Chairman Dockery said he agrees with Commissioner Stringer; the cost is prohibitive. The inmate crew might be able to help. We could have Integrity do the seed in the fall and then do the weed and feed in the spring, he suggested.

13. 2025-085 Pinetree Rec Center Pool Heater IGA - LC Board of Education (*Pinetree Rec Center Manager Jared Ray*)

Jared Ray said there would not be any additional wear and tear involved with the installation of these heaters, but it will require more chlorine usage. The pricing in the usage agreement will be included in the facility use agreement. Commissioner Greene asked if we have an estimate on the power costs associated with running the heaters. Mr. Ray said we can get a rough estimate for the power, but it's hard to know for sure what the usage will be. The Chairman said perhaps we can put a meter on the heaters to see how much power they use, and the Board of Education could pay for their percentage. Another consideration is the maintenance and replacement of the heaters. If the heaters break down, the BOE needs to be responsible for removing the broken heaters or replacing them. Commissioner Stringer said the current document does not specify that, and Chairman Dockery said he didn't like the language that was in the current IGA. It should not be at the County's expense if they break, he said.

14. 2025-086 Fire/EMS Paging System Replacement - Mobile Communications (*E911 Director Carlton Chester*) **Ratify**

15. 2025-087 Health Department Roof Replacement Contract - American Property Restoration
(Assistant County Manager Ashley Peck)
16. 2025-088 Windstream Renewal Agreement (Assistant County Manager Ashley Peck)

OTHER ITEMS

17. Voting Delegate - Legislative Leadership Conference (County Clerk Melissa Witcher)
18. Veterans Memorial Cemetery Property & Funding Allocation - Blackburn Park
Stan Kelley, Chairman of the Lumpkin County Veterans Affairs Committee, gave a presentation on the proposed veterans memorial cemetery for Blackburn Park. The Committee is requesting for the Board of Commissioners to consider doing the site work, infrastructure, roads, and sidewalks. The amenities and maintenance will be funded with a trust and donations, and they will raise funds for internment, restrooms, fencing, and monuments. Mr. Kelley said the Lowell and Betty Dunn Foundation has generously donated \$10,000.

Chairman Dockery opened the floor for public comment on the cemetery. Mr. Dunn said he is thankful for the veterans who gave it all and the veterans who were willing to give it all, and this is the least they can do to pay it back. He said they will match donations up to \$50,000, and then if that is met, they will match another \$50,000. Mr. Dunn said they will match whatever is needed to help build the cemetery. Jordan Dawson, representative of Anderson-Underwood Funeral Home, said there is a great need for local burials for veterans, and we currently don't have enough options. Bill Poole, former Chairman of the LCVAC, said he and the other veterans in attendance want their families to be able to come visit their graves one day, and most veterans in the community would like to be buried here.

Commissioner Stringer asked Mr. Kelley what the timeframe would be for this project. He said our goal is to begin the site work in September or October, and they plan to be operational by September 2026 if all goes well. Chairman Dockery said the BOC can help get the ball rolling by consenting to supporting the project tonight, including allocating the land and committing to the funding for the site work and the roads. Commissioner Greene said there are almost 2,000 veterans in Lumpkin County according to the latest census. His concern is, will this be enough? Will we have enough space in forty or fifty years? Mr. Kelley said he doesn't anticipate it to be filled up for many years, but the BOC can choose to set aside an additional acre for future expansion. Commissioner Greene said perhaps we could consider doubling the entire size, and Commissioner Mayfield agreed that we need enough space for everyone. Commissioner Moran suggested that the current location of the salt shed in Blackburn Park could be used as a phase II for the cemetery.

Chairman Dockery said if there are restrooms, we will also need a leach field and a soil analysis, which will require going through a process with environmental health. Commissioner Moran asked if this project should have a master plan designed, but Chairman Dockery said he doesn't want to delay it. We can consider phase I and then map out a second phase if necessary. The BOC was in consensus to move forward. Mr. Kelley will speak with the County surveyor and try to have a phase II ready by the regular meeting.

19. 2020 SPLOST 2025 Work Plan Amendment (*Finance Director Abby Branan*)

20. 2026 LMIG & TSPLOST Paving List (*Special Projects Manager Charles Trammell*)
The BOC was in consensus to approve the LMIG list and ratify it at the regular meeting.

21. Design Build for Construction of Field 5 Concession Stand - Staff Committee Recommendation (*Assistant County Manager Ashley Peck*)
Commissioner Stringer asked if this concession stand would only serve Field 5, but Mr. Towe said it will also serve fields 4 and 6. Commissioner Stringer asked about the necessity of two stories, and Mr. Towe informed him the second story will be used as the press box.

COUNTY MANAGER

ASSISTANT COUNTY MANAGER & DEPARTMENT HEADS

Fire Chief David Wimpy said tomorrow there will be an ISO class from 8:00 am to about 4:00 pm. The fire recruit graduation will be this Friday at 6:00 pm at The Bridge Church on Torrington Drive.

COMMISSIONERS

PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda Specific)

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:03 pm.

Date

Chris Dockery, Chairman
Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Melissa Witcher
Clerk, Lumpkin County