



LUMPKIN COUNTY
Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting Agenda
Commissioners Boardroom
99 Courthouse Hill
Dahlonega, GA 30533

July 18, 2023
6:00 PM

- **CALL TO ORDER**
- **INVOCATION**
- **CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA**
- **PUBLIC COMMENTS (Agenda Specific)**
- **CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES**
 1. Board of Commissioners - Work Session - June 6, 2023 4:00 p.m.
 2. Board of Commissioners - Special Called Work Session - June 16, 2023 9:30 a.m.
 3. Board of Commissioners - Special Called Work Session - June 19, 2023 8 a.m.
 4. Board of Commissioners - Work Session II - June 20, 2023 5:30 p.m.
 5. Board of Commissioners - Regular Meeting - June 20, 2023 6 p.m.
- **RESOLUTIONS**
 6. 2023-35 Reappoint Member to Lumpkin County Planning Commission - *Barbara H. Bosanko to Seat 2, with a term expiring 08/27/2027*
 7. 2023-36 Travel Regulations and Procedures – 2023 Update (*Finance Director Abby Branan*)
- **REPORTS**

County Department reports can be viewed on www.lumpkincounty.gov
- **ELECTED OFFICIALS**
- **CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS**
 8. 2023-074 Rock House Road Property Asbestos Abatement - Southern Geotechnical Consultants (*Special Projects Director Ashley Peck*)
 9. 2023-075 UCBI Treasury Management Services Contract – 2023 TSPLOST (*Finance Director Abby Branan*)
 10. 2023-076 Criterion Applicant Tracking Software Subscription Services Agreement (*Community & Employee Services Director Alicia Davis*)
 11. 2023-077 Axon Body 3 Cameras Services Agreement and Axon Taser 7 Contract (*Sheriff Stacy Jarrard*)
 12. 2023-078 2023 LMIG Contract Amendment 2 – Colditz Trucking (*Special Projects Manager Charles Trammell*)

- **OTHER ITEMS**

13. Alcoholic Beverage License - Buckley Farms & Vineyard (*County Clerk Melissa Witcher*)
14. Amendment 1: Yahoola Creek Reservoir Master Plan Map (*Community & Economic Development Director, Rebecca Mincey*)
15. Lumpkin County Veterans Affairs Committee Request to Solicit Funds for a Vietnam Veterans Memorial (*William Poole*)
16. 2019 TSPLOST 2023 Work Plan Amendment (*Finance Director Abby Branan*)
17. Pinetree Way Roundabout Landscape Plan (*Special Projects Director Ashley Peck*)

- **COUNTY MANAGER**

- **COUNTY ATTORNEY**

- **COMMISSIONERS**

- **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- **ADJOURNMENT**

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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm. Present were Chairman Chris Dockery and Commissioners Tucker Greene, Bobby Mayfield, Rhett Stringer, and Jeff Moran.

INVOCATION

Commissioner Greene gave the invocation which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA

Motion: Commissioner Mayfield moved to approve the agenda and was seconded by Commissioner Greene. The motion was approved unanimously.

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Motion: Commissioner Moran made a motion to approve the minutes by acclamation and was seconded by Commissioner Greene. The motion was approved unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS

6. 2023-35 Reappoint Member to Lumpkin County Planning Commission - Barbara H. Bosanko to Seat 2, with a term expiring 08/27/2027

Motion: Chairman Dockery made a motion to nominate Barbara Bosanko to Seat 2 of the Planning Commission with a term expiring 8/27/2027. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Moran, and it was approved and carried.

7. 2023-36 Travel Regulations and Procedures – 2023 Update (Finance Director Abby Branan)

Consideration of an update to the Travel Regulations and Procedures for how the mileage reimbursement rate for use of personal vehicles is determined.

Motion: Commissioner Greene made a motion to approve the resolution and was seconded by Commissioner Mayfield. The motion was approved unanimously.

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CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS

8. 2023-074 Rock House Road Property Asbestos Abatement - Southern Geotechnical Consultants (Special Projects Director Ashley Peck)

Consideration of a contract with Southern Geotechnical Consultants for the removal of asbestos from the house located on Rock House Road

Motion: Commissioner Stringer moved to approve the agreement and was seconded by Jeff Moran. The motion was approved unanimously.

9. 2023-075 UCBI Treasury Management Services Contract – 2023 TSPLOST (Finance Director Abby Branan)

Consideration of a Treasury Management Services Contract with United Community Bank for fraud protection of the 2023 TSPLOST account.

Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Moran to approve the contract, and Commissioner Greene seconded the motion. The motion was approved and carried.

10. 2023-076 Criterion Applicant Tracking Software Subscription Services Agreement (Community & Employee Services Director Alicia Davis)

Consideration of Approving Criterion Applicant Tracking Software Subscription Services Agreement.

Motion: Commissioner Stringer moved to approve the contract and was seconded by Commissioner Mayfield. The motion was approved and carried.

11. 2023-077 Axon Body 3 Cameras Services Agreement and Axon Taser 7 Contract (Sheriff Stacy Jarrard)

Agreement and contract with Axon for renewal of Body 3 Cameras for an additional 5 years and consideration to combine with the Taser 7 contract to get on same contract cycle and provide savings over the life of the contract.

Motion: Commissioner Greene made a motion to approve the contract and was seconded by Commissioner Stringer. The motion was approved unanimously.

12. 2023-078 2023 LMIG Contract Amendment 2 – Colditz Trucking (Special Projects Manager Charles Trammell)

Recommendation to add an additional road to the 2023 LMIG list.

Motion: Commissioner Mayfield moved to approve the contract and was seconded by Commissioner Moran. The motion was approved and carried.

OTHER ITEMS

13. Alcoholic Beverage License - Buckley Farms & Vineyard (County Clerk Melissa Witcher)

This is for the issuance of an alcoholic beverage license for farm wines consumption on premises and package sales for off premises located at 427 Castleberry Bridge Road, Dawsonville, GA 30534.

Motion: Commissioner Moran made a motion to approve the alcoholic beverage license, and he was seconded by Commissioner Greene. The motion was approved and carried.

14. Amendment 1: Yahoola Creek Reservoir Master Plan Map (Community & Economic Development Director, Rebecca Mincey)

The Yahoola Creek Reservoir Master Plan was adopted on January 5, 2021. Staff has been working on implementing the suggestions outlined in the plan.

Amendment 1 shows an updated map with the following suggested changes.

1. New trail system reflective of the existing trail and the recent DNR Recreational Trail Program project
2. Renaming Mountain Bike Trail Network to Trailhead with pavilion and restroom facilities added

The Amendment also cleans up other parts of the map that were too busy or highlighted existing amenities.

1. Removal of all additional conceptual hiking and mountain biking trail lines
2. Removal of Wimpy Mill, Connection to Downtown, Dam Access, Existing Boat Launch
3. Removal of suggested detention ponds

Motion: Commissioner Greene moved to approve the map amendment and was seconded by Commissioner Stringer. The motion was approved and carried.

15. Lumpkin County Veterans Affairs Committee Request to Solicit Funds for a Vietnam Veterans Memorial (William Poole)

This is a request for approval in concept of the LCVAC's desire to solicit funds to have designed and manufactured a Memorial in honor of Vietnam veterans and to place such Vietnam Memorial in the Lumpkin County Veterans Memorial Garden.

Motion: Commissioner Mayfield moved to approve the request and was seconded by Commissioner Moran. The motion was approved and carried.

16. 2019 TSPLOST 2023 Work Plan Amendment (Finance Director Abby Branan)

Request to amend the work plan on the 2019 TSPLOST.

Motion: Commissioner Stringer made a motion to approve the amendment and was seconded by Commissioner Mayfield. The motion was approved and carried.

17. Pinetree Way Roundabout Landscape Plan (Special Projects Director Ashley Peck)

Approval of Landscaping Plan for Pinetree Way Roundabout

Motion: Commissioner Greene made a motion to approve option A, which is to approve the proposed landscape plan. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Moran, and it was approved unanimously.

* It is the Board of Commissioners' intent to allow staff to make minor changes if needed.

COUNTY MANAGER

The County Manager gave an update on the progress of the new recreation center construction.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

COMMISSIONERS

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Melvin Turner, resident of Alonzo Cain Road, came to address the Commissioners regarding the recent grading that was performed on his road by the Road Department. He said the County left a mess of rocks and dirt along several feet of the grass where his property meets the road. Mr. Turner explained he sent an e-mail several weeks ago to the BOC about this issue, and he had included pictures showing the damage to the grass. He commented at length about the skill of the motor grader operators, the width of the grader blade, and the height of the road surface. He said the height of the road itself causes water runoff to come down his property, and that the County should be using gravel instead of crushed stone for the surface. Mr. Turner said he had spoken with the foreman in charge of the project, and while the employee was polite, it appears that nothing has been done to satisfy all of his concerns.

Chairman Dockery read aloud the e-mail exchanges between himself, the County Manager, and the Road Department. The day after Mr. Turner sent his e-mail, Mr. Ours and the County Roads Superintendent David Robinson did make a visit to Alonzo Cain to take a look at the issue, but Mr. Turner had not been home at the time. The Road Department did do some cleaning up of the rocks and dirt, and it appeared to them that Mr. Turner had been satisfied with the result. Chairman Dockery said it seemed that the Road Department had not been aware of all of Mr. Turner's concerns, so they thought the situation had been fully resolved.

Mr. Turner said his other concerns were not addressed. Even if the County is not going to do anything, he said he would rather have an outright "no" as an answer instead of being left waiting. Chairman Dockery brought up the right-of-way on the road and said it is important to make sure that the road crew remains in the right-of-way. Perhaps the County Surveyor needs to be called to make sure we do not accidentally go over onto private property. He asked Mr. Turner to give him his contact information and he will come out to look at the road.

Paul Shivers spoke to the Commissioners regarding a non-profit called Northern Star. He stated he lives near the intersection of Dawsonville Highway and Ben Higgins Road. Recently, this non-profit acquired a three-acre property next to Mr. Shivers and is working on establishing a new campus there. Mr. Shivers explained this non-profit helps 18 to 26-year-olds that have aged out of foster care transition into adult life. They plan to house up to 21 at-risk youth on this property. Mr. Shiver said he was reading on Northern Star's website about this project, and he was disturbed to learn that they rapidly acquired this property after getting help from someone that works for the County. They had been searching for three years and found this property within two weeks after meeting with the person from the County.

Mr. Shivers said his main concern is that he cannot find any regulations dealing with boarding houses or halfway houses in the Code of Ordinances. We ought to have some type of oversight over businesses like this, he stated. He asked if the County could do something to regulate this place, but it might be too late with them being so far into the process. He said perhaps the County needs special zoning for boarding houses and drug rehabilitation centers.

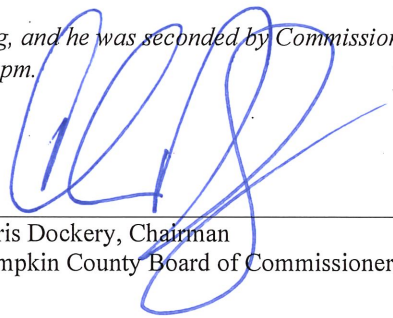
Commissioner Mayfield commented that it appears our ordinances do not discuss this type of facility, and we will need to refine them to cover this type of facility. However, he said he disagreed with Mr. Shivers' characterization of the facility. There are kids in foster care who turn 18 and suddenly have nowhere to go. This is a transitional place for them to learn and grow. Mr. Shivers said he is just worried the intent of this facility could change over the years. He hopes that his property will be generational and passed down to his children and grandchildren.

Chairman Dockery said we spent a lot of time redoing the regulations, but it isn't possible to anticipate every scenario. However, we do need to go look to see if we can tighten them up. He also said it is important to determine what type of licensing requirements these facilities have through the State and other regulatory bodies. Chairman Dockery encouraged Mr. Shivers to give his contact information to the County Manager.

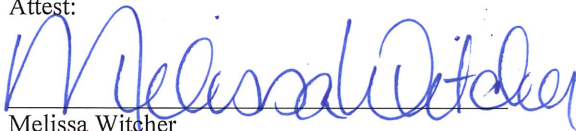
ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Commissioner Mayfield made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and he was seconded by Commissioner Greene. The motion was approved unanimously and the meeting ended at 6:40 pm.

August 15, 2023
Date


Chris Dockery, Chairman
Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners

Attest:


Melissa Witcher
Clerk, Lumpkin County