



LUMPKIN COUNTY
Board of Commissioners
Work Session II Agenda
Commissioners Boardroom

June 28, 2022
2:00 P.M.

- **CALL TO ORDER** Chairman Dockery
- **PROCLAMATIONS**
 1. Proclamation for Yahoola Outdoors
- **PRESENTATIONS**
 2. 2021 Audit Presentation (*Mauldin & Jenkins*) **Regular Meeting**
- **CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES**
 3. Board of Commissioners - Work Session - May 3, 2022 4:00 PM
 4. Board of Commissioners - Special Called Meeting - May 3, 2022 5:30 PM
 5. Board of Commissioners - Work Session II - May 17, 2022 5:30 PM
 6. Board of Commissioners - Regular Meeting - May 17, 2022 6:00 PM
- **RESOLUTIONS**
 7. 2022 - 28 - Appoint Member to LC Board of Tax Assessors - Archie Bowling Seat 2, unexpired term ending 6/30/2024
 8. 2022 - 30 - Appoint Member to Dahlenega-Lumpkin County Chamber & Visitors Bureau Tourism Committee - Debra Stipe
 9. 2022 - 31 - Appoint Member to Lumpkin County Veterans Affairs Committee - Bill Poole to Seat 2, ending 4.14.2025
 10. 2022 - 32 - Request to Amend Purchasing Policy (*Finance Director Abby Branan*)
 11. 2022 - 33 - June Surplus Property (*Finance Director Abby Branan*)
 12. 2022 - 34 - Request to Update Civil Service Policy (*Community & Employee Services Director Alicia Davis*)
- **CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS**
 13. 2022-026 - Consideration of Renewal of State Properties Commission Lease - Technical College System of GA (*Special Projects Director Ashley Peck*)
 14. 2022-027 - Medical Director - EMS - Jack Freeman (*Emergency Services Director David Wimpy*)
 15. 2022-028 - Consideration of Q-Public Hosting Software Contract Renewal (*Chief Tax Assessor Danny Zierner*)
 16. 2022-029 - iWorQ Permitting and Licensing Contract (*Planning Director Bruce Georgia*)

17. 2022-030 - Magistrate Court Assessment Engagement Letter (*Finance Director Abby Branan*)
18. 2022-031 - ACCG-IRMA Property & Liability Insurance Renewal (*Community & Employee Services Director Alicia Davis*)
19. 2022-032 - Enotah Public Defender Indigent Defense Contract - Four Counties (*Finance Director Abby Branan*)
20. 2022-033 - Enotah Public Defender Indigent Defense Contract - City (*Finance Director Abby Branan*)
21. 2022-034 - Atlanta Gas Light Contract: Natural Gas Line for Health Department (*Special Projects Director Ashley Peck*) **Ratify**
22. 2022-035 - Stryker ProCare Maintenance Agreement (*EMA Director David Wimpy*)
23. 2022-036 - Flock Safety Falcon Cameras Contract (*Sheriff Stacy Jarrard*)
24. 2022-037 - Inmate Food Services Contract - Agape Food Service (*Sheriff Stacy Jarrard*)
25. 2022-038 - MOU Amendment - Board of Regents/UGA & Lumpkin County (*Finance Director Abby Branan*)
26. 2022-039 - Additional Design Services - Architecture Unlimited (*Special Projects Director Ashley Peck*) **Ratify**

- **OTHER ITEMS**

27. City Annexation of Crown Mountain Estates Subdivision Section 2
28. Amend 2019 TSPLOST 2022 Work Plan - Redecking Bridges in Yahoola Creek Park Request (*Public Works Director Larry Reiter*)
29. Amend 2019 TSPLOST 2022 Work Plan Roadsign Purchase Request (*Public Works Director Larry Reiter*)
30. Enotah Judicial Circuit Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget (*Finance Director Abby Branan*)

- **COUNTY MANAGER**

- **COUNTY ATTORNEY**

- **COMMISSIONERS**

- **PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda Specific)**

- **ADJOURNMENT**

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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 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	Excused	
Jeffrey Moran	District 4 Commissioner	Present	

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Request to Amend Purchasing Policy. Consider revision of Purchasing, Purchasing Card, and Fleet Card Policy.

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June Surplus Property. Consideration of list of County inventory items to be declared surplus.

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Request to Update Civil Service Policy. Consideration of adding the job title of Prevention Division Chief/Fire Marshal to the Civil Service Plan for Emergency Services.

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14. 2022-027 - Medical Director - EMS - Jack Freeman (Emergency Services Director David Wimpy)

Medical Director - EMS - Jack Freeman. This is a renewal agreement between Lumpkin County Emergency Services hereinafter called LCES and Jack Miller Freeman, Jr., M.D. hereinafter called Medical Director.

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iWorQ Permitting and Licensing Contract. Request for approval to move contract from GeoPermits to iWorQ Permitting and Licensing software.

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ACCG-IRMA Property & Liability Insurance Renewal. ACCG General Liability, Law Enforcement Liability, Public Officials Liability, Automobile Liability, Automobile Physical Damage, Property, Equipment Breakdown, & Crime insurance renewal.

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21. 2022-034 - Atlanta Gas Light Contract: Natural Gas Line for Health Department (Special Projects Director Ashley Peck)

Atlanta Gas Light Contract: Natural Gas Line for Health Department. Contract with Atlanta Gas Light to install a natural gas line for the Lumpkin County Health Department.

22. 2022-035 - Stryker ProCare Maintenance Agreement (EMA Director David Wimpy)

Stryker ProCare Maintenance Agreement. This is an annual agreement to provide maintenance for the Cardiac Heart monitors and Lucas CPR devices that the Emergency Services Department owns.

23. 2022-036 - Flock Safety Falcon Cameras Contract (Sheriff Stacy Jarrard)

Flock Safety Falcon Cameras Contract. Agreement and contract with Flock Group Inc for two Falcon Cameras.

Commissioner Greene said after some more research and conversations with the Sheriff, he supports keeping this item on the agenda and moving forward.

24. 2022-037 - Inmate Food Services Contract - Agape Food Service (Sheriff Stacy Jarrard)

Inmate Food Services Contract - Agape Food Service. Renewal of the contract for inmate food service.

25. 2022-038 - MOU Amendment - Board of Regents/UGA & Lumpkin County (Finance Director Abby Branan)

MOU Amendment - Board of Regents/UGA & Lumpkin County. MOU Spelling out duties and responsibilities of both parties.

26. 2022-039 - Additional Design Services - Architecture Unlimited (Special Projects Director Ashley Peck)

Additional Design Services - Architecture Unlimited. This is for approval of additional design services and funds to Architecture Unlimited for services required for revision/scope change to the Aquatic Center/Pool Project.

Chairman Dockery gave some background on the pool situation and how we have gotten here today. Back when the American Legion had a swimming pool, they provided that service until they had to shut their pool down. Sole Commissioner Ridley then built a recreational pool, not a competition pool, to serve the community. When

the Justice Center was built, elected officials decided to put infrastructure in the ground at that location for a new library with the intent to relocate the pool.

The pool at that location was in bad shape, the Chairman said. The County spent thousands annually to keep it going. He thought it would be great to do something beyond just a recreational pool that could serve the needs of the school system, the university, the hospital, and the public. Why not pool together our resources and see if we can do something outstanding? However, the County went down this road for four years. The original aquatic center design was 19 million dollars and we had the proposal of a 9 million dollar gift from the Cottrells. The County was prepared to spend 8 million for a total of 17 million, putting us 2 million short. No one else in the community and none of the community partners were willing to contribute financially to the cost. We then went back to the bond market for the additional 2 million, Chairman Dockery said. Then different groups starting giving input and asking for different things to be added to the pool, such as additional diving boards. When the Covid-19 pandemic hit, followed by inflation and scope creep, the 19 million dollar project had become 27 million dollars.

Chairman Dockery said the pool was only going to last about 25 years. When you look at how much it would cost to maintain it compared to how much it would generate, we calculated we would be half a million dollars in deficit each year. Property taxes would have to be raised in order to sustain the aquatic facility. He said the County wants to do the best we can to provide for as many constituents as possible, but we have to live within our means. We have gathered information for four years, received community input, and visited numerous aquatic centers. At each aquatic center we visited, the officials cautioned us, "Save your money from the summer because it will help cover your costs in winter." Not one of the aquatic centers we visited was breaking even.

Chairman Dockery said the Board of Commissioners is going at it alone. We think we can do something for around 11 million, but we will still have to supplement it annually to make it work. The pool isn't intended to be a revenue generator; it is for quality-of-life. Chairman Dockery said the BOC has received numerous e-mails regarding the aquatic center; some cordial, some less than cordial. The County Manager has been reaching out to several people in the community who are involved in swimming. The Chairman said we want to accommodate everything we can afford for competitive swimming without giving up features that others would enjoy with the pool.

OTHER ITEMS

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Amend 2019 TSPLOST 2022 Work Plan - Redecking Bridges in Yahoola Creek Park Request. Request to revise the TSPLOST work plan to include the purchase of materials to redeck the 4 bridges over Yahoola Creek in Yahoola Creek Park.

29. Amend 2019 TSPLOST 2022 Work Plan Roadsign Purchase Request (Public Works Director Larry Reiter)

Amend 2019 TSPLOST 2022 Work Plan Roadsign Purchase Request. Request to revise the TSPLOST work plan to include the purchase of 6 radar speed signs to be used to slow speeding drivers.

30. Enotah Judicial Circuit Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget (Finance Director Abby Branan)

Enotah Judicial Circuit Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget

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Commissioner Mayfield said he has met with Commissioner Moran and the County Manager to look over the current proposed plan. We now understand what the requirements are and we intend to satisfy those requirements. We will still have to meet with the architect and discuss the details and pricing. Some things we can afford and some we cannot.

Commissioner Moran said Commissioner Mayfield and the Chairman summarized all of his comments. We are trying our best to accommodate the competitive swimming.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda Specific)

Terri Blazek said when her daughter was nine months old, a little boy drowned in Lumpkin County. She ensured that her daughter learned how to swim after that so she could keep herself safe. Ms. Blazek said they drive her to Cumming every week for swimming lessons. She said pool safety and swimming lessons are the most important goals. Chairman Dockery agreed that pool safety is very important. One of the biggest costs associated with a large aquatic center would be the amount of lifeguards needed to keep everyone safe.

Gary Hulsey spoke about the proposed traffic cameras contract with Flock Safety. He outlined several of his concerns with the surveillance. Someone might use the data for bribes or abusive purposes, or someone could be framed wrongfully. Flock Safety could share our data with an unauthorized entity. What would the company do if the Federal Government asked for data on a citizen? He said it could be used to target political opponents. Mr. Hulsey said worst of all, it could end up on some Federal Government server somewhere and they'll send a SWAT team to your house.

Jason Shott said he has a strong background in competitive swimming. He praised the benefits of having swimming lessons, a swim team, and things such as physical therapy or water aerobics. He encouraged the Commissioners to go look at Francis Meadows Aquatic Center as an example of what might fit best for our community. Mr. Shott said a lot of aquatic centers are still busy in the winter months, so it would be a huge asset year-round.

Nancy Cole said almost all cities have pools and water parks. She said kids need to be able to learn to swim safely. She said the proposed plan will not be big enough, as it does not have enough lanes. Ms. Cole also made some comments about the lazy river.

Tom Kuipers said he appreciated the BOC trying to be fiscally responsible. He said he moved here a couple of years ago from metro Atlanta, and one of the big draws for them was the proposed aquatic center. An aquatic center would bring in a lot of tourism and new residents, he observed. Mr. Kuipers said he was struck by the fact that the Board of Commissioners is having to undergo this project alone. He said the Commissioners should get some help from all of these supportive citizens who are interested in the pool. He said if it is needed, they could talk to the university, the school system, or the city.

Joan Sauders said she is a retired educator and used to teach water aerobics at the college. She urged the Commissioners to think about all of the different age groups that would benefit from this pool. Children need swimming lessons and seniors need exercise and physical therapy. Ms. Sauders said there are some things she does not mind to pay more taxes for, and this is one of them. She said her children moved to Forsyth County because Lumpkin County lacks the amenities they wanted for their own children. Ms. Sauders said we can make it work and do what needs to be done, we just have to have the drive and determination. There will never be enough money to get things done, she said. It will bring jobs and it will be an investment in our kids and seniors. Ms. Sauders said the seniors do a lot of things to help the community, and there are people in this community that would teach swimming lessons for free. She said there is a lot of support for this aquatic center and surely the County can obtain some grants to help pay for it.

Leah Smith emphasized that the pool will need to be an 8-lane, 25-yard pool in order for it to work for competitions. She suggested enclosing the pool in a bubble so it could be used year-round, which would be cheaper than a full indoor pool. She elaborated on the features of bubble enclosed pools and offered her services

to help make this happen. Ms. Smith said we do not need the lazy river feature because we already have rivers in Lumpkin County. She said it isn't ideal for parents to have to drive so far away just to have access to a pool. In order to host competitions and swim meets, we will have to have an 8-lane pool, and we will also need a small pool for therapy. She suggested other features like the water slides could be added later in stages.

Chairman Dockery was supportive of the idea of a bubble structure for enclosing the pool. He said going from 3 lanes to 8 lanes is obviously going to impact the cost. He observed that this is what happened with the design of the first pool; everyone started making suggestions and adding things, and it caused the cost to increase. He said it may be more important to have 8 lanes than a 3-lane pool with a bubble. He suggested the swimming community could think about fundraising for the bubble to be added later.

Chairman Dockery mentioned how one of the things they looked at before was a "sprung building" for possibly enclosing the pool. School Superintendent Rob Brown did not support such a structure due to their appearance and concerns over air quality. The Chairman said he would be interested in visiting bubble-enclosed pools to examine the air quality and see how they work. When they visited different aquatic centers, he noticed the one in Greenville had terrible air quality and everything in the building was rusty. He does not want to create a maintenance nightmare.

Mike Miller circled back to some of Gary Hulsey's comments regarding the traffic cameras. He clarified that he is a firm supporter of the Sheriff, but he is worried about the cameras infringing on people's freedoms. A lot of larger counties and cities have a higher level of surveillance, and Mr. Miller said he does not want to see that happen here in Lumpkin County. He is concerned that the data will be kept longer than 30 days or that it may be used to frame an innocent citizen. The LCSO does a great job already; this is not something our community needs.

Kim Shyle stated she has a blind-deaf daughter who especially benefits from swimming lessons. As a disabled child, it is important for her to know what to do if she ever ends up in an emergency in the water. There aren't a lot of sports she can participate in, and swim team has been a wonderful way for her to participate and feel included.

Jacqueline Daniel came to represent Connectability. She spoke about the importance of accessibility so that all children can be included. The all-abilities playground at Yahooola Park has been a great success, as well as the City's accessible playground in Hancock Park. Ms. Daniel stated she knows of four families who moved here because of the opportunities available for their disabled children. It is a selling point to encourage people to come here. She encouraged everyone to keep in mind a vision for the future of how we want the pool to look in ten or fifteen years. Features can be added to the pool in phases. Ms. Daniel said the community has outgrown the space at the Park & Rec Community Center, so more space is needed in general. She also brought up that the accessibility of bubble structures will need to be investigated.

Janine Brown questioned how the community could keep informed of the building process for the pool, and who they should contact with their concerns. Chairman Dockery said it would be best if the swim team community picked a spokesperson to be the main liaison, and that person could communicate with County Manager Alan Ours. That way there will not be confusion and conflicting information. The Chairman said people need to understand that the Commissioners have to be good stewards of the taxpayer dollars, and that what is good for competitive swimming may not be ideal for the rest of the community.

Jake Gray said he recently moved to Lumpkin County, and he urged the Commissioners to prioritize kids and seniors. He supported having a 25-yard, 8-lane pool with handicap access, and he stated he believes the County will be able to do it. As for the Flock Safety cameras, he said he supports the idea and does not believe any innocent people will be tagged for something they didn't do.

Amanda Edmondson spoke about her experience in planning and recreation. She is aware that this process involves a lot of work. As far as quality-of-life, it is well-established that parks and other recreational activities are highly valued and bring in a lot of economic development. It speaks to the quality of the community that we have here. She thanked the BOC for being fiscally sound and said she does not want to see a millage increase. User fees can be implemented and hosting swim events can bring in money. She also suggested there might be some grants we could get.

Allison Alhadeff reiterated that accessibility is important and said things like water slides and lazy rivers can wait, as they aren't as important as making a pool that can be used for competitive swimming. We can especially wait on those features if they are not good revenue generators, she added.

Chairman Dockery stepped out of the meeting briefly from 3:17 pm to 3:20 pm.

Sheriff Jarrard spoke about the Falcon traffic cameras. He said this system has already been at the university for

several months and it has been very beneficial for preventing and solving crimes. Technology has come a long way since he began his career in law enforcement. Sheriff Jarrard discussed how they have been able to solve some cases by receiving assistance from nearby counties that use Flock Safety. He explained it is his duty to use whatever means he can to help our citizens, and he would never do anything to put the citizens in harm's way. He also noted that people are being monitored almost everywhere they go, whether they are using a cell phone or at the grocery store.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:28 pm.

July 20, 2022

Date



Melissa Witcher

County Clerk, Lumpkin County



Chris Dockery, Chairman

Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners