



LUMPKIN COUNTY
Board of Commissioners
Special Called Meeting Agenda
Commissioners Boardroom

September 21, 2021
6:30 P.M.

- **CALL TO ORDER**
- **CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA**
- **SLUA DECISION**
- **ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Dockery

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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 PM by Chairman Chris Dockery

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Chris Dockery	Chairman	Present	
Bobby Mayfield	District 2 Commissioner	Present	
Rhett Stringer	District 3 Commissioner	Present	
Jeffrey Moran	District 4 Commissioner	Present	

CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA

Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Stringer to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mayfield. The motion was approved and carried.

SLUA DECISION

Commissioner Moran read aloud a statement, followed by a motion.

“As the Commissioner representing District 4, the area in which the application property is located, I would like to make a motion along with my reasoning behind it. First, with respect to Section 27-51 (5.), (b), all building structures shall be 200 feet from any non-residentially used or vacant property line, and 500 feet from any residentially used property line. There are two structures within 500 feet from several residentially used property lines.

Also, in the same section but sub paragraph (G) it states that “The property shall be enclosed by a security fence of not less than six feet in height along the side and rear property lines. Such fence shall be opaque along property lines adjacent to residential uses”. A security fence, to the standards outlined in paragraph G, does not exist.

Additionally, since it has come before the board as a special land use, we (Board of Commissioners) have to make a decision tonight IAW Section 27-73 paragraph 3. Paragraph 3 states that the Board of Commissioners shall apply the following standards governing SLUA applications: There are six of them.

A. Whether or not the proposed plan is consistent with all of the requirements of the character area as designated in the Character area map in which the use is proposed to be located, including required loading, setbacks, and buffers; this application is not consistent with all the requirements because the structures do not meet the 500ft set-back that I previously outlined in chapter 27-51.

B. Compatibility of the proposed use with land uses on surrounding properties and other properties within the same character area. A commercial shooting range with the volume of fire and frequency of firing is not compatible with residential properties surrounding it in such close proximity.

C. Adequacy of public facilities and services; which I feel are adequate.

D. Whether or not the proposed use will create adverse impacts upon any surrounding properties by reason of noise. I think we can all agree that noise is one of the biggest concerns and that noise from this commercial range will create an adverse impact upon surrounding properties.

E. Whether or not the proposed use will create adverse impacts upon any surrounding land use by reason of the manner of operation or the hours of operation. There is definitely a concern that the manner of operation and its hours will continue to create adverse impacts upon surrounding land use.

F. Whether or not the proposed use will impact the safety of the public. There is a valid safety concern with residents and houses in such close proximity and with the volume of fire that a commercial range will produce.

Of the six standards that we as the board are to apply, this application fails to meet five of the six standards that I just outlined. I cannot, in good conscience, vote in any way other than against this application. Therefore, I make a motion to disapprove the proposed land use application."

Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Moran to deny the SLUA application. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Stringer. The motion was approved and carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Mayfield to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Stringer. The motion was approved and carried, and the meeting ended at 6:35 pm.

October 19, 2021

Date



Melissa Witcher
County Clerk, Lumpkin County



Chris Dockery, Chairman
Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners