



LUMPKIN COUNTY
Board of Commissioners
Work Session Minutes
99 Courthouse Hill
Dahlonega, GA 30533

May 5, 2026
4:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:01 pm. Present were Vice Chairman Jeff Moran and Commissioners Tucker Greene and Bobby Mayfield.

MINUTES

1. Board of Commissioners - Appeal Hearing - April 7, 2026 3:15 PM
2. Board of Commissioners - Work Session - April 7, 2026 4:00 PM
3. Board of Commissioners - Work Session II - April 21, 2026 5:30 PM
4. Board of Commissioners - Regular Meeting - April 21, 2026 6:00 PM

RESOLUTIONS

5. 2026-30 Reappoint Member to Board of Tax Assessors - *Lee Gaddis to Seat 4, with a term expiring 06/30/2031*
6. 2026-31 Appoint Members to Lumpkin County DFACS Board - *Anna Beth Horsley to Seat 1, of an unexpired term ending 05/31/2029, and Mandy Williams to Seat 7, of an unexpired term ending 06/30/2028.*
7. 2026-32 Local Emergency Operations Plan (LEOP) Update (*EMA Director David Wimpy*)
8. 2026-33 May Surplus List (*Finance Director Abby Branan*)

CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS

9. 2026-040 Lumpkin County Board of Health MOU (*Community & Employee Services Director Alicia Davis*)
10. 2026-041 Pitney Bowes SendPro C200 Mailing System Lease Renewal - Sheriff's Office (*Sheriff Stacy Jarrard*)
11. 2026-042 Health Insurance Renewal & Other Voluntary Insurance Benefits (*Community & Employee Services Director Alicia Davis*)
Rob Fowler, CEO of Turner, Wood, & Smith Insurance, gave a presentation to the Commissioners regarding the upcoming health insurance renewal. After the presentation, Commissioner Greene brought up the proposed virtual urgent care service. He said it sounds like it will be beneficial, but he wanted to make sure that the virtual care providers will be able to write prescriptions. Mr. Fowler responded affirmatively, and he said there will also be no cost to the employee, and the claims incurred do not go against our costs. Commissioner Mayfield said he has had positive experiences with virtual visits before, and Mr. Fowler said it will save employees time and money. Commissioner Greene asked how we will encourage employees to use the virtual urgent care instead of going to a local urgent care. He said he has heard that our local urgent care has increasingly been sending patients to the ER now that it is just across the street. Alicia Davis said that Turner, Wood, & Smith will emphasize the benefits of the urgent care during open enrollment. Knowing that there is no copay will encourage employees to use the program. She said there will also be an app for the virtual urgent care service that employees will be able to download.
12. 2026-043 GDOC Inmate Work Detail Contract Renewal (*County Clerk Melissa Witcher*)
13. 2026-044 Accept GDOT 5311 Rural Transportation FY27 Grant (*Fleet Maintenance Manager Randy Allison*) **Ratify**
14. 2026-045 Duplicating Products Upgrade Contract (*Finance Director Abby Branan*)
15. 2026-046 Enotah Public Defender Indigent Defense Contract – Four Counties (*Finance Director Abby Branan*)

16. 2026-047 Enotah Public Defender Indigent Defense Contract - City (*Finance Director Abby Branan*)
17. 2026-048 Legacy Link SFY26 Contract Addendum #1 (*Senior Center Manager Marc Bottoms*)
18. 2026-049 Trio Community Meals, LLC SFY 2027 Contract Renewal (*Senior Center Manager Marc Bottoms*)

OTHER ITEMS

19. Request Department Name Change from Lumpkin County Animal Shelter to Lumpkin County Animal Services (*Animal Shelter Manager Wayne Marshall*)
20. 2023 TSPLOST 2026 Work Plan Amendment (*Finance Director Abby Branan*)
21. 2026 LMIG Proposed Road List (*Special Projects Manager Charles Trammell*)
22. Request Department Name Change From Lumpkin County Senior Center to Lumpkin County Senior Life Enrichment Center (*Senior Center Manager Marc Bottoms*)
23. Enotah Circuit - FY27 Budget (*Finance Director Abby Branan*)
Ms. Branan said she did not realize the spreadsheet she uploaded for this agenda item had three sheets when she converted it to a PDF. She said the last page of the attachment is the correct sheet.

COUNTY MANAGER

Mr. Ours said staff started work today on the Wahoo Creek Road repair project, and it is going well. He emphasized how critical TSPLOST has been to allow us to do important projects just like this one.

ASSISTANT COUNTY MANAGER & DEPARTMENT HEADS

Community Development Director Vanessa McGrath said the Comprehensive Plan public input survey is now available, and there will be three public meetings held at the Lumpkin County Library. The meeting dates are May 12, June 30, and July 28, all at 6:00 pm. Vice Chairman Moran said we need to post that on our website and social media.

COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Greene thanked Wayne Marshall and everyone at Animal Services, especially volunteer Don Becker. He said we have a ton of folks who dedicate a lot of time, energy, and personal resources into making the shelter succeed. Commissioner Mayfield agreed, saying our community is special because we have so many people who are willing to step up to help.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda Specific)

Sheriff Jarrard had some questions and concerns about how the provider is changing for our vision insurance, and he wanted to make sure employees would still be able to use our local eye doctors. Ms. Davis said there is actually a decrease of 11.8% in vision premiums, and the plan is supposed to be equivalent to what we have currently.

Sheriff Jarrard said this Saturday at 8 am is the annual Foot Pursuit 5k, so there will be runners dressed up as inmates and officers.

Citizen Katherine James commented on the health insurance savings.

Citizen Pam Dietz asked about the Comprehensive Plan public meeting dates.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - Potential Litigation & Property Acquisition

***Motion:** Vice Chairman Moran moved to enter executive session and was seconded by Commissioner Greene. The motion was approved unanimously, and executive session began at 4:32 pm.*

***Motion:** Commissioner Mayfield moved to exit executive session and re-enter regular session at 5:54 pm. Commissioner Greene seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.*

There were no announcement from executive session.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 pm.

Date

Jeff Moran, Vice Chairman
Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Melissa Witcher
Clerk, Lumpkin County