



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

January 20, 2026
6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:06 pm. Present were Chairman Chris Dockery and Commissioners Tucker Greene, Bobby Mayfield, Rhett Stringer, and Jeff Moran.

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda Specific)

MINUTES

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

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*
Motion: *Chairman Dockery moved to nominate Alan Lee to Seat A with a term expiring 2/19/2030. Commissioner Greene seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.*
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*
Motion: *Chairman Dockery moved to reappoint Leland Cox to seat 5 with a term expiring 3/01/2030 and was seconded by Commissioner Stringer. The motion was approved unanimously.*

Motion: *Chairman Dockery moved to reappoint Jill Holman to seat 6 with a term expiring 03/01/2030 and was seconded by Commissioner Mayfield. The motion was approved unanimously.*
7. 2026-03 Reappoint Member to Public Building Authority - *Ross Shirley to Seat 5, with a term expiring 02/21/2029*
Motion: *Chairman Dockery moved to reappoint Ross Shirley to seat 5 with a term expiring 02/21/2029 and was seconded by Commissioner Greene. The motion was approved unanimously.*
8. 2026-04 Resolution to Approve Revised Bylaws of the Parks & Recreation Citizens Advisory Board and Remove Term Limits
Motion: *Commissioner Stringer moved to approve the resolution and was seconded by Commissioner Mayfield. The motion was approved unanimously.*
9. 2026-05 Reappoint Member to Development Authority of Lumpkin County - *Henry Davis to Seat 1, with a term expiring 03/07/2030*
Motion: *Chairman Dockery moved to reappoint Henry Davis to Seat 1 with a term expiring 3/07/2030. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Moran, and it was approved unanimously.*
10. 2026-06 Resolution to Adopt Roque Drive within the Magnolia @ Belle's Landing Subdivision (*Community Development Director Vanessa McGrath*)
Motion: *Commissioner Greene moved to approve the resolution and was seconded by Commissioner Mayfield. The motion was approved unanimously.*

11. 2026-07 Set Qualifying Fees - Candidate Seeking Election to Certain Offices (*Assistant County Manager Ashley Peck*)
Motion: *Commissioner Mayfield moved to approve the qualifying fees with the fees to be identical for BOE District 2 and District 4, at \$36.02, not to exceed 3%. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Greene and was approved unanimously.*
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*
Motion: *Chairman Dockery moved to appoint Lee Gaddis to Seat 4 with an unexpired term ending 6/30/2026, and his motion was seconded by Commissioner Mayfield. The motion was approved unanimously.*
13. 2026-09 Resolution Adopting the Parks & Recreation Department Tournament/Field Request & Approval Procedures (*Parks & Recreation Interim Manager Ahmad Kamara*)
Motion: *Commissioner Greene moved to table this item (13) and the following item (14) until February. Commissioner Moran seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.*
14. 2026-10 Resolution to Update the Lumpkin County Fee Schedule (*Finance Director Abby Branan*)

REPORTS

ELECTED OFFICIALS

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*)
Motion: *Commissioner Mayfield moved to approve the agreement and was seconded by Commissioner Stringer. The motion was approved unanimously.*
16. 2026-002 Mowing of Certain Right of Ways Hall County MOA (*County Manager Alan Ours*)
Motion: *Commissioner Stringer moved to approve the agreement and was seconded by Commissioner Mayfield. The motion was approved unanimously.*

17. 2026-003 Aquatic Consulting & Equipment Maintenance Services Contract Renewal - Pinetree Recreation Center (*Pinetree Recreation Center Manager Jared Ray*)
Motion: *Commissioner Greene moved to approve the contract and was seconded by Commissioner Moran. The motion was approved unanimously.*
18. 2026-004 Native American Park Bid Award - Colditz Trucking (*Special Projects Manager Charles Trammell*)
Motion: *Chairman Dockery moved to approve the contract and was seconded by Commissioner Mayfield. The motion was approved unanimously.*

Commissioner Mayfield emphasized "Native American Park" is just a placeholder name.

19. 2026-005 Tourism Service Contract with the Dahlonega-Lumpkin County Convention and Visitors Bureau, Inc. (*Finance Director Abby Branan*)
Motion: *Commissioner Stringer moved to table this item because it is still being finalized. Commissioner Greene seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.*
20. 2026-006 CJCC VOCA (Victims of Crime Act) - MOA (*Finance Director Abby Branan*)
Grant year: Federal Fiscal Year 2026
Award number: AW-VOCA-25-071-012
Amount: \$97,121

Motion: *Commissioner Greene moved to approve the agreement and was seconded by Commissioner Moran. The motion was approved unanimously.*
21. 2026-007 Ambulance Billing Services Contract Renewal (*Finance Director Abby Branan*)
Motion: *Commissioner Moran moved to approve the agreement and was seconded by Commissioner Stringer. The motion was approved unanimously.*
22. 2026-008 Yahoola Creek Park Multipurpose Field Turf Proposal (*Assistant County Manager Ashley Peck*) **Ratify**
Motion: *Commissioner Greene moved to approve the agreement and was seconded by Commissioner Mayfield. The motion was approved unanimously.*
23. 2026-009 Field 5 Concession/Bathroom Contract - Design Phase (*Assistant County Manager Ashley Peck*)
Motion: *Commissioner Moran moved to approve the contract and was seconded by*

Commissioner Greene. The motion was approved unanimously.

OTHER ITEMS

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

***Motion:** Commissioner Greene moved to table this item until February and was seconded by Commissioner Stringer. The motion was approved unanimously.*

25. Election of Vice Chairman

***Motion:** Chairman Dockery moved to nominate Commissioner Jeff Moran as Vice Chair. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Greene, which was approved unanimously.*

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

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

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

***Motion:** Chairman Dockery moved to approve the paving list addition and was seconded by Commissioner Mayfield. The motion was approved unanimously.*

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

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

COUNTY MANAGER

Mr. Ours said staff is closely monitoring the forecasted winter storm.

ASSISTANT COUNTY MANAGER & DEPARTMENT HEADS

COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Greene thanked Mr. Sylvester for bringing up the idea of getting the high school

video students to assist with livestreaming.

Chairman Dockery said he met with Public Works today and visited the Emergency Operations Center. He encouraged citizens to call 706-864-3633 for non-emergencies and to only use 911 for true emergency situations.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Anita Anderson Spangler encouraged everyone to stay home this weekend unless they absolutely have to go out.

Melvin Turner said the Planning Department told him that his request would be put on their agenda, but that the BOC told them to remove his request. He said his request was regarding a 3-day minimum for short-term rentals. Mr. Turner also said he called Chairman Dockery and Commissioner Moran, and they did not call him back. Chairman Dockery apologized for not returning Mr. Turner's call, and he said he did not tell the Planning Department to remove that from their agenda; they are going to undergo a review of many portions of the Code of Ordinances, and that will be included in the many topics that they discuss.

Karolyn Jarrard thanked the BOC for their approval of the mountain biking agreement.

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 6:33 pm.*

Date

Chris Dockery, Chairman
Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Melissa Witcher
Clerk, Lumpkin County