

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

February 21, 2023
6:00 PM

- **CALL TO ORDER**
- **INVOCATION**
- **CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA**
- **PRESENTATIONS**
 1. Recognition of 2022 Employees of the Year
- **PUBLIC COMMENTS (Agenda Specific)**
- **PROCLAMATIONS**
 2. FBLA Week Proclamation
- **CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES**
 3. Board of Commissioners - Work Session - January 3, 2023 4:00 p.m.
 4. Board of Commissioners - Retreat - January 11, 2023 9:00 a.m.
 5. Board of Commissioners - Work Session II - January 17, 2023 5:30 p.m.
 6. Board of Commissioners - Regular Meeting - January 17, 2023 6:00 p.m.
- **RESOLUTIONS**
 7. 2023-04 Appoint/Reappoint Members to Development Authority of Lumpkin County - *Donna Minnich to Seat 3, and John Gaston to Seat 6, both with terms expiring 03/07/2027*
 8. 2023-06 Create and Appoint Members to Recycling & Litter Committee (*County Manager Alan Ours*)
 9. 2023-07 February Surplus Property (*Finance Director Abby Branan*)
 10. 2023-08 Request Local Action to Increase Hotel Motel Tax (*County Attorney Joy Edelberg*)
 11. 2023-09 Appoint Member to Veterans Affairs Committee - *John Howerton to Seat 6, with a term expiring 04/14/2027*
 12. 2023-10 Multi-Bank Securities, Inc. (*Finance Director Abby Branan*)
- **REPORTS**
- **CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS**

13. 2023-007 Consideration of Renewal of State Properties Commission Lease - Technical College System of GA - Adult Learning Center (*Special Projects Director Ashley Peck*)
14. 2023-008 Mark Robinson Hauling, Inc. - Recycling & Transfer Station Lease Agreement (*Special Projects Director Ashley Peck*)
15. 2023-009 Legacy Link Addendum #1 FY-2023 (*Senior Center Manager Linda Kirkpatrick*)
16. 2023-010 Loan of Tractor for Display in the Administration Building Lobby (*Special Projects Director Ashley Peck*)
17. 2023-011 Prepared 911, Text to 911 - Prepared Emergency Communications Service Contract with Invictus Apps, Inc. (*E911 Director Carlton Chester*)
18. 2023-012 PowerPhone Site License Training Program (*E911 Director Carlton Chester*)
19. 2023-013 Off System Safety Project Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) (*Special Projects Manager Charles Trammell*)
20. 2023-014 2023 LMIG Asphalt Resurfacing Bid Award (*Special Projects Manager Charles Trammell*)
21. 2023-015 CorrectHealth Contract Renewal (*Sheriff Stacy Jarrard*)
22. 2023-016 Georgia Department of Natural Resources Recreational Trails Program Project Agreement

- **OTHER ITEMS**

23. 2014 SPLOST 2023 Work Plan Amendment (*Finance Director Abby Branan*)
24. 2020 SPLOST 2023 Work Plan (*Finance Director Abby Branan*)
25. 2019 TSPLOST 2023 Work Plan Amendment (*Finance Director Abby Branan*)
26. Recycling & Transfer Station Timeline (*Special Projects Director Ashley Peck*)
27. Request to Dispose of County Owned ROW (*County Attorney Joy Edelberg*)
28. LCWSA Application for GEFA Loan (*W&S Authority Director Sean Phipps*)
29. Debris Removal and Disposal Bid Award (*Finance Director Abby Branan*)

- **COUNTY MANAGER**

- **COUNTY ATTORNEY**

- **COMMISSIONERS**

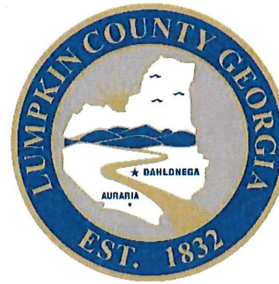
- **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- **EXECUTIVE SESSION - Personnel**

- **ADJOURNMENT**

LUMPKIN COUNTY Board of Commissioners

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CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Dockery called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM. Present were Chairman Chris Dockery and District Commissioners Tucker Greene, Bobby Mayfield, Rhett Stringer, and Jeff Moran.

INVOCATION

Chairman Dockery gave the invocation and it was 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 1 Commissioner Greene. The motion was approved and carried.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Recognition of 2022 Employees of the Year

This is to recognize Darrin Chambers as the 2022 Employee of the Year, Frank Colinet as the 2022 Fire/EMS Employee of the Year, and Cezar Ramos as the 2022 Sheriff's Department Employee of the Year.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (Agenda Specific)

PROCLAMATIONS

2. FBLA Week Proclamation

Motion: A motion was made by District 1 Commissioner Greene to approve the proclamation. The motion was seconded by District 4 Commissioner Moran. The motion was approved and carried.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

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Motion: A motion was made by District 4 Commissioner Moran to approve the minutes by acclamation. The motion was seconded by District 1 Commissioner Greene. The motion was approved and carried.

RESOLUTIONS

7. 2023-04 Appoint/Reappoint Members to Development Authority of Lumpkin County - Donna Minnich to Seat 3, and John Gaston to Seat 6, both with terms expiring 03/07/2027

Motion: A motion was made by Chairman Dockery to appoint Donna Minnich to seat 3 with a term expiring 3/07/2027. The motion was seconded by District 4 Commissioner Moran. The motion was approved and carried.

Motion: A motion was made by Chairman Dockery to appoint John Gaston to seat 6 with a term expiring 3/07/2027. The motion was seconded by District 1 Commissioner Greene. The motion was approved and carried.

8. 2023-06 Create and Appoint Members to Recycling & Litter Committee (County Manager Alan Ours)
Lumpkin County's recycling program has become stagnant and needs to be revised and upgraded.

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

9. 2023-07 February Surplus Property (Finance Director Abby Branan)
Consideration of list of County inventory items to be declared surplus.

***Motion:** A motion was made by District 3 Commissioner Stringer to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by District 1 Commissioner Greene. The motion was approved and carried.*

10. 2023-08 Request Local Action to Increase Hotel Motel Tax (County Attorney Joy Edelberg)

***Motion:** A motion was made by District 1 Commissioner Greene to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by District 4 Commissioner Moran. The motion was approved and carried.*

11. 2023-09 Appoint Member to Veterans Affairs Committee - John Howerton to Seat 6, with a term expiring 04/14/2027

***Motion:** A motion was made by Chairman Dockery to appoint John Howerton to Seat 6 with a term expiring 4/14/2027. The motion was seconded by District 4 Commissioner Moran. The motion was approved and carried.*

12. 2023-10 Multi-Bank Securities, Inc. (Finance Director Abby Branan)
Consideration of a Resolution for investing with Multi-Bank Securities, Inc.

***Motion:** A motion was made by District 3 Commissioner Stringer to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by District 1 Commissioner Greene. The motion was approved and carried.*

REPORTS

Sheriff Jarrard came up to speak about rumors of a possible homeless shelter arriving to Dahlonega. He said he wanted to make sure that everyone is aware of what could happen if we do have a homeless shelter in this community. He said he is not trying to be coldhearted, but he is familiar what comes with that in his position as Sheriff. He compared it to what it was like having the Rainbow Family here in 2018, except it would be all year. Sheriff Jarrard said he received so many calls and complaints during that time, and he just doesn't want citizens to be surprised if that starts happening again.

The Sheriff said there has been talk of him "shutting it down," but he has researched the stats on the effects of homeless shelters, and he has spoken to neighboring sheriffs about them. Can our community afford a shelter? There will be increased call volume for law enforcement and EMS, and businesses will complain when homeless people start begging for money on the square. Sheriff Jarrard urged people to voice their opinions on the matter.

Chairman Dockery said he spoke to the director of the homeless shelter in Hall County, and he said they did not have a homeless problem until that shelter arrived. He claimed when metro area shelters are at full capacity, they will actually give free taxi or Uber rides to homeless people and send them to less populated areas like ours. If we get a homeless shelter, that will begin happening. Chairman Dockery said it's all we can do to help our own community, and we can't support the homeless of other places. We need to be careful what we bring into our community.

CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS

13. 2023-007 Consideration of Renewal of State Properties Commission Lease – Technical College System of GA - Adult Learning Center (Special Projects Director Ashley Peck)
Consideration of Renewal of State Properties Commission Lease - Technical College System of GA - Adult Learning Center

***Motion:** A motion was made by District 3 Commissioner Stringer to approve the contract. The motion was seconded by District 1 Commissioner Greene. The motion was approved and carried.*

14. 2023-008 Mark Robinson Hauling, Inc. - Recycling & Transfer Station Lease Agreement (Special Projects Director Ashley Peck)
Amendment to contract with Mark Robinson Hauling for the operation and management of the Lumpkin County Solid Waste Transfer Station and the County's Recycling Program.

Motion: Commissioner Stringer moved to approve the contract and was seconded by Commissioner Moran.

Motion: Commissioner Stringer amended his motion to include the fee increase proposed by Mark Robinson. Commissioner Greene seconded for discussion.

Motion: Commissioner Stringer amended his motion for the fee increase to \$15 to be effective March 1st contingent on the County Manager's approval of the Transfer Station cleanup. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Moran. Motion was approved and carried.

15. 2023-009 Legacy Link Addendum #1 FY-2023 (Senior Center Manager Linda Kirkpatrick)

This is a request to amend the contract that Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners entered into with Legacy Link, Inc. (Contract #2022-020-A-S approved on August 15, 2022) for the Lumpkin County Senior Center to provide nutrition and wellness services, nutrition screening and support services for senior adults in Lumpkin County.

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

16. 2023-010 Loan of Tractor for Display in the Administration Building Lobby (Special Projects Director Ashley Peck)

Loan of Tractor for Display in the Administration Building Lobby

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

17. 2023-011 Prepared 911, Text to 911 - Prepared Emergency Communications Service Contract with Invictus Apps, Inc. (E911 Director Carlton Chester)

This is a new service recently made available through Rapid SOS, our call locating system, that will allow us to receive text messages, photos, and video from cell phones.

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

18. 2023-012 PowerPhone Site License Training Program (E911 Director Carlton Chester)

This is a new program recently made available through our power phone software where we currently obtain our EMD (emergency medical dispatch) training/recertification.

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

19. 2023-013 Off System Safety Project Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) (Special Projects Manager Charles Trammell)

Request for BOC approval of a MOU with GDOT on the proposed safety project on Ben Higgins Rd.

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

20. 2023-014 2023 LMIG Asphalt Resurfacing Bid Award (Special Projects Manager Charles Trammell)

Recommendation to award the LMIG (Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant) Project Bids.

Motion: A motion was made by District 3 Commissioner Stringer to approve the bid award. The motion was seconded by District 1 Commissioner Greene. The motion was approved and carried.

21. 2023-015 CorrectHealth Contract Renewal (Sheriff Stacy Jarrard)

Renewal of the contract for inmate medical services.

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

22. 2023-016 Georgia Department of Natural Resources Recreational Trails Program Project Agreement
Consideration of Georgia Department of Natural Resources Recreational Trails Program Project Agreement

***Motion:** A motion was made by Chairman Dockery to approve the agreement. The motion was seconded by District 4 Commissioner Moran. The motion was approved and carried.*

OTHER ITEMS

23. 2014 SPLOST 2023 Work Plan Amendment (Finance Director Abby Branan)
Consideration of 2014 SPLOST 2023 Work Plan Amendment

***Motion:** A motion was made by District 1 Commissioner Greene to approve the work plan amendment. The motion was seconded by District 3 Commissioner Stringer. The motion was approved and carried.*

24. 2020 SPLOST 2023 Work Plan (Finance Director Abby Branan)
Request to approve work plan on 2020 SPLOST

***Motion:** Commissioner Moran moved to approve the work plan as presented. Commissioner Stringer seconded the motion for discussion.*

Commissioner Stringer asked Commissioner Moran if he would amend his motion so that any item over \$100,000 would have to come back before the Board.

***Motion:** Commissioner Moran amended his motion to include that any item over \$100,000 would come back before the BOC. Commissioner Stringer seconded the amended motion.*

Finance Director Abby Branan requested for the Commissioners to amend the motion to exclude debt service payments.

***Motion:** Commissioner Moran amended the motion to also include the exclusion of debt service payments in the \$100,000 cap. The amended motion was seconded by Commissioner Stringer. All were in favor and the motion carried.*

25. 2019 TSPLOST 2023 Work Plan Amendment (Finance Director Abby Branan)
Request to amend the work plan on the 2019 TSPLOST

***Motion:** A motion was made by District 3 Commissioner Stringer to approve the work plan amendment. The motion was seconded by District 4 Commissioner Moran. The motion was approved and carried.*

26. Recycling & Transfer Station Timeline (Special Projects Director Ashley Peck)
Transfer Station and Recycling Center

***Motion:** A motion was made by District 1 Commissioner Greene to approve the timeline. The motion was seconded by District 3 Commissioner Stringer. The motion was approved and carried.*

27. Request to Dispose of County Owned ROW (County Attorney Joy Edelberg)
Discussion on selling a portion of GDOT PR-41-1 (187) ROW on Parcel 107 175.

***Motion:** A motion was made by District 4 Commissioner Moran to approve Course of Action 2, which is to determine the right-of-way is no longer needed for public road purposes and to sell the right-of-way to Paul & Reba Bowen at an agreed upon price, but in no event less than \$16,608.00 (the price paid for the ROW acquisition). The motion was seconded by District 3 Commissioner Stringer. The motion was approved and carried.*

28. LCWSA Application for GEFA Loan (W&S Authority Director Sean Phipps)

LCWSA Staff to update the Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners on the status of a loan application LCWSA submitted to GEFA to secure matching funds for construction of the wastewater treatment plant at Lumpkin County Parkway.

***Motion:** A motion was made by Chairman Dockery to approve the application. The motion was seconded by District 1 Commissioner Greene. The motion was approved and carried.*

29. Debris Removal and Disposal Bid Award (Finance Director Abby Branan)

Consideration of disaster debris removal and disposal bids

Motion: A motion was made by District 3 Commissioner Stringer to reject all bids. The motion was seconded by District 1 Commissioner Greene. The motion was approved and carried.

Motion: A motion was made by District 3 Commissioner Stringer to reject all bids and issue an RFP. The motion was seconded by District 1 Commissioner Greene. The motion was approved and carried.

COUNTY MANAGER

The County Manager, Mr. Ours, gave a brief update of the new recreation center and pool facility construction.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

COMMISSIONERS

Chairman Dockery gave an update on the intersection improvements at Pinetree Way, which were partially funded by TSPLOST dollars.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

EXECUTIVE SESSION - Personnel

Motion: Commissioner Stringer moved to enter executive session at 6:58 PM, and was seconded by Commissioner Greene. The motion carried.

Motion: Commissioner Stringer made a motion to exit executive session and re-enter regular session. Commissioner Moran seconded the motion, which was approved and carried. Regular session resumed at 7:26 PM.

Motion: Commissioner Greene moved to allow the County Manager to do a one-time exception to the policy regarding the salaries of the Park & Rec Manager and the Special Projects Manager. Commissioner Stringer seconded the motion, which was approved and carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: A motion was made by District 3 Commissioner Stringer to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 PM. The motion was seconded by District 4 Commissioner Moran. The motion was approved and carried.

Date

3/21/23

Chris Dockery, Chairman
Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Melissa Witcher
Clerk, Lumpkin County