

LUMPKIN COUNTY
Board of Commissioners
Work Session Agenda
Commissioners Boardroom
99 Courthouse Hill
Dahlonega, GA 30533

August 6, 2024

4:00 PM

- **CALL TO ORDER**

- **PRESENTATIONS**

1. Certificates Honoring Lumpkin County Park and Rec Swim Team State Champions and Individual Champion
2. Historical Society Presentation - *Janet Barger*
3. Certificate of Excellence to Fire/EMS Personnel - Travis McBee, Michael Joiner, and Travares Gordon (*Regular Meeting*)
4. NOA Presentation - *Megan Chavula*

- **MINUTES**

5. Board of Commissioners - Work Session - July 2, 2024 4:00 PM
6. Board of Commissioners - Work Session II - July 16, 2024 5:30 PM
7. Board of Commissioners - Regular Meeting - July 16, 2024 6:00 PM
8. Board of Commissioners - Special Called Work Session - July 19, 2024 1:00 PM

- **RESOLUTIONS**

9. 2024-33 Appoint Members to Joint Development Authority - *Robb Nichols to Seat 1, and Charles "Chuck" Jones to Seat 3, both with terms expiring 12/31/2026 and Henry Davis to Seat 2, and Mac McConnell to Seat 4, both with terms expiring 12/31/2024*
10. 2024-34 Appoint Member to the Board of Elections & Registration - *Britanni Conner to Seat 5, with a term expiring 12/31/2026*
11. 2024-35 Appoint Member to the Planning Commission - *--- to Seat 5, with a term expiring 8/27/2028.*
12. 2024-36 August Surplus Property (*Finance Director Abby Branan*)

- **CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS**

13. 2024-064 2024 LMIG Contract Amendment - Colditz Trucking (*Special Projects Manager Charles Trammell*)
14. 2024-065 Loan of Tractor for Display in the Administration Building Lobby (*Director of Operations Ashley Peck*)
15. 2024-066 Ninth District Opportunity Inc. Lease - Head Start Building (*Director of Operations Ashley Peck*)
16. 2024-067 CTC Technology & Energy Professional Consulting Contract Amendment 2 (*Assistant County Manager Rebecca Mincey*)
17. 2023-068 Mark Robinson Hauling, Inc. - Recycling & Transfer Station Lease Agreement Amendment #4 (*County Manager Alan Ours*)
18. 2024-069 Yahoola Creek Park Baseball/Softball Fields 5, 7, 8, 9, & 10 Upgrades Scope Change - Gordian Contract (*Director of Operations Ashley Peck*)

- **OTHER ITEMS**

19. Voting Delegate – Legislative Leadership Conference (*County Clerk Melissa Witcher*)
20. 2014 SPLOST 2024 Work Plan Amendment (*Finance Director Abby Branan*)
21. Yahoola Creek Reservoir Access, Parking and Improvements Update (*County Manager Alan Ours*)
22. New Recycling Area Construction Documents/Plan Located at Transfer Station (*Director of Operations Ashley Peck*)

- **COUNTY MANAGER**

- **COUNTY ATTORNEY**

- **COMMISSIONERS**

- **PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda Specific)**

- **ADJOURNMENT**

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The meeting was called to order at 4:01 pm. Present were Chairman Chris Dockery and Commissioners Tucker Greene, Bobby Mayfield, Rhett Stringer, and Jeff Moran.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Certificates Honoring Lumpkin County Park and Rec Swim Team State Champions and Individual Champion

10 U Mixed 100yd Freestyle Relay - Ryelee Brown, Flynn Seabolt, Belle Blazek, Elliott Brown

12U Boys 200yd Medley Relay - Dalton Kenimer, Caleb Brown, Cameron Walden, Eli Turk

14U Mixed Medley and Freestyle Relay State Champions - Cole Smith, Elijah Duffie, Amelia Turk, Madison Barrick

10U 25yd Backstroke - Ryelee Brown Individual Champion

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12. 2024-36 August Surplus Property (Finance Director Abby Branan)

Consideration of list of County inventory items to be declared surplus.

Commissioner Stringer commented on a piece of equipment that had been sitting unused at the Road Department for seven years after being replaced by the unit currently in use. He said we wouldn't treat something we had purchased this way, and he hopes it will stop.

CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS

13. 2024-064 2024 LMIG Contract Amendment - Colditz Trucking (Special Projects Manager Charles Trammell)

An amendment to add 5 county roads to our existing LMIG contract.

14. 2024-065 Loan of Tractor for Display in the Administration Building Lobby (Director of Operations Ashley Peck)

Loan of Tractor for Display in the Administration Building Lobby

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15. 2024-066 Ninth District Opportunity Inc. Lease - Head Start Building (Director of Operations Ashley Peck)
Recommendation regarding the approval of the lease renewal with Ninth District Opportunity, Inc. (NDO) to operate the Lumpkin County Head Start Program in a county facility

16. 2024-067 CTC Technology & Energy Professional Consulting Contract Amendment 2 (Assistant County Manager Rebecca Mincey)

The amendment extends the existing contract with CTC Technology & Energy through June 30, 2025, which is the end date of the NTIA grant period of performance.

Assistant County Manager Rebecca Mincey said she will need to inform the vendor if the BOC does not want to use them.

17. 2023-068 Mark Robinson Hauling, Inc. - Recycling & Transfer Station Lease Agreement Amendment #4 (County Manager Alan Ours)

Request by Mark Robinson to Increase the Current Per Ton Charge at the Transfer Station from \$55.00 to \$58.00.

18. 2024-069 Yahoola Creek Park Baseball/Softball Fields 5, 7, 8, 9, & 10 Upgrades Scope Change - Gordian Contract (Director of Operations Ashley Peck)

Consideration of the contract with Gordian and scope change for baseball/softball fields 5,7, 8, 9, 10.

Commissioner Stringer asked what is the ongoing cost of watering, and if any of the fields are irrigated now. Ashley Peck said the cloverleaf fields do have an irrigation system but it is inoperable. She is unsure of what the operating cost will be, but she can obtain some information by the next meeting.

OTHER ITEMS

19. Voting Delegate – Legislative Leadership Conference (County Clerk Melissa Witcher)

This is to choose a BOC voting delegate to cast its county's vote on matters at the ACCG Legislative Leadership Conference.

20. 2014 SPLOST 2024 Work Plan Amendment (Finance Director Abby Branan)

Request to amend the 2014 SPLOST 2024 Work Plan.

21. Yahoola Creek Reservoir Access, Parking and Improvements Update (County Manager Alan Ours)

Reservoir Project Update

Mr. Ours said the County has been working with County Surveyor John Gaston to better define the schematic design for improvements at our property at Rock House Road. We have a preliminary design including parking, a pavilion, restrooms, access to the trailhead, and a walking track. If the BOC approves, we can proceed to the next step and have another meeting of the Reservoir Committee.

Commissioner Mayfield said the large tree that he and Dr. Conner looked at will not be removed. It will be integrated into the plan.

Chairman Dockery said he would like to recognize the Cherokee at this park, and we might be able to involve the university's Appalachian Studies department, the Lumpkin County Historical Society, and the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. He said the additional parking would relieve some of the pressure at the current gravel parking lots for the Reservoir, which are often so crowded that it is unsafe to pull in or out. The Chairman stated there are no immediate plans to develop this land, but they cannot control what a future Board does many years from now. We are carrying out what the majority of citizens indicated they wanted during the community input sessions for the Reservoir Master Plan.

22. New Recycling Area Construction Documents/Plan Located at Transfer Station (Director of Operations Ashley Peck)

Consideration of construction documents/plan for the new recycling area at the transfer station.

Ms. Peck said staff is still reviewing the documents from the engineer, but it does include the two requested modifications, including changing the dumpster site to concrete and placing a building for staff at the site. After the Board reviews the documents, we will need to send them to EPD for approval. Commissioner Greene asked if the plan included a cover for the area, but Ms. Peck said it did not. Chairman Dockery said we want to verify that it will be successful before we invest in a cover.

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Commissioner Mayfield said it has been good to see all of the kids returning to school.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda Specific)

Sheriff Jarrard brought up the issue of building a long-range firing range for the LCSO, which had been discussed at previous BOC meetings. At one point in time, there had been discussions of locating the range at Blackburn Park. Sheriff Jarrard asked if this was still a possibility or if it could be brought back into discussions. Chairman Dockery said if he recalls correctly, the idea of locating it at Blackburn Park was shelved due to our Land Use regulations and the proximity of housing. There might be some suitable land owned by GDOT near Hightower Road, he noted. The Sheriff said he would like to get together to discuss it.

Sheriff Jarrard praised NOA (No One Alone) for their excellent work in helping women out of domestic violence situations, and he said their efforts have saved lives. He also shared that September 10 and 12 will be the hunter safety course offered by the LCSO.

Mayor JoAnne Taylor shared with everyone that the City of Dahlonega has purchased the old Ace Hardware property on Highway 19 North, and they intend to move their automotive shop there. They also are in preliminary discussions with GDOT to have them co-locate there with the City, which will help relieve some of the traffic burden on Morrison Moore Parkway. Mayor Taylor said she would appreciate any support the County can offer to help get GDOT moved over there. Chairman Dockery said that is wonderful news and said we will be glad to help.

Citizen Jim Craig asked some clarifying questions about the Rock House Road parking lot, specifically, about the vegetative buffer zone and what kind of vegetation that would entail. Chairman Dockery said it is still to be decided, but we would like to be good neighbors to the property owners adjacent to the parcel.

An unnamed citizen asked about soil compaction testing at the landfill/transfer station. Chairman Dockery said he is unsure if recent testing has been performed, but these plans for a recycling center would not be on top of the old landfill cap. The proximity to the cap is why we have to obtain approval from the EPD. The citizen said he would hate to see money wasted on the site if the soil isn't sufficiently compacted for the plans.

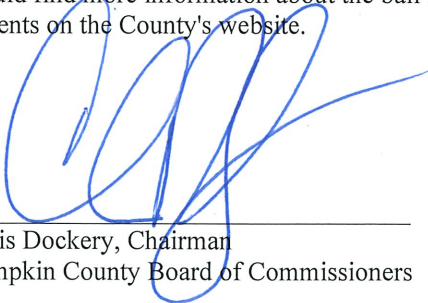
Megan Chuvala shared that on September 28, No One Alone will be hosting a 5k in Dawson County to assist in fundraising for a new shelter.

A citizen who gave only her first name, Trina, asked where she could find more information about the ball fields contract. Chairman Dockery explained to her how she could find the documents on the County's website.

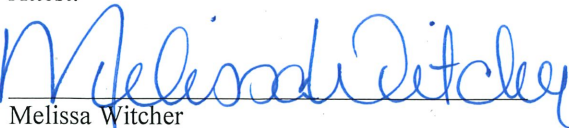
ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:03 pm.

September 17, 2024
Date


Chris Dockery, Chairman
Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners

Attest:


Melissa Witcher
Clerk, Lumpkin County