



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

January 20, 2026
5:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:38 pm. Present were Chairman Chris Dockery and Commissioners Tucker Greene, Bobby Mayfield, Rhett Stringer, and Jeff Moran.

MINUTES

1. Board of Commissioners - Work Session - December 2, 2025 4:00 PM
2. Board of Commissioners - Public Hearing - December 16, 2025 5:20 PM
3. Board of Commissioners - Work Session II - December 16, 2025 5:30 PM
4. Board of Commissioners - Regular Meeting - December 16, 2025 6:00 PM

RESOLUTIONS

5. 2026-01 Appoint Member to Airport Authority - *Alan Lee to Seat A, with a term expiring 02/19/2030*
6. 2026-02 Reappoint Members to Hospital Authority - *Leland Cox to Seat 5, and Jill Holman to Seat 6, both with terms expiring 03/01/2030*
7. 2026-03 Reappoint Member to Public Building Authority - *Ross Shirley to Seat 5, with a term expiring 02/21/2029*

8. 2026-04 Resolution to Approve Revised Bylaws of the Parks & Recreation Citizens Advisory Board and Remove Term Limits
Commissioner Mayfield asked if they were requesting five seats or seven. Commissioner Stringer explained the Park & Rec Board wants to keep it at five seats but remove the term limits.
9. 2026-05 Reappoint Member to Development Authority of Lumpkin County - *Henry Davis to Seat 1, with a term expiring 03/07/2030*
10. 2026-06 Resolution to Adopt Roque Drive within the Magnolia @ Belle's Landing Subdivision (*Community Development Director Vanessa McGrath*)
11. 2026-07 Set Qualifying Fees - Candidate Seeking Election to Certain Offices (*Assistant County Manager Ashley Peck*)
Commissioner Mayfield said he thinks the fees should be the same across the board. Commissioner Greene noted that the Board of Education salaries are based on attendance, which is why their fees vary. Commissioner Mayfield said he would be fine with basing the BOE qualifying fees on the District 2 BOE salary, which was \$1,385.22 last year. Commissioner Moran asked what the state law says regarding qualifying fees, and Assistant County Manager Ashley Peck explained that the question has arisen previously of whether we can balance out the qualifying fees. Last year, staff determined we could not do that because that law specifies it is based on the income received the preceding year, specifically that the fee shall not exceed 3% of the income derived from such office by the person holding the office in the preceding year. She said they obtain the income numbers from the Board of Education Finance Department and calculate them based on those numbers. County Attorney Joy Edelberg confirmed that the law specifies that for non-salaried officers, it says not to exceed 3% of the income derived by the person holding the office in the previous year.
12. 2026-08 Appoint Member to Lumpkin County Board of Tax Assessors - *Lee Gaddis to Seat 4, of an unexpired term ending 06/30/2026*
13. 2026-09 Resolution Adopting the Parks & Recreation Department Tournament/Field Request & Approval Procedures (*Parks & Recreation Interim Manager Ahmad Kamara*)
14. 2026-10 Resolution to Update the Lumpkin County Fee Schedule (*Finance Director Abby Branan*)

CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS

15. 2026-001 Agreement Between Lumpkin County & Georgia Cycling Association for the use of Blackburn Park for Mountain Bike Training and Practice (*County Manager Alan Ours*)
16. 2026-002 Mowing of Certain Right of Ways Hall County MOA (*County Manager Alan Ours*)
17. 2026-003 Aquatic Consulting & Equipment Maintenance Services Contract Renewal - Pinetree Recreation Center (*Pinetree Recreation Center Manager Jared Ray*)
18. 2026-004 Native American Park Bid Award - Colditz Trucking (*Special Projects Manager Charles Trammell*)
19. 2026-005 Tourism Service Contract with the Dahlonega-Lumpkin County Convention and Visitors Bureau, Inc. (*Finance Director Abby Branan*)
20. 2026-006 CJCC VOCA (Victims of Crime Act) - MOA (*Finance Director Abby Branan*)
21. 2026-007 Ambulance Billing Services Contract Renewal (*Finance Director Abby Branan*)
22. 2026-008 Yahoola Creek Park Multipurpose Field Turf Proposal (*Assistant County Manager Ashley Peck*) **Ratify**
23. 2026-009 Field 5 Concession/Bathroom Contract - Design Phase (*Assistant County Manager Ashley Peck*)

OTHER ITEMS

24. Livestreaming Board of Commissioners Meetings (*County Clerk Melissa Witcher*)

Commissioner Stringer said he is not prepared to move forward with this, and Commissioner Mayfield agreed, saying that we need more information. Chairman Dockery said we should speak with Dawson County's PIO to see how they handle their livestreaming and what the associated costs are. He also said there might be citizen interest in filming the meetings, or the Dahlonga Nugget might be interested. Commissioner Greene said a trial livestream performed by citizens would help us determine what the interest would be. Commissioner Mayfield said the BOC will also need to decide what specific meetings we want to livestream.

25. Election of Vice Chairman

26. Lifeguard Instructors Job Description - Pinetree Recreation Center (*Pinetree Recreation Center Manager Jared Ray*)

27. 2026 TSPLOST Paving List - Add Veterans' Cemetery Road (*Special Projects Manager Charles Trammell*)

28. New Alcoholic Beverage License (Farm Winery) - Blair Housley for Etowah Meadery Corp. d/b/a Etowah (*County Clerk Melissa Witcher*)

COUNTY MANAGER

ASSISTANT COUNTY MANAGER & DEPARTMENT HEADS

COMMISSIONERS

PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda Specific)

Betty Fisher, resident of The Village at Crown Mountain, said they have 39 residents in her neighborhood. At a recent HOA meeting, she polled the neighbors about their awareness of the County Commission meetings. She said only a handful of people were aware of when and where the meetings take place, and about 6 or 7 people expressed interest for a livestream of the meetings.

Clinton Crane said there may only be a handful of people who watch the livestreams, but those people might then go on to tell their friends and family about what they watched. He said he and his wife watch the Dawson County livestreams, and they have a very impressive setup.

Steve Sylvester said the County might want to reach out to the high school about collaborating with the video production students for livestreaming.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:01 pm.

Date

Chris Dockery, Chairman
Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Melissa Witcher
Clerk, Lumpkin County