



LUMPKIN COUNTY
Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting Minutes
99 Courthouse Hill
Dahlonega, GA 30533

April 21, 2026
6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm. Present were Vice Chairman Jeff Moran and Commissioners Tucker Greene and Bobby Mayfield.

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda Specific)

PROCLAMATIONS

1. Joint Proclamation to Recognize April as Child Abuse Awareness Month
2. Proclamation of Recognition Lumpkin County Indians 12U Girls Basketball Team State Champions

MINUTES

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

3. Board of Commissioners - Work Session - March 3, 2026 4:00 PM
4. Board of Commissioners - Appeal Hearing - March 17, 2026 4:30 PM
5. Board of Commissioners - Work Session II - March 17, 2026 5:30 PM

6. Board of Commissioners - Regular Meeting - March 17, 2026 6:00 PM

RESOLUTIONS

7. 2026-18 Resolution Creating a Filming Permit Policy & Procedure (*County Clerk Melissa Witcher*)
Motion: *Commissioner Greene moved to approve the resolution and was seconded by Commissioner Mayfield. The motion was approved unanimously.*
8. 2026-19 Reappoint Member to LC W&S Authority - *Vic Dover to Seat 5, with a term expiring 05/31/2030*
Motion: *Commissioner Mayfield moved to approve the resolution and was seconded by Commissioner Greene. The motion was approved unanimously.*
9. 2026-20 Reappoint Members to Yahoola Creek Reservoir Property Study Committee - *Tom Lamb to Seat 1, Ben LaChance to Seat 2, Martie Heaton to Seat 3, David Payne to Seat 4, Steve Gooch to Seat 5, Wyman Walden to Seat 6, and DeEnna Walters to Seat 7, all with terms expiring 05/15/2027*
Motion: *Vice Chairman Moran moved to reappoint the members to the committee and was seconded by Commissioner Greene. The motion was approved unanimously.*
10. 2026-21 Appoint Member to Airport Authority - *Steve Widincamp to Seat C, with a term expiring 02/19/2030*
Motion: *Vice Chairman Moran moved to appoint Steve Widincamp and was seconded by Commissioner Mayfield. The motion was approved unanimously.*
11. 2026-22 Appoint Member to Library Board of Trustees - *Kirk Bradley to Seat 1, with a term expiring 06/30/2030*
Motion: *Vice Chairman Moran moved to appoint Kirk Bradley and was seconded by Commissioner Greene. The motion was approved unanimously.*
12. 2026-23 Appoint Member to AVITA Board of Directors - *Bobby Mayfield to Seat 2, with a term expiring 12/31/2028*
Motion: *Vice Chairman Moran moved to appoint Commissioner Mayfield, and his motion was seconded by Commissioner Greene. The motion was approved unanimously.*

13. 2026-24 Amend Membership Requirements & Appoint Member to Lumpkin County Veterans Affairs Committee - *Kevin Connell to Seat 9, with a term expiring 04/14/2027*
Motion: *Vice Chairman Moran moved to approve the resolution and was seconded by Commissioner Greene. The motion was approved unanimously.*
14. 2026-25 Adopt South Hampton Subdivision Roads - Surrey Court, English Court, and Candover Court into County Road System (*Special Projects Manager Charles Trammell*)
Motion: *Commissioner Mayfield moved to approve the resolution and was seconded by Commissioner Greene. The motion was approved unanimously.*
15. 2026-26 April Surplus Items List (*Finance Director Abby Branan*)
Motion: *Commissioner Mayfield moved to approve the resolution and was seconded by Commissioner Greene. The motion was approved unanimously.*
16. 2026-27 GDNR Recreational Trails Program Second-Level Application Resolution (*Finance Director Abby Branan*)
Motion: *Commissioner Mayfield moved to approve the resolution and was seconded by Commissioner Greene. The motion was approved unanimously.*
17. 2026-28 Appoint Member to Planning Commission - *Derek Runyon to Seat 4, of an unexpired term ending 08/27/2026*
Motion: *Vice Chairman Moran moved to appoint Derek Runyon and was seconded by Commissioner Greene. The motion was approved unanimously.*
18. 2026-29 Create and Appoint Members to Comp Plan Committee - *Mac McConnell to Seat 1, David Woodward to Seat 2, Ken Akins to Seat 3, Don Becker to Seat 4, Steven Smith to Seat 5, and Derek Leonard to Seat 6, all with terms expiring 07/31/2027*
Motion: *Vice Chairman Moran moved to approve the appointment resolution and was seconded by Commissioner Mayfield. The motion was approved unanimously.*

REPORTS

ELECTED OFFICIALS

CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS

19. 2026-032 Six Remnant Defendants Opioid Settlement (*County Attorney Joy Edelberg*)
Motion: *Commissioner Greene moved to approve the agreement and was seconded by Commissioner Mayfield. The motion was approved unanimously.*
20. 2026-033 GMRC Agreement – GDNR Recreational Trails Program Second Level Application Preparation (*Finance Director Abby Branan*) **Ratify**
Motion: *Commissioner Mayfield moved to approve the agreement and was seconded by Commissioner Greene. The motion was approved unanimously.*
21. 2026-034 Community Center Design Fee Proposal (*Assistant County Manager Ashley Peck*)
Motion: *Commissioner Greene moved to approve the proposal and was seconded by Commissioner Mayfield. The motion was approved unanimously.*
22. 2026-035 Board of Regents/UGA & Lumpkin County MOU – Extension Service Office (*Finance Director Abby Branan*)
Motion: *Commissioner Mayfield moved to approve the agreement and was seconded by Commissioner Greene. The motion was approved unanimously.*
23. 2026-036 IWorq Service Agreement (*Public Works Director Chris Thomas*)
Motion: *Commissioner Greene moved to approve the contract and was seconded by Commissioner Mayfield. The motion was approved unanimously.*
24. 2026-037 Memorandum of Understanding with the Department of the Army (*County Manager Alan Ours*)
Motion: *Commissioner Mayfield moved to approve the MOU and was seconded by Commissioner Greene. The motion was approved unanimously.*
25. 2026-038 Wahoo Creek Road Repair & Pipe Installation Bid Award - JL Gaddis LLC (*Special Projects Manager Charles Trammell*)
Motion: *Commissioner Greene moved to approve the contract and was seconded by Commissioner Mayfield. The motion was approved unanimously.*
26. 2026-039 FY 2026 LMIG Safety Action Plan (SAP) GDOT Grant Application (*Public*

Works Director Chris Thomas)

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

OTHER ITEMS

27. Special Event Permit - Dahlonge Lumpkin County Chamber of Commerce Inspire Event (County Clerk Melissa Witcher) **Ratify**

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

28. Catered Special Event Permit - Sorority Gathering at the Views at Nimblewill (County Clerk Melissa Witcher) **Ratify**

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

29. Catered Special Event Permit - SigFest at Pine Valley (County Clerk Melissa Witcher) **Ratify**

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

30. Catered Special Event Permit - KC Bison Ranch Summer Jam (County Clerk Melissa Witcher)

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

31. Special Event Permit - KC Bison Summer Jam (County Clerk Melissa Witcher)

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

32. Consideration of the 2026 SPLOST 2026 Work Plan Amendment (Finance Director Abby Branan) **Ratify**

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

33. Scope Change Request: Multipurpose Field Turf Project (*Assistant County Manager Ashley Peck*) **Ratify**
Motion: *Commissioner Greene moved to approve the scope change request and was seconded by Commissioner Mayfield. The motion was approved unanimously.*

COUNTY MANAGER

ASSISTANT COUNTY MANAGER & DEPARTMENT HEADS

COMMISSIONERS

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mary Lasris, resident of 277 Summit Drive, spoke about the need for a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). Ms. Lasris said she has managed the warming shelter at the Unitarian Universalist Church, and they had to turn a family away this year because of crowding. She said there is nowhere else for people to go, especially if they have a power failure at the church. Ms. Lasris said White County has a CERT team, and they meet yearly with area churches. Ms. Lasris asked if she is able to put together a team, would Lumpkin County EMS be willing to help train them? She would like to get a conversation started about this soon.

Pam Dietz, resident of Larmon Forks Road, spoke about a recent community forum about Iron Mountain Park. The meeting was attended by local officials and political candidates such as Sheriff Stacy Jarrard, former Commissioner Rhett Stringer, Katherine James, Wayne Rowan, and Roger Smith. Ms. Dietz said they are aware that Mr. Stringer and former BOC Chairman Chris Dockery had a meeting last fall with Craig Stansberry and his attorney. She said there were several agreements supposedly made at this meeting, such as requiring IMP to have additional security, requiring spark arresters, and enforcement of quiet zones. Ms. Dietz said the last recorded hours of an off-duty LCSO employee working at IMP were in October of 2025. Ms. Dietz said she was told by Mr. Stringer that these meetings are held every quarter, and if so, then there should have been another meeting in February. Ms. Dietz asked where are the official minutes for the meeting held with Mr. Stansberry, and what actions is the County prepared to take if Mr. Stansberry does not adhere to his agreements? She said Mr. Stringer expressed his thought that the original SLUA (special land use approval) for IMP had been a mistake, and while done in good faith, it probably should have been a multi-page legal document. Ms. Dietz said when the original SLUA was approved, it was stated that IMP should behave in a neighborly fashion. She asked the Commissioners how they think the neighbors feel with the lack of neighborly love from Iron Mountain Park today?

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: *Vice Chairman Moran moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 pm, and he was seconded by Commissioner Mayfield. The motion was approved unanimously.*

Date

Jeff Moran, Vice Chairman
Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Melissa Witcher
Clerk, Lumpkin County