



LUMPKIN COUNTY
Board of Commissioners
Special Called Work Session Agenda
Executive Conference Room

August 11, 2021
3:00 P.M.

- **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Dockery

- **OTHER ITEMS**

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- **ADJOURNMENT**

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The meeting was called to order at 3:00 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	

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Chairman Dockery stated the purpose of the meeting is to discuss a list of projects. Finance Director Abby Branan began with a PowerPoint presentation. In May we received \$3,264,174 of the allocated \$6,528,348. The remainder will be received in 2022. Funds must be obligated by December 24, 2024 and expended with all work completed by December 31, 2026. ACCG has suggested not rushing to use the funds until more information has been received clarifying how to use the funds. National Association of Counties (NACO) submitted comments on the U.S. Treasury's Interim Final Rule and has asked for expansion on some of the categories of uses. The payroll expenses for public health and public safety employees are listed on the eligible uses. This may sound the same as before, but this time you must be able to prove it was loss of employees directly linked to covid. There will be more information to come that has to do with the public sector revenue loss. Chairman Dockery asked how this was determined and Ms. Branan answered that GEFA puts out a calculator and there is a step-by-step guide to follow. They will look at the base year of 2019 and you can compare each year end through 2023. This is not finalized, so there will be more information coming about that. Water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure are the broadest categories for use of the funds.

Water & Sewerage Director Sean Phipps and Development Authority Director Rebecca Mincey explained the list of projects that they submitted were not an all-inclusive list and the BOC may want to add to it. Mr. Phipps stated the first four on the list were all requested at the work session this month. They had brought the projects to the BOC at this time because the roads are scheduled to be resurfaced and it will save funds by doing them at the same time. It was not created for a sense of urgency; it was because of the road resurfacing. They may want to consider delaying the resurfacing if it they are not ready to move forward with these projects, to help prevent doing the work twice since the water does go beneath the road. Mr. Phipps explained that every year they have to cut up the road and fix leaks because the size of the pipe is smaller than what is needed. Chairman Dockery agreed that should be addressed because it will have to be fixed and it will qualify to be paid for by the funds. They will look at the immediate needs and address those, until they receive more information on other funding sources.

Ms. Mincey stated the Development Authority has been working on an application for Broadband Infrastructure. They have met with two of the three companies to see who would be interested in applying for the grant funds. She will have more information next week because the grant application has an August 31 deadline. Commissioner Stringer asked how many people in the county have no internet access. Ms. Mincey has no way of knowing who has zero internet. There are companies they can use that can verify what the internet companies are saying they can provide, are possible and are in compliance of the grant. Ms. Mincey said there has not been a max set so far of how many grants or how much funding they can ask for. The grant funding would be bound by the county line, as we are the ones applying for the grant funding.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:25 PM.

September 21, 2021

Date



Melissa Witcher
County Clerk, Lumpkin County



Chris Dockery, Chairman
Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners