

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LUMPKIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

January 20, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Dockery began the meeting at 6:00 p.m. in the Boardroom of the Lumpkin County Administration Building. Present were Chris Dockery, Doug Sherrill, Steve Shaw, Rhett Stringer, and Bob Pullen.

INVOCATION

Dahlonega United Methodist Church Pastor Steve Schofield, gave the invocation which was followed by the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: Commissioner Sherrill made a motion to approve the agenda. This motion was seconded by Steve Shaw and approved by all district commissioners. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (Agenda Specific)

Chairman Dockery asked the public if there were any comments on agenda specific items. There were no comments at this time.

PROCLAMATION

Wine Tasting Room Capital of Georgia

This is to proclaim Lumpkin County, to be the Wine Tasting Room Capital of Georgia. Lumpkin County is positioned to claim this identity because no region in Georgia has eleven wine tasting rooms, offering the variety and quality of vintner arts.

Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Sherrill to approve the proclamation which was seconded by Steve Shaw. Motion was approved by Doug Sherrill, Steve Shaw, Rhett Stringer, and Bob Pullen and the motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS

Board of Elections & Registration of Lumpkin County

This is a periodic status update of the Board of Elections & Registration to be presented by Sallie Sorohan and Dottie Krull.

Chamber of Commerce Quarterly Report

Amy Booker presented the Chamber of Commerce quarterly report.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

December 2, 2014 Work Session Notes 4 p.m.

December 16, 2014 Public Hearing 5:45 p.m.

December 16, 2014 Regular Meeting 6 p.m.

December 30, 2014 Special Called Meeting 4 p.m.

Motion: Commissioner Sherrill made a motion to approve all the above minutes by acclamation. That motion was seconded by Steve Shaw and was approved by Commissioners Sherrill, Shaw, Stringer and Pullen. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

2015-01 Update Lumpkin County Purchasing Policy

This resolution is to revise and combine certain existing purchasing policies and procedures, to include the use of the Lumpkin County purchasing card and the fleet card into a single document.

Motion: A motion to table this item until next month was made by Commissioner Sherrill. The motion was seconded by Rhett Stringer and approved by all district commissioners. The motion carried.

2015-02 Appoint District 4 Commissioner Bob Pullen to Lumpkin County D.A.T.E. Fund Committee

This resolution appoints Bob Pullen to the Accountability Court of the Lumpkin County Drug Abuse Treatment and Education Fund Committee representing the Board of Commissioners.

Motion: A nominating motion was made by Chairman Dockery to appoint Bob Pullen to this committee. The motion was seconded by Steve Shaw. Motion was then approved by Doug Sherrill, Steve Shaw, Rhett Stringer, and Bob Pullen. The motion carried.

REPORTS

Department reports can be viewed on the Commissioners web page at www.lumpkincounty.gov.
Elected Officials – There were no comments at this time.

CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS

2015-001-Ratify CJCC Grant Award - Sex Offender Registration & Notification Act Grant Program/Palm Scanner

This is a grant award approved by the CJCC in the amount of \$17,480.00 for the purpose of acquiring a palm scanner for the Sheriff's Office.

Motion: Commissioner Sherrill moved to approve the CJCC Grant Award. The motion was seconded by Steve Shaw and approved by all district commissioners. The motion carried.

2015-002-Ratify Georgia Forestry Commission - VFA/NFP Grant Program

This is a VFA/NFP Grant Program for the Lumpkin County Emergency Services to purchase Personal Protection Equipment.

Motion: Commissioner Sherrill made a motion to approve the grant program which was seconded by Rhett Stringer. Motion was approved by Commissioners Sherrill, Shaw, Stringer, and Pullen. The motion carried.

2015-003-Mauldin & Jenkins 2014 Audit Engagement Letter – Lumpkin County

This agreement provides that Mauldin & Jenkins will be the auditors for Lumpkin County for the following years ending December 31 of 2012, 2013, and 2014.

Estimated Fees Respectively: \$63,000.00, \$66,000.00, \$69,000.00, and \$72,000.00.

Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Sherrill to approve this agreement with Mauldin & Jenkins. The motion was seconded by Bob Pullen. Motion was approved by Doug Sherrill, Steve Shaw, Rhett Stringer, and Bob Pullen and the motion carried.

OTHER ITEMS

Calhoun Mine Road Right-of-Way

This is for acceptance of additional right-of-way for improvements to Calhoun Mine Road.

***Motion:** Commissioner Sherrill moved to deny the staff recommendation to accept the right-of-way. The motion was seconded by Rhett Stringer and approved by all district commissioners. The motion carried.*

Appoint District 2 Commissioner Steve Shaw to Building Committee

This is to appoint Steve Shaw to the Building Committee to represent the Board of Commissioners.

***Motion:** A nominating motion was made by Chairman Dockery to appoint Steve Shaw and then seconded by Rhett Stringer. Motion approval was made by Doug Sherrill, Steve Shaw, Rhett Stringer, and Bob Pullen. The motion carried.*

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Citizen Renee Lloyd expressed her concern with the number of accidents that have occurred at the Blackburn School intersection. There was discussion of why the accidents have been occurring more frequently. County Manager Kelley stated that they have designed a plan to help improve this. He said the Sheriff is going to have someone there directing traffic until spring break when, if weather permits, the county can implement the improvement plan. Citizen Wendy Hughley stated that there are speed issues both before and after the school zone signs that are a contributing factor in the number of accidents at the intersection.

Citizen Ray Polk questioned what the future plan was for Blackburn Park and what options were available to help make improvements. Citizen Emily Lewy stated her apprehensions with the plan that had been proposed for Blackburn Park in the past. She also commented about people throwing trash out on the sides of the road.

COMMENTS

COUNTY MANAGER

The County Manager had nothing further to add.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

The County Attorney had no comments.

CHAIRMAN

The Chairman said he had no comments at this time.

COMMISSIONER

Commissioner Pullen thanked the County Manager and the county staff for assisting the new Commissioners, as they transition into their positions.

Commissioner Shaw thanked the concerned citizens for attending the meeting in reference to the school intersection.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Discussion of Litigation

Motion: *Commissioner Sherrill made a motion to exit regular session at 7:06 p.m. and enter into executive session. The motion was seconded by Steve Shaw. Motion was approved by Doug Sherrill, Steve Shaw, Rhett Stringer, and Bob Pullen. The motion carried.*

The Chairman called a Break at 7:06 p.m. The executive session resumed at 7:37 p.m.

Motion: *Commissioner Stringer made a motion to exit executive session at 8:20 p.m. and reenter regular session. The motion was seconded by Bob Pullen. Motion was approved by Commissioners Sherrill, Shaw, Stringer, and Pullen. The motion carried.*

ADJOURN

Motion: *Commissioner Sherrill moved to adjourn the meeting. That motion was seconded by Bob Pullen and approved by all district commissioners. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:21 p.m.*

Date

Chris Dockery, Chairman
Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Kathleen C. Walker
Clerk, Lumpkin County