

**LUMPKIN COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
Regular Meeting Agenda  
Lumpkin County Administration Building  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Board Room  
99 Courthouse Hill  
Dahlonega, Georgia**

**March 15, 2011  
6:00 P.M.  
AS AMENDED**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Raber

**II. INVOCATION**

**III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**IV. PRESENTATION**

- Lumpkin County High School Art Students –Cannery Art Exhibit
- Yahoola Creek Park Public Facilities (*Young Citizen Damien*)
- Land for Community Helping Place (*Chairman Raber*)

**V. PROCLAMATIONS**

- Honoring Travis Burton

**VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- February 01, 2011 Work Session Notes 9:00 a.m.
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**VII. RESOLUTIONS**

- 2011-21 Appoint Members to Joint Development Authority Lumpkin, Dawson, White Counties (*Seat 1, JoAnne Taylor – term ending 12/31/14; Seat 3, Clark J. Thompson – term ending 12/31/14*)
- 2011-22 Nominate Hospital Authority Board Member (*Seat 9, Quentin Woomer – term ending 03/01/15*)
- 2011-23 Appoint Member to the Board of Tax Assessors (*Seat 4, Larry Rodgers – term ending 06/30/15*)
- 2011-24 Appoint Member to the Development Authority of Lumpkin County (*Seat 9, Jim Curtis – unexpired term ending 03/07/13*)
- 2011-25 Appoint Member to Veterans Affairs Advisory Committee (*Seat 5, Bruce Hoffman – term ending 04/14/2015*)
- 2011-17 Intangible Assets Policy (*Finance – Allison Martin*)
- 2011-18 Surplus Property (*Finance – Allison Martin*)
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- Elected Officials
- Dahlonega-Lumpkin County Chamber of Commerce & CVB
- SPLOST Management – *Kevin Hamby*

**IX. CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS**

- EMA Mass Notification – Code Red (*SPLOST – Kevin Hamby*)
- E-911 Design Electrical Upgrades - EDI (*SPLOST – Kevin Hamby*)
- Architectural Design Services – Senior Center – Gardner, Spencer, Smith, Tench & Jarbeau (*SPLOST – Kevin Hamby*)
- Design Services SPLOST Project #A4 Administrative Facilities – Roof Replacements (*SPLOST – Kevin Hamby*)
- Canoe Launch – Ben LaChance – renewal (*Public Works – Larry Reiter*)
- Supplemental Law Enforcement Agreement – City of Dahlonega & LCSO (*Sheriff Jarrard*)
- Dr. Orton, Professional Services – Vet Services to Lumpkin County Animal Shelter (*Animal Shelter – Eddy Harris*)
- FY2012 5311 Rural Public Transportation Application Packet – renewal (*Senior Center – Gail Monroe*)
- ACCG-IRMA & GSIWCF Safety Discount Verification Form (*HR – Fran Sullens*)

**X. OTHER ITEMS**

- Revisions to Canoe Launch Master Plan – Changing Room (*Public Works – Larry Reiter*)
- Canoe Launch Park Lot – Request to Gravel (*Public Works – Larry Reiter*)
- ~~Guidance on Sign Regulation Amendments (*Planning – Larry Reiter*)~~
- Approval 2011 SPLOST Work Plan Amendment (*SPLOST – Kevin Hamby*)
- Waive 2010 Tax Statement – County Property Frogtown Road (*Tax Commissioner Rachel Pruitt*)
- Rainbow Children's Home – Repayment Proposal
- Veterans Affairs Advisory Committee – Placement of Flags in County Building
- Deputy Coroner Insurance (*Human Resources – Fran Sullens*)
- ~~Deputy Magistrate Position (*Human Resources – Fran Sullens*)~~
- Appoint Recycling Committee (*Chairman Raber - Regina Harper Odum as Chairperson; Commissioner Scott - Robert Fuller & Steven Liebel; Commissioner Stowers – George Butler & Tinker Head; Commissioner Bowden – Clinton Crane & Paul Von Ward; Commissioner Grindle – Preston Tritt & Chris Dockery*)
- Goals – Joint Economic Development Committee (*Chairman Raber*)

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**XI. COMMENTS**

- COUNTY MANAGER
- CHAIRMAN
- COMMISSIONER
- COUNTY ATTORNEY
- PUBLIC

**XII. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**XIII. ADJOURN**

Chairman Raber

**FUTURE MEETINGS:**

**April 2011**

- ❖ *Work Session – Administration Building*
- ❖ *Board Meeting – Administration Building*

*April 5, 2011 at 9:00 am  
April 19, 2011 at 6:00 pm*

**May 2011**

- ❖ *Work Session – Administration Building*
- ❖ *Board Meeting – Administration Building*

*May 3, 2011 at 9:00 am  
May 17, 2011 at 6:00 pm*

**June 2011**

- ❖ *Work Session – Administration Building*
- ❖ *Board Meeting – Administration Building*

*June 7, 2011 at 9:00 am  
June 21, 2011 at 6:00 pm*

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE LUMPKIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

March 15, 2011

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Raber called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Boardroom of the Lumpkin County Administration Building. Present were John Raber, Bill Scott, Tim Bowden, Clarence Stowers and Clarence Grindle.

**INVOCATION**

Reverend Jeff Ross, United Methodist Church, gave the invocation which was followed by the pledge of allegiance led by Chairman Raber.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

*Motion: Commissioner Scott made a motion to approve and amend the agenda such that the Community Helping Place item was moved to Presentations and the facilities at Yahoola Creek Park was added to that section. All appointment resolutions were moved to the beginning of the Resolutions section. Guidance on Sign Regulation Amendments and the Deputy Magistrate Position were removed from the agenda. This motion was seconded by Clarence Grindle and approved by all district commissioners. Motion carried.*

**PROCLAMATION**

Honoring Travis Burton

This proclamation honored Travis Burton for his hard work and dedication that enabled him to distinguish himself as the 2011 GHSA 215 pound State Wrestling Champion. It further proclaims Wednesday, March 16, 2011 as "Travis Burton Day".

*Motion: Commissioner Scott moved to approve the proclamation which was seconded by Clarence Grindle. All district commissioners approved and carried the motion.*

**PRESENTATION**

Lumpkin County High School Art Students – Cannery Exhibit

There was no one present for this item.

Facilities at Yahoola Park

Young Citizen Damien commented that he had tried to use the facilities at Yahoola Creek Park but they did not work. He also stated the bathrooms were locked and inaccessible. Chairman Raber explained that the YMCA was in charge of running the park now but the board will forward Damien's comments and concerns to them.

Land for Community Helping Place

*Motion: Chairman Raber made a motion to enter into a lease agreement with Community Helping Place for 2 - 2.5 acres on Riley Road. That motion died for lack of a second.*

Chairman Raber then opened the floor for discussion. Commissioner Scott stated there had not been enough discussion about this and that is not how the Board of Commissioners conducted business. Commissioner Stowers pointed out that the Board had adopted a policy and an application process. He said if the board is not going to follow approved policies then there was no reason to make them.

Among those who spoke on behalf of the Community Helping Place was Ron Larson, President of the Community Helping Place Board of Directors, who stated they were not aware of an application process. He said they have been trying to move forward for three years to provide an adequate facility to meet the great need in this community. Citizen Jason Cox stated that gas and transportation is always an issue therefore, they need a central location that is close to the resources that are necessary for the citizens.

Commissioner Stowers asked if the Community Helping Place might be interested in another piece of property. He explained that there may be environmental issues with the property CHP wants to lease. Commissioner Bowden said he is concerned with the amount it could cost the county for cleanup of the land. He said he is sympathetic to what CHP wants to do but explained that the commissioners have the responsibility to look at all options that might be best for the overall county. He said he is certainly willing to discuss this matter in hopes of reaching a satisfactory conclusion for everyone.

Mr. Larson stated that CHP would pay for a Phase I study of the land if the county would agree to allow them to proceed. Commissioner Scott explained his concern that even to do a study, if the land is disturbed, the county may have to proceed with an environmental cleanup no matter what the results are.

Citizen Wayne Grindle said it would take a minimum of a Phase II study on that property. There was discussion about the cleanup that may be required and the estimated costs for that cleanup. Citizen Vivian Morse stated she is a nurse at Community Helping Place and believes CHP is a shining light to Dahlonaga. Citizen Wendy Martin said she believes that new jobs for the county are important but she thinks both can be provided.

Sharon Hall questioned why there was such a rush for land after three years. A citizen explained that their lease was up on the building in Sept 2012. Chairman Raber then suggested to all commissioners that they go to Community Helping Place to see how they are helping citizens in need.

*The Chairman called for a break at 6:55 p.m. The meeting resumed at 7:00 p.m. Commissioner Scott was not present when the meeting resumed.*

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***Motion:** Commissioner Stowers made a motion to approve all the above minutes by acclamation. That motion was seconded by Clarence Grindle and approved by Commissioners Bowden, Stowers and Grindle. Motion carried.*

#### **RESOLUTIONS**

2011-21 Appoint Members to Joint Development Authority Lumpkin, Dawson, and White Counties

This resolution provides for the appointment of JoAnne Taylor to Seat 1 and Clark J. Thompson to Seat 3, each with terms expiring December 31, 2014.

***Motion:** A motion was made by Commissioner Bowden to approve Resolution 2011-21. A second to the motion was made by Clarence Stowers and approved by all district commissioners present. Motion carried.*

2011-22 Nominate Hospital Authority Board Member

This resolution provides for the appointment of Quentin Woomer to Seat 9 with a term expiring March 1, 2015.

**Motion:** Commissioner Bowden made a motion to nominate Quentin Woomer. A second was provided by Clarence Grindle and approved by all district commissioners present in the room. Motion carried.

2011-23 Appoint Member to the Board of Tax Assessors

This resolution provides for the appointment of Larry Rodgers to Seat 4 with a term expiring March 1, 2015.

**Motion:** Commissioner Bowden moved to appoint Mr. Rodgers. A second to the motion was made by Clarence Grindle and approved by all district commissioners present. Motion carried.

2011-24 Appoint Member to the Development Authority of Lumpkin County

This resolution provides for the appointment of Jim Curtis to Seat 9 to fulfill an unexpired term ending March 7, 2013.

**Motion:** Commissioner Bowden moved to approve this appointment. A second was made by Clarence Grindle and approved by Tim Bowden, Clarence Stowers and Clarence Grindle. Motion carried.

2011-25 Appoint Member to Veterans Affairs Advisory Committee

This resolution provides for the appointment of Bruce Hoffman to Seat 5 with a four year term expiring April 14, 2015.

**Motion:** Commissioner Bowden moved to appoint Mr. Hoffman to Seat 5. A second to the motion was made by Clarence Grindle. All district commissioners approved. Motion carried.

2011-17 Intangible Assets Policy

This resolution approves a financial policy for recognition of and accounting for the intangible assets of Lumpkin County.

**Motion:** Commissioner Stowers moved to approve this policy which was seconded by Tim Bowden. All district commissioners present approved the motion and the motion carried.

2011-18 Surplus Property

This resolution provides for the identification and classification of certain Lumpkin County property as surplus property and authorizes its sale and disposition.

**Motion:** A motion was made by Commissioner Bowden to approve the resolution. That motion was seconded by Clarence Stowers and approved by Tim Bowden, Clarence Stowers and Clarence Grindle. Motion carried.

2011-19 Settlers Bluff Subdivision Road Acceptance

This resolution adopts Settlers Run, Logsplitter Pass and Millers Break, all roads within Settlers Bluff Subdivision, into the county road system.

Road Name: Settlers Run	Right of Way Width: 60'	Length of Road: 2,357 feet
Logsplitter Pass	60'	360 feet
Millers Break	60'	208 feet

**Motion:** Commissioner Stowers made a motion to approve Resolution 2011-19 which was seconded by Tim Bowden. District Commissioners Bowden, Stowers and Grindle approved the motion. Motion carried.

2011-20 Amend Civil Service Plan

This resolution is to amend the Lumpkin Civil Service Plan to incorporate certain identified classified positions.

**Motion:** Commissioner Bowden moved to adopt the amended civil service plan. A second to the motion was made by Clarence Stowers and approved by all district commissioners present. Motion carried.

*Commissioner Bill Scott returned to the Boardroom at 7:13 p.m. and was present for the remaining votes.*

## **REPORTS**

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Elected Officials - there were none present at this time.

Dahlonega-Lumpkin County Chamber of Commerce & CVB Chairman Ed Willis stated that they were looking for a replacement for Steven Smith. The information for the position as Tourism Director is posted on their website. Mr. Willis presented a brief report on a planned upcoming meeting.

SPLOST Management - there were no comments at this time.

## **CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS**

### EMA Mass Notification – Code Red

SPLOST Manager Kevin Hamby said that the reviewing committee recommends the Code Red weather-only related system as intended with the SPLOST vote. Mr. Hamby explained that the system did require enrollment from the citizens. Notifications will occur at the discretion of the EMA Director.

*Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Stowers to approve Code Red which was seconded by Clarence Grindle. Commissioners Scott, Bowden, Stowers and Grindle approved the motion and the motion carried.*

### E-911 Design Electrical Upgrades – EDI

This agreement is to accept EDI's design upgrade proposal for the E911 electrical/low voltage cabling.

*Motion: Commission Stowers made a motion to approve this agreement. That motion was seconded by Tim Bowden and approved by all district commissioners. Motion carried.*

### Architectural Design Services – Senior Center – Gardner, Spencer, Smith, Tench & Jarbeau

This agreement is to accept the architectural design proposal for the Senior Center addition made by Gardner, Spencer, Smith, Tench, & Jarbeau.

*Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Stowers to approve the design proposal. The motion was seconded by Clarence Grindle and approved by Bill Scott, Tim Bowden, Clarence Stowers and Clarence Grindle. Motion carried.*

### Design Services SPLOST Project #A4 Administrative Facilities – Roof Replacements

This agreement is to accept the proposal for the architectural services of Gardner, Spencer, Smith, Tench & Jarbeau for the replacement of the roofing on the Administration and Annex buildings.

*Motion: Commissioner Stowers made a motion to accept the service proposal. The motion was seconded by Clarence Grindle and approved by all district commissioners. Motion carried.*

### Canoe Launch – Ben LaChance – Renewal

This sublease allows commercial enterprise to use the premises primarily for launch and pickup of watercraft and parties using the river for recreational purposes.

Term: January 1, 2011- December 31, 2011

Amount: \$4,000.00 or in-kind capital improvements approved at sole discretion of County/Lessor

*Motion: Commissioner Stowers moved to accept this agreement renewal which was seconded by Tim Bowden. All district commissioners approved the motion and the motion carried.*

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Supplemental Law Enforcement Agreement – City of Dahlonega & LCSO

This is an agreement between the City of Dahlonega and the Lumpkin County Sheriff's Office to provide supplemental law enforcement within the city limits.

Term: January 1, 2011- December 31, 2011

Amount: Not to exceed \$101,296.40 as set out in Exhibit A

*Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Bowden to approve this agreement. The motion was seconded by Clarence Stowers and approved by Commissioners Scott, Bowden, Stowers and Grindle. Motion carried.*

Dr. Orton, Professional Services – Vet Services to Lumpkin County Animal Shelter

This agreement allows the Lumpkin County Animal Shelter to obtain veterinary services from Dr. David Orton.

Term: January 1, 2011- December 31, 2011

Amount: \$12,000.00 per year

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

FY2012 5311 Rural Public Transportation Application Packet – Renewal

This is a renewal of the 5311 Rural Public Transportation Grant.

Term: July 1, 2011- June 30, 2012

Amount: Federal Grant \$76,612.00 – Local Match \$76,612.00 = Total \$153,223.00

*Motion: Commissioner Stowers moved to accept this renewal of the grant for the Lumpkin County Transit. The motion was seconded by Tim Bowden. All district commissioners approved the motion and the motion carried.*

ACCG-IRMA & GSIWCF Safety Discount Verification Form

This is to obtain up to a 5% discount on the ACCG-IRMA property and liability insurance premium.

Term: July 1, 2011- June 30, 2012 policy premium

Amount: Up to 5% discount

*Motion: A motion to approve was made by Commissioner Bowden and seconded by Clarence Stowers. Bill Scott, Tim Bowden, Clarence Stowers and Clarence Grindle approved and the motion carried.*

**OTHER ITEMS**

Revisions to Canoe Launch Master Plan – Changing Room

Ben LaChance d/b/a Appalachian Outfitters wants to add a changing room to the Canoe Launch Master Plan.

*Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Bowden to approve the changing room. He also requested that Appalachian Outfitters consider adding some privacy bushes around the building. The motion was seconded by Bill Scott and approved by Bill Scott, Tim Bowden, Clarence Stowers and Clarence Grindle. Motion carried.*

Canoe Launch Parking Lot – Request to Gravel

Ben LaChance d/b/a Appalachian Outfitters asks permission to gravel the parking lot located at the Canoe Launch. The purchase of the gravel will be deducted from his yearly owed in-kind fees.

*Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Bowden to approve the request to gravel. That motion was seconded by Bill Scott and approved by Commissioners Scott, Bowden, Stowers and Grindle. Motion carried.*

Approval 2011 SPLOST Work Plan Amendment

This amendment is to establish that the next work plan items will be the renovations to the upstairs boardroom and upgrades to the technical system at the administration building.

***Motion:** A motion was made by Commissioner Stowers to approve the amendment to the work plan. The motion was seconded by Bill Scott and approved by Bill Scott, Tim Bowden, Clarence Stowers and Clarence Grindle. Motion carried.*

Waive 2010 Tax Statement – County Property Frogtown Road

At the request of the Tax Commissioner this will waive the 2010 Taxes for the county-owned property on Frogtown Road.

***Motion:** Commissioner Bowden moved to waive the taxes. Bill Scott seconded the motion and it was followed by approval from all district commissioners. The motion carried.*

Rainbow Children's Home – Repayment Proposal

This is an agreement for the electric bills for Rainbow Children's Home to be paid by the county. The utility payments will be paid by deducting from the \$21,535.00 which CHP invested in a site they had desired to lease from the county.

***Motion:** Commissioner Stowers moved to accept the agreement to pay the electrical utility bills which was seconded by Bill Scott. All district commissioners approved the motion and the motion carried.*

Veterans Affairs Advisory Committee – Placement of Flags in County Building

This agreement allows the Veterans Affairs Advisory Committee to place flags in the Administration Building Lobby. The flags may be removed by the committee for use in patriotic programs.

***Motion:** Commissioner Stowers moved to accept this agreement which was seconded by Clarence Grindle. Bill Scott, Tim Bowden, Clarence Stowers and Clarence Grindle approved the motion and the motion carried.*

Deputy Coroner Insurance

The County Coroner requested insurance coverage for the Deputy County Coroner through the county. To do so would mean the county would have to offer insurance to all part-time and appointed positions which are not covered under the current Blue Cross-Blue Shield plan.

***Motion:** Commissioner Bowden moved to deny the request which was seconded by Clarence Stowers. All district commissioners approved the motion and the request was denied.*

Appoint Recycling Committee

This committee will be in place for a 45-day time period (ending May 5, 2011) as follows: Chairman Raber nominates Regina Harper Odum as Committee Chairperson, Commissioner Scott nominates Robert Fuller and Steven Leibel, Commissioner Bowden nominates Clinton Crane and Paul Von Ward, Commissioner Stowers nominates George Butler and Tinker Head, and Commissioner Grindle nominates Preston Tritt and Chris Dockery to the recycling committee. With board approval this committee with appointments will be spread upon the minutes.

***Motion:** Commissioner Scott moved to appoint the members to the committee which was seconded by Clarence Stowers. All district commissioners approved the motion and the motion carried.*

Goals – Joint Economic Development Committee

Commissioner Bowden stated that he would list his goals and attach a letter from Max Burns. He would then forward these items to the Chairman before the Joint Economic Development Committee meeting on Monday, March 21, 2011.

**COMMENTS**  
**COUNTY MANAGER**

The County Manager stated that the roof on the Old Health Department Building has been completed.

**CHAIRMAN**

Chairman Raber said that he is scheduling a meeting regarding HB 277 for 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 22, 2011 if the Superintendent of Schools and the Dahlonega City Council could attend. The road list for HB277 needs to be finalized. He reminded everyone that Taste of the Mountains is scheduled for March 24, 2011 and March 26, 2011 is Healthy Kids Day. New county maps are now available and can be found at the Chamber of Commerce and at the County Planning Office for \$10.00.

**COMMISSIONER**

Commissioner Scott said the Governor will be at North Georgia College & State University speaking on Economics.

Commissioner Stowers stated that there are many charities that do a lot of good throughout the county and they have very similar roles. He said there is no way of knowing how to choose which one is more important than the other. The Commissioner said it is very difficult once you have opened the door to provide for one and not for others. He said the board must take the time to study each and evaluate the impact that they have.

**COUNTY ATTORNEY**

The County Attorney had no comments.

**PUBLIC**

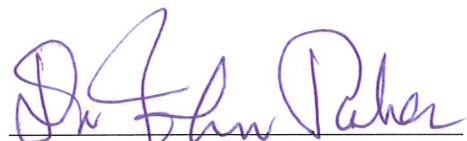
Michael Rodgers, Pastor of Bethlehem Baptist Church, said he spoke on behalf of many pastors within the county. He said the pastors want the board to know that they are opposed to a referendum for alcohol sales on Sundays. Commissioner Scott stated that if this is put on a referendum people can vote it up or down.

Pastor Rodgers said the pastors were asking for just one day dedicated to the Lord. He asked that everyone keep our quality of life in mind. It is the pastors' opinion that Sunday sales will erode the quality of life. Pastor Rodgers said there is a lot more the county could offer without alcohol sales on the Lords Day. Discussion followed with the board stating their opinions on Sunday sales.


**ADJOURN**

*Motion: Commission Stowers moved to adjourn the meeting. That motion was seconded by Clarence Grindle and approved by all district commissioners. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:49 p.m.*

19 April 2011  
Date

  
John Raber, Chairman  
Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

  
Kathleen C. Walker  
Clerk, Lumpkin County