

**LUMPKIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
RETREAT NOTES**

January 29, 2015

This retreat began at 9:00 a.m. at the Union County Community Center in Blairsville, Georgia conducted by Facilitator Gordon Manor, Senior Public Service Associate at the Carl Vinson Institute of Government. The purpose of the retreat was to discuss commissioner-staff roles and expectations, review of last retreat's vision, priorities, and to modify the goals, if and as needed. Present at the retreat, in addition to Gordon Manor, were Board Members Chris Dockery, Steve Shaw, Rhett Stringer, Bob Pullen, County Manager Stan Kelley, and County Clerk Kathleen Walker. Also present for a portion of the day were the following staff members: Community & Employee Services Director Alicia Davis, Finance Director Allison Martin, EMA Director David Wimpy and Planning & Public Works Director Larry Reiter.

Welcome, Overview and Introductions

Facilitator Manor explained his role and ground rules for a successful retreat. The Board and Staff then discussed roles of each team (BOC, Staff, and BOC-Staff) as well as our responsibilities towards and expectations of one another.

SPLOST Work Plan Discussion

Finance Director Martin then gave an overview of the 2014 SPLOST focusing on the items that might be included in the 2015 Work Plan. Each of the directors was given an opportunity to explain their requests and answer questions concerning their proposed projects or purchases. The Board will discuss this matter in the upcoming Work Session, February 3.

Review of Vision & Strategic Priorities

The board was then asked to consider what progress has been made towards realizing the vision and priorities set forth in the BOC Retreat of December 2013. Discussion focused on what had been accomplished and how the board could proceed this year. Areas within strategic priorities will require new appointments and assignments due to the changeover of two board members. The Board will also address their assigned areas in the "Comments" section of the meeting agendas.

Commissioner Issues for Discussion

Commissioners commented upon issues of interest to them which included economic development, community visioning, completion of fire stations, citizen input into government decisions, a new employee salary study, infrastructure planning, the watershed plan, and the public meeting recording issue.

The retreat ended at 3:54 p.m.

Kathleen C. Walker
Clerk, Lumpkin County