

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

February 24, 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 Church of God Pastor Larry Henry gave the invocation which was followed by the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: Commissioner Sherrill made a motion to approve an amended agenda that includes an Inclement Weather Policy Resolution and moves the 2014 SPLOST Program – 2015 Work Plan as it relates to the Sheriff to after Public Comments and before Presentations. This motion was seconded by Bob Pullen and approved by all district commissioners. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (*Agenda Specific*)

Chairman Dockery asked if there were any comments on agenda specific items but there were none.

LCSO 2014 SPLOST Program – 2015 Work Plan Purchasing Option – Sheriff's Vehicle Request

This is to review purchasing options for the LCSO new vehicles from the 2014 SPLOST.

Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Sherrill to approve staff proposed Option C. The motion was seconded by Steve Shaw.

Following discussion Commissioner Sherrill withdrew his motion.

PRESENTATIONS

Development Authority of Lumpkin County

Development Authority Chairman, Jim Curtis, presented a periodic status update of current and possible future developments in Lumpkin County.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

January 6, 2015 Work Session 4 p.m.

January 6, 2015 Special Called Meeting (immediately after Work Session)

January 20, 2015 Regular Meeting 6 p.m.

January 29, 2015 Board Retreat

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

RESOLUTIONS

2015-03 Appoint, Reappoint Hospital Authority Seats

This resolution provides for the appointment of Debbie Bodney to Seat 7, Michiel E. Davis to Seat 8 and R. Ridge Rairigh, Jr. to Seat 9 with terms expiring March 1, 2019 of the Hospital Authority of Lumpkin County.

Motion: A nominating motion was made by Chairman Dockery to appoint Debbie Bodney to Seat 7. The motion was seconded by Bob Pullen. Motion was approved by Doug Sherrill, Steve Shaw, Rhett Stringer and Bob Pullen. The motion carried.

Motion: Chairman Dockery then made a nominating motion to reappoint Michiel E. Davis to Seat 8. That motion was seconded by Bob Pullen and approved by Commissioners Sherrill, Shaw, Stringer and Pullen. The motion carried.

Motion: A nominating motion was made by Chairman Dockery to appoint R. Ridge Rairigh, Jr. to Seat 9 which was seconded by Doug Sherrill. The motion was approved by all district commissioners and the motion carried.

2015-04 Reappoint Public Building Authority Members

This resolution provides for the appointment of W. Franklin Youngblood to Seat 3 and Daniel Harding to Seat 4 of the Lumpkin County Public Building Authority with terms expiring February 28, 2018.

Motion: A nominating motion was made by Chairman Dockery to reappoint W. Franklin Youngblood to Seat 3 and seconded by Rhett Stringer. Motion was then approved by Doug Sherrill, Steve Shaw, Rhett Stringer and Bob Pullen. The motion carried.

Motion: A nominating motion was made then by Chairman Dockery to appoint Daniel Harding to Seat 4. The motion was seconded by Steve Shaw and approved by Commissioners Sherrill, Shaw, Stringer and Pullen. The motion carried.

2015-05 Appoint Board of Elections & Registration Member

This resolution provides for the appointment of George Gould to Seat 4 to complete an unexpired term ending December 31, 2018 of the Lumpkin County Board of Elections & Registration.

Motion: A nominating motion was made by Chairman Dockery to appoint George Gould to Seat 4. That motion was seconded by Bob Pullen and approved by all district commissioners. The motion carried.

2015-06 Appoint Department of Family & Children's Services Member

This resolution provides for the appointment of Brigitte Barker to Seat 2 to complete an unexpired term ending June 30, 2015 and a new term ending June 30, 2020 for the Lumpkin County Department of Family & Children's Services Board.

Motion: Chairman Dockery made a nominating motion to appoint Bridget Barker to Seat 2. The motion was seconded by Steve Shaw approved by Doug Sherrill, Steve Shaw, Rhett Stringer and Bob Pullen. The motion carried.

2015-07 Amend 2015 Budget Calendar – 2016 Budget

This is an amendment to the 2015 Budget Calendar.

Motion: Commissioner Sherrill moved to approve Resolution 2015-07 which was seconded by Rhett Stringer. Motion was then approved by Commissioners Sherrill, Shaw, Stringer, and Pullen. The motion carried.

2015-08 February Surplus Property

This resolution provides for the identification and classification of certain Lumpkin County property as surplus property and authorizes its sale and disposition.

***Motion:** Commissioner Pullen made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-08. The motion was seconded by Doug Sherrill and approved by all district commissioners. The motion carried.*

2015-09 Amend Animal Control Ordinance

This is an amendment to the Lumpkin County Animal Control and Dangerous and Vicious Dogs Ordinance and to designate an attorney to prosecute county ordinance violations.

***Motion:** Commissioner Sherrill moved to approve Resolution 2015-09. The motion was seconded by Rhett Stringer approved by Doug Sherrill, Steve Shaw, Rhett Stringer, and Bob Pullen. The motion carried.*

2015-10 Approve Environmental Facilities Agreement – LCW&SA & Lumpkin County for Loan/Project

This resolution approves an agreement for a Community Development Block Grant for water line improvements and facilities for storm water control.

***Motion:** A motion was made by Commissioner Sherrill to approve Resolution 2015-10. The motion was seconded by Rhett Stringer and approved by Commissioners Sherrill, Shaw, Stringer, and Pullen. The motion carried.*

2015-11 Inclement Weather Policy

This is to discuss the Inclement Weather Policy. (This item was added when the board amended the agenda. There is no written resolution.)

***Motion:** A motion was made by Commissioner Sherrill to approve granting employees up to four days of pay per year. The motion was seconded by Steve Shaw.*

***Motion:** An amended motion was made by Commissioner Sherrill to approve granting employees up to four days of pay annually with any additional time upon Board approval; pay is only for days when the county buildings are closed and does not allow double time pay for the Sheriff's Department and Fire/EMS or essential personnel, as defined by the County Manager. The motion was seconded by Steve Shaw.*

***Motion:** The motion was amended by Commissioner Sherrill to approve granting employees up to 32 hours of pay annually with any additional time upon Board approval; pay is only for days when the county buildings are closed and does not allow double time pay for the Sheriff's Department and Fire/EMS or essential personnel, as defined by the County Manager; and changes to the policy to begin today. The motion was seconded by Steve Shaw. Motion was approved by Doug Sherrill, Steve Shaw, Rhett Stringer, and Bob Pullen. The motion carried.*

REPORTS

Department reports may be viewed on the Commissioners web page at www.lumpkincounty.gov
Elected Officials – Clerk of Court Rita Harkins stated that the Grand Jury began yesterday and has been delayed, due to inclement weather.

CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS

2015-007-Canoe Georgia, Inc. d/b/a Appalachian Outfitters c/o Ben LeChance - Canoe Launch Sublease Renewal

This sublease allows commercial enterprise to use the premises primarily for launch and pickup of watercraft and parties using the river for recreational purposes.

Term: January 1, 2015- December 31, 2015
Amount: \$4,000.00 or in-kind capital improvements approved at sole discretion of County/Lessor

Motion: *Commissioner Pullen moved to approve this renewal agreement with Ben LaChance. The motion was seconded by Steve Shaw. Motion was approved by Doug Sherrill, Steve Shaw, and Bob Pullen. The motion carried. Commissioner Stringer recused himself from the vote.*

2015-008-Rhett Stringer - Canoe Launch Sublease Renewal

This sublease allows Rhett Stringer to operate a launching and pickup of watercraft and parties using the river for a recreation purposes business in the Chestatee River Access Park.

Term: January 1, 2015- December 31, 2015
Amount: \$4,000.00 or in-kind capital improvements approved at sole discretion of County/Lessor

Motion: *Commissioner Shaw made a motion to approve this renewal agreement with Rhett Stringer which was seconded by Bob Pullen. Motion was approved by Commissioners Sherrill, Shaw, and Pullen. The motion carried. Commissioner Stringer recused himself from the vote.*

2015-009-Enviromental Facilities Agreement – Lumpkin County Water & Sewerage Authority

This is an agreement for a Community Development Block Grant for water line improvements and facilities for storm water control.

Motion: *Commissioner Stringer moved to approve the W&S Authority agreement. The motion was seconded by Doug Sherrill and approved by Doug Sherrill, Steve Shaw, Rhett Stringer, and Bob Pullen. The motion carried.*

2015-010- Lundeen Metal Specialist, Inc. – Community Center Roof

This is to approve an agreement with Lundeen Metal Specialist, Inc. to complete the Community Center Roof.

Motion: *A motion was made by Commissioner Shaw to approve the estimate from Lundeen Metal Specialist, Inc. The motion was seconded by Rhett Stringer. The motion was approved by all district commissioners and the motion carried.*

OTHER ITEMS

Special Event Permit Request for Letter – NOA March 7, 2015

This is a special event permit, including a letter to the State, allowing for the sale of beer and wine for a fundraising event on March 7, 2015.

Motion: *Commissioner Sherrill moved to approve the special event permit request for NOA which was seconded by Bob Pullen. The motion was the approved by Commissions Sherrill, Shaw, Stringer, and Pullen. The motion carried.*

2014 SPLOST Program – 2015 Work Plan

This is for approval of the 2015 SPLOST Work Plan of the 2014 SPLOST.

Motion: *Commissioner Sherrill made a motion to approve the 2015 Work Plan. The motion was seconded by Steve Shaw and approved by all district commissioners. The motion carried.*

Funding for Wimpy Airport Fire Station

This is for approval of the hangar and funding from fund balance for the Wimpy Airport Fire Station.

Motion: Commissioner Sherrill moved to approve funding from Fund Balance to acquire Hangar J for \$85,000, to be used as a fire station. The motion was seconded by Steve Shaw and approved by Commissioner Sherrill, Shaw, Stringer, and Pullen. The motion carried.

Fire Station #7 (Frogtown) – RFQ with Pricing

This is for approval of the RFQ with pricing for Fire Station #7 (Frogtown).

Motion: Commissioner Shaw made a motion to approve the RFQ with pricing. The motion was seconded by Doug Sherrill. Motion was approved by Doug Sherrill, Steve Shaw, Rhett Stringer, and Bob Pullen and the motion carried.

Tax Commissioner – Uncollectible Tax Bills

This is to remove the items that are deemed uncollectible.

Motion: Commissioner Sherrill moved to approve the uncollectible tax bills. The motion was seconded by Steve Shaw. Motion was approved by all district commissioners and the motion carried.

ATM Installation & Merchant Services

This is to install an ATM and merchant services location at the Justice Center and Planning Department.

Motion: Commissioner Stringer moved to approve Option D; to be located at Planning and the Justice Center for as long as there is no cost to the county. The motion was seconded by Doug Sherrill and approved by Commissioners Sherrill, Shaw, Stringer, and Pullen. The motion carried.

River Shoals Road

This is to discuss the condition of River Shoals Road.

Motion: Commissioner Shaw made a motion to give four loads of gravel, if the county has any to give, for the repair of this road. The motion died for lack of second.

COMMENTS

COUNTY MANAGER

The County Manager thanked the US Forestry, GA Forestry and County Employees for their hard work during the bad weather conditions last week.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

The County Attorney had no comments.

CHAIRMAN

Chairman Dockery said he will be attending the meeting next week, with the replacement of Jay Markwalter at the Chamber of Commerce. He offered his sincere thanks, for all of the help during and after the storm last week.

COMMISSIONER

- Commissioner Sherrill said has been in contact with some leads for businesses looking to locate in the county.
- Commissioner Pullen discussed this month's Historical Society meeting, and what they have planned for their meeting in March.
- Commissioner Stringer reported on the work being done at the entrance of the Blackburn School intersection. He also discussed various projects underway by the Water & Sewer Authority.

- Commissioner Shaw extended his gratitude to the individuals that assisted the citizens in need, with the storm damage last week. He also asked for everyone to keep the Hester family in their thoughts and prayers, during this difficult time in their lives.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Citizen George Gould thanked the Board for his appointment to the Board of Elections.

ADJOURN

Motion: Commissioner Sherrill moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Steve Shaw and approved by all district commissioners. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Date

Chris Dockery, Chairman
Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Kathleen C. Walker
Clerk, Lumpkin County