



LUMPKIN COUNTY
Board of Commissioners
Special Called Meeting Minutes
Commissioners Boardroom
99 Courthouse Hill
Dahlonega, GA 30533

February 19, 2026
4:05 PM

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 pm. Present were Vice Chairman Jeff Moran and Commissioners Tucker Greene, Bobby Mayfield, and Rhett Stringer.

CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA

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

RESOLUTIONS

1. 2026-13 Resolution Revising Chapter 26 Land Use Code - Driveway & Right-of-Way Encroachment Requirements

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

Commissioner Mayfield said, to reflect what Steve Sylvester said at the previous meeting, he is not sure why this item in particular required a special meeting. Vice Chairman Moran said the Planning Department is going to review more changes than just this one, and there will be more public hearings in the future if we have more changes. He also agreed with Mr. Sylvester that some of the advertisements could be more descriptive. Commissioner Mayfield clarified he is not opposed to this change, but he just doesn't want to have 30 more meetings every time a change is made. Commissioner Greene asked Ms. McGrath, the Community Development Director, to explain why this particular item jumped to the top of the priority list.

Ms. McGrath explained this is an issue with driveway apron bonds. It began as a way to protect the County, but it has now made the County a bond collector, which we do not want. The issue is, how do we protect the County without making it unnecessarily difficult for builders to get their certificates of occupancy? Commissioner Greene said the original intent was to allow the builder to obtain a CO if the weather wasn't permitting them to get their driveway aprons done, but it has made the County have to collect bonds too frequently. Commissioner Moran said this change will not require people to construct a driveway apron if their driveway is at a negative slope to the road. Ms. McGrath said this will also allow Public Works to look at this prior to the issuance of the building permit and CO, so it will have more eyes on it, and it will get us out of the bond business.

2. 2026-14 Resolution to Set Qualifying Fee for Special Election (*Assistant County Manager Ashley Peck*)

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

3. 2026-15 Resolution to Set Qualifying Fee for Special Election, District 3, County Commissioner (*Assistant County Manager Ashley Peck*)

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

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Stringer announced that he is resigning his position as District 3 Commissioner effective at midnight tonight, February 19, 2026. He said it has been one of the most rewarding experiences of his life to serve the citizens of Lumpkin County, and he wished the Board continued success in their future endeavors. The other Commissioners thanked Commissioner Stringer for his years of dedicated service

Date

Jeff Moran, Vice Chairman
Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Melissa Witcher
Clerk, Lumpkin County