



LUMPKIN COUNTY
Board of Commissioners
Public Hearing Minutes
Commissioners' Boardroom
99 Courthouse Hill
Dahlonega, GA 30533

May 19, 2026
5:15 PM

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:32 pm. Present were Vice Chairman Jeff Moran and Commissioners Bobby Mayfield and Tucker Greene.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Public Comment on GA Department of Natural Resources Recreational Trails Program (RTP) Grant Application
Maggie Smith of Georgia Mountains Regional Commission gave a presentation going over Lumpkin County's Recreational Trails Program grant application. After her presentation, the floor was opened for public comment.

Citizen Roger Roy, resident of 340 Forest Run, said he lives very close to the proposed trail area. He expressed his desire for the area to remain as pristine as possible, and he said there are important plant species present, such as Lady Slipper orchids. Mr. Roy said the proposed trails also come quite close to some private property. Ms. Smith explained the process for how Georgia DNR will work with the US Fish & Wildlife Service to ensure any tree clearing is done properly and to minimize disturbances to protected wildlife, such as the Tricolored Bat. The trail surface will also be natural instead of paved, and it will be minimally visible from neighboring private property. Mr. Roy also asked about restrooms, but Ms. Smith said that would be part of the Rock House Road Park project, which is separate from this grant.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:32 pm.

Date

Chairman
Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Melissa Witcher
Clerk, Lumpkin County