

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

**Lumpkin County Administration Building
Main Conference Room
99 Courthouse Hill
Dahlonega, Georgia
December 21, 2010
2:00 P.M.**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Raber

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

III. NEW BUSINESS

- Meet with the new Chief Appraiser for Lumpkin County
- Yahoola Road (*Public Works Director Larry Reiter*)

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

V. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Raber

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LUMPKIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

December 21, 2010

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Raber called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. in the main conference room in the Lumpkin County Administration Building. Present were John Raber, Bill Scott, Tim Bowden and Clarence Stowers. Clarence Grindle was absent.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: Commissioner Stowers made a motion to approve the agenda. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Bowden and approved by District Commissioners Scott, Bowden, and Stowers. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Meet with the new Chief Appraiser for Lumpkin County

Board of Assessors Chairman Richard Davidow presented Allan Sargent as the new Chief Appraiser for Lumpkin County who will be replacing retiring Don Head. Mr. Davidow said he will be resigning from the Board of Assessors in February or March of 2011 due to work demands. Mr. Sargent had been employed with Hall County for 11 years as a County Appraiser. He said he does not yet live within Lumpkin County but is planning to move to Lumpkin in the future.

Discussion followed concerning the difficulty of determining the typical market value for property. The assessors now consider the cost of replacement to help determine these values. Land will show a reduction in value because the sales in the region and county have decreased.

Mr. Davidow then discussed the new Georgia law stating that every taxpayer will receive an assessment notice in 2011. This may increase appeals but will ensure that everyone is conscious of the values of the properties surrounding them. There was also discussion on how the appeal process is completed. Mr. Davidow pointed out that although the value of a property could decrease if the mileage rate increases taxes could be similar to what they are now. Existing exemptions are also a variable in the estimated taxes.

Yahoola Road

County Manager Stan Kelley stated that Yahoola Road is in very poor condition. He said there is enough money in the budget to cover the needed immediate repairs. However, Public Works Director Larry Reiter is in the process of notifying Billy Cantrell from the Georgia Department of Transportation that we need to update the LMIG list to add Yahoola Road for 2011. When the list was formed last July the road was not in the bad shape it is in now. The base on the road is not holding up after the extreme weather we have had and is now a danger to the public. Estimated cost to fix what has to be repaired at this time is \$10,000.00. The road needs overlay and the deep patches unquestionably need to be completed this summer. If there are more freezing incidents this winter more work will be needed to replace the base and cracks.

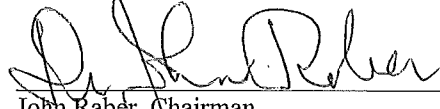
ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman discussed the possible 1% tax increase that the state is requesting every county to consider. He said he would be interested in challenging the other Commissioners to do more with less and try to find ways to make things better for the citizens of Lumpkin County.

ADJOURN


Motion: Commissioner Stowers made a motion to adjourn the meeting. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Bowden and approved by Scott, Bowden, and Stowers. Commissioner Grindle was absent from the meeting. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

1/18/2011
Date



John Raber, Chairman
Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners

Attest:



Kathleen C. Walker
Clerk, Lumpkin County