

**LUMPKIN COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Special Called Meeting
AGENDA**

**Lumpkin County Administration Building
Main Conference Room
99 Courthouse Hill
Dahlonega, Georgia
February 22, 2011
6:00 P.M.**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Raber

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

III. NEW BUSINESS

- Issuance of Alcoholic Beverage License
Jesse Castleberry for Cavender Creek Vineyards & Winery
- Anti-Litter Campaign
Discussion of a campaign for Lumpkin County

IV. OLD BUSINESS

- Discussion of Recycling Options for Lumpkin County
Commissioner Stowers – Report on NGRMA

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Raber

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
OF THE LUMPKIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

February 22, 2011

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Raber called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm in the Boardroom of the Lumpkin County Administration Building. Present were John Raber, Bill Scott, Tim Bowden, Clarence Stowers and Clarence Grindle.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: Commissioner Stowers made a motion to approve the agenda. That motion was seconded by Clarence Grindle and approved by all district commissioners. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Issue Alcoholic Beverage License

2011-18 Jesse Castleberry for Cavender Creek Winery LLC
d/b/a Cavender Creek Vineyards & Winery

Motion: Commissioner Scott moved to approve this license which was seconded by Tim Bowden. Commissioners Scott, Bowden, Stowers and Grindle approved the motion and the motion carried.

Anti-Litter Campaign

Chairman Raber gave background on this issue and used the example of Glenn County to explain how a campaign could work. After stating that the judges must be on board with this type of campaign, he pointed out that a first offence litter offender gets a letter. With a second offense, the offender will be fined. He pointed out that this is not going to happen overnight.

OLD BUSINESS

Recycling

Chairman Raber explained that CSW had withdrawn their proposal and would not reconsider. He said he wants to appoint a citizen committee that will come back in 45 days and recommend what should be done regarding recycling.

Motion: Chairman Raber moved to appoint a citizen committee of nine people. A second to that motion was made by Bill Scott.

Clarence Stowers said that so long as we maintain our "regional" facility, he is fine with single stream or other type of stream. Tim Bowden said he would support this idea but wants board discussion regarding guidelines in advance of appointments being made. Bill Scott said we need to keep it local no matter what we do. Clarence Stowers said Mr. Slade of CSW withdrew his proposal primarily because he had figured the cost very closely and it wasn't going to work. Clarence Stowers said he would like to have a drop-off point closer to the southern part of the county.

Chairman Raber then amended his motion to appoint Clarence Stowers and Bill Scott to make a recommendation to the board regarding the committee. All district commissioners voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

Leslie George of North Georgia Resource Management Authority gave background of the arrangement between NGRMA and Lumpkin County. She said NGRMA is open to change but she wants to make sure people have full information. She spoke about the reason for multi-source recycling and certain problems that arise with single stream and unmanned sites. Ms. George said NGRMA will help Lumpkin County as much as possible. She then answered numerous questions. She stated that single stream generates about a third of the revenue of multi-stream. In response to a question from Commissioner Stowers, Ms. George said a truck could not be kept here because of light volume. However, she said when there is a sufficient load it will be picked up.

Ms. George then responded to questions from Brian West, Vivian Lamb, Don Kenney, Haley Fowler, Lori Hopkins, Judy Linn, Fred Fister, Nicholas Rivera, Walter Briar, Bill Hacker, Sally Sorohan, Gabriel Russo, and Joann Dangleman. Ms. George said it should not be a problem to convert to single stream, explained what items can be included and said it is questionable if any new jobs would be created in Lumpkin County due to recycling. She explained that the advantage to Lumpkin County being a part of a regional effort was that we market as a region. Ms. George then said that NGRMA can guarantee that the items currently accepted at the recycling center are being recycled. She said this is not the case when using single stream.

There was then discussion of what kind of recycling works best in a community such as Lumpkin County. This included comments about private garbage collectors, curbside pickup, and the need for continued education of the public. Preston Tritt, owner of AAA Sanitation, said he worked with Cobb County when they mandated recycling. He pointed out that this did not last a year because they were unable to make money.

Robert Fuller said he hopes the committee will look at the true cost of recycling such as time, cost of gasoline, and the energy consumed to take items to a recycling location. Ms. George pointed out that recycling saves non-renewable resources such as the bauxite in aluminum as well as renewable resources.

Next to speak was Hazel Mobley of Strategic Materials. She said Georgia needs all the glass it can get because the two largest glass recycling plants, one of the largest beverage companies in the world, and two breweries are located in Georgia. She pointed out that sand is the cheapest item in the world and that Georgia has an abundance of it. Ms. Mobley said that is what she competes with. However, she said Georgia now requires that newly made glass contain a percentage of recycled glass.

Ms. Mobley said the most efficient way to recycle glass is to have bins with broken glass divided by color. Once the bins are full, Strategic Materials would come pick it up. She said education is the key. Ms. Mobley said she wants quality glass only and would pay for this. She explained that a space the size of the Boardroom would be adequate for collection and it would be best for it to be fenced.

Paul Von Ward, Robert Fuller and Steven Leibel all said that the committee should be a citizen committee comprised of people who are not stakeholders. They suggested that the stakeholders could be used as resources. Mr. Von Ward suggested that the committee take a cost benefit analysis of our participation in NGRMA. Steven Leibel said he thinks the Chairman should appoint the committee chair, and that each commissioner should appoint two people, none of whom should be stakeholders. He said this takes politics out of the equation yet the board has a say as to who sits on the committee.

Commissioner Stowers said the board has dealt with many issues at meetings in the past such as population, septic systems, and density of development. He encouraged people to attend. Commissioner Scott said we are looking for a better way, which was echoed by Commissioner Grindle. Clarence Stowers then said we have property in Frogstown that, perhaps, could be used for glass recycling. He invited anyone who wished to view the documents on the current county recycling program to view them on the county website.

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Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Bowden to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Clarence Stowers. Commissioners Scott, Bowden, Stowers and Grindle approved the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

April 19, 2011
Date

John Rabe
John Rabe, Chairman
Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Kathleen C. Walker
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Clerk, Lumpkin County