



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

September 16, 2025
6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:13 pm. Present were Vice Chairman Rhett Stringer and Commissioners Tucker Greene, Bobby Mayfield, and Jeff Moran. Chairman Chris Dockery was absent.

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda Specific)

Pam Dietz said regarding the CAM amendment on tonight's agenda, she hopes that our elected officials will listen to the citizen input they heard tonight. Ms. Dietz said there is nothing wrong with tabling an item or denying an item. It is okay to slow down and think first.

James Spivey, resident of Crown Mountain Ridge, thanked the Dahlonega Nugget for keeping everyone informed.

PRESENTATIONS

1. GRPA State Swim Champion Certificate for Amelia Turk

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

MINUTES

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

2. Board of Commissioners - Work Session - August 5, 2025 4:00 PM
3. Board of Commissioners - Work Session II - August 19, 2025 5:30 PM

4. Board of Commissioners - Regular Meeting - August 19, 2025 6:00 PM
5. Board of Commissioners - Special Called Work Session - August 28, 2025 11:15 AM

RESOLUTIONS

6. 2025-47 Resolution to Adopt an Internal Promotion Policy (*Community & Employee Services Director Alicia Davis*)
Motion: *Commissioner Mayfield moved to approve the resolution and was seconded by Commissioner Moran. The motion was approved unanimously.*
7. 2025-48 Amend 2025 Budget Calendar for FY2026 Budget - Amendment #2 (*Finance Director Abby Branan*)
Motion: *Commissioner Greene moved to approve the resolution and was seconded by Commissioner Mayfield. The motion was approved unanimously.*
8. 2025-49 Resolution Submitting Three Names for Consideration for Hospital Authority Vacancies in Accordance with O.C.G.A. 31-7-72b *Jill Holman, Daniel Bosanko, and Reesa Crisson*
Motion: *Commissioner Moran moved to approve the minutes by acclamation and was seconded by Commissioner Mayfield. The motion was approved unanimously.*

REPORTS

ELECTED OFFICIALS

CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS

9. 2025-090 White County - Fire/EMS Automatic Aid Agreement (*EMS Director David Wimpy*)
Motion: *Commissioner Greene moved to approve the agreement and was seconded by Commissioner Moran. The motion was approved unanimously.*
10. 2025-091 Department of the Army Training Exercise MOU (*County Manager Alan Ours*)

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

11. 2025-092 TruGreen Turf Care Contract Amendment (Park & Rec Manager Tim Towe)

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

12. 2025-093 Alvogen, Amneal, Apotex, Hikma, Indivior, Mylan, Sun, Zydus National Opioids Settlement (County Attorney Joy Edelberg)

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

13. 2025-094 GDOT 5311 Rural Transportation Grant Application (Fleet Manager Randy Allison)

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

14. 2025-095 Recycling & Transfer Station Lease Agreement - Mark Robinson Hauling (Assistant County Manager Ashley Peck)

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

15. 2025-096 Pool Heaters MOU - Board of Education **Ratify**

Motion: Commissioner Mayfield moved to ratify the agreement and was seconded by Commissioner Greene. The motion was approved unanimously.

16. 2025-097 833 Old Dahlonega Hwy Sale Contract (County Attorney Joy Edelberg) **Ratify**

Motion: Commissioner Greene moved to ratify the sale agreement and was seconded by Commissioner Moran. The motion was approved unanimously.

OTHER ITEMS

17. Recommendation on Scope of Work for Energy Savings Project (Assistant County Manager Ashley Peck)

Motion: Commissioner Greene moved to table this item until next month due to lack of time

for a proper investigation to make a decision on narrowing the scope. Commissioner Moran seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

18. Approval of Cost Proposal for Turf Installation on the Cloverleaf (*Assistant County Manager Ashley Peck*) **Ratify**
Motion: *Commissioner Mayfield moved to approve the agreement and was seconded by Commissioner Moran. The motion was approved unanimously.*

19. Decision on Ramakrishnan Srinivasan for Character Area Map Amendment on Parcel 083 100
Motion: *Commissioner Mayfield moved to table this item until next month. Commissioner Greene seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.*

Commissioner Mayfield said the reason he moved to table this item is because it will take the BOC time to reflect upon the input they received tonight.

20. GA Power Easement - 1680 Morrison Moore Parkway E. - Pedestrian Bridge Area (*County Manager Alan Ours*)
Motion: *Commissioner Greene moved to approve the agreement and was seconded by Commissioner Moran. The motion was approved unanimously.*

COUNTY MANAGER

ASSISTANT COUNTY MANAGER & DEPARTMENT HEADS

COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Greene addressed the citizens from the earlier public hearing who were still present. He said social media can be a positive or a negative tool. He said the comments that the BOC doesn't care simply aren't true. He said the BOC does appreciate hearing citizen feedback, and tabling the item gives them more time to reflect.

Commissioner Mayfield reiterated what Commissioner Greene said. He took copious notes, and he said the Board needs time to process it.

Commissioner Stringer addressed the concerns regarding tap fees. He said he hated that it was a focal point of so many of the comments because it has no impact on whether the project is approved. The Water & Sewerage Authority could give the developer that money back, and the next developer in line will have to pay their own fees. Mr. Phipps' intent in bringing up the tap fees was to show that the developer has been invested in this project and has been making installments. We are already at residential capacity for the new treatment plant. To think that this

Board would be swayed by tap fees is simply not fair to these Commissioners, he stated.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Steve Sylvester said most people don't understand the language of public hearing notices that are in the local newspaper. If you put a more explanatory purpose in the description of the public hearings, more people would attend. He said the language regarding the code changes is a secret code to the average citizen.

Betty Fisher, 142 Village Drive, commended the Commissioners for taking the heat at the public hearing. She said she knows that they are dealing with some very tough decisions, and they have witnessed that from attending many BOC meetings. She thanked them for their hard work, and she encouraged everyone to start attending meetings regularly.

Clinton Crane said perhaps we should make developers get a building permit before they start paying tap fees.

Sean Phipps, Director of the Lumpkin County Water & Sewerage Authority, said there was a lot of discussion over the tap fees tonight. If anyone is interested, the money is right here in town at the Truist bank, and he can show the paperwork if people would like to see it. Mr. Phipps explained that the tap fees are the last step before the developer can secure a land disturbance permit. The civil plan had already been submitted. They have been making payments because the tap fees for a development like that are substantial. The issue arose when the Character Area for that parcel reverted back to residential after it had already been approved for Gateway Corridor. The developer continued payments while they awaited the issue to come back before the Commissioners. He said the developer has invested a lot of time in this project.

ADJOURNMENT

***Motion:** Commissioner Mayfield moved to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Commissioner Greene. The motion was approved unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 6:34 pm.*

Date

Chris Dockery, Chairman
Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Melissa Witcher
Clerk, Lumpkin County

