

LUMPKIN COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL CALLED WORK SESSION AGENDA
Lumpkin County Administration Building
2nd Floor Boardroom
99 Courthouse Hill
Dahlonega, Georgia

August 23, 2011
5:00 P.M.

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| I. CALL TO ORDER | Chairman Raber |
| II. 2014 SPLOST | |
| III. OTHER ITEMS | |
| IV. ADJOURN | Chairman Raber |

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SPECIAL CALLED
JOINT WORK SESSION NOTES**

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CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Raber called the Special Called Work Session to order at 5:00 p.m. in the Main Conference Room of the Lumpkin County Administration Building. Chairman John Raber, and Commissioners Bill Scott, Tim Bowden, Clarence Stowers, and Clarence Grindle were present. City Officials present were Mayor Gary McCullough, Councilmen Johnny Ariemma, Gerald Lord, and Terry Peters, City Manager Bill Lewis, and City Attorney Doug Parks.

2014 SPLOST

The purpose of this work session was to discuss the 2014 SPLOST. County Manager Stan Kelley reviewed the timeline and explained the deadlines that must be met for this SPLOST to be on the upcoming ballot. SPLOST Manager Kevin Hamby clarified that according to the guidelines, if the vote fails, there is a one year waiting period before it can be placed on the ballot again. Mr. Ariemma questioned if there would be any public meetings, to provide the citizens a better explanation of how the funds will be distributed. Mr. Hamby stated that public information sessions are scheduled from October 20, 2011 through February 7, 2012. Commissioner Stowers requested that the newspaper publish an article explaining to the citizens that this SPLOST will include the schools as well.

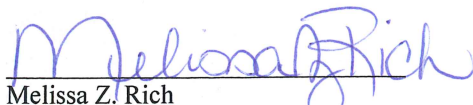
Mayor McCullough stated that the City Council's decision was to dedicate their portion of the 2014 SPLOST funds to upgrade the City's Sewer Plant. He explained that if an industry wanted to locate to the City that the current sewer system would be too small to meet those needs. There was then discussion on how the current sewer system is working and the anticipated future of the system. Because of concerns about the current sewer system the City will not be applying the 2014 SPLOST funds toward the water treatment plant as previously anticipated, but will upgrade the sewer system instead.

The Mayor added that the City was requesting their funding amount be changed from the proposed \$2,481,320.00 to \$3,000,000.00. Mr. Hamby explained that the amounts were calculated on a projection of no economic growth in the county. Thus, if there is any growth increase, it will be reflected in the City's calculated revenue.

There was then discussion by the Board of Commissioners about which line items the County would have to decrease to have enough funding to meet the City's request. There will be a decision by the Board on how to proceed at the next meeting.

ADJOURN

There being no further questions or comments Chairman Raber adjourned the special called work session at 5:13 p.m.


Melissa Z. Rich
Deputy Clerk, Lumpkin County