



LUMPKIN COUNTY

Board of Commissioners

Work Session Agenda

Commissioners Boardroom

October 5, 2021
4:00 P.M.

The purpose of the work session is to discuss agenda items for the Regular Meeting.

- **CALL TO ORDER** Chairman Dockery
- **PRESENTATIONS**
 1. Extension Office Presentation
- **PROCLAMATIONS**
 2. Joint Proclamation for the 2020-2021 Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors
- **MINUTES**
 3. Board of Commissioners - Work Session - Sep 7, 2021 4:00 PM
 4. Board of Commissioners - Public Hearing - Sep 21, 2021 5:15 PM
 5. Board of Commissioners - Work Session II - Sep 21, 2021 5:30 PM
 6. Board of Commissioners - Regular Meeting - Sep 21, 2021 6:00 PM
 7. Board of Commissioners - Special Called Meeting - Sep 21, 2021 6:30 PM
- **RESOLUTIONS**
 8. 2021 - 53 - October Surplus Property (*Finance Director Abby Branan*)
 9. 2021 - 54 - Appoint/Reappoint Members to Yahoola Creek Reservoir Property Study Committee
 10. 2021 - 55 - Appoint Members to Planning Commission - Seat 1 and Seat 7
 11. 2021 - 56 - Appoint Members to Lumpkin County Airport Authority - Seat B & Seat D both terms expiring 02/19/2025
- **CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS**
 12. 2021-062 - GDOT 5311 - Lumpkin County Transit System Title VI Plan (*Public Works Director Larry Reiter*)
 13. 2021-063 - Recycling IGA with Hall County (*Public Works Director Larry Reiter*)
 14. 2021-064 - Wetlands and Jurisdictional Waters Determination Contract Award (*Public Works Director Larry Reiter*)
 15. 2021-065 - Banking Services Contract (*Finance Director Abby Branan*)
 16. 2021-066 - IGA – County and City – Fueling Station (*Finance Director Abby Branan*)

17. 2021-067 - MOU – County and Lumpkin County Water and Sewerage Authority – Fueling Station (*Finance Director Abby Branan*)
18. 2021-068 - Contract for Service of Mobile Home Decal Citations (*Tax Commissioner Mike Young*)
19. 2021-069 - CJCC VOCA – Financial Administration – District Attorney (*Finance Director Abby Branan*) **Work Session II**
20. 2021-070 - CJCC VOCA (Victims of Crime Act) - MOA (*Finance Director Abby Branan*) **Work Session II**

- **OTHER ITEMS**

21. Secure Rural Schools Act – Title III Money Certification on Use of Funds (*Finance Director Abby Branan*)
22. Alcoholic Beverage License – Iron Mountain Park, LLC dba The Grille at Iron Mountain (*County Clerk Melissa Witcher*)
23. Reevaluation of Recycling Program (*Public Works Director Larry Reiter*)
24. Discuss Noise Ordinance

- **COUNTY MANAGER**

- **COUNTY ATTORNEY**

- **COMMISSIONERS**

- **PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda Specific)**

- **EXECUTIVE SESSION - Land Acquisition**

- **ADJOURNMENT**

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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:02 PM by Chairman Chris Dockery

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Chris Dockery	Chairman	Present	
Bobby Mayfield	District 2 Commissioner	Present	
Rhett Stringer	District 3 Commissioner	Present	
Jeffrey Moran	District 4 Commissioner	Present	

PRESENTATIONS

1. Extension Office Presentation

Extension Office Presentation

Clark MacAllister gave a presentation about the UGA Extension Office and all of the services they provide to the public. Commissioner Mayfield thanked him for all of the work 4-H has done with the local school kids. Chairman Dockery said the County could feature the Extension Office on our social media platforms to raise public awareness of the services they provide, such as plant sales and the Rabies Clinic.

PROCLAMATIONS

2. Joint Proclamation for the 2020-2021 Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors

Joint Proclamation for the 2020-2021 Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors Matthew Garner

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RESOLUTIONS

8. 2021 - 53 - October Surplus Property (Finance Director Abby Branan)

October Surplus Property. Consideration of list of County inventory items to be declared surplus.

Commissioner Stringer asked about the Crown Vic and whether it was an older vehicle or the one currently being used by the Deputy Coroner.

9. 2021 - 54 - Appoint/Reappoint Members to Yahoola Creek Reservoir Property Study Committee

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10. 2021 - 55 - Appoint Members to Planning Commission - Craig Gentry to Seat 1 and Seat 7

Appoint Members to Planning Commission - Craig Gentry to Seat 1 with a term expiring 08/27/2023 and -- to Seat 7

Chairman Dockery said he plans to nominate Craig Gentry to one of the seats.

11. 2021 - 56 - Appoint Members to Lumpkin County Airport Authority - Seat B & Seat D both terms expiring 02/19/2025

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Chairman Dockery has not yet found nominees for the Airport Authority.

CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS

12. 2021-062 - GDOT 5311 - Lumpkin County Transit System Title VI Plan (Public Works Director Larry Reiter)

GDOT 5311 - Lumpkin County Transit System Title VI Plan. This plan assures the Federal Transit Administration and the Georgia Department of Transportation that Lumpkin County Transit System will not discriminate against any person on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, family or religious status, as provided by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Federal Transit Laws, 49 CRR Part 21 Unlawful Discrimination, Non-discrimination in Federally-Assisted Programs of the Department of Transportation and as per written guidance under FTA Circular 4702.1B, dated October 2012, be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination or retaliation under any program or activity undertaken by Lumpkin County Transit System.

13. 2021-063 - Recycling IGA with Hall County (Public Works Director Larry Reiter)

Recycling IGA with Hall County. Renew the recycling IGA with Hall County

Commissioner Stringer asked if there had been any increase in the value of recycling materials. Larry Reiter, the Public Works Division Director, said their value has increased in the last six months. Aluminum, tin, mixed paper, and cardboard have all slightly increased, but plastics have not.

14. 2021-064 - Wetlands and Jurisdictional Waters Determination Contract Award (Public Works Director Larry Reiter)

Wetlands and Jurisdictional Waters Determination Contract Award. Award contract for a consultant to perform a Wetlands and Jurisdictional Waters Determination as part of the Phase II Primary Surface Grading project.

Mr. Reiter said this has to be conducted in order to complete the resurfacing plan. The determination has to be completed and sent to the Corps of Engineers for approval. He discussed the presence of a creek and drainage ditch within the Airport property and explained how the determination process would work.

15. 2021-065 - Banking Services Contract (Finance Director Abby Branan)

Banking Services Contract. Recommendation to award a contract renewal for banking services with United Community Bank.

16. IGA – County and City – Fueling Station (Finance Director Abby Branan)

IGA – County and City – Fueling Station. Recommendation to update Exhibit A and renew the IGA regarding use of the fueling station

17. MOU – County and Lumpkin County Water and Sewerage Authority – Fueling Station (Finance Director Abby Branan)

MOU – County and Lumpkin County Water and Sewerage Authority – Fueling Station. Recommendation to update Exhibit A and renew the MOU regarding use of the fueling station.

18. 2021-066 - Contract for Service of Mobile Home Decal Citations (Tax Commissioner Mike Young)

Contract for Service of Mobile Home Decal Citations.

19. 2021-072 - CJCC VOCA – Financial Administration – District Attorney (Finance Director Abby Branan)

CJCC VOCA – Financial Administration – District Attorney

20. CJCC VOCA (Victims of Crime Act) - MOA (Finance Director Abby Branan)

CJCC VOCA (Victims of Crime Act) - MOA

OTHER ITEMS

21. Secure Rural Schools Act – Title III Money Certification on Use of Funds (Finance Director Abby Branan)

Secure Rural Schools Act – Title III Money Certification on Use of Funds. To certify that all funds have been used or obligated by September 30, 2021.

22. Alcoholic Beverage License – Iron Mountain Park, LLC dba The Grille at Iron Mountain (County Clerk Melissa Witcher)

This is for the issuance of an alcoholic beverage license for beer, wine, and distilled spirits for consumption on premises and movable bar located at 116 Iron Mountain Parkway, Dahlonega, GA 30533.

23. Reevaluation of Recycling Program (Public Works Director Larry Reiter)

Reevaluation of Recycling Program. Discussion of the recycling program to determine feasibility.

Mr. Reiter said the last time this was discussed, the BOC had tasked staff with examining our recycling options. He has put together some information and options. The current contractor, Mark Robinson, is happy with the state of the program as it is now. Mr. Reiter said staff has not come up with any solution that will reduce the taxpayer burden significantly. Mark Robinson has also observed that many people only recycle in order to avoid

paying the \$1 per bag, as they can recycle certain things for free. Chairman Dockery said people may be willing to pay a small fee in order to recycle to help prevent the burden on property taxes. He asked if Mr. Robinson could collect data on how many people actually visit the recycling bins. Mr. Reiter said he could get an estimate.

Commissioner Mayfield asked if switching to a fee-based system would enable the contractor to station an employee at the recycling bins, but Mr. Reiter doubted it since the revenue would be miniscule. It would not be enough to pay for an employee to sit at the bins all day. The main purpose of a fee would be to eliminate the customers using the recycling bins as essentially garbage bins. Commissioner Stringer said if we did institute a fee, it would have to cost the same as the trash.

24. Discuss Noise Ordinance

Discuss Noise Ordinance

Commissioner Mayfield said the possibility of a noise ordinance was examined several months ago, including the formation of a noise study committee. Action was halted due to the unexpected passing of Commissioner Miller, he explained, but the Commissioners have continued to receive input. He said his concern is getting some relief for the people who are experiencing excessively loud noise from repeat offenders. Commissioner Moran said we need to provide Sheriff Jarrard the tools he needs to deal with this. He believes there are enough residents that would be in support, and said the problem is not limited to amplified noise. There is a lot more noise out there that needs to be addressed.

Commissioner Mayfield said the Commissioners should do something until a robust ordinance can be crafted. Without an ordinance, some people will refuse to comply. Commissioner Stringer said this issue is not going to go away, and some people aren't willing to do the neighborly thing. He said most of the complaints he receives are related to venue noise, and is of the opinion that the BOC only needs to address venue noise right now. Commissioner Mayfield brought an example noise ordinance from another local government that had been proven to stand up in court. He said when the noise committee met before, they had discussed both time range restrictions and decibel measurements.

Chairman Dockery read aloud the example noise ordinance. He said we have constant habitual offenders when it comes to noise. We should let Counsel take our intent and craft a noise ordinance that has good legal standards. The big question is whether it should be based on a time range or by decibel level at a certain distance, he said. Commissioner Moran made some comments about whether noise would be measured from a property line or from the source of the complaint. The Chairman said the noise ordinance should be tied to a time range instead of decibel measurements. It would also be fine if the noise study committee would like to meet again at a later date, he added. Commissioner Moran said he did not disagree, as the committee had discussed time ranges as well as decibels.

Commissioner Mayfield said the problem with restricting the ordinance to a time range is that not all complaints occur in the middle of the night; many of them are in the early evening. The Chairman said for now, we have to craft something that is reasonable. It is reasonable to expect to be able to sleep at night. Commissioner Moran agreed, saying that the only people who would be bothered by this are the habitual violators. The noise committee had discussed the possibility of having a noise regulation from 6 am to 11 pm. Commissioner Mayfield said it would be important to have an exception for public addresses or things of a similar nature. We cannot prohibit political discourse or freedom of speech.

COUNTY MANAGER

Mr. Ours said Special Projects Director Ashley Peck had an update on the Coroner vehicle situation. He currently has an ambulance and plans to use one of the state prisoner crew vans.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Mayfield said he is excited for this year's Gold Rush festival.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda Specific)

Citizen Mitchell Ridley made some suggestions regarding the potential noise ordinance. He also made some comments about Wimpy Airport.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - Land Acquisition

Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Moran to enter executive session at 4:57 pm. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Stringer. The motion was approved and carried.

Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Mayfield to exit executive session and re-enter regular session at 5:17 pm. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Moran. The motion was approved and carried.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:19 pm.

November 17, 2021

Date



Melissa Witcher
County Clerk, Lumpkin County



Chris Dockery, Chairman
Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners