

**LUMPKIN COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
SPECIAL WORK SESSION AGENDA  
Lumpkin County Administration Building  
Conference Room  
99 Courthouse Hill  
Dahlonega, Georgia**

**May 9, 2011  
7:00 P.M**

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| <b>I. CALL TO ORDER</b>   | Chairman Raber |
| <b>II. REPORTS FROM VARIOUS<br/>LUMPKIN COUNTY BOARDS, AUTHORITIES &amp; COMMITTEES</b> |                |
| <b>III. BUDGET UPDATE</b>   | County Manager |
| <b>IV. ADJOURN</b>  | Chairman Raber |

**SPECIAL CALLED WORK SESSION OF THE  
LUMPKIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

May 9, 2011

Chairman Raber began the meeting at 7:03 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Lumpkin County Administration Building. Present were John Raber, Bill Scott, Tim Bowden, Clarence Stowers and Clarence Grindle.

**REPORTS FROM VARIOUS BOARDS, AUTHORITIES, AND COMMITTEES**

Chamber of Commerce Report

Chamber President Amy Booker distributed various brochures, pamphlets, and informational guides that the Chamber of Commerce created for new visitors to the area. She also passed out the Chamber's 2011 Program of Work Annual Report. Ms. Booker emphasized that the Chamber is always looking for different possibilities to try and bring visitors to the county. She said the economy is an issue for everyone and acknowledged that local businesses are limited on the amount of discounts they can offer during this difficult time.

Development Authority Report

Director of the Development Authority, Steve Gooch began by stating that the ceremony for the expansion of the Koyo Bearings Company on May 7, 2011 was a success. The company is projected to spend \$50 million dollars to bring fifty new jobs to the county. Senator Gooch said the Development Authority is developing a marketing plan and a website. He said the Development Authority is also promoting the county as a Fiber Optic Ready Community. Mr. Gooch stated that having this ability will bring the county a lot of cutting edge companies and businesses.

Mr. Gooch asked the board to begin considering an area that would be the best place for an industrial park in the future. The county has had a lot of success with the Red Oak Flats Road industrial park. Mr. Gooch stated that the county cannot expand, however, without the ability to offer water and sewerage. Nugget Reporter Sharon Hall questioned if there was a possibility of creating a technology park instead. Mr. Gooch responded that they would first have to examine if there was enough need in this area and how beneficial it would be for the county. Commissioner Stowers recommended that a percentage of the millage rate be dedicated strictly for development. Senator Gooch explained that economic development assisted in producing jobs and that the first priority of all development is the availability of water and sewerage.

Water & Sewerage Report

Director Dudley Owens reported that the Water and Sewerage Authority would be adding three more communities by mid to late summer this year. He said they are meeting with the City regarding an agreement.

There being no further reports Chairman Raber ended the meeting at 8:27 p.m.



Kathleen C. Walker  
Clerk, Lumpkin County