



LUMPKIN COUNTY
Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting Agenda
Commissioners Boardroom

September 20, 2022
6:00 P.M.

- **CALL TO ORDER** Chairman Dockery
- **INVOCATION**
- **CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA**
- **PUBLIC COMMENTS (Agenda Specific)**
- **PROCLAMATIONS**
 1. Community Helping Place Ornament for 2022 Joint Proclamation
 2. Joint Proclamation City of Dahlonega & Lumpkin County – Chamber of Commerce Outgoing Board Chairman
- **CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES**
 3. Board of Commissioners - Joint Special Called Meeting - Aug 1, 2022 4:30 PM
 4. Board of Commissioners - Work Session - Aug 2, 2022 4:00 PM
 5. Board of Commissioners - Public Hearing - Aug 9, 2022 5:30 PM
 6. Board of Commissioners - Public Hearing - Aug 9, 2022 6:00 PM
 7. Board of Commissioners - Public Hearing - Aug 11, 2022 9:00 AM
 8. Board of Commissioners - Public Hearing - Aug 16, 2022 5:00 PM
 9. Board of Commissioners - Work Session II - Aug 16, 2022 5:30 PM
 10. Board of Commissioners - Regular Meeting - Aug 16, 2022 6:00 PM
 11. Board of Commissioners - Public Hearing - Aug 23, 2022 4:00 PM
 12. Board of Commissioners - Special Called Meeting - Aug 23, 2022 4:30 PM
- **RESOLUTIONS**
 13. 2022 - 38 - Resolution to Amend the Character Area Map (*Planning Director Bruce Georgia*)
 14. 2022 - 43 - Resolution Authorizing Among Other Things the Execution of an IGA & Bond Purchase Agreement (*Finance Director Abby Branan*)
 15. 2022 - 44 - Appoint Member to Veterans Affairs Committee - Trent Miller to Seat 9, unexpired term end 04/14/2023
 16. 2022 - 45 - Resolution Authorizing Execution of IGA for Use & Distribution of Proceeds Generated by 2023 TSPLOST
 17. 2022 - 46 - TSPLOST Resolution to Call for Election

18. 2022 - 47 - Resolution to Amend the FY2022 Budget (*Finance Director Abby Branan*)

19. 2022 - 48 - Resolution to Amend the FY2023 Budget (*Finance Director Abby Branan*)

- **REPORTS**

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- **CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS**

20. 2022-056 - Animal Shelter Professional Vet Services (*Animal Shelter Manager Wayne Marshall*)

21. 2022-057 - Payroc Merchant Processing Agreement – IWORQ Permitting Software Online Payment System (*Planning Director Bruce Georgia*)

22. 2022-058 - Amendment to the Financial Assistance Award Form CD-451 for Award 13-08-12210 (*Development Authority Director Rebecca Mincey*) **Ratify**

23. 2022-059 - DebtBook Contract (*Finance Director Abby Branan*)

24. 2022-061 - Contract Award Pinetree Way/Memorial Drive Improvements (*Public Works Director Larry Reiter*)

25. 2022-062 - Transfer Station & Recycling Program Contract (*Public Works Director Larry Reiter*)

26. 2022-063 - LC Wimpy Airport Crack Sealing & Runway Remarketing - Wall Contract (*Public Works Director Larry Reiter*)

27. 2022-064 - GDOT Crack Sealing and Runway Remarketing Supplemental Agreement (*Public Works Director Larry Reiter*)

- **OTHER ITEMS**

28. Proposed LMIG FY2023 Road Resurfacing List (*Public Works Director Larry Reiter*)

29. Request use of SPLOST or ARPA Funds for LCWSA System Improvements (*Water & Sewerage Authority Director Sean Phipps*)

30. LCWSA – Request for recommitment of County to Provide ARPA Matching Funds for WWTP (*Water & Sewerage Authority Director Sean Phipps*)

31. Enotah Judicial Circuit Superior Court Reporter Independent Contractor Agreement (*Finance Director Abby Branan*)

32. Enotah Judicial Circuit Budget Increase (*Finance Director Abby Branan*)

- **COUNTY MANAGER**

- **COUNTY ATTORNEY**

- **COMMISSIONERS**

- **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- **ADJOURNMENT**

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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 PM by Chairman Chris Dockery

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Chris Dockery	Chairman	Present	
Tucker Greene	District 1 Commissioner	Present	
Bobby Mayfield	District 2 Commissioner	Present	
Rhett Stringer	District 3 Commissioner	Present	
Jeffrey Moran	District 4 Commissioner	Present	

INVOCATION

CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA

Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Greene to approve the agenda and move items 31 and 32 in front of item 18. The motion was seconded by Jeff Moran. The motion was approved and carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (Agenda Specific)

There were no comments.

PROCLAMATIONS

1. Community Helping Place Ornament for 2022 Joint Proclamation

Community Helping Place Ornament for 2022 Joint Proclamation

Motion: A motion was made by District 3 Commissioner Stringer to approve the proclamation. The motion was seconded by District 1 Commissioner Greene. The motion was approved and carried.

2. Joint Proclamation City of Dahlonega & Lumpkin County – Chamber of Commerce Outgoing Board Chairman

Joint Proclamation City of Dahlonega & Lumpkin County – Chamber of Commerce Outgoing 2022 Board Chairman Mark Spraker

Motion: A motion was made by District 3 Commissioner Stringer to approve the proclamation. The motion was seconded by District 4 Commissioner Moran. The motion was approved and carried.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

Motion: A motion was made by District 4 Commissioner Moran to approve the minutes by acclamation. The motion was seconded by District 3 Commissioner Stringer. The motion was approved and carried.

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RESOLUTIONS

13. 2022 - 38 - Resolution to Amend the Character Area Map (Planning Director Bruce Georgia)

Resolution to Amend the Character Area Map (Regular Meeting). United Family Homes, LLC. has submitted a Character Area Map Amendment request for Map/Parcel 083-100, Dahlonega, GA 30533.

Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Moran to approve the amendment to the character area designation of Parcel 083 100 from Residential Growth to Gateway Corridor Overlay District with the following condition: the use of the parcel is limited to multi-family development comprised of a maximum of 288 dwelling units and related amenities as proposed. Also, if site development of the multi-family use has not commenced within 12 months from the date of this resolution, the Character Area Map designation for Parcel 083 100 shall revert to Residential Growth without further action of the Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners. The motion was seconded by District 2 Commissioner Mayfield. The motion was approved and carried.

14. 2022 - 43 - Resolution Authorizing Among Other Things the Execution of an IGA & Bond Purchase Agreement (Finance Director Abby Branan)

A RESOLUTION OF THE LUMPKIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE EXECUTION OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONTRACT AND A BOND PURCHASE AGREEMENT RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF THE LUMPKIN COUNTY PUBLIC BUILDING AUTHORITY REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2022.

Motion: A motion was made by District 3 Commissioner Stringer to approve Resolution Authorizing Among Other Things the Execution of an IGA & Bond Purchase Agreement. The motion was seconded by District 1 Commissioner Greene. The motion was approved and carried.

15. 2022 - 44 - Appoint Member to Veterans Affairs Committee - Trent Miller to Seat 9, unexpired term end 04/14/2023

Appoint Member to Veterans Affairs Committee - Trent Miller to Seat 9, unexpired term ending 04/14/2023

Motion: A motion was made by Chairman Dockery to nominate Trent Miller to Seat 9 with an unexpired term ending 4/14/2023. The motion was seconded by District 4 Commissioner Moran. The motion was approved and carried.

16. 2022 - 45 - Resolution Authorizing Execution of IGA for Use & Distribution of Proceeds Generated by 2023 TSPLOST

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Motion: A motion was made by District 3 Commissioner Stringer to approve Resolution Authorizing Execution of IGA for Use & Distribution of Proceeds Generated by 2023 TSPLOST. The motion was seconded by District 1 Commissioner Greene. The motion was approved and carried.

17. 2022 - 46 - TSPLOST Resolution to Call for Election

TSPLOST Resolution to Call for Election. A Resolution calling for an election to impose a County Transportation Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax with the concurrence of the City of Dahlonega.

Motion: A motion was made by District 4 Commissioner Moran to approve TSPLOST Resolution to Call for Election. The motion was seconded by District 3 Commissioner Stringer. The motion was approved and carried.

18. 2022 - 47 - Resolution to Amend the FY2022 Budget (Finance Director Abby Branan)

Resolution to Amend the FY2022 Budget. Consideration of an FY2022 Budget Amendment.

Motion: A motion was made by District 1 Commissioner Greene to approve Resolution to Amend the FY2022 Budget. The motion was seconded by District 4 Commissioner Moran. The motion was approved and carried.

19. 2022 - 48 - Resolution to Amend the FY2023 Budget (Finance Director Abby Branan)

Resolution to Amend the FY2023 Budget. Consideration of an FY2023 Budget Amendment.

Motion: A motion was made by District 4 Commissioner Moran to approve Resolution to Amend the FY2023 Budget. The motion was seconded by District 1 Commissioner Greene. The motion was approved and carried.

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CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS

20. 2022-056 - Animal Shelter Professional Vet Services (Animal Shelter Manager Wayne Marshall)

Animal Shelter Professional Vet Services. Request to consider the Animal Shelter Professional Veterinarian Services contract renewal.

Motion: A motion was made by District 3 Commissioner Stringer to approve Animal Shelter Professional Vet Services. The motion was seconded by District 4 Commissioner Moran. The motion was approved and carried.

21. 2022-057 - Payroc Merchant Processing Agreement – IWORQ Permitting Software Online Payment System (Planning Director Bruce Georgia)

Payroc Merchant Processing Agreement – IWORQ Permitting Software Online Payment System. Payroc provides the credit card processing service for IWorQ permitting software.

Motion: A motion was made by District 3 Commissioner Stringer to approve Payroc Merchant Processing Agreement – IWORQ Permitting Software Online Payment System. The motion was seconded by District 1 Commissioner Greene. The motion was approved and carried.

22. 2022-058 - Amendment to the Financial Assistance Award Form CD-451 for Award 13-08-I2210
(Development Authority Director Rebecca Mincey)

Amendment to the Financial Assistance Award Form CD-451 for Award 13-08-I2210. National Telecommunications & Information Administration (NTIA) Broadband Infrastructure Program Amendment Acceptance.

Motion: A motion was made by District 2 Commissioner Mayfield to approve course of action "A", which is to allow staff to move forward with the NTIA portion of the broadband infrastructure project. The motion was seconded by District 4 Commissioner Moran. The motion was approved and carried.

23. 2022-059 - DebtBook Contract (Finance Director Abby Branan)

DebtBook Contract. Consideration of DebtBook Contract.

Motion: A motion was made by District 1 Commissioner Greene to approve DebtBook Contract. The motion was seconded by District 3 Commissioner Stringer. The motion was approved and carried.

24. 2022-061 - Contract Award Pinetree Way/Memorial Drive Improvements (Public Works Director Larry Reiter)

Contract Award Pinetree Way/Memorial Drive Improvements. Approve contract for the improvements to Pinetree Way and the intersection of Pinetree Way/Memorial Dr/Morrison Moore Pkwy to Colditz Trucking Inc.

Motion: A motion was made by District 2 Commissioner Mayfield to approve Contract Award Pinetree Way/Memorial Drive Improvements. The motion was seconded by District 1 Commissioner Greene. The motion was approved and carried.

25. 2022-062 - Transfer Station & Recycling Program Contract (Public Works Director Larry Reiter)

Transfer Station & Recycling Program Contract. Approve contract for the operating of Lumpkin County's transfer station and recycling program.

Motion: A motion was made by District 3 Commissioner Stringer to approve course of action 1, which is to continue operations at the same level, and we can work with Mark Robinson to implement signage. The motion was seconded by District 2 Commissioner Mayfield. The motion was approved and carried.

26. 2022-063 - LC Wimpy Airport Crack Sealing & Runway Remarking - Wall Contract (Public Works Director Larry Reiter)

LC Wimpy Airport Crack Sealing & Runway Remarking - Wall Contract. Approve contract with Wall Asphalt Services Inc. to complete crack sealing and remarking of Lumpkin County-Wimpys airport.

Motion: A motion was made by District 4 Commissioner Moran to approve LC Wimpy Airport Crack Sealing & Runway Remarking - Wall Contract. The motion was seconded by District 3 Commissioner Stringer. The motion was approved and carried.

27. 2022-064 - GDOT Crack Sealing and Runway Remarking Supplemental Agreement (Public Works Director Larry Reiter)

GDOT Crack Sealing and Runway Remarking Supplemental Agreement. Approve supplemental agreement with GDOT for funding for the crack sealing and remarking of Lumpkin County-Wimpys airport.

Motion: A motion was made by District 1 Commissioner Greene to approve GDOT Crack Sealing and Runway Remarking Supplemental Agreement. The motion was seconded by District 3 Commissioner Stringer. The motion was approved and carried.

OTHER ITEMS

28. Proposed LMIG FY2023 Road Resurfacing List (Public Works Director Larry Reiter)

Proposed LMIG FY2023 Road Resurfacing List. Presentation of the proposed list of roads to be resurfaced in the 2023 paving season.

Motion: A motion was made by District 4 Commissioner Moran to approve Proposed LMIG FY2023 Road Resurfacing List. The motion was seconded by District 3 Commissioner Stringer. The motion was approved and carried.

29. Request use of SPLOST or ARPA Funds for LCWSA System Improvements (Water & Sewerage Authority Director Sean Phipps)

Request use of SPLOST or ARPA Funds for LCWSA System Improvements. LCWSA request for use of SPLOST or ARPA funds to complete water and sewer system improvements. Additional funds are needed to meet budget shortfall based on bids received for construction.

Motion: A motion was made by District 3 Commissioner Stringer to approve Request use of SPLOST or ARPA Funds for LCWSA System Improvements. The motion was seconded by District 1 Commissioner Greene. The motion was approved and carried.

Commissioner Stringer clarified his intent was to use SPLOST funding.

Motion: A motion was made by District 3 Commissioner Stringer to amend his motion to use 2020 SPLOST funding for the water and sewer improvement project. The motion was seconded by District 1 Commissioner Greene. The motion was approved and carried.

30. LCWSA – Request for recommitment of County to Provide ARPA Matching Funds for WWTP (Water & Sewerage Authority Director Sean Phipps)

LCWSA – Request for recommitment of County to Provide ARPA Matching Funds for WWTP. LCWSA is requesting a recommitment by the Board of Commissioners to provide \$3,000,000 in local matching funds from the Lumpkin County's Local Fiscal Recovery Funds in support of LCWSA's application for State Fiscal Recovery Funds (ARPA) to construct a WWTP.

Motion: A motion was made by District 1 Commissioner Greene to approve LCWSA – Request for recommitment of County to Provide ARPA Matching Funds for WWTP. The motion was seconded by District 4 Commissioner Moran. The motion was approved and carried.

31. Enotah Judicial Circuit Superior Court Reporter Independent Contractor Agreement (Finance Director Abby Branan)

Enotah Judicial Circuit Superior Court Reporter Independent Contractor Agreement. Consideration of an Independent Contract Agreement for the Enotah Judicial Circuit Superior Court.

Motion: A motion was made by District 1 Commissioner Greene to approve Enotah Judicial Circuit Superior Court Reporter Independent Contractor Agreement. The motion was seconded by District 4 Commissioner Moran. The motion was approved and carried.

32. Enotah Judicial Circuit Budget Increase (Finance Director Abby Branan)

Enotah Judicial Circuit Budget Increase. Consideration of a budget increase for the Enotah Judicial Circuit.

Motion: A motion was made by District 4 Commissioner Moran to approve Enotah Judicial Circuit Budget Increase. The motion was seconded by District 1 Commissioner Greene. The motion was approved and carried.

COUNTY MANAGER

The County Manager was absent.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

COMMISSIONERS

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Stephanie Kaufman stated she was here to discuss ongoing issues with Iron Mountain Park and the amount of noise she is experiencing every weekend. She handed out copies of a letter that was a follow up to Commissioner Mayfield and the Sheriff. We have done everything we can possibly do to try and end this problem of constant noise. Oftentimes the noise goes until 2 or 3 in the morning. Just this past weekend, Ms. Kaufman said she was woken up because the ATVs were out there and she had to call 911. Sheriff Jarrard went out there and discovered the gate was locked, and the Iron Mountain emergency number went to voicemail.

Ms. Kaufman said she knows the Commissioners passed an ordinance about amplified noise, such as the noise from wedding venues. She said she would rather hear music than what she is having to endure every weekend. One of her neighbors owns 30 acres and goes away every weekend. We lived here before Iron Mountain came, and yet we have no control over what happens at Iron Mountain. Ms. Kaufman said they are asking for there to be a consequence when something like this occurs, just as there are consequences for when an event venue is too loud. Otherwise, the regulations are just a paper tiger. There were conditions set by the BOC when this was approved, but many of the conditions are not being followed, she claimed. Ms. Kaufman said she was informed by Mr. Georgia that Craig Stansberry was going to hire two security guards to patrol at night, but she cannot believe anyone is patrolling. She said something needs to be done because she and her neighbors are at wit's end.

Ms. Kaufman said one of the Iron Mountain trails ends at their private road, Little Bear Trail, and she showed a picture of the gate that is supposedly erected at the buffer. She said they have pictures and videos of people using the logging roads, which they are not supposed to be doing. Chairman Dockery read aloud the letter provided by Ms. Kaufman. Much of the letter dealt with an incident involving a belligerent ATV driver who was going down Little Bear Trail, which is a private road. The driver was confronted by Ms. Kaufman and another neighbor and informed he was on a private road, but he grew belligerent. Chairman Dockery said this would be an incident of criminal trespass and would be something the Sheriff would handle.

Ms. Kaufman said the purpose of including that incident in the letter was to highlight the animus they are having to deal with. ATV drivers frequently stop at the end of the trail that leads onto Little Bear Trail until they figure out they have to turn around, she claimed. Chairman Dockery said he is going to present this issue to the County Manager and he promises someone from staff will get back with Ms. Kaufman after they evaluate the situation. Ms. Kaufman asked the BOC to consider a noise ordinance that would cause consequences for Iron Mountain when ATVs are out riding around at 3 AM.

Bob Scott, a neighbor of Ms. Kaufman, said he was the neighbor described in the incident with the belligerent ATV driver. He agrees it is not the purview of the BOC to deal with that particular incident. Mr. Scott said they had a meeting with the Sheriff, the Assistant District Attorney, and Commissioner Mayfield. We discussed that if Iron Mountain was not meeting the SLUA requirements, they can be cited for not meeting the conditions. Mr. Scott said it is not just their group that is complaining; there are neighbors all around Iron Mountain that are upset. Mr. Scott expressed doubts that Iron Mountain Park is really bringing in that much economic benefit to the County, and he suggested creating a noise ordinance. Someone would have to monitor and measure the noise somehow. He said he is the furthest away and even he has been woken up at 2 AM on a Friday night by 100 decibel noise levels.

Laura Hendrix reiterated what Ms. Kaufman said in her statements. She is the closest to Iron Mountain, and after receiving a cease-and-desist letter from IMP, she stopped complaining about the noise out of fear. She has not done anything since their meeting with Dr. Mayfield. Ms. Hendrix said she can see vehicles from her backyard and noise levels go up to 120 DB. She said she is scared to death of what Mr. Stansberry is capable of doing to her as far as suing, because she is just a retired teacher. She does not want to sell her property.

Chairman Dockery reiterated that someone will be getting back in touch with Ms. Kaufman after investigating the situation.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Stringer to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Moran. The motion was approved and carried.

The meeting ended at 6:37 PM.

October 18, 2022

Date



Melissa Witcher
County Clerk, Lumpkin County



Chris Dockery, Chairman
Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners