



LUMPKIN COUNTY
Board of Commissioners
Work Session Agenda
Commissioners Boardroom
Lumpkin County Administration Building, 99 Courthouse
Hill, Dahlonega, GA 30533

October 4, 2022
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 Service Presentation (*County Extension Coordinator Clark MacAllister*)
 2. NOA Presentation
- **MINUTES**
 3. Board of Commissioners - Work Session - Sep 6, 2022 4:00 PM
 4. Board of Commissioners - Joint Special Called Work Session - Sep 12, 2022 2:00 PM
 5. Board of Commissioners - Public Hearing - Sep 20, 2022 5:15 PM
 6. Board of Commissioners - Work Session II - Sep 20, 2022 5:30 PM
 7. Board of Commissioners - Regular Meeting - Sep 20, 2022 6:00 PM
- **RESOLUTIONS**
 8. 2022 - 49 - Appointment of Associate Probate Judge (*Probate Judge Michael Chastain*)
 9. 2022 - 50 - Resolution for Community Development Block Grant Application – LC W&S Authority Sewer Expansion (*Finance Director Abby Branan*)
- **CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS**
 10. 2022-060 - Ninth District Opportunity Inc. Lease - Head Start Building (*Special Projects Director Ashley Peck*)
 11. 2022-065 - Housing & Rental Agreement – Blackburn Fire Station #8 (*EMA Director David Wimpy*)
 12. 2022-066 - Unifirst Uniform Corporation Service Agreement - Public Works Department (*Public Works Director Larry Reiter*)
 13. 2022-067 - LC Wimpy Airport Consultant Contract Award (*Public Works Director Larry Reiter*)
 14. 2022-068 - Agreement between Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners and Windstream Services, LLC (*Development Authority Director Rebecca Mincey*)
 15. 2022-069 - Banking Services Contract (*Finance Director Abby Branan*)
 16. 2022-070 - NGN Fiber Service Agreement: Lumpkin County Justice Center (*Special Projects Director Ashley Peck*)

17. 2022-071 - NGN Fiber Service Agreement: Lumpkin County Administration Building (*Special Projects Director Ashley Peck*)
18. 2022-072 - CJCC VOCA (Victims of Crime Act) - MOA (*Finance Director Abby Branan*)
19. 2022-073 - CJCC VOCA – Financial Administration – District Attorney (*Finance Director Abby Branan*)
20. 2022-074 - GMRC Agreement – CDBG Application Preparation & General Administrative Services (*Finance Director Abby Branan*)

- **OTHER ITEMS**

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

- **COUNTY MANAGER**

- **COUNTY ATTORNEY**

- **COMMISSIONERS**

- **PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda Specific)**

- **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	
Tucker Greene	District 1 Commissioner	Present	
Bobby Mayfield	District 2 Commissioner	Present	
Rhett Stringer	District 3 Commissioner	Present	4:08 PM
Jeffrey Moran	District 4 Commissioner	Present	

PRESENTATIONS

1. Extension Service Presentation (County Extension Coordinator Clark MacAllister)

Extension Service Presentation

Commissioner Moran asked Mr. MacAllister if 4-H still had an air rifle/BB program. He said there hasn't been much interest in the program lately, but that it is typical for interest to vary over the years as different students graduate and new ones come in.

Chairman Dockery asked how much time Mr. MacAllister spends in Dawson versus Lumpkin County. He said typically he is in Dawsonville on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, and he spends Tuesday and Thursday in Lumpkin County. Chairman Dockery also asked about the new extension agent and what kinds of activities she is doing at the school system, and he also inquired about the low attendance at the recent 4-H trip to Jekyll Island. Mr. MacAllister explained that attendance to the Jekyll Island trips is typically lower due to the longer distance away than Rock Eagle. There were also no schoolbuses available for the trip.

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RESOLUTIONS

8. 2022 - 49 - Appointment of Associate Probate Judge (Probate Judge Michael Chastain)

Appointment of Associate Probate Judge. To obtain board approval for the appointment of an Associate Probate Judge, as required by OCGA 15-9-2.1.

Commissioner Stringer asked if this would impact the budget, and Chairman Dockery responded that it would not.

9. Resolution for Community Development Block Grant Application – LC W&S Authority Sewer Expansion (Finance Director Abby Branan)

Resolution for Community Development Block Grant Application – LC W&S Authority Sewer Expansion. A resolution to authorize the submission of a FY-2023 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program application to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) to provide funding assistance for sewer expansion.

Sean Phipps, Director of the Water & Sewerage Authority, said that they have not yet identified a project for the CDBG, but they are continuing to look for an opportunity. Chairman Dockery said if they cannot find a suitable water and sewer project, we can use the funding for something else. We do not want to let the grant go to waste, he observed.

CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS

10. 2022-060 - Ninth District Opportunity Inc. Lease - Head Start Building (Special Projects Director Ashley Peck)

Ninth District Opportunity Inc. Lease - Head Start Building. Lease renewal for JB Jones Pre-school/Head Start.

11. 2022-065 - Housing & Rental Agreement – Blackburn Fire Station #8 (EMA Director David Wimpy)

Housing & Rental Agreement – Blackburn Fire Station #8. Approval of new tenant and rental agreement for Station #8 House.

12. 2022-066 - Unifirst Uniform Corporation Service Agreement - Public Works Department (Public Works Director Larry Reiter)

Unifirst Uniform Corporation Service Agreement - Public Works Department. Consideration of Annual Service agreement for the supply and service of work uniforms for the Lumpkin County Public Works Department. This is an annual Service Agreement between LCBOC and Unifirst Uniform Corporation to supply LCBOC Public Works Department, work uniforms and laundry service for a period of 12 months

13. 2022-067 - LC Wimpy Airport Consultant Contract Award (Public Works Director Larry Reiter)

LC Wimpy Airport Consultant Contract Award. Award a contract to GMC professional engineering, architectural, and construction inspection/administration services for the Lumpkin County Airport.

14. 2022-068 - Agreement between Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners and Windstream Services, LLC (Development Authority Director Rebecca Mincey)

Agreement between Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners and Windstream Services, LLC.

15. 2022-069 - Banking Services Contract (Finance Director Abby Branan)

Banking Services Contract Recommendation to renew the banking services contract with United Community Bank.

16. 2022-070 - NGN Fiber Service Agreement: Lumpkin County Justice Center (Special Projects Director Ashley Peck)

NGN Fiber Service Agreement: Lumpkin County Justice Center. Contract with NGN to upgrade the fiber connection to the Justice Center to 1 Gigabyte.

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18. 2022-072 - CJCC VOCA (Victims of Crime Act) - MOA (Finance Director Abby Branan)

CJCC VOCA (Victims of Crime Act) - MOA. This is a placeholder for the MOA for the Victims' Assistance Program. Funding information is not available at this time but is anticipated in the near future. Additional information will be provided once available.

19. 2022-073 - CJCC VOCA – Financial Administration – District Attorney (Finance Director Abby Branan)

CJCC VOCA – Financial Administration – District Attorney. District Attorney Langley is requesting Lumpkin County maintain its existing roll as the financial administrator for its VOCA grant awards for the upcoming grant cycle.

20. 2022-074 - GMRC Agreement – CDBG Application Preparation & General Administrative Services (Finance Director Abby Branan)

GMRC Agreement – CDBG Application Preparation & General Administrative Services. Contract with Georgia Mountains Regional Commission (GMRC) for preparing a Department of Community Affairs (DCA) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Application and grant administration services, if awarded.

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, 2022.

COUNTY MANAGER

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COMMISSIONERS

PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda Specific)

Mr. Perry Abernathy said he has been living in Lumpkin County for quite awhile, and he can remember when the internet speed was only 14 kb. When he became a Windstream customer, he signed an agreement for a fixed rate, but his bill has continuously gone up over the years. His bill has gone up from 53 dollars to 87 dollars, even though it is supposed to be a fixed rate. They de-regulated the administration fee and they charge a fee for the modem, he added.

Mr. Abernathy said he has some issues with the fact that there is no competition for Windstream here. He said the bill is getting so high that you could almost afford a cellphone with unlimited data for the same price. Mr. Abernathy said in his experience Windstream does not hold to their contracts, so he wants to caution the County from entering into agreements with them.

Chairman Dockery explained some of the history of the push for rural broadband in North Georgia, and he went into detail about how the Development Authority of Lumpkin County is working with Windstream on this grant project. It is our responsibility as we facilitate the grant to ensure everything is done according to the regulations, he stated. We are also using a third party to make sure Windstream is doing everything correctly.

The Chairman said the current situation with rural internet is kind of like electricity in the early 1900s; it is a challenge to obtain. It is difficult for Internet Service Providers to get a return on their investment in rural areas since houses are so far apart, making the installation of cables more costly. That is one of the reasons there is so little competition for Windstream, he explained. As far as increasing bills, Chairman Dockery advised Mr. Abernathy to speak with the Georgia Public Service Commission.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:46 PM.

November 16, 2022

Date



Melissa Witcher

County Clerk, Lumpkin County



Chris Dockery, Chairman

Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners