



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

February 20, 2024
6:00 PM

- **CALL TO ORDER**
- **INVOCATION**
- **CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA**
- **PRESENTATIONS**
 1. Recognition of 2023 Employees of the Year
- **PUBLIC COMMENTS (Agenda Specific)**
- **PROCLAMATIONS**
 2. UNG Nighthawks Softball Team 2023 NCAA Division II National Champions Proclamation of Recognition
- **CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES**
 3. Board of Commissioners - Work Session - January 2, 2024 4:00 PM
 4. Board of Commissioners - Retreat - January 12, 2024 9:00 AM
 5. Board of Commissioners - Work Session II - January 16, 2024 5:30 PM
 6. Board of Commissioners - Regular Meeting - January 16, 2024 6:00 PM
- **RESOLUTIONS**
 7. 2024-06 Appoint/Reappoint Members to the Development Authority of Lumpkin County - A.C. Moore to Seat 2, Robb Nichols to Seat 4, and Wyman Walden to Seat 7, all with terms expiring 03/07/2028 and Mac McConnell to Seat 9, of an unexpired term ending 03/07/2025
 8. 2024-07 Reappoint Members to Hospital Authority - Deborah Armstrong to Seat 1, and Gene Westmoreland to Seat 2, both with terms expiring 03/01/2028
 9. 2024-08 Resolution Adopting Revised Environmental Health Fees (Michelle Charriez)
 10. 2024-09 February Surplus Property (Finance Director Abby Branan)
 11. 2024-10 Amend 2024 Budget (Finance Director Abby Branan)
- **REPORTS**

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- **ELECTED OFFICIALS**
- **CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS**
 12. 2024-003 Impact Fire Contract Renewal - Inspection of Sprinkler System at Detention Center (Special Projects Director Ashley Peck)
 13. 2024-004 Disaster Debris Monitoring Contract - DebrisTech (Roads Superintendent David Robinson)

14. 2024-005 Disaster Debris Monitoring Contract - Thompson Consulting Services (*Roads Superintendent David Robinson*)
15. 2024-006 Disaster Debris Removal & Disposal Contract - Ceres Environmental (*Roads Superintendent David Robinson*)
16. 2024-007 Disaster Debris Removal and Disposal Contract - Southern Disaster Recovery (*Roads Superintendent David Robinson*)
17. 2024-008 Purchase of Ballot DA: Poll Worker Administration & Attendance Kiosk for Elections & Voter Registration Office (*Registrar & Elections Supervisor Robin McIntosh*)
18. 2024-009 GEMA State Wide Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreement (*EMA Director David Wimpy*)
19. 2024-010 2024 LMIG Asphalt Resurfacing Bid Award (*Special Projects Manager Charles Trammell*)
20. 2024-011 Tek84 Intercept Body Scanner for Lumpkin County Detention Center (*Sheriff Stacy Jarrard*)
21. 2024-012 Contract Amendment with CivicPlus for Website Services (*Special Projects Director Ashley Peck*)
22. 2024-013 CorrectHealth Inmate Medical Renewal (*Sheriff Stacy Jarrard*)
23. 2024-014 FY 2023 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program

- **OTHER ITEMS**

24. Purchase of 2 Cabana X Pavilions - Estimate from Struxure (*Special Projects Director Ashley Peck*)
25. Request to Create New Positions for the Pinetree Recreation Center (*Pinetree Recreation Center Manager Jared Ray*)
26. Request to Create the Assistant County Manager Position and Reorganize County Departments and Upgrade two Division Directors (*County Manager Alan Ours*)
27. Approval of Positions for the Lumpkin County Recycling Center (*Special Projects Director Ashley Peck*)
28. Approval of Site Plan and Funding for the New Lumpkin County Recycling Center (*Special Projects Director Ashley Peck*)
29. Replacement of Gym Equipment for Pinetree Recreation Center (*Special Projects Director Ashley Peck*)
30. Voting Delegate for Georgia Opioid Settlement Advisory Commission (GOSAC) and Regional Advisory Council (RAC) Slate Consideration - Alan Ours
31. Replacement of Sheriff Department Vehicles - Emergency First Responder Vehicles for Patrol Division (*Sheriff Stacy Jarrard*)

- **COUNTY MANAGER**

- **COUNTY ATTORNEY**

- **COMMISSIONERS**

- **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- **EXECUTIVE SESSION - Personnel**

- **ADJOURNMENT**

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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:08 pm by Chairman Dockery. Present were Chairman Chris Dockery and Commissioners Tucker Greene, Bobby Mayfield, Rhett Stringer, and Jeff Moran.

INVOCATION

Chairman Dockery gave the invocation, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA

***Motion:** Chairman Dockery moved to approve the agenda and to move "proclamations" before "public comments" and "presentations." Commissioner Mayfield seconded the motion, which was approved and carried.*

PRESENTATIONS

1. Recognition of 2023 Employees of the Year

This is to recognize David Payne as the 2023 Employee of the Year, Michael Fernandez as the 2023 Fire/EMS Employee of the Year, and Austin Brown as the 2023 Sheriff's Department Employee of the Year.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (Agenda Specific)

PROCLAMATIONS

2. UNG Nighthawks Softball Team 2023 NCAA Division II National Champions Proclamation of Recognition

***Motion:** Commissioner Greene moved to approve the proclamation and was seconded by Commissioner Moran. The motion was approved and carried.*

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

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***Motion:** Commissioner Moran made a motion to approve the minutes by acclamation. Commissioner Mayfield seconded the motion, which was approved and carried.*

RESOLUTIONS

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***Motion:** Chairman Dockery moved to approve the nominees by acclamation, and his motion was seconded by Commissioner Mayfield. The motion was approved and carried.*

8. 2024-07 Reappoint Members to Hospital Authority - Deborah Armstrong to Seat 1, and Gene Westmoreland to Seat 2, both with terms expiring 03/01/2028

***Motion:** Chairman Dockery moved to appoint Deborah Armstrong to Seat 1 and Gene Westmoreland to Seat 2, both with terms expiring 3/01/2028. Commissioner Greene seconded the motion, which was approved and carried.*

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9. 2024-08 Resolution Adopting Revised Environmental Health Fees (Michelle Charriez)

The state has adopted new body art regulations, with these come new/modified fees that need to be included on our fee schedule. We are proposing some minor additional changes to the existing fees.

***Motion:** Commissioner Greene moved to approve the resolution and was seconded by Commissioner Stringer. The motion was approved and carried.*

10. 2024-09 February Surplus Property (Finance Director Abby Branan)

Consideration of list of County inventory items to be declared surplus.

***Motion:** Commissioner Stringer moved to approve the resolution and was seconded by Commissioner Moran. The motion was approved and carried.*

11. 2024-10 Amend 2024 Budget (Finance Director Abby Branan)

Consideration of a 2024 Budget Amendment

***Motion:** Commissioner Moran moved to approve the motion and was seconded by Commissioner Greene.*

***Motion:** Commissioner Moran amended his motion to table this item until next month. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Stringer, which was approved and carried.*

REPORTS

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ELECTED OFFICIALS

CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS

12. 2024-003 Impact Fire Contract Renewal - Inspection of Sprinkler System at Detention Center (Special Projects Director Ashley Peck)

Contract renewal with Impact Fire for Inspection of Sprinkler System at Detention Center

***Motion:** Commissioner Moran moved to approve the contract and was seconded by Commissioner Stringer. The motion was approved unanimously.*

13. 2024-004 Disaster Debris Monitoring Contract - DebrisTech (Roads Superintendent David Robinson)

Consideration of a Contract renewal for - DebrisTech, Disaster Debris Monitoring

***Motion:** Commissioner Stringer moved to approve the contract and was seconded by Commissioner Greene. The motion was approved unanimously.*

14. 2024-005 Disaster Debris Monitoring Contract - Thompson Consulting Services (Roads Superintendent David Robinson)

Consideration of a contract renewal for Thompson Consulting Services, Disaster Debris Monitoring. This is the first year for contract renewal.

***Motion:** Commissioner Stringer moved to approve the contract and was seconded by Commissioner Moran. The motion was approved unanimously.*

15. 2024-006 Disaster Debris Removal & Disposal Contract - Ceres Environmental (Roads Superintendent David Robinson)

Consideration of contract renewal for disaster debris removal and disposal with Ceres Environmental. This will be the first annual renewal.

***Motion:** Commissioner Moran moved to approve the contract and was seconded by Commissioner Stringer. The motion was approved and carried.*

16. 2024-007 Disaster Debris Removal and Disposal Contract - Southern Disaster Recovery (Roads Superintendent David Robinson)

Consideration of contract renewal for disaster debris removal and disposal with Southern Disaster Recovery. This is the first annual renewal.

***Motion:** Commissioner Stringer moved to approve the contract and was seconded by Commissioner Moran. The motion was approved and carried.*

17. 2024-008 Purchase of Ballot DA: Poll Worker Administration & Attendance Kiosk for Elections & Voter Registration Office (Registrar & Elections Supervisor Robin McIntosh)

Contract with Ballot DA to provide an online Poll Worker Management solution.

***Motion:** Commissioner Mayfield moved to approve the contract and was seconded by Commissioner Greene. Commissioners Greene, Mayfield, and Moran were in favor. Commissioner Stringer was opposed. Motion carried.*

18. 2024-009 GEMA State Wide Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreement (EMA Director David Wimpy)

This is an agreement between state and local governments that gives them the opportunity to give and receive assistance between each other. It also gives them the ability to receive reimbursements from the cost that may be incurred during a disaster or emergency.

***Motion:** Commissioner Stringer moved to approve the agreement and was seconded by Commissioner Moran. The motion was approved unanimously.*

19. 2024-010 2024 LMIG Asphalt Resurfacing Bid Award (Special Projects Manager Charles Trammell)

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

***Motion:** Commissioner Stringer moved to approve the bid award and was seconded by Commissioner Greene. The motion was approved unanimously.*

20. 2024-011 Tek84 Intercept Body Scanner for Lumpkin County Detention Center (Sheriff Stacy Jarrard)

Agreement and purchase of full body scanner to eliminate contraband from entering the facility.

***Motion:** Commissioner Mayfield moved to approve the agreement and was seconded by Commissioner Greene. The motion was approved and carried.*

21. 2024-012 Contract Amendment with CivicPlus for Website Services (Special Projects Director Ashley Peck)

Contract Amendment with CivicPlus for Website Services

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

22. 2024-013 CorrectHealth Inmate Medical Renewal (Sheriff Stacy Jarrard)

Renewal of the contract for inmate medical services.

***Motion:** Commissioner Greene moved to approve the contract and was seconded by Commissioner Stringer. The motion was approved and carried.*

23. 2024-014 FY 2023 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program

The FY-2023 AFG Program Funding Opportunity Announcement was recently issued by the US Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

***Motion:** Commissioner Stringer moved to approve the agreement and was seconded by Commissioner Moran. The motion was approved unanimously.*

OTHER ITEMS

24. Purchase of 2 Cabana X Pavilions - Estimate from Struxure (Special Projects Director Ashley Peck)

Approval of the estimate from Struxure for the purchase and installation of 2 Cabana X pavilions. The color for the pavilions will need to be decided from the 4 color options available.

***Motion:** Commissioner Moran made a motion to approve the white frame with white louvers, and Commissioner Stringer seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.*

25. Request to Create New Positions for the Pinetree Recreation Center (Pinetree Recreation Center Manager Jared Ray)

The Pinetree Recreation Center is scheduled to open in the spring of 2024. The Board has already approved the job descriptions for the Manager and Assistant Manager positions. Additional positions will also be needed for the operation of the Center such as: Lifeguard (this is an updated description from the current one for the position of lifeguard), head lifeguard, front desk attendant, concession worker, concession supervisor, and swim instructor. Job descriptions and

grades for each of these positions have been developed and approval of each position is requested.

***Motion:** Commissioner Stringer moved to approve the request and was seconded by Commissioner Greene. The motion was approved unanimously.*

26. Request to Create the Assistant County Manager Position and Reorganize County Departments (County Manager Alan Ours)

Create the position of Assistant County Manager, reorganize county departments, and change the current title of the Director of Special Projects to the Director of Operations.

***Motion:** Commissioner Greene moved to approve the request, and he was seconded by Commissioner Moran. The motion was approved unanimously.*

27. Approval of Positions for the Lumpkin County Recycling Center (Special Projects Director Ashley Peck)
Approval of the new positions for the Lumpkin County Recycling Center

***Motion:** Commissioner Mayfield moved to table this for a month. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Stringer, and the motion was approved unanimously.*

28. Approval of Site Plan and Funding for the New Lumpkin County Recycling Center (Special Projects Director Ashley Peck)
Approval for the modifications to the Recycling Center site and approval of funding for the modifications.

***Motion:** Commissioner Mayfield moved to table this item for a month, and he was seconded by Commissioner Stringer. The motion was approved and carried.*

29. Replacement of Gym Equipment for Pinetree Recreation Center (Special Projects Director Ashley Peck)
Replacement of Gym Equipment for the Pinetree Recreation Center

***Motion:** Commissioner Greene moved to approve the replacement. The motion died for lack of a second.*

30. Voting Delegate for Georgia Opioid Settlement Advisory Commission (GOSAC) and Regional Advisory Council (RAC) Slate Consideration - Alan Ours

This is to appoint Alan Ours as the voting delegate for Lumpkin County.

***Motion:** Chairman Dockery moved to appoint Alan Ours as the voting delegate, and he was seconded by Commissioner Mayfield. The motion was approved and carried.*

31. Replacement of Sheriff Department Vehicles - Emergency First Responder Vehicles for Patrol Division (Sheriff Stacy Jarrard)
(3) 2024 Ford (PIU) Patrol vehicles

***Motion:** Commissioner Mayfield moved to approve course of action A, which is to approve the purchase of 3 replacement vehicles for UPD. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Stringer. Motion carried unanimously.*

COUNTY MANAGER

Mr. Ours gave an update on the planned roundabout at Burnt Stand and Auraria Road.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Mayfield lauded the high school wrestling team for their recent accomplishments.

Commissioner Stringer shared that State Trooper Chase Redner, a former classmate of his, was killed in the line of duty this past weekend. He urged everyone to keep the family in their prayers.

Chairman Dockery updated everyone about the CHOICE Act legislation that has recently been introduced in Georgia's General Assembly. The bill, which stands for Community Housing Options Income Cost Efficiency Act, would give priority funding and opportunities to communities that promote high-density, affordable multi-family housing. He testified against this legislation, as he believes it would not be a good fit for our rural community. He urged everyone to contact our legislators to oppose this legislation.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Frank Pellegrino came to represent the local senior softball group. He said that Field 5, which is the normal location for their practices and home games, is in terrible condition. Mr. Pellegrino said the senior softball team has moved their home games to White County because the conditions on Field 5 are so bad. He hopes that the County will be able to renovate the field during their absence. Chairman Dockery thanked him for bringing this to the BOC's attention, and he asked Mr. Pellegrino to give his contact information to the County Manager.

Clinton Crane came to speak about recent building developments in the County. He said that the Mill Creek area was lucky because the proposed Flourish Development was canceled. He was concerned about the existence of Class VI subdivisions and asked if there was any way we could do away with those entirely. He thought that when the regulations were updated recently it should have prevented something like Flourish from ever being able to exist in a rural area, and that townhomes and duplexes would be built in the 400 area. Mr. Crane said we can't have large multi-family and mixed commercial developments in areas with no County water or sewage.

Commissioner Mayfield agreed with Mr. Crane and said the Flourish development blindsided him. We need to rewrite the regulations or eliminate the Class VI subdivision. His intent was for such developments to be out by Highway 400, not in people's backyards. Mr. Crane said if we let one development like that in, it opens the door for everyone else to come in. Mr. Crane then addressed Sheriff Jarrard and asked how he calculates how many deputies to hire. Sheriff Jarrard said we generally calculate based on call volume, and he expects to ask for more deputies when the new hospital has finished construction.

Mr. Crane said he wants us to slow down the population growth. Is the Class VI subdivision the only loophole, or are there other ways for developments to come in with duplexes and townhomes? Chairman Dockery said not only do developers have to abide by Planning regulations, they also have to conform to Environmental Health regulations and similar things. It is a matter of property rights vs. the property rights of your neighbors. The County is changing, and he is not sure if there is a way to completely shut the door on people moving in. The smart approach is to plan how we move forward and shape the growth how we desire it. We would like for the majority of the County to stay rural, the Chairman said. We may have to look at the regulations again, and we will do what needs to be done if improvements need to be made. Clinton Crane asked if he should make a petition, and Chairman Dockery said he was welcome to do so if he wishes, but he cannot give an answer yet.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - Personnel

***Motion:** Commissioner Mayfield made a motion to enter executive session and was seconded by Commissioner Greene. The motion was approved unanimously, and the executive session began at 6:57 pm.*

***Motion:** Commissioner Greene moved to exit executive session and re-enter regular session.*

His motion was seconded by Commissioner Mayfield, and executive session ended at 8:00 pm.

***Motion:** Commissioner Mayfield made a motion to provide an increase in the County Manager's salary by 7%, effective January 1, 2024. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Moran, and was approved unanimously.*

ADJOURNMENT

***Motion:** Commissioner Mayfield moved to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Commissioner Greene. The motion was approved unanimously, and the meeting ended at 8:07 pm.*

Date

March 19, 2024

Chris Dockery, Chairman
Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Melissa Witcher

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Clerk, Lumpkin County