



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

August 19, 2025  
6:00 PM

**CALL TO ORDER**

**INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda Specific)**

**PROCLAMATIONS**

1. Proclamation Recognizing the 2025 8U Baseball Coach Pitch GRPA State Champions

***Ratify***

***Motion:** Commissioner Stringer moved to ratify the proclamation and was seconded by Commissioner Mayfield. The motion was approved unanimously.*

2. Proclamation Recognizing September as National Senior Center Month

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

**MINUTES**

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

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*)  
**Motion:** *Commissioner Greene moved to approve the resolution and was seconded by Commissioner Mayfield. The motion was approved unanimously.*
9. 2025-46 Resolution to Dedicate Land for a Lumpkin County Veterans Memorial Cemetery  
**Motion:** *Commissioner Mayfield moved to approve the resolution and was seconded by Commissioner Moran. The motion was approved unanimously.*

## **REPORTS**

### **ELECTED OFFICIALS**

Sheriff Jarrard said Kenneth Beasley recently passed away. He used to be the County Extension Agent and was a prominent member of the community. He also shared that the LCSO's hunter safety class will be held in September.

## **CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS**

10. 2025-081 Public Works Uniform Service Agreement - UniFirst Corp. (*Fleet Manager Randy Allison*)  
**Motion:** *Commissioner Mayfield moved to approve the agreement and was seconded by Commissioner Moran. The motion was approved unanimously.*
11. 2025-082 Purdue National Opioids Settlement (*County Attorney Joy Edelberg*)  
**Motion:** *Commissioner Mayfield moved to approve the agreement and was seconded by Commissioner Greene. The motion was approved unanimously.*

12. 2025-083 GDOT - Lighting Support Letter (*Special Projects Manager Charles Trammell*)  
**Motion:** *Commissioner Stringer moved to approve course of action A, which is to revise the lighting support form to pay the power bill and eliminate the maintenance and operation from the agreement. The motion was approved unanimously.*
13. 2025-084 Turf Management Services Contract Amendment - Integrity Turf (*Assistant County Manager Ashley Peck*)  
**Motion:** *Commissioner Greene moved to approve course of action C, which is to approve the proposal, but modify the list of services to only turf care and weed control. Commissioner Stringer seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.*
14. 2025-086 Fire/EMS Paging System Replacement - Mobile Communications (*E911 Director Carlton Chester*) **Ratify**  
**Motion:** *Commissioner Moran moved to ratify the contract and was seconded by Commissioner Greene. The motion was approved unanimously.*
15. 2025-087 Health Department Roof Replacement Contract - American Property Restoration (*Assistant County Manager Ashley Peck*)  
**Motion:** *Commissioner Stringer moved to approve the contract and was seconded by Commissioner Greene. The motion was approved unanimously.*
16. 2025-088 Windstream Renewal Agreement (*Assistant County Manager Ashley Peck*)  
**Motion:** *Commissioner Moran moved to approve the agreement. Commissioner Stringer seconded for discussion. Commissioner Moran amended his motion to allow Chairman Dockery to sign the updated contract if it results in cost savings. Commissioner Stringer seconded the amended motion, which was approved unanimously.*
17. 2025-089 Verida, Inc. Temporary Sub-Contractor Coordinated Transportation Agreement (*Marc Bottoms Senior Center Manager*)  
**Motion:** *Commissioner Greene moved to approve the contract and was seconded by Commissioner Stringer. The motion was approved unanimously.*

## **OTHER ITEMS**

18. Voting Delegate - Legislative Leadership Conference (*County Clerk Melissa Witcher*)  
**Motion:** *Commissioner Stringer made a motion to nominate Chairman Dockery, and he was seconded by Commissioner Mayfield. The motion was approved unanimously.*

19. Veterans Memorial Cemetery Property & Funding Allocation - Blackburn Park  
**Motion:** *Commissioner Mayfield moved to approve the allocation and was seconded by Commissioner Mayfield. The motion was approved unanimously.*
20. 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.*
21. 2026 LMIG & TSPLOST Paving List (*Special Projects Manager Charles Trammell*) **Ratify**  
**Motion:** *Commissioner Stringer moved to approve the paving list and was seconded by Commissioner Greene. The motion was approved unanimously.*
22. Design Build for Construction of Field 5 Concession Stand - Staff Committee Recommendation (*Assistant County Manager Ashley Peck*)  
**Motion:** *Commissioner Greene moved to approve the recommendation and was seconded by Commissioner Mayfield. The motion was approved unanimously.*

## **COUNTY MANAGER**

Mr. Ours announced that the signup for Lumpkin 101 will begin on September 8th. It is a free, 12-week program to educate participants about the functions of local government. He also acknowledged our first responders for assisting an injured citizen on the Etowah River this week, and he introduced Vanessa McGrath, the new Community Development Director.

## **ASSISTANT COUNTY MANAGER & DEPARTMENT HEADS**

### **COMMISSIONERS**

Chairman Dockery said the new compactors have been ordered for the in-progress recycling center.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Stan Kelley, Chair of the Lumpkin County Veterans Affairs Committee, thanked the BOC for their action to support the Veterans Memorial Cemetery. He said they will now officially begin the fundraising efforts and have formed a group to assist with that. They hope to raise \$300,000. The County has agreed to do the site work and roads, but they need donations to go towards the monuments, columbarium, committal shelter, and other things.

Stephanie Kaufman came to ask questions about the status of the citations given to Iron

Mountain Park. She said she will provide written copies of her questions to the BOC so that they can look them over and answer in a timely manner. She said she heard there was a meeting between the County's attorneys and Mr. Stansberry's attorneys regarding the citations he has been issued over the past six years. Is it true that Iron Mountain Park (IMP) has been allowed an extra hour for patrons to use Iron Mountain Parkway to go from the restaurants to the campsites? She said during the meeting, Mr. Stansberry agreed to provide security until midnight; will that be every day or just on weekends? She said the past two weekends have been incredibly noisy. Has anyone been issued a citation or warning? If so, was it given to Mr. Stansberry or the patrons making the noise? Ms. Kaufman said she heard that four citations were adjudicated and Mr. Stansberry has only had to pay \$250. She asked, how is it possible he has only been given four citations despite all of the video evidence submitted by citizens? Ms. Kaufman asked why IMP's business license has not been revoked. She also said she was recently told by a County dispatch employee that the LCSO does not respond to ATV noise complaint calls, only amplified sound.

Ms. Kaufman said the second point she would like to bring up is fencing. She said she has asked many times why IMP has not been required to implement the fencing required by the Special Land Use Approval (SLUA). The SLUA stated it had to be completed within 24 months. Ms. Kaufman said in an August 15th email from the County Manager, he said most of the fencing around IMP is, for the most part, compliant with the SLUA. She asked the Commissioners if they are going to enforce that all of it should be in compliance? She also said the fence should have been opaque, and barbed wire is not opaque. In the same e-mail, Ms. Kaufman said Mr. Ours said the fencing was inspected by the former Planning Director and was found to be in compliance. Did the Planning Director have the authority to approve that barbed wire fence? Should that have been voted on by the BOC? Is there any written documentation to support this change?

Ms. Kaufman said during the May meeting, Mr. Stansberry's son was there and said the County had a number by which to contact IMP in the event there was a disturbance. If that is true, why is Stansberry not contacted every time there is a disturbance? The defiant behavior continues and nothing seems to mitigate the problem, she said. The ATV noise and loud music after hours has continued. Ms. Kaufman said her final question is whether the SLUA is enforceable. It seems like it is not. A \$250 fine does not justify what is happening out there. She said transparency is important if the County is making deals with IMP, and she looks forward to the BOC's responses to her questions.

Sheriff Jarrard came to the podium to address some of Ms. Kaufman's concerns. He said there have been more than four citations issued, but they do not write the SLUA citations. Someone from the Planning Department writes them, and then an LCSO deputy delivers the citation to Mr. Stansberry. The Sheriff does not enforce the SLUA because it is not a state law or a county ordinance, but he does help enforce the amplified noise ordinance. As far as fines, the LCSO and the BOC have nothing to do with it. The Magistrate Judge is the one who decides the citation amounts, although the County can specify a range of citation amounts for penalties. Ms. Kaufman interjected, saying her concern is that the citations have been adjudicated. Sheriff Jarrard said he is not sure exactly how many citations have been issued. They have been issued warnings and citations. The problem with IMP is that there are different camp spots, he

explained. Each campsite first receives a warning. If the same campsite continues to produce amplified sound, they are issued a citation. The citation is not issued to the campground (IMP), it is issued to the disorderly patron. Sheriff Jarrard explained that ATV noise is different; there is no state law associated with ATV noises, but they will still respond to calls. He told Ms. Kaufman he will find out which LCSO employee told her they do not respond to ATV noise calls so he can educate them. Sheriff Jarrard said Mr. Stansberry did provide a phone number for deputies to contact him if it is a location they cannot access, and he has provided responding deputies with gate access. He said he will look into what happened this past weekend. They do have a CAD system that documents what a responding officer says to dispatch.

Chairman Dockery asked if there was any evidence sent in of SLUA violations from the past weekend, and said it is important for the County to receive those videos. He said the goal is voluntary compliance. The citations have been prosecuted in Magistrate Court, but it does not seem like it was effective. He said he and the BOC remain committed to finding a resolution. Ms. Kaufman said things have not gotten any better. Sheriff Jarrard said he does get frustrated when people think he can do something to enforce the SLUA, but he can only respond to noise ordinance violations. He said he doesn't know if something can be done to withdraw or revoke IMP's business license. Commissioner Mayfield said he thought the SLUA would be a binding agreement back when it was put into place, but evidently, it was not a successful strategy. Our goal has always been voluntary compliance. Commissioner Mayfield said this is his personal opinion and not the opinion of the entire BOC, but he thinks each violation should be a separate citation.

Ms. Kaufman asked if there is a way for citizens to be informed of IMP's court dates, and she asked why none of the neighbors have been asked to be witnesses. She said she would like to know when the court dates are, and she can provide evidence for the attorneys. Chairman Dockery said he doesn't know how the magistrate judge does his court calendar, but he agrees that it should be known when the court dates are. Ms. Kaufman said it just seems like there is nothing that can be done if the SLUA is not enforceable. The Chairman said he thinks it is, and the BOC will consult with counsel to determine the best way forward.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

***Motion:*** Commissioner Greene moved to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Commissioner Moran. The motion was approved unanimously, and the meeting ended at 7:10 pm.

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Date

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Chris Dockery, Chairman  
Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

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Melissa Witcher  
Clerk, Lumpkin County