

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

**August 29, 2011**  
**6:00 P.M.**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** Chairman Raber
  
- II. **2014 SPLOST**
  
- III. **ENOTAH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT BUDGET AMENDMENT**
  
- IV. **CHILDREN AT JUSTICE CENTER**
  
- V. **STORM SHELTER REPORTS** *(Commissioner Grindle & Commissioner Stowers)*
  
- VI. **DRY WELL REPORTS** *(Commissioner Scott & Commissioner Bowden)*
  
- VII. **OTHER ITEMS**
  
- VIII. **ADJOURN** Chairman Raber

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

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Raber called the Special Called Work Session to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Large Conference Room of the Lumpkin County Administration Building. Present were John Raber, Bill Scott, Tim Bowden, Clarence Stowers and Clarence Grindle.

**2014 SPLOST**

SPLOST Manager Kevin Hamby presented three 2014 SPLOST scenarios to the Board. He explained that if the board preferred taking the county lease payment off the top it would give the county \$1,000,000 more. The revenue figures presented are calculated on current revenue for the 2008 SPLOST. With no growth the 2014 SPLOST would realize \$18.9 million. The city is asking for their amount to be increased to \$3,000,000 which Mr. Hamby said would require 5% growth rate compounded for the amount to be realized within the 2014 SPLOST. He stated that the first of 72 checks would be received in May 2014. Mr. Hamby said if the board agrees to an over-estimate of SPLOST revenues they could be forced to pay the difference of the \$3,000,000 to the city should revenues not increase. There was then discussion of all three scenarios and what the difference would be between each one.

**ENOTAH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT BUDGET AMENDMENT**

The board discussed the approved Fiscal Year 2012 budget for the Juvenile Judge and an email received from Judge Barrett. It appears that only \$500 travel expense was approved for the Juvenile Judge. Judge Bruce indicated he would now be hearing White County cases in Lumpkin County due to lack of travel funds. Sheriff Jarrard said his concern is mainly that the funding for all of the Juvenile Court will fall on Lumpkin County. Judge Bruce assured him that he would try to finish cases by 5:00 p.m. each day to cut down on overtime costs to Lumpkin County. There was discussion of an increase in Lumpkin County's portion. However, Finance Director Allison Martin pointed out that the other counties in the Circuit will have to approve the increase as well. That matter will need to be addressed to White County as they are the administrator for the Circuit.

**CHILDREN AT JUSTICE CENTER**

County Manager Stan Kelley received a complaint about the children of Judges and children of some staff being cared for at the Justice Center. He pointed out that this is a liability issue for the county as this is a county-owned building. Judge Barrett was notified about the issue but said this was not his area of responsibility. Judge Lynn Alderman stated that she believes the problem is not with the children that are behind secured closed doors but, the public's children that are sometimes left unattended. She said that the children of staff or judges are never left unattended. She related an incident that involved the janitor removing the public's children from the second floor banisters. Judge Bruce stated that the children in his office were never seen by the public and he has never had a problem with them being there. Judge Alderman clarified that the employees who were watching their children at the Justice Center were Circuit or State funded employees. Commissioner Bowden asked if a child was injured who would be liable in court. Judge Alderman answered that "yes" the County could be held liable. However, she said they could require their staff to sign an affidavit releasing liability from the county. Commissioner Bowden then said it would behoove anyone in the Justice Center to not bring their children to work. Judge Alderman added that Judge Barrett was not the superior for her or Judge Bruce and they had never been informed of any complaint concerning the children. She pointed out that there is no way for the county to enforce a policy concerning child care. County Attorney Casey Horne said there was not a state policy for children in the workplace that he could show the board. There was then discussion on avenues that could be available to prevent the liability from falling on the County.

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**STORM SHELTER REPORTS**

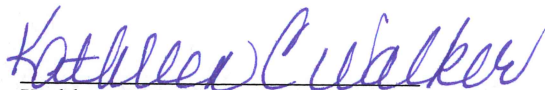
There were no reports ready at this time.

**DRY WELL REPORTS**

There were no reports ready at this time.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further discussion the work session was adjourned by Chairman Raber at 7:19 p.m.



Kathleen C. Walker  
Clerk, Lumpkin County