



LUMPKIN COUNTY
Board of Commissioners
Public Hearing Agenda
Commissioners Boardroom

August 9, 2022
5:30 P.M.

- **Call to Order**
- **Public Comment**
 - **Proposed 2023 Lumpkin County Budget**
- **Adjournment**

Chairman Dockery

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The meeting was called to order at 5:31 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	

Public Comment

Proposed 2023 Lumpkin County Budget

City Councilman Johnny Ariemma addressed the Board of Commissioners and said he knows they will do the right thing. Lumpkin County has such a low per capita income and inflation has become so high all over the country. Mr. Ariemma brought up the senior tax exemption and how so many people are moving to Lumpkin County just to take advantage of it. He believes it is time we sit down with our legislators to modify the exemption, as it currently creates a tax shift and overburdens other taxpayers. He suggested implementing a time period after seniors move in where they would not be able to get the full exemption. Mr. Ariemma also said it would be beneficial to know just how many seniors are moving in and immediately taking the exemption.

Mr. Ariemma then brought up how much the college has grown in the past few years. Going down Chestatee street, there are for-profit businesses in the university-owned buildings and they don't have to pay any property tax. When the college bought Chestatee Hospital, there went \$60,000 off of the tax rolls. Mr. Ariemma said we need to evaluate what is coming off of the tax rolls and have some conversations about it.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:39 PM.

September 20, 2022

Date



Melissa Witcher
County Clerk, Lumpkin County



Chris Dockery, Chairman
Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners