

LUMPKIN COUNTY HOSPITAL AUTHORITY TRUST MEETING

LUMPKIN COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BOARD ROOM

October 8, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 3:31pm by Chairman Deborah Armstrong.

Members present: Deborah Armstrong, Deb Bodney, Leland Cox, Gene Westmoreland, and Cindy Tomblin.

Members absent: Mike Davis.

Visitors present: Alan Ours, County Manager; Catherine James, and Hudson Cox

Agenda Approval

The agenda for today's meeting was reviewed and unanimously approved with no changes from previously published.

Minutes

The minutes from July 9, 2025, were reviewed; Leland Cox made a motion to accept the minutes as presented with a second by Gene Westmoreland. The vote was unanimous for acceptance.

Treasurers Report

The Lumpkin County Hospital Authority quarterly financials were presented. Leland noted payment of \$22,500 to Community Helping Place approved at the July 9, 2025 meeting. Total Assets remain stable with a current balance of \$1,133,286.48. Cindy Tomblin made a motion to accept the report as presented, with a second from Deb Bodney. The vote was unanimous for approval.

Old Business

- Deborah emphasized the open Secretary position and encouraged members to consider.
- There are two open positions on the Authority. Seat 3 with a term that ended 3/1/2025, and Seat 6, with a term that ends 3/1/2026.

New Business

- Deborah Armstrong reported that she met with the leadership (Melissa Line, Erin Cook, and Paula Payne) of the CHP Clinic. The meeting was at their request and over concerns that the Hospital Authority had lost interest in supporting them. Debbie Bodney discussed her ongoing frustration with the Clinic staff stating that she had continued trying to assist them with Medicaid accessibility and offering it to clinic patients, but she found the staff to be unwilling to give it any effort. Ms. Bodney feels strongly that they are not best utilizing existing resources available to their patients. Deborah Armstrong acknowledged Ms. Bodney's frustration but also stated that the Clinic does meet the intent of the Hospital Authority's bylaws and GA State law governing Hospital Authorities. The Hospital Authority agrees to continue to evaluate this concern.
- The Board reviewed the three names submitted for consideration by the Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners. Following discussion on each candidate, the Hospital Authority will submit Reesa Crisson-Shedd (for Seat 3) and Jill Holman (for Seat 6) back to the BOC for approval. Cindy Tomblin made the motion to approve, and Leland Cox seconded. The vote was unanimous for approval.

At 3:47 Gene Westmoreland made a motion to adjourn with a second from Cindy Tomblin. The vote was unanimous for approval

Next meeting: January 14, 2026, at 3:30

Submitted by: Deborah Armstrong, Acting Secretary