

LUMPKIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WORK SESSION NOTES

*The purpose of the work session is to discuss agenda items for the Regular Meeting to be held
Tuesday, November 15, 2011*

November 1, 2011

Chairman Raber began the meeting at 9:00 a.m. in the 2nd Floor Boardroom of the Lumpkin County Administration Building. Present were John Raber, Bill Scott, Tim Bowden, Clarence Stowers, and Clarence Grindle.

INVOCATION

Commissioner Bowden led the invocation which was followed by the pledge of allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS

- ✓ Belle Avance Salon Proposal – Old Cannery Building Partnership with DAC & NGCSU Art Department
There was no one was present to make this presentation.

MINUTES

- ✓ October 4, 2011 Work Session 9 am
- ✓ October 11, 2011 Special Called Work Session 5:30 pm
- ✓ October 18, 2011 Special Called Work Session 5:40 pm
- ✓ October 18, 2011 Regular Meeting 6 pm

RESOLUTIONS

- ✓ 2011-11 Establish 2012 Board of Commissioners Meeting Calendar
- ✓ 2011-11 Establish 2012 Holiday Schedule
- ✓ 2011-11 Establish 2013 Budget Calendar
- ✓ 2011-11 Board of Health Appointments/Reappointments
- ✓ 2011-11 YMCA Board of Governance Appointments/Reappointments

CONTRACTS

- ✓ Dahlonega-Lumpkin County Chamber of Commerce Tourism Contract
- ✓ Lumpkin County-Wimpy's Airport – Russ Steiner Agreement
- ✓ Mark Robinson Hauling, LLC – Transfer Station Lease Agreement
- ✓ Legacy Link, Inc. – Nutrition Program Services FY2012 Addendum #1

OTHER ITEMS

- ✓ Integrated Security System – Detention Center
Captain Sewell announced that the final bid was less than the anticipated amount from the original proposal.
- ✓ Issue Alcoholic Beverage License
2012-23 Martha J. Redd for Mystik Community Store, LLC d/b/a Mystik Food Mart
4150 Highway 19 North Dahlonega GA 30533

COUNTY MANAGER

County Manager Stan Kelley mentioned LOST training scheduled for next Monday in Jackson County. He then distributed two design photos that had been developed for the Communications Tower saying staff needs the Commissioners' guidance on which tower they want. The staff's recommendation is for the second tower because of tower two's capability to hold the greatest number of receivers. SPLOST Manager Kevin Hamby stated that tower two would be the most beneficial per FDA specifications.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

The County Attorney had no comments.

COMMISSIONERS

- Chairman Raber said Montaluce did a great job hosting the GMRC Event. GMRC is requesting sponsors for their Christmas event and asked for volunteers to collect sponsors. There was then discussion of commissioner use of the County Attorney and the upcoming T-SPLOST. Chairman Raber announced that the Animal Shelter was currently in the process of locating a new nonprofit sponsor. The Chairman suggested that if anyone has any ideas or is interested in assisting to please contact the Animal Shelter for further details.

There was discussion of the new court interpreters rule and the expense this could be for the county. The Chairman said he is considering conducting weekly meetings to review reports from various Boards, Authorities, and committees. He said this is to keep the BOC current with any activities or events and to ensure requirements of the members are being fulfilled. County Attorney K.C. Horne questioned if it might be more efficient for the Commissioners to require a copy of their meeting minutes to be submitted to the Clerk. The minutes could then be posted to the website for citizen and county use.

- Commissioner Stowers stated that it is his understanding that there is a committee being developed to consolidate the City and County Water and Sewer Departments. He said that, if true, he would like the County to run the combined departments, and operate both from an Enterprise Fund. Commissioner Stowers said he has received a lot of questions recently from citizens requesting various roads to be closed. He said he is interested in the possibility of the Commissioners using the Dial-a-Bus to visit the roads. They could examine the damage and determine what the next step may need to be.
- Commissioner Scott emphasized that the funding for the renovations soon to begin on the Administration and Annex Buildings are not from the current budget. He said that citizens need to know that the much-needed improvements are being paid for from SPLOST funds.

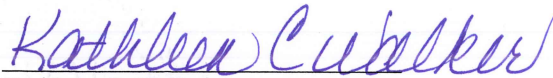
PUBLIC COMMENT

- Citizen Jimmy Walker, who is a resident of the Yahooola Valley community, stated that last week there was a group of 15 to 20 out-of-state citizens who met on some property in his area. He said the group was shooting rapid fire with high powered weapons throughout the day. Mr. Walker said the Sheriff's Department was notified, came to the private residence in question but stated that, since it was private property, and the county has no noise ordinance there was nothing to prevent the shooting. Mr. Walker stated that, to his knowledge, this is the second time that this has occurred and there is a concern this may become a common occurrence.

Commissioner Stowers explained that a Nuisance Law would greatly impact and limit county residents on what they could do on their own property at any given time. He said he is sympathetic but the decision is a very difficult one to make and to try to enforce. Commissioner Bowden asked that the County Attorney research concerning the issue. County Attorney Horne stated that if the land owners do not have a gun range and they are using the property for that purpose, then they could be prevented from using it as one. He will research and gather the information for the Commissioners to review.

- Regina Harper Odum requested that better acoustics be considered during renovation of the boardroom. She said it is very difficult for the audience to hear discussion. Ms. Odum pointed out that it has been one year ago this month since the recycling committee presented an informative, detailed report to the Board. She asked if the county could immediately withdraw from NGRMA and call a vendor to pick up from the recycling bins. There was discussion on the process which the county must follow regarding NGRMA and where the county is in that process.
- Recycle Committee member Paul Von Ward expressed his desire for things to move a little faster. There was discussion on how the recycling truck was the main issue with a quick withdrawal. Mr. Kelley explained that until the bid proposals were completed and turned back in the county could not move forward. Mr. Kelley also explained that there has to be enough time to prepare the staff to take over what responsibility they will have as well. He said this is not something that can be rushed through.

There being no further business for discussion the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 11:12 a.m.



Kathleen C. Walker
Clerk, Lumpkin County