



LUMPKIN COUNTY
Board of Commissioners
Public Hearing Agenda
Commissioners Boardroom

December 21, 2021
5:00 P.M.

- **Call to Order**
- **Public Comment**
 - **Character Area Map (CAM) Amendment**
- **Adjournment**

Chairman Dockery

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The meeting was called to order at 5:07 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

Character Area Map (CAM) Amendment

Harold Mitchell, 37 Jones Street, came to comment on the CAM amendment. He said he has experience from working for the US Fish & Wildlife Service, including work relating to the Clean Water Act and Endangered Species Act. In his work, he has advised counties on environmental issues. He is concerned with interpretation of language, and believes Lumpkin County has rich historical and natural resources that need to be protected. Mr. Mitchell continued and discussed what he believed to be flaws in the Land Use Code and Character Area Map. You can essentially put any use anywhere, so what is the point of a character area designation, he asked? Such arbitrary designations could set the County up for future legal issues, he stated. Mr. Mitchell then read a list of suggestions to the Commissioners: Prioritize a rewrite of the County Comprehensive Plan and eliminate vague language about character areas, implement proper zoning, freeze all current land use code variances, and avoid grandfathering in uses. He also suggested making citizens aware of any use which could impact water quality in local waterways, and requested a list of current projects which fall outside of the moratorium.

Adjournment

The meeting ended at 5:16 pm.

January 18, 2022

Date

Melissa Witcher
County Clerk, Lumpkin County

Chris Dockery, Chairman
Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners