

LUMPKIN COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING AGENDA
Lumpkin County Administration Building
Main Conference Room
99 Courthouse Hill
Dahlonega, Georgia

March 22, 2011
6:00 P.M

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Raber

II. DECISION- PROJECT LIST FOR HB 277

- City of Dahlonega, Lumpkin County Schools, Lumpkin County

III. ADJOURN

Chairman Raber

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

March 22, 2011

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Raber called the meeting to order at 6:23 p.m. in the Main Conference Room of the Administration Building. Present were John Raber, Bill Scott, Tim Bowden, and Clarence Stowers. Clarence Grindle was not present.

Participating guests were Lumpkin County School Superintendent Dewey Moye, Dahlonega Mayor Gary McCullough, City Council Members Gerald Lord and Terry Peters and Sheriff Stacy Jarrard. County Manager Stan Kelley and Public Works Director Larry Reiter were also present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: Commissioner Stowers made a motion to approve the agenda. This motion was seconded by Tim Bowden and approved by all district commissioners present. Motion carried.

DECISION: PROJECT LIST FOR HB 277

The group discussed having a roundabout as an option at Oak Grove Road and SR 60. Mr. Moye said he is concerned with the safety of the young drivers coming through the curve on SR 60. Mr. Reiter stated some statistics on roundabouts and how they helped to decrease the number of accidents. He said a roundabout makes the driver slow down and look before proceeding. This would help lessen the number of "t-bone" wrecks that occur in that area. Mr. Moye then said if the curve was straightened and lights were installed a roundabout would be a good idea.

Everyone agreed that what needed to be repaired within the next ten years must be added to the list now. Chairman Raber stated that the list had to be turned in by March 31, 2011. Discussion continued concerning such items as Longbranch Road, Longbranch Extension, bridges and the expense of replacing bridges.

Motion: Commissioner Bowden made a motion to add all of the bridges and repair/maintenance of bridges as a schedule list. That motion was seconded by Clarence Stowers and approved by Commissioners Scott, Bowden, and Stowers. Motion carried.

Sheriff Jarrard suggested that an engineering study of county roads be added to the list. He said an engineering study is needed to determine which additional roads are suitable for radar use. The Sheriff said there are very few roads where radars can be used in Lumpkin County due to our terrain and it would help the Sheriff's Office to identify any additional usable ones.

Motion: Commissioner Bowden made a motion to add engineering studies for county roads to the list. That motion was seconded by Clarence Stowers and approved by Commissioners Scott, Bowden, and Stowers. Motion carried.

Motion: Commissioner Bowden then made a motion to add a turning lane from SR 400 to the Chestatee Bridge. That motion was seconded by Bill Scott and approved by Commissioners Scott, Bowden, and Stowers. Motion carried.

Chairman Raber suggested that if anyone would like to add anything, they could call the County Clerk who would forward the message to the Board.

There was then discussion of how the referendum would be worded so that citizens would understand what it means. Mayor McCullough remarked that the City and County would need to do their best to ensure the public knew what this meant for our area. There will be public meetings where a lot of the details can be explained to the public. Commissioner Stowers wants the citizens to understand that if this passes 25% of whatever is taken in with T-SPLOST funds will be for use on the list items. There was discussion on the prioritization of the roads on the list.

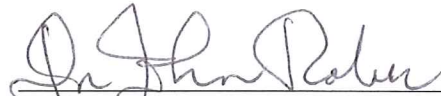
Mr. Reiter then asked that the board consider approval of the needed letters of support for roundabouts included in their packets.

Motion: Commissioner Bowden made a motion to accept signing the letters of support. That motion was seconded by Bill Scott and approved by Commissioners Scott, Bowden, and Stowers. Motion carried.

ADJOURN


Motion: Commission Bowden moved to adjourn the meeting. That motion was seconded by Bill Scott and approved by all district commissioners present. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

April 19, 2011
Date



John Raber, Chairman
Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners

Attest:



Kathleen C. Walker
Clerk, Lumpkin County