



LUMPKIN COUNTY

Board of Commissioners

Regular Meeting Agenda

Commissioners Boardroom

March 15, 2022
6:00 P.M.

- **CALL TO ORDER** Chairman Dockery
- **INVOCATION**
- **CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA**
- **PROCLAMATIONS**
 1. Joint Proclamation for Lumpkin County High School Lady Indians Basketball Team AAA State Champions
- **PUBLIC COMMENTS (Agenda Specific)**
- **CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES**
 2. Board of Commissioners - Work Session - Feb 1, 2022 4:00 PM
 3. Board of Commissioners - Work Session II - Feb 15, 2022 5:30 PM
 4. Board of Commissioners - Regular Meeting - Feb 15, 2022 6:00 PM
 5. Board of Commissioners - Joint Special Called Meeting - Feb 17, 2022 6:00 PM
 6. Board of Commissioners - Public Hearing - Feb 22, 2022 6:00 PM
- **RESOLUTIONS**
 7. 2022 - 12 - Reappoint Member to LC Veterans Affairs Committee - Joshua Fitzgerald to Seat 8, expiring 4/14/2026
 8. 2022 - 13 - March Surplus Property (*Finance Director Abby Branan*)
 9. 2022 - 14 - Resolution to Adopt the Hazard Mitigation Plan Update (*Emergency Services Director David Wimpy*)
- **REPORTS**

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Elected Officials
- **CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS**
 10. 2022-005 - CorrectHealth Inmate Medical Contract Amendment (*Sheriff Stacy Jarrard*)
 11. 2022-006 - Retain Service of an Owner's Representative – Animal Shelter (*Special Projects Director Ashley Peck*)
 12. 2022-008 - IT Services Agreement (*Special Projects Director Ashley Peck*)

13. 2022-010 - Disaster Debris Removal & Disposal - Custom Tree Care, Inc. (*Public Works Director Larry Reiter*)
14. 2022-011 - Ambulance Billing Contract (*Finance Director Abby Branan*)
15. 2022-012 - Little Mountain Road Widening Phase 1 Bid Award (*Public Works Director Larry Reiter*)
16. 2022-013 - Granicus Peak Meeting & Agenda Software Contract (*County Clerk Melissa Witcher*)
17. 2022-014 - Legal Services Contract (*Finance Director Abby Branan*)
18. 2022-015 - Lumpkin County & Windstream Covered Partnership to Submit a NTIA BIP Application (*Development Authority Director Rebecca Mincey*)

- **OTHER ITEMS**

19. Alcoholic Beverage License – Yogis Quikstop II LLC d/b/a Turners Corner Grocery Store (*County Clerk Melissa Witcher*)
20. Special Event Permit Request – Dahlonega-Lumpkin County Chamber of Commerce Graduation Dinner (*County Clerk Melissa Witcher*)
21. Special Event Permit Request – Dahlonega-Lumpkin County Chamber of Commerce Welcome Dinner (*County Clerk Melissa Witcher*)
22. Special Event Permit Request – Dahlonega-Lumpkin County Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting & Dinner (*County Clerk Melissa Witcher*)
23. Special Event Permit Request – R-Ranch 4th of July Concert Festival (*County Clerk Melissa Witcher*)
24. Special Event Permit Request – R-Ranch Mountain Top Rodeo (*County Clerk Melissa Witcher*)
25. New Chamber/Visitor Center Sign Request (*Special Projects Director Ashley Peck*)
26. Request for Funding a Program Manager for Broadband Infrastructure Grant Project (*Development Authority Director Rebecca Mincey*)
27. NTIA Broadband Infrastructure Program Acceptance (*Finance Director Abby Branan*)
28. Mediation Compromise Terms – The Complete Combatant, LLC v. Lumpkin County
29. Discuss Animal Shelter Location (*Special Projects Director Ashley Peck*)
30. New Animal Shelter Architectural and Engineering Services RFQ (*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 6:13 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	

INVOCATION

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

CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA

Motion: A motion was made by District 3 Commissioner Stringer to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by District 2 Commissioner Mayfield. The motion was approved and carried.

PROCLAMATIONS

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Motion: A motion was made by District 2 Commissioner Mayfield to approve the joint proclamation. The motion was seconded by District 1 Commissioner Greene. The motion was approved and carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (Agenda Specific)

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

Motion: A motion was made by District 4 Commissioner Moran to approve the minutes by acclamation. The motion was seconded by District 3 Commissioner Stringer. The motion was approved and carried.

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8. 2022 - 13 - March Surplus Property (Finance Director Abby Branan)

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

Motion: A motion was made by District 3 Commissioner Stringer to approve March Surplus Property. The motion was seconded by District 1 Commissioner Greene. The motion was approved and carried.

9. 2022 - 14 - Resolution to Adopt the Hazard Mitigation Plan Update (Emergency Services Director David Wimpy)

Resolution to Adopt the Hazard Mitigation Plan Update. This is a Federal required plan that enables Lumpkin County to seek mitigation grant funding after a disaster, when funding is available.

Motion: A motion was made by District 1 Commissioner Greene to approve Resolution to Adopt the Hazard Mitigation Plan Update. The motion was seconded by District 2 Commissioner Mayfield. The motion was approved and carried.

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CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS

10. 2022-005 - CorrectHealth Inmate Medical Contract Amendment (Sheriff Stacy Jarrard)

CorrectHealth Inmate Medical Contract Amendment

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

11. 2022-006 - Retain Service of an Owner's Representative – Animal Shelter (Special Projects Director Ashley Peck)

Retain Service of an Owner's Representative – Animal Shelter. Consideration of the contract for an owner's representative for the Animal Shelter.

Motion: A motion was made by District 1 Commissioner Greene to approve Retain Service of an Owner's Representative – Animal Shelter. The motion was seconded by District 2 Commissioner Mayfield. The motion was approved and carried.

12. 2022-008 - IT Services Agreement (Special Projects Director Ashley Peck)

IT Services Agreement. Contract Renewal with ACNS for IT Services.

Motion: A motion was made by District 2 Commissioner Mayfield to approve IT Services Agreement. The motion was seconded by District 1 Commissioner Greene. The motion was approved and carried.

13. 2022-010 - Disaster Debris Removal & Disposal - Custom Tree Care, Inc. (Public Works Director Larry Reiter)

Disaster Debris Removal & Disposal contract renewal- Custom Tree Care, Inc. Renewal of contract for an additional 1-year term.

Motion: A motion was made by District 4 Commissioner Moran to approve Disaster Debris Removal & Disposal - Custom Tree Care, Inc.. The motion was seconded by District 1 Commissioner Greene. The motion was approved and carried.

14. 2022-011 - Ambulance Billing Contract (Finance Director Abby Branan)

Ambulance Billing Contract. Consideration of the contract renewal for ambulance billing.

Motion: A motion was made by District 3 Commissioner Stringer to approve Ambulance Billing Contract. The motion was seconded by District 4 Commissioner Moran. The motion was approved and carried.

15. 2022-012 - Little Mountain Road Widening Phase 1 Bid Award (Public Works Director Larry Reiter)

Little Mountain Road Widening Phase 1 Bid Award. Consider the award of a contract to Colditz Trucking, Inc. for the widening 3.5 miles of Little Mountain Rd/ Sheep Wallow Rd from the new bridge to the intersection with Mill Creek Rd (Phase I).

Motion: A motion was made by District 2 Commissioner Mayfield to approve with the understanding this is for phase 1 & 2. The motion was seconded by District 1 Commissioner Greene. The motion was approved and carried.

16. 2022-013 - Granicus Peak Meeting & Agenda Software Contract (County Clerk Melissa Witcher)

Granicus Peak Meeting & Agenda Software Contract. This is for approval to move from IQM2 to the Granicus Peak Meeting and Agenda software.

Motion: A motion was made by District 4 Commissioner Moran to approve Granicus Peak Meeting & Agenda Software Contract. The motion was seconded by District 1 Commissioner Greene. The motion was approved and carried.

17. 2022-014 - Legal Services Contract (Finance Director Abby Branan)

Legal Services Contract. Consideration of a contract for legal services with Horne & Edelberg PC.

Motion: A motion was made by District 2 Commissioner Mayfield to approve Legal Services Contract. The motion was seconded by District 4 Commissioner Moran. The motion was approved and carried.

18. 2022-015 - Agreement between Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners and Windstream Services, LLC (Development Authority Director Rebecca Mincey)

Agreement between Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners and Windstream Services, LLC.

Motion: A motion was made by Chairman Dockery to table this until April. The motion was seconded by District 2 Commissioner Mayfield. The motion was approved and carried.

OTHER ITEMS

19. Alcoholic Beverage License – Yogis Quikstop II LLC d/b/a Turners Corner Grocery Store (County Clerk Melissa Witcher)

Alcoholic Beverage License – Yogis Quikstop II LLC d/b/a Turners Corner Grocery Store. This is for the issuance of an alcoholic beverage license for Beer & Wine Package sales located at 13870 US 19, Cleveland, GA 30528.

Motion: A motion was made by District 4 Commissioner Moran to approve Alcoholic Beverage License – Yogis Quikstop II LLC d/b/a Turners Corner Grocery Store. The motion was seconded by District 1 Commissioner Greene. The motion was approved and carried.

20. Special Event Permit Request – Dahlonge-Lumpkin County Chamber of Commerce Graduation Dinner (County Clerk Melissa Witcher)

Special Event Permit Request – Dahlonge-Lumpkin County Chamber of Commerce Graduation Dinner. Special Event Permit allowing the Chamber of Commerce to hold their annual graduation dinner on May 12, 2022.

Motion: A motion was made by District 1 Commissioner Greene to approve items 20 through 22 by acclamation. The motion was seconded by District 2 Commissioner Mayfield. The motion was approved and carried.

21. Special Event Permit Request – Dahlonge-Lumpkin County Chamber of Commerce Welcome Dinner (County Clerk Melissa Witcher)

Special Event Permit Request – Dahlonge-Lumpkin County Chamber of Commerce Welcome Dinner. Special Event Permit allowing the Chamber of Commerce to hold their annual welcome dinner on August 25, 2022.

22. Special Event Permit Request – Dahlonge-Lumpkin County Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting & Dinner (County Clerk Melissa Witcher)

Special Event Permit Request – Dahlonge-Lumpkin County Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting & Dinner. Special Event Permit allowing the Chamber of Commerce to hold their annual meeting and dinner on November 10, 2022.

23. Special Event Permit Request – R-Ranch 4th of July Concert Festival (County Clerk Melissa Witcher)

Special Event Permit Request – R-Ranch 4th of July Concert Festival. Special Event Permit allowing the R-Ranch to hold a 4th of July Concert Festival on July 1-2, 2022.

Motion: A motion was made by District 2 Commissioner Mayfield to approve items 23 and 24 by acclamation. The motion was seconded by District 4 Commissioner Moran. The motion was approved and carried.

24. Special Event Permit Request – R-Ranch Mountain Top Rodeo (County Clerk Melissa Witcher)

Special Event Permit Request – R-Ranch Mountain Top Rodeo. Special Event Permit allowing the R-Ranch to hold Mountain Top Rodeo on June 10-11, 2022.

25. New Chamber/Visitor Center Sign Request (Special Projects Director Ashley Peck)

The Chamber is requesting approval for a new sign to be installed at the Visitor Center.

Motion: A motion was made by District 1 Commissioner Greene to approve New Chamber/Visitor Center Sign Request. The motion was seconded by District 4 Commissioner Moran. The motion was approved and carried.

26. Request for Funding a Program Manager for Broadband Infrastructure Grant Project (Development Authority Director Rebecca Mincey)

The DALC & Lumpkin County have received notice of funding from the Georgia State Fiscal Recovery Fund (SFRF) and the U.S. Department of Commerce for the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) for broadband infrastructure. As a part of the infrastructure project, it is the intention of the DALC to hire a third-party contractor (Program Manager) to assist with project oversight, implementation, tracking and collection of data, and reporting for both grant programs. The Program Manager will work on behalf of the DALC and Lumpkin County Government staff to ensure there is no fraud, waste, or abuse associated with the grant funds.

Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Stringer to approve. Commissioner Greene seconded the motion.

Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Stringer to approve using ARPA funding to fund the request from the Development Authority. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Greene. The motion was approved and carried.

27. NTIA Broadband Infrastructure Program Acceptance (Finance Director Abby Branan)

NTIA Broadband Infrastructure Program Acceptance.

Motion: A motion was made by District 3 Commissioner Stringer to approve NTIA Broadband Infrastructure Program Acceptance. The motion was seconded by District 4 Commissioner Moran. The motion was approved and carried.

28. Mediation Compromise Terms – The Complete Combatant, LLC v. Lumpkin County

Mediation Compromise Terms – The Complete Combatant, LLC v. Lumpkin County. Board of Commissioners consideration and possible ratification of mediation compromise terms set forth in a proposed Order that, if approved by the Court, will result in dismissal of two lawsuits; The Complete Combatant, LLC v. Bruce Georgia and Lumpkin County, Civil Action SUCV2021000444; and The Complete Combatant, LLC v. Lumpkin County, Georgia and Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners, SUCV2021000439.

Attorney Ken Jarrard read aloud the terms of the mediation.

Motion: A motion was made by District 4 Commissioner Moran to approve Mediation Compromise Terms – The Complete Combatant, LLC v. Lumpkin County. The motion was seconded by District 1 Commissioner Greene. The motion was approved and carried.

29. Discuss Animal Shelter Location (Special Projects Director Ashley Peck)

Discuss Animal Shelter Location. Location for the new Animal Shelter.

Larry Reiter said one of the proposed locations is in our prequalified staging area for FEMA declared disasters. The new FEMA regulations state all staging areas have to be prequalified in order to receive funding. Mr. Reiter said he would like the opportunity to do what needs to be done if that site is in consideration.

Chairman Dockery said he has viewed that site and thinks it would be acceptable, but we don't want to solve one problem and create another. We will need to continue to look at our options; we don't have to decide it today. We can start the design process, which may lend a bit more info on what we will need in the location. Mr. Reiter thanked Lorraine Morris, the Deputy EMA Director, for keeping him up-to-date on the new regulations. We want to ensure we have approval for our staging area, otherwise we could end up not getting reimbursement from FEMA after a disaster.

Chairman Dockery said he would like to meet with the architect to learn more about the layout. Commissioner Stringer said depending on what Mr. Reiter finds out, he would like someone to contact the School Board about the possibility of getting an easement to reduce the cost of that road.

30. New Animal Shelter Architectural and Engineering Services RFQ (Special Projects Director Ashley Peck)

New Animal Shelter Architectural and Engineering Services RFQ. Request approval from Board of Commissioners on selection of Architectural Firm for the new Animal Shelter.

Motion: *A motion was made by District 3 Commissioner Stringer to proceed with the RFQ process. The motion was seconded by District 4 Commissioner Moran. The motion was approved and carried.*

Chairman Dockery clarified for the record that course of action 1 from the agenda is included in this motion, which is to accept the recommendation of the selection committee and move forward with contracting JMA for their services.

COUNTY MANAGER

Mr. Ours said this Saturday is Opening Day for baseball and the parade will be at 9:00 am, with the ceremony being at 10:00 am. He also reminded everyone there is a Land Use survey on the County website for the public. He said there will be an Open House on March 31st from 3 pm - 7 pm at Park & Rec, and another on April 2nd from 9 am -12 pm. Both will be for the Land Use Revisions.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Greene thanked Rebecca Mincey for her extensive work on the grants. He also shared that over one thousand people showed up to the GHSA Basketball State Championships to support their girls basketball team.

Commissioner Mayfield said he sometimes has to vote for things he does not agree with or like, but he has to put the interests of the County as a whole.

Commissioner Stringer thanked the BOC and staff for the sympathy cards last week.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mike Moran, 3038 Porter Springs Road, asked the BOC if they had agreed to the gun range moving forward and going to a judge for approval. Chairman Dockery explained we entered into mediation at the advice of our attorney. The terms he read tonight are the terms of the mediation. Mike Moran asked what prompted the BOC to enter mediation. The Chairman said we are not here to have a debate but to hear the public's comments. He explained The Complete Combatant filed a lawsuit against us after the SLUA decision, and we were advised by outside counsel to consider mediation. We went through the mediation and formally approved the mediation terms tonight. Now it will go to a judge for final approval. Mr. Moran asked if the people opposed to the gun range have any recourse short of a lawsuit, and the Chairman responded no.

Judy Lear of 12 Serendipity Road was also opposed to the decision. She said it's like having a gun range put right into your neighborhood and people around there have families. She said the decision would allow them too many days to operate, and she was very disappointed. Chairman Dockery said we can provide the terms in writing once they are finalized. The gun range will have to have sound-deadening blankets in place as part of the settlement agreement. Ms. Lear said she is worried her grandchildren will not be able to come visit any more due to stray bullets. She said the gun range just moved in to the County and started doing business without any permits, and all they received was a slap on the wrist.

Chris Adams, 248 Stancil Dyer Road, said this is why it is important to get everyone involved in the Land Use Regulations revisions, so we can prevent this from happening to others. It is a shame that people who have been here for generations are being impacted by this.

Carol Moran asked if the year-long regulations imposed by the mediation terms will still be in place after the year is finished? Chairman Dockery responded yes.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Mayfield to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Stringer. The motion was approved and carried, and the meeting ended at 6:59 PM.

April 19, 2022

Date



Melissa Witcher
County Clerk, Lumpkin County



Chris Dockery, Chairman
Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners