



LUMPKIN COUNTY Board of Commissioners

Work Session II Minutes

**99 Courthouse Hill
Dahlonega, GA 30533**

**June 16, 2026
5:30 PM**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm. Present were Chairman Rhett Stringer and Commissioners Tucker Greene, Bobby Mayfield, and Jeff Moran.

PRESENTATIONS

1. 2025 Audit Presentation (*Mauldin & Jenkins*) ***Regular Meeting***

MINUTES

2. Board of Commissioners - Work Session - May 5, 2026 4:00 PM
3. Board of Commissioners - Public Hearing - May 19, 2026 5:15 PM
4. Board of Commissioners - Work Session II - May 19, 2026 5:30 PM
5. Board of Commissioners - Regular Meeting - May 19, 2026 6:00 PM

RESOLUTIONS

6. 2026-34 Appoint Member to Lumpkin County Library Board of Trustees - *Whittney McPherson to Seat 4, with a term expiring 06/30/2030*
7. 2026-35 Resolution to Adopt 0.2 miles (1050 ft) of Fannie Russell Road from Burnt Stand Road as a County Road (*Community Development Director Vanessa McGrath*)

8. 2026-36 Resolution Updating the Hazard Mitigation Plan (*EMA Director David Wimpy*)
9. 2026-37 Update the Lumpkin County Fee Schedule (*Finance Director Abby Branan*)
10. 2026-38 Amend 2026 Budget (*Finance Director Abby Branan*)
11. 2026-39 Resolution to Adopt Grand Oak Lane (0.44 Mile) within Grand Oaks Subdivision (*Community Development Director Vanessa McGrath*)
12. 2026-40 Create and Appoint Members to Lumpkin County Land Use and Development Regulations Review Committee - *Chairman Stringer to Seat 1, Commissioner -- to Seat 2, Vanessa McGrath to Seat 3, Martin Durand to Seat 4, Chris Adams to Seat 5, Trevor Eudy to Seat 6, Kathy Lacy-Eglian to Seat 7, Megan Mazzola to Seat 8, Greg Hayes to Seat 9, and Don Becker to Seat 10, all with terms expiring 12/31/2026.*
13. 2026-41 Resolution to Authorize the Introduction of Local Legislation to Initiate a New Local Homestead Option Sales Tax (LHOST) to Fund Homestead Exemptions in the County

CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS

14. 2026-052 Integrity Turf Contract Renewal and Amendment (*Assistant County Manager Ashley Peck*)
15. 2026-053 PetPoint Animal Services Software Upgrade Agreement (*Animal Services Manager Wayne Marshall*)
16. 2026-054 ACCG - IRMA Property & Liability Renewal (*Community & Employee Services Director Alicia Davis*)
17. 2026-055 Jack Freeman Medical Director Contract Renewal (*EMA Director David Wimpy*)

18. 2026-056 United Futbol Academy Soccer Contract Renewal (*Park & Rec Manager Ahmad Kamara*)
19. 2026-057 Lanier Tech Contract Renewal - Johnson Street (*County Clerk Melissa Witcher*)
20. 2026-058 ATS Waypoint Contract – Justice Center Basement HVAC Controls (*Finance Director Abby Branan*)
21. 2026-059 Copper Mines Road Culvert Relining Contract - Townley Construction (*Special Projects Manager Charles Trammell*)
22. 2026-060 Legacy Link, Inc. SFY 26 Contract Addendum #2 (*Senior Life Enrichment Center Manager Marc Bottoms*)
23. 2026-061 Animal Shelter Construction Bid Award (*Assistant County Manager Ashley Peck*)
24. 2026-062 Turf Care Management Contract: TruGreen Limited Partnership (*Assistant County Manager Ashley Peck*)
25. 2026-063 Lumpkin County Veterans Memorial Cemetery Grading Bid Award - T.W. Phillips Grading, Inc. (*Special Projects Manager Charles Trammell*)
26. 2026-064 Mauldin & Jenkins Request for Additional Single Audit Compensation (*Finance Director Abby Branan*)
27. 2026-065 Community Center Additional Scope of Work (*Assistant County Manager Ashley Peck*)

OTHER ITEMS

28. Community House New Stove/Range Donation - Dahlonga Woman's Club (*County Clerk Melissa Witcher*)
29. Sheriff's Office Volunteer Organization Donation - Six AVIVE Connect AED's, Six CPR/AED Rescue Kits, Six Semi Rigid AED Cases to Sheriff's Department (*Sheriff Stacy Jarrard*)
30. National Opioid Settlements 2026 Projects Amendment (*Finance Director Abby Branan*)
31. Community Center Interior Finishes Approval (*Assistant County Manager Ashley Peck*)
Ratify
One of the colors has been updated to a lighter shade.

COUNTY MANAGER

ASSISTANT COUNTY MANAGER & DEPARTMENT HEADS

COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Greene asked Pinetree Recreation Center Manager Jared Ray to give an update on the current status of the facility. Mr. Ray said they reached maximum capacity for the first time this season, and this past Saturday was the highest-earning day we have had. The first week of the season was soggy, but now the weather is perfect for the pool. Mr. Ray said there are 54 lifeguards this year. Commissioner Greene said it has been busy every time he has visited, and he commended staff for doing a great job.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda Specific)

Melvin Turner asked about the LHOST resolution. Chairman Stringer said the LHOST, or Local Homestead Option Sales Tax, would do away with homesteaded property taxes and introduce a new sales tax. Commissioner Greene noted that it will still be a referendum for the voters to consider. Commissioner Mayfield explained the LHOST would be a penny tax on the dollar, and every penny collected can only be used to offset homestead property taxes. It will essentially eliminate the city and county portion of your tax bill, he explained. He also said it will allow tourists and college students to contribute taxes.

Tracy Mosley asked if the Commissioners have further considered the adoption of the Crawford Falls neighborhood roads. Commissioner Mayfield said there have been a lot of discussions with the County Attorney and County Manager regarding our options. Ms. Mosley said she is the vice president of the Crawford Falls HOA, and she said there may have been a bond with the County at one point. Commissioner Mayfield said he looked extensively through the County's records

on Crawford Falls and did not find evidence of a bond. Additionally, the rights-of-way were deeded to the County, but not the roads themselves. Ms. Mosley said the roads have finally been deeded to the HOA by the developer, and she asked about a timeline for the acceptance of the roads. Chairman Stringer said there are several neighborhoods in a similar situation, so we want to come up with a solution that will work for everyone. Commissioner Mayfield encouraged Ms. Mosley to share any documents she has with him.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 pm.

Date

Rhett Stringer, Chairman
Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Melissa Witcher
Clerk, Lumpkin County