



LUMPKIN COUNTY

Board of Commissioners

Work Session Agenda

Commissioners Boardroom

April 13, 2021
4:00 P.M.

The purpose of the work session is to discuss agenda items for the Regular Meeting.

- **CALL TO ORDER** Chairman Dockery
- **PRESENTATIONS**
 1. Public and Environmental Health Presentations
 2. Northeast Georgia Health System Lumpkin Hospital Update
 3. Manufacturers of the Year Presentations ***Regular Meeting***
 4. Recognition JB Jones ***Regular Meeting***
- **MINUTES**
 5. Board of Commissioners - BOC Retreat - Feb 25, 2021 9:00 AM
 6. Board of Commissioners - Work Session - Mar 2, 2021 4:00 PM
 7. Board of Commissioners - SLUA Public Hearing - Mar 16, 2021 4:30 PM
 8. Board of Commissioners - Public Hearing - Mar 16, 2021 5:00 PM
 9. Board of Commissioners - Public Hearing - Mar 16, 2021 5:15 PM
 10. Board of Commissioners - Work Session II - Mar 16, 2021 5:30 PM
 11. Board of Commissioners - Regular Meeting - Mar 16, 2021 6:00 PM
 12. Board of Commissioners - Special Called Meeting - Mar 22, 2021 4:00 PM
- **RESOLUTIONS**
 13. 2021 - 21 - Possible Amendment to Alcoholic Beverage License Fees (*County Clerk Melissa Witcher*)
 14. 2021 - 22 - Consideration of a Resolution Revising the Road Acceptance Application Procedure (*Public Works Director Larry Reiter*)
 15. 2021 - 23 - Reappoint Members to LC Veterans Affairs Committee - William Rittenhouse & Daniel Bosanko
 16. 2021 - 24 - Reappoint Member to LC Water & Sewerage Authority - Murl Jones to Seat 7, term expiring 05.31.2025
 17. 2021 - 25 - Appoint Members to 2022 Lumpkin County Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee (*Planning Director Bruce Georgia*)
 18. 2021 - 26 - Amend the 2021 Budget Calendar for FY2022 Budget (*Finance Director Abby Branan*)
 19. 2021 - 27 - Request to Remove Old Body Cooler from Surplus (*Coroner Mark Cox*)

- **CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS**

20. 2021-015 - Disaster Debris Monitoring Contract - Thompson Consulting Services, LLC
(Public Works Director Larry Reiter)
21. 2021-016 - Disaster Debris Monitoring Secondary Contract - Goodwyn, Mills, & Cawood
(Public Works Director Larry Reiter)
22. 2021-017 - Library Pavilion Construction RFP (Special Projects Director Allison Martin)
23. 2021-018 - Georgia Power Easement Request - Chesterra Drive (Public Works Director Larry Reiter)
24. 2021-019 - Aquatic Center GMP – Metal Packages (Special Projects Director Allison Martin)
Regular Meeting
25. 2021-020 - Scrap Tire Abatement Reimbursement Program (Finance Director Abby Branan)
26. 2021-021 - Legacy Link FY-2021 Addendum #2 Contract (Senior Center Manager Linda Kirkpatrick)
27. 2021-022 - Airport Fencing Project (Public Works Director Larry Reiter)

- **OTHER ITEMS**

28. Sheriff's Request to Reallocate Funds from Detention Center Fencing to Justice Center Cameras (Sheriff Stacy Jarrard)
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33. Additional ROW for Bridge Replacement - Little Mountain Road (Public Works Director Larry Reiter)
34. Johnnie Collins Way Bridge Repair and Lanier Drive Culvert Replacement (Finance Director Abby Branan)
35. 2020 SPLOST 2021 Work Plan Amendment (Finance Director Abby Branan)
36. Consideration of Move to Self Insurance (Community & Employee Services Director Alicia Davis) **Regular Meeting**

- **COUNTY MANAGER**

- **COUNTY ATTORNEY**

- **COMMISSIONERS**

- **PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda Specific)**

- **ADJOURNMENT**

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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:04 PM by Chairman Chris Dockery

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Chris Dockery	Chairman	Present	
David Miller	District 1 Commissioner	Present	
Bobby Mayfield	District 2 Commissioner	Present	
Rhett Stringer	District 3 Commissioner	Present	
Jeffrey Moran	District 4 Commissioner	Present	

PRESENTATIONS

1. Public and Environmental Health Presentations

Public and Environmental Health Presentation

Chairman Dockery asked Sue Mattison some questions for clarification on the revenue breakdown pie chart. He also asked her if there was anything the Commissioners could do to further assist the Health Department during this time. Ms. Mattison said the County has already done a great job assisting, and the Health Department wants to continue reaching out to underprivileged citizens. The Chairman offered the fire stations to be used as locations for staging areas if the Health Department would need that.

Commissioner Miller thanked Sue Mattison for coordinating vaccination outreach efforts with Community Helping Place.

2. Northeast Georgia Health System Lumpkin Hospital Update

Northeast Georgia Health System Lumpkin Hospital Update

Chat Hatfield, president of NGMC Lumpkin, was accompanied by Sean Couch and Bob Hughes to give the presentation. He said NGMC Lumpkin has had a successful two years, beating the first-year projection with over 10,000 emergency visits and over 600 inpatient stays. NGMC Lumpkin was also able to alleviate much of the burden on NGMC Gainesville during the height of the pandemic. Mr. Couch went over the results of the Fall 2018 citizen input surveys and said most of the participants emphasized the desire for a small, sustainable neighborhood hospital that could provide emergency care. Mr. Hughes discussed the future hospital site on Highway 400, including a basic diagram of the site layout and signage. He said the proposed opening date would be October 2023.

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RESOLUTIONS

13. 2021 - 21 - Possible Amendment to Alcoholic Beverage License Fees (County Clerk Melissa Witcher)

This is to consider amending the ordinance to allow an increase in the alcoholic beverage license fees.

Commissioner Mayfield commented we should be comparable to the alcohol license fees of other counties. Commissioner Stringer said he would be comfortable with adding \$55 to the yearly renewal charge. The Chairman said we could raise it if we have proper justification.

County Manager Stan Kelley went over the price list from surrounding counties and said we mostly were on the low end of fees. He recommends raising our fees so we are at least comparable to surrounding counties. Commissioners Moran and Mayfield agreed.

14. 2021 - 22 - Consideration of a Resolution Revising the Road Acceptance Application Procedure (Public Works Director Larry Reiter)

Consideration of a resolution that will do away with the existing road acceptance procedure and require any road that is requested to be adopted into the county system to be brought to current county development standards before it will be considered by the BOC.

Public Works Director Larry Reiter said we currently have two different road acceptance procedures. Staff is recommending doing away with the current procedures and changing it so that any road has to meet County development standards before it can be brought before the BOC.

15. 2021 - 23 - Reappoint Members to LC Veterans Affairs Committee - William Rittenhouse & Daniel Bosanko

Reappoint Members to Lumpkin County Veterans Affairs Committee - William Rittenhouse to Seat 1 & Daniel Bosanko to Seat 2 both with terms expiring 04.14.2025

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17. 2021 - 25 - Appoint Members to 2022 Lumpkin County Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee
(Planning Director Bruce Georgia)

Request the BOC nominate and approve members to serve on the 2022 Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee.

Bruce Georgia said we have accomplished a lot in the short-term work plan and it will be important to reflect that in this five-year update. He explained the timeline to finish and remain a Qualified Local Government is February 2022. Georgia Mountains Regional Commission has approved our request for them to assist with our update. We will also have to host a couple of public meetings, one of which is already scheduled for April 27 at 6:00 pm. Mr. Georgia said he is asking for the Commissioners to consider some citizens to sit on the Comprehensive Plan committee.

18. 2021 - 26 - Amend the 2021 Budget Calendar for FY2022 Budget (Finance Director Abby Branan)

Amend the 2021 Budget Calendar for FY2022 Budget Due to a Date Error

19. 2021 - 27 - Request to Remove Old Body Cooler from Surplus (Coroner Mark Cox)

Consideration of removal of old body cooler from surplus.

The Coroner, Mark Cox, would like to retain the old cooler as a backup in case the new one fails or becomes full.

CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS

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Extend contract with Thompson Consulting Services, LLC for an additional year.

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22. 2021-017 - Library Pavilion Construction RFP (Special Projects Director Allison Martin)

Library Pavilion Construction RFP

Special Projects Director Allison Martin said we received two responses; the lowest proposer was Everlast at around \$189,000. Scroggs & Grizzle was considerably higher at around \$273,000. She reviewed some of the clarification questions they sent to Everlast regarding their proposal. There was some discussion between Chairman Dockery and Mr. Reiter regarding the helical pier pricing and the amount of pier sections. Ms. Martin said since this is an RFP, we have more flexibility and aren't under the same time constraints as if this was a bid. Mr. Reiter also made some brief comments regarding soil strength and foundation reduction. Chairman Dockery observed that the pricing of construction materials has risen dramatically and fluctuates constantly.

23. 2021-018 - Georgia Power Easement Request - Chesterra Drive (Public Works Director Larry Reiter)

Georgia Power is requesting a tree trimming/clearing easement along the existing power line.

Mr. Kelley said he spoke to GA Power area manager Glennis Barns regarding the recent helicopter-facilitated ROW trimming. Apparently, it is more efficient to trim with a helicopter and this was originally started in Dawson County. It reduces the number of power outages during storms, he explained. The helicopter crew does not clean up the debris unless it is in the road, but there is a cleanup crew that runs about one to two weeks

behind them. Chairman Dockery said he also spoke to Mr. Barns, as there have been citizen complaints regarding the debris. If there is debris in the roadway, citizens are encouraged to call GA Power to report it.

24. 2021-034 - Aquatic Center GMP – Metal Packages (Special Projects Director Ashley Peck)

Aquatic Center GMP – Metal Packages

25. 2021-019 - Scrap Tire Abatement Reimbursement Program (Finance Director Abby Branan)

The Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) Local Government Scrap Tire Abatement Reimbursement Program provides reimbursement for the costs of removing, transporting, and processing scrap tires cleaned up from identified, state-listed scrap tire dumps; removed from city and county right-of-ways; and collected during scrap tire amnesty events.

Mr. Kelley said hopefully the County will be able to host a tire turn-in day at the Transfer Station in June. The projected date will be the last Saturday in June.

26. 2021-020 - Legacy Link FY-2021 Addendum #2 Contract (Senior Center Manager Linda Kirkpatrick)

CONTRACT ADDENDUM #2 - SFY2021 This amends the contract that Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners entered into with Legacy Link, Inc. (Contract #2020-039 A-S approved on September 29, 2020) for the Lumpkin County Senior Center to provide nutrition and wellness services, nutrition screening and support services, and Transportation for senior adults in Lumpkin County.

27. 2021-021 - Airport Fencing Project (Public Works Director Larry Reiter)

Contract approval- Airport fence and parking lot as per airport CIP.

Mr. Reiter informed the Commissioners that the low bidder (\$112,446) was abnormally below the median or average bid, as well as the engineer's estimate of \$232,000. He has reached out to the company regarding the abnormal price, but he is still awaiting their explanation. He suspects they accidentally omitted the installation cost and underestimated the asphalt cost. For this reason, Mr. Reiter recommends rejecting the bid and going with the second lowest bid from TriScapes, which was \$288,811.69 for all options. GDOT will pay 75% of the cost.

OTHER ITEMS

28. Sheriff's Request to Reallocate Funds from Detention Center Fencing to Justice Center Cameras (Sheriff Stacy Jarrard)

Sheriff's Request to Reallocate Funds from Detention Center Fencing to Justice Center Cameras

Sheriff Jarrard said the camera system is currently a greater need than the Detention Center fencing, but he would like to keep the fencing in mind for the future. The Sheriff said having a functional camera system is important for complying with media requests for footage.

29. Special Event Permit Request – R-Ranch in the Mountains (County Clerk Melissa Witcher)

Special Event Permit allowing R-Ranch in the Mountains to hold the Mountain Top Rodeo event June 10-13, 2021 at the R-Ranch.

30. Alcoholic Beverage License - The Oar House, Inc. (County Clerk Melissa Witcher)

This is for the issuance of an alcoholic beverage license for Beer & Wine Consumption on Premises located at 3072 Hwy 52 E, Dahlonega, GA 30533.

31. Alcoholic Beverage License - BJ Creek, LLC. d/b/a Clay Creek Falls Grocery (County Clerk Melissa Witcher)

This is for the issuance of an alcoholic beverage license for Beer & Wine Package sales located at 2261 Oak Grove Road, Dahlonega, GA 30533.

32. Alcoholic Beverage License - CGN Properties, LLC d/b/a The Mountain Top Lodge (County Clerk Melissa Witcher)

This is for the issuance of an alcoholic beverage license for Beer & Wine Consumption on Premises located at 447 Mountain Top Lodge Road, Dahlonega, GA 30533.

33. Additional ROW for Bridge Replacement - Little Mountain Road (Public Works Director Larry Reiter)

Request for approval of the purchase of additional right of way for bridge replacement on Little Mountain Rd.

Mr. Reiter said Charles Trammell got a verbal agreement with the owners to give us enough room to widen the bridge. Staff is requesting that the BOC agree to give each property owner \$3,000 (\$6,000 total) to pay for their right-of-way to expand the bridge to make it safer. Mr. Reiter said this negotiated price is much better than us going through the condemning process. Chairman Dockery wanted clarification on how that amount was reached just to ensure fairness for the landowners.

34. Johnnie Collins Way Bridge Repair and Lanier Drive Culvert Replacement (Finance Director Abby Branan)

Discuss options to pay for emergency bridge repair on Johnnie Collins Way and emergency culvert replacement on Lanier Drive.

Finance Director Abby Branan explained she was present to discuss funding sources for the repairs, which are needed after damage from the recent heavy rains. The funding could be taken from the fund balance, 2019 TSPLOST, or the 2020 SPLOST. Mr. Kelley recommended taking from the 2020 SPLOST because there are funds available, which would prevent us from having to use the fund balance. He explained projections for the 2020 SPLOST collections are being exceeded.

Commissioner Stringer asked Larry Reiter some questions about the Lanier Drive bridge repair and whether water line work could be performed simultaneously. Mr. Reiter said the contractor who gave the best price for the bridge work is not qualified to do water lines. He also said the crossing will be closed for 3-5 days to vehicular traffic. There is a long lead time on purchasing materials for the bridge, so if we wait and have another heavy rain event, we will not be able to choose when to do the repair.

35. 2020 SPLOST 2021 Work Plan Amendment (Finance Director Abby Branan)

Consideration of Amending the 2020 SPLOST 2021 Work Plan to include emergency bridge repair on Johnnie Collins Way.

Ms. Branan said this is just a placeholder in case the BOC decides to use SPLOST funds for the bridge repair.

36. Consideration of Move to Self Insurance (Community & Employee Services Director Alicia Davis)

Consideration of Move to Self-Insurance Plus Renewal of Dental, Disability, Life and Vision Insurances

COUNTY MANAGER

COUNTY ATTORNEY

COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Moran said Bruce Georgia did a great job at the last Noise Committee meeting, and the next meeting will be Monday, April 19, at 3:30 PM. He is requesting an extension for the committee's term to the May Work Session. Commissioner Mayfield thanked Commissioner Moran for his diligent work on the committee.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda Specific)

Sheriff Jarrard said the next Firearm Safety course will be April 26, 6:00 pm at Park and Rec.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Dockery adjourned the meeting at 5:12 PM.

May 18, 2021

Date



Melissa Witcher
County Clerk, Lumpkin County



Chris Dockery, Chairman
Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners