



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

November 18, 2025  
6:00 PM

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**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)**

**MINUTES**

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

1. Board of Commissioners - Work Session - October 7, 2025 4:00 PM
2. Board of Commissioners - Work Session II - October 21, 2025 5:30 PM
3. Board of Commissioners - Regular Meeting - October 21, 2025 6:00 PM

**RESOLUTIONS**

4. 2025-55 Consideration of 2026 BOC Meeting Calendar (*County Clerk Melissa Witcher*)  
***Motion:** Commissioner Moran moved to approve the resolution with the correction of the October 2026 work session date. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Stringer, and it carried unanimously.*

5. 2025-56 Establish 2026 Lumpkin County Government Holiday Schedule (*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.*
6. 2025-57 Consideration of the Lumpkin County 2026 Budget Calendar for FY 2027 Budget (*Finance Director Abby Branan*)  
**Motion:** *Commissioner Moran moved to approve the resolution and was seconded by Commissioner Mayfield. The motion was approved unanimously.*
7. 2025-58 Consideration of a Finance & Purchasing Policy (*Finance Director Abby Branan*)  
**Motion:** *Commissioner Mayfield moved to approve the resolution and was seconded by Commissioner Stringer. The motion was approved unanimously.*
8. 2025-60 Resolution Designating Auraria Road as Cherokee Heritage Parkway  
**Motion:** *Commissioner Moran moved to approve the resolution and was seconded by Commissioner Mayfield. The motion was approved unanimously.*
9. 2025-61 Reappoint Member to Board of Health - *Brigette Barker with a term expiring 12/31/2031*  
**Motion:** *Chairman Dockery moved to reappoint Brigette Barker with a term expiring 12/31/2031. Commissioner Mayfield seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.*
10. 2025-62 Appoint Members to the Audit Committee - *Commissioner Moran to Seat 1, District 3 Commissioner Stringer to Seat 2, Judge Wil Maxwell to Seat 3, Melissa Witcher to Seat 4, Mac McConnell to Seat 5, County Manager to Seat 6, Finance Director to Seat 7, Budget/Grant Analyst to Seat 8, and Purchasing Agent to Seat 9 all with terms expiring 12/31/2026.*  
**Motion:** *Chairman Dockery moved to approve the appointments by acclamation and was seconded by Commissioner Mayfield. The motion was approved unanimously.*
11. 2025-63 Appoint Members to Lumpkin County Building Committee - *Wayne Marshall to Seat 8, Charles Trammell to Seat 9, and Matt Cain to Seat 11 with terms expiring 12/31/2026*  
**Motion:** *Chairman Dockery moved to approve the appointments by acclamation and was seconded by Commissioner Moran. The motion was approved unanimously.*

## REPORTS

## ELECTED OFFICIALS

## CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS

12. 2025-113 Display Case in Senior Center - Dahlonge's Military Heritage Museum (*County Clerk Melissa Witcher*)

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

13. 2025-114 Stryker ProCare Maintenance Agreement (*EMS Director David Wimpy*)

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

14. 2025-115 AirGas Service Agreement (*EMS Director David Wimpy*)

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

15. 2025-116 Native American Park Landscaping & Engineering Contract - Breedlove Land Planning (*County Manager Alan Ours*)

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

Commissioner Mayfield emphasized that "Native American Park" is not the final name; it is a placeholder.

16. 2025-117 Tek84 Body Scanner Annual Service Contract (*Sheriff Stacy Jarrard*)

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

17. 2025-118 Halls Mill Enterprises LLC d/b/a Chestatee River Adventures c/o Rhett Stringer – Canoe Launch Sublease Renewal (*County Clerk Melissa Witcher*)

***Motion:*** Commissioner Mayfield moved to approve the agreement and was seconded by Commissioner Moran. Commissioner Stringer recused himself. The motion was approved

*and carried.*

18. 2025-119 Canoe Georgia, Inc. d/b/a Appalachian Outfitters c/o Ben LaChance – Canoe Launch Sublease Renewal (*County Clerk Melissa Witcher*)  
**Motion:** *Commissioner Mayfield moved to approve the agreement and was seconded by Commissioner Moran. Commissioner Stringer recused himself. The motion was approved and carried.*
19. 2025-120 Classic Cleaners – 2026 Lease (*County Clerk Melissa Witcher*)  
**Motion:** *Commissioner Stringer moved to approve the agreement and was seconded by Commissioner Moran. The motion was approved unanimously.*
20. 2025-121 Tax Commissioner New Tax Software - Assurance Tax Software (*Tax Commissioner Mike Young*)  
**Motion:** *Commissioner Stringer moved to approve the agreement and was seconded by Commissioner Mayfield. The motion was approved unanimously.*
21. 2025-122 Energy and Construction Services Contract - Schneider Electric Buildings Americas, Inc (*County Manager Alan Ours*)  
**Motion:** *Commissioner Mayfield moved to approve the agreement and was seconded by Commissioner Moran. The motion was approved unanimously.*
22. 2025-123 Request to Consider First Responder PTSD Insurance (*Community & Employee Services Director Alicia Davis*)  
**Motion:** *Commissioner Moran moved to approve the agreement and was seconded by Commissioner Stringer. The motion was approved unanimously.*
23. 2025-124 2026 Pictometry International Corp. Aerial Photography MOU - City of Dahlonega, UNG, & Lumpkin County (*Community Development Director Vanessa McGrath*)  
**Motion:** *Commissioner Stringer moved to approve the agreement and was seconded by Commissioner Moran. The motion was approved unanimously.*

## **OTHER ITEMS**

24. Request from the Georgia Cycling Association (*County Manager Alan Ours*)  
**Motion:** *Commissioner Stringer moved to approve the request and was seconded by Commissioner Mayfield. The motion was approved unanimously.*
25. City of Dahlonega Annexation - Bryan Bergstein Property (*County Clerk Melissa Witcher*)  
**Motion:** *Commissioner Mayfield moved to approve the annexation request and was seconded by Commissioner Moran. The motion was approved unanimously.*
26. 2026 SPLOST 2025 Work Plan Amendment (*Finance Director Abby Branan*)  
**Motion:** *Commissioner Moran moved to approve the work plan amendment and was seconded by Commissioner Stringer. The motion was approved unanimously.*
27. Adoption of LCWSA Watershed Protection Plan (WPP) (*W&S Authority Director Sean Phipps*)  
**Motion:** *Commissioner Moran moved to approve the plan and was seconded by Commissioner Mayfield. The motion was approved unanimously.*

## **COUNTY MANAGER**

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

Chief David Wimpy said the Fire Department will be conducting a live fire exercise at Station 4 on Thursday at 5 pm. The public is welcome to attend if they would like to witness them in action.

### **COMMISSIONERS**

Commissioner Mayfield asked the County Manager what would happen if a business applied for a special event permit and their application was not approved, but they went ahead and held the event anyway. Mr. Ours said if appropriate, the County would issue a citation. Chairman Dockery clarified that the special event permit application in question was from Iron Mountain Park. They submitted an application, but Sheriff Jarrard refused to sign it because it had many things marked as "n/a." The Chairman said he considered the application to be incomplete due to the lack of Sheriff Jarrard's signature, so the BOC will not consider it. He said the County has hired outside counsel to assist with Iron Mountain Park, and we have met on two occasions. At a recent meeting with himself, Sheriff Jarrard, and Mr. Stansberry (the owner of Iron Mountain Park), Mr. Stansberry was agreeable to some conditions. He expressed agreement to hire two deputies on the weekends at his expense. He is to provide the deputies with a side-by-side equipped with a blue light for them to patrol. Mr. Stansberry has agreed to prosecute anyone caught on the property without authority, with no statement of warning issued. Chairman Dockery said there is a dialogue happening, and the County is trying to operate in good faith. We will continue to adjust accordingly until we get compliance. We will have a follow-up

meeting to see if these measures have helped, he said.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Pam Dietz said Iron Mountain Park does have their New Year's event listed on their website even though their application was not approved. Chairman Dockery said if he does not have a permit for that event, he will be issued a citation.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

***Motion:** Commissioner Mayfield moved to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Commissioner Stringer. The motion was approved unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 6:26 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