

**LUMPKIN COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Special Called Meeting

AGENDA

Lumpkin County Courthouse
Conference Room
Dahlonega, Georgia
November 8, 2006
3:00 P.M.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Gooch

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

III. OLD BUSINESS

- Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) Referendum

IV. RESOLUTIONS

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

VI. ADJOURN

Chairman Gooch

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

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CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Gooch called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m. Commissioners present were Stephen Gooch, John Raber, Deborah Hutcheson and Clarence Stowers. Commissioner Marvin Martin was not in attendance.

Chairman Gooch said he views the passing of the Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) Referendum on Tuesday as an endorsement of what the County is doing and that now the board must take good care of the money. He also complimented the Chamber of Commerce, City and all those that helped getting the message out regarding the SPLOST referendum.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Gooch asked that with the approval of the new SPLOST the agenda be amended to include discussion of engineering and requesting the Public Building Authority be used as a funding agency for the new Courthouse.

***Motion:** Commissioner Raber moved to approve the agenda with the addition of discussion about engineering SPLOST projects, the Public Building Authority and other SPLOST-related matters. Clarence Stowers seconded the motion. District Commissioners Raber, Hutcheson and Stowers approved. Motion carried.*

OLD BUSINESS

Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) Referendum

The Courthouse was the item all commissioners previously agreed should be the first SPLOST priority. Chairman Gooch suggested borrowing the money for Courthouse construction through the Public Building Authority.

***Motion:** John Raber made a motion to request the Public Building Authority move forward with plans regarding the issuing of bonds for building the new Courthouse. This motion was seconded by Clarence Stowers and approved by all district commissioners present. Motion carried.*

Professional engineering services will be needed for the construction of the new courthouse. This firm would look at site selection and infrastructure impact. Clough Harbour & Associates, LLP (CHA) is highly recommended. County Manager Stan Kelley said he is extremely happy with the service they have provided on the proposed SPLOST projects. King Evans, CHA said that there would be some cost for the requested site study but no other charges until CHA begins to manage the engineering of the Courthouse. Finance Director Allison Martin will provide cash flow projections for the newly approved SPLOST.

***Motion:** Deborah Hutcheson made a motion to use Clough Harbour & Associates, LLP (CHA) for professional engineering services. Commissioner Stowers seconded the motion with all district commissioner present being in favor. Motion carried.*

District Commissioner Hutcheson stated that, based on feedback she has received from the community, the early warning system needs to be the next SPLOST approved item to be implemented. Chairman Gooch responded that there is a need to prioritize the entire list as quickly as possible. There was discussion concerning the best way to prioritize the remainder of the list.

Chairman Gooch said it is important that the board notify State Representative Amos Amerson prior to the beginning of the next Legislative Session of any needs with which he can assist.

King Evans, CHA provided a schedule for the Courthouse and sees construction beginning in November 2007. He suggested formation of a committee to interview architectural firms.

Motion: Deborah Hutcheson moved to form a committee to include the Public Works Director, Finance Director, County Manager, the Probate Judge (if he so accepts) with Magistrate Judge Jeff Lowe as an alternate, a selection from the Public Building Authority, Chairman of the Board of Commissioners, and the 3rd District Commissioner. John Raber seconded the motion. John Raber, Deborah Hutcheson and Clarence Stowers voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

One possible site for the new Judicial Building is the area where the County Baseball Fields are located on Riley Road. There is concern that, should this site be chosen, that this not impact Park & Recreation negatively. Approximately seven (7) acres is needed for the new building. If this site is chosen some members of the Park & Recreation Board will be asked to participate in the decision about possible locations for new baseball fields.

The County Manager is recommending that the County form a committee to study the Service Delivery Strategy. The County Attorney suggested that we obtain an outside interest, such as ACCG, who will give us more details on the law. The County Manager will pursue this.

Motion: Deborah Hutcheson made a motion to approve an unincorporated tax district for planning department services as requested by the City and required by the Service Delivery Strategy. Clarence Stowers seconded the motion. All district commissioners present approved the motion. Motion carried.

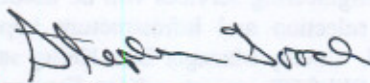
Chairman Gooch will send a letter to the City regarding the approval of an unincorporated tax district for planning department services.

ADJOURN

There being no further business Chairman Gooch called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:46 p.m.

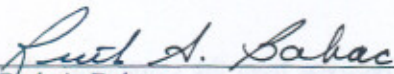
Motion: Deborah Hutcheson moved to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Clarence Stowers. John Raber, Deborah Hutcheson and Clarence Stowers voted to approve the motion. Motion carried.

11/16/2006
Date



Stephen W. Gooch, Chairman
Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners

Attest:



Ruth A. Bohac
Clerk, Lumpkin County