



LUMPKIN COUNTY Board of Commissioners

Work Session Minutes

**99 Courthouse Hill
Dahlonega, GA 30533**

**February 3, 2026
4:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm. Present were Chairman Chris Dockery and Commissioners Tucker Greene, Bobby Mayfield, Rhett Stringer, and Jeff Moran.

PROCLAMATIONS

1. Proclamation Recognizing February as Career, Technical, and Agricultural Education Month ***Work Session II***
2. Dahlonega Sunrise Rotary Club The Wimpy Weekend Joint Proclamation ***Regular Meeting***

MINUTES

3. Board of Commissioners - Work Session - January 6, 2026 4:00 PM
4. Board of Commissioners - Work Session II - January 20, 2026 5:30 PM
5. Board of Commissioners - Regular Meeting - January 20, 2026 6:00 PM
6. Board of Commissioners - Public Hearing - January 20, 2026 4:20 PM
7. Board of Commissioners - Appeal Hearing - January 20, 2026 4:30 PM
8. Board of Commissioners - Retreat - January 30, 2026 9:00 AM

RESOLUTIONS

9. 2026-09 Resolution Adopting the Parks & Recreation Department Tournament/Field Request & Approval Procedures (*Parks & Recreation Interim Manager Ahmad Kamara*)
Mr. Ours said there are two parts to this resolution; one part is to set new fees for tournaments hosted at our facilities, and the second part is to consider an alternative to the proposed \$250 cash payment from tournament operators to whichever employee is running the tournament. He said allowing a cash payment directly to an employee concerns him, and it might be better to pay a stipend or overtime if they qualify. Chairman Dockery agreed, saying that a cash payment could cause difficulties from a tax or liability perspective, and it would be a slippery slope. Commissioner Stringer said in the past, there were difficulties in finding employees willing to work tournament weekends at the normal rate of pay. Chairman Dockery said it should be higher than the normal rate of pay, and there should be some sort of set rate to cover it.
10. 2026-10 Resolution to Update the Lumpkin County Fee Schedule (*Finance Director Abby Branan*)
Ms. Branan said the fee schedule will be updated to reflect whatever changes are made to the previous item.
11. 2026-11 Resolution to Amend the Finance & Purchasing Policy (*Finance Director Abby Branan*)
Ms. Branan said staff is asking for consensus from the BOC. The Commissioners were in agreement to ratify it at the regular meeting.
12. 2026-12 Appoint/Reappoint Members to Parks & Recreation Citizens Advisory Board - *Scott Lord to Seat 4, of an unexpired term ending 12/31/2026, and Hank Haynes to Seat 5, with a term expiring 12/31/2027*

CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS

13. 2026-010 Georgia Transmission Utility Encroachment Agreement - Blackburn Road - Lumpkin County Veterans Cemetery ***Ratify***
14. 2026-011 Disaster Debris Removal and Disposal Contract - Southern Disaster Recovery (*Roads Superintendent David Robinson*)

15. 2026-012 Disaster Debris Removal & Disposal Contract - Ceres Environmental (*Roads Superintendent David Robinson*)
16. 2026-013 Disaster Debris Monitoring Contract - Thompson Consulting Services (*Roads Superintendent David Robinson*)
17. 2026-014 Disaster Debris Monitoring Contract - DebrisTech (*Roads Superintendent David Robinson*)
18. 2026-015 CorrectHealth Inmate Medical Renewal (*Sheriff Stacy Jarrard*)
19. 2026-016 Contract Renewal for ESRI for ArcGIS Products (*Community Development Director Vanessa McGrath*)
20. 2026-017 Bluebeam Studio Subscription Service Renewal Agreement (*Community Development Director Vanessa McGrath*)
21. 2026-018 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Right of Entry Form - Yahoola Creek Park Streambank Restoration Project (*W&S Authority Director Sean Phipps*) **Ratify**
22. 2026-019 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Authorization to Act as an Agent Form - Yahoola Creek Park Streambank Restoration Project (*W&S Authority Director Sean Phipps*) **Ratify**
23. 2026-020 Mauldin & Jenkins – Audit Engagement Letter **Ratify**
24. 2026-021 2026 LMIG Asphalt Resurfacing Bid Award — C.W. Matthews (*Special Projects Manager Charles Trammell*)
25. 2026-022 2026 TSPLOST Asphalt Resurfacing Bid Award - Colditz Trucking (*Special Projects Manager Charles Trammell*)

26. 2026-023 Sandy Springs Vehicle Donation - K9 Police Pursuit Vehicle (*Fleet Manager Randy Allison*)
27. 2026-024 Amendment to 2025 LMIG Contract - Colditz Trucking (*Special Project Manager Charles Trammell*)

OTHER ITEMS

28. Special Event Alcoholic Beverage Permit - KC Bison Ranch Inaugural Winter Dinner (*County Clerk Melissa Witcher*) **Ratify**
29. Livestreaming Board of Commissioners Meetings (*County Clerk Melissa Witcher*)
Commissioner Mayfield said he checked out some other counties' meeting recordings to see how they do things, and a lot of them were somewhat slapped together from a hodgepodge of different methods. He said it was sometimes difficult to actually find on their website where their livestreams were located. Commissioner Mayfield said the County Clerk showed him a website where the county used their agenda and meeting software to livestream their meetings, and the difference was astounding. You can click on specific timestamps in the video and jump to different agenda items. However, this service is not free.

Commissioner Greene said previously we had discussed letting Mr. James Brady film the meetings for us for a few months. He doesn't know Mr. Brady's availability for every meeting, but we could have him film for a few months before we make a decision. Commissioner Moran asked if we use the CivicPlus software, could we use it to film any meeting? Ms. Witcher said yes, but we would have to have cameras at each meeting location. Chairman Dockery said this is a non-budgeted item, so we will have to discuss how to fund it. Perhaps this is something we could consider for the next fiscal year. Commissioner Mayfield agreed and said doing so will give us more time to research streaming, and the other Commissioners agreed.

Chairman Dockery said we can consider this item in April and prepare it for the budget cycle for the next fiscal year.

30. 2014 SPLOST 2026 Work Plan (*Finance Director Abby Branan*)
31. 2020 SPLOST 2026 Work Plan (*Finance Director Abby Branan*)

32. 2023 TSPLOST 2026 Work Plan (*Finance Director Abby Branan*)

33. 2026 SPLOST 2026 Work Plan (*Finance Director Abby Branan*)

34. National Opioid Settlements 2026 Projects (*Finance Director Abby Branan*)

Commissioner Greene asked if there are restrictions on what can be purchased with these funds, and Ms. Branan responded affirmatively. She said generally it is for the treatment and prevention of opioid overdoses. The exhibit provides more detail, so she can share that with the BOC. The Commissioners asked if this could cover equipment, and Ms. Branan said it would have to be equipment relating to the prevention and treatment of opioid overdoses. Commissioner Mayfield said he was on the Avita Board last year, and he discovered they do a lot of work on drug rehabilitation. He said he would like to send as much as possible to Avita because they help us a lot.

COUNTY MANAGER

Mr. Ours said he wanted to publicly commend our staff for their excellent work during the two recent winter weather events, especially the Roads & Bridges Department, all first responders, and our leadership team who stayed at the Emergency Operations Center. Things went well, and staff is thankful for the Board's support.

ASSISTANT COUNTY MANAGER & DEPARTMENT HEADS

COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Greene said he spoke to someone recently and learned that the citizens of Dawson County were frustrated with the conditions of their roads during the recent weather events. He said Lumpkin County staff did a great job with our roads this year, and he has heard nothing but compliments. He also said our Facebook page has been incredible lately with a mixture of good information and humor.

Commissioner Mayfield said he was out riding the roads yesterday and didn't see any ice, only a couple of slushy spots, which is the reason the school system had a two-hour delay this morning. He said the boys and girls wrestling teams both did very well recently at the championships.

Commissioner Stringer spoke to some linemen recently and they told him there was a noticeable improvement in the roads once they crossed the Lumpkin County line. He said he attended a regional GDOT meeting recently to go over future projects. The 400/60 improvements project has been delayed by GDOT, but the Yahoola Creek Bridge and 52-East bridge improvements are underway, including bank restoration. Hopefully, these major projects will be finished in the next two to four years.

Commissioner Moran said our leadership team and staff did a great job during the winter storm.

Chairman Dockery said our social media has been doing great and reaching a lot of people. He said he would like to recognize the road crew at the regular meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda Specific)

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 pm.

Date

Chris Dockery, Chairman
Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Melissa Witcher
Clerk, Lumpkin County