

**LUMPKIN COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Special Called Meeting
AGENDA**

**Lumpkin County Administration Building
Main Conference Room
99 Courthouse Hill
Dahlonega, Georgia
December 16, 2010
3:00 P.M.**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Raber

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

III. NEW BUSINESS

- Meet with the North Georgia College & State University Presidential Search Committee

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

V. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Raber

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

December 16, 2010

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Raber called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. in the main conference room in the Lumpkin County Administration Building. Present were John Raber, Bill Scott, Tim Bowden, Clarence Stowers, and Clarence Grindle.

Also present, on behalf of the North Georgia College & State University Presidential Search Committee were Dr. Elizabeth Combier and Dr. Robert Fuller.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Chairman said that since no actions would be taken by the board no motion of approval for the agenda was needed.

NEW BUSINESS

Meet with the North Georgia College & State University Presidential Search Committee

Chairman Raber stated the purpose of the meeting and opened the floor for discussion.

Commissioner Scott stated that the college had done an excellent job of selecting previous staff for NGCSU and Commissioner Grindle said he thinks they are doing a fine job. Dr. Combier stated that they were very careful on their selection of those who would serve on the Presidential Selection Committee. Twelve people make up the committee.

Commissioner Bowden read a prepared statement as follows:

Dr. Combier,

Thank you for asking the opinion of the local elected officials in the matter of selecting the future President of NGCSU. You and your Committee, I am sure, know best the qualities that are needed for the position of College President: administrative skills, personnel skills, public relations skills, organizational skills... If I had to choose, I would look for all of the skills I mentioned, but I also would look for someone that had similar traits as Dr. Owens and Dr. Potter, (steady men, not easily shaken). Just as importantly to me at this time, is having someone in that position that would be dedicated to the economic wellbeing of our community. I mean someone who would reach out and be a partner with the Local governing bodies along with the Development Authority of Lumpkin County and the City Development Authority. As you may know, there will be a fiber optics loop coming through our community and I believe it is imperative that our community be the first to welcome such businesses as may be attracted here. To have someone that could vision with us and partner with us to bring the needed high-tech jobs, and then fill those positions with the young people of our community and those wonderful students at NGCSU would be a most marvelous achievement.

Thank you for your interest in our hopes for the President of NGCSU.

Most Sincerely,

Tim Bowden
Lumpkin County Commissioner, District 2

Commissioner Stowers said he had emailed Dr. Combier and recommended that someone be hired who is politically tied to what is happening in Georgia. He said there are many new candidates that could be hired who could affect the amount of money the area would receive. Commissioner Stowers said some candidates may have contacts so they could pick up the phone and call directly.

Commissioner Bowden commented on the NGCSU students who had done their university community service at the Dahlonega Care Center and other organizations.

Chairman Raber spoke of Dr. Potter and said that he hopes the selection committee understands how important the relationship is between the county and the college. He also commented on Dr. Owen's success in getting what he wanted from the Board of Regents.

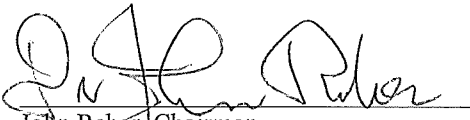
Dr. Elizabeth Combier stated that any other comments or thoughts the Board of Commissioners wanted to e-mail to her would be welcomed. She said the decision regarding the new president would be made in late February or early March and she would be taking any ideas from now until then. Dr. Combier said February 21st is the deadline for applications, and that they are working on a strict timeline and protocols to find the best candidate for the job. She said there will be a meeting scheduled with the Board of Commissioners to notify them in advance of the candidates before they have made a decision.

ADJOURN


The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Raber at 3:28 p.m.

Date

1/18/2011


John Raber, Chairman
Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners

Attest:


Kathleen C. Walker
Clerk, Lumpkin County