

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

March 17, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Dockery began the meeting at 6:02 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

Ray Prince, Pastor of Berea Baptist Church, gave the invocation, which was followed by the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: Commissioner Stringer made a motion to amend the agenda to remove Resolution 2015-18 "Amend Occupation Tax Ordinance". The motion was seconded by Doug Sherrill.

Motion: Chairman Dockery then made a motion to amend the agenda to remove Presentations in addition to Resolution 2015-18 "Amend Occupation Tax Ordinance". The motion was seconded by Steve Shaw and approved and carried by Doug Sherrill, Steve Shaw, Rhett Stringer, and Bob Pullen.

Motion: Commissioner Pullen made a motion to approve the amended agenda. This motion was seconded by Rhett Stringer and approved by all district commissioners. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (*Agenda Specific*)

Chairman Dockery asked if anyone from the public had any comments on agenda specific items. There were no comments.

PROCLAMATIONS (*Ratify*)

Dr. Mark Spencer, Chamber of Commerce Board Chairman – Joint Proclamation with City of Dahlonega

This Joint Proclamation honors the Chamber of Commerce Board Chairman Dr. Mark Spencer, for serving as an effective leader as Chair of the Dahlonega-Lumpkin County Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Bureau Board of Directors for 2014.

Motion: Commissioner Sherrill made a motion to approve the proclamation which was seconded by Rhett Stringer and was approved by all district commissioners. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

February 3, 2015 Work Session 4 p.m.

February 24, 2015 Regular Meeting 6 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

2015-11 Appoint/Reappoint Members Lumpkin County Veterans' Affairs Advisory Committee

This resolution provides for the reappointment of Bruce Hoffman to Seat 5, Ron Fugate to Seat 6, Unknown to Seat 7, Unknown to Seat 8 and Michael Bunting to Seat 9 all with terms expiring April 14, 2019 of the Veterans Affairs Committee.

Motion: A nominating motion was made by Chairman Dockery to reappoint Bruce Hoffman. The motion was seconded by Doug Sherrill and approved by Commissioners Sherrill, Shaw, Stringer and Pullen. Motion carried.

Motion: Chairman Dockery moved to nominate Ron Fugate for reappointment to Seat 6 which was seconded by Doug Sherrill. Doug Sherrill, Steve Shaw, Rhett Stringer and Bob Pullen approved and the motion carried.

Motion: A nominating motion was made by Chairman Dockery to appoint Michael Bunting. The motion was seconded by Steve Shaw and approved by all district commissioners. Motion carried.

No nominating motion was made concerning Seats 7 or 8.

2015-12 Appoint/Reappoint Development Authority of Lumpkin

This resolution provides for the reappointment of Joanne Taylor to Seat 3 and John Gaston to Seat 6 both with terms expiring March 7, 2018.

Motion: A nominating motion was made by Chairman Dockery to reappoint Joanne Taylor. The motion died for lack of a second.

Motion: A nominating motion was made by Chairman Dockery to reappoint John Gaston to Seat 6. That motion was seconded by Doug Sherrill and approved by Commissioners Sherrill, Shaw, Stringer and Pullen. Motion carried.

2015-13 Appoint Lumpkin County Planning Commission

This resolution provides for an appointment to Seat 6 to complete an unexpired term ending August 27, 2017 and an appointment to Seat 7 to complete an unexpired term ending August 27, 2016.

No nominating motion was made concerning Seat 6 or 7.

2015-14 Chestatee Chattahoochee RC&D Council

This resolution provides for the appointment of Commissioner Bob Pullen as a Lumpkin County representative to the Chestatee-Chattahoochee Resource Conservation & Development Council.

Motion: Chairman Dockery nominated Bob Pullen to represent Lumpkin County. The motion was seconded by Steve Shaw and approved by Commissioners Sherrill, Shaw, Stringer and Pullen. The motion carried.

2015-15 North Georgia Resource Management Authority

This resolution provides for the appointment of Commissioner Bob Pullen to the North Georgia Resource Management Authority Board of Directors.

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

2015-16 Appoint Representative for Chairman of the Board of Commissioners to the Lumpkin County Water & Sewerage Authority

This resolution provides for the appointment of Commissioner Rhett Stringer to the Lumpkin County Water & Sewerage Authority as a representative for the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners.

***Motion:** Chairman Dockery made a motion to appoint Rhett Stringer. The motion was seconded by Bob Pullen and approved by Commissioners Sherrill, Shaw, Stringer and Pullen. Motion carried.*

2015-17 Amend Purchasing Policy

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

***Motion:** A motion was made by Commissioner Sherrill to approve Resolution 2015-17. The motion was seconded by Rhett Stringer.*

***Motion:** An amended motion was made by Commissioner Sherrill to approve Resolution 2015-17 including the new changes presented. The motion was seconded by Rhett Stringer. Motion was approved by Doug Sherrill, Steve Shaw, Rhett Stringer, and Bob Pullen. The motion carried.*

2015-18 Amend Occupation Tax Ordinance

This item was removed from consideration at the vote to approve an amended agenda.

REPORTS

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

CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS

2015-011-ACFC (Accountability Court Funding Committee) FY 2016 Grant Solicitation

This is a no county match grant to establish specialty courts or dockets, and to address offenders arrested for drug charges.

***Motion:** Commissioner Sherrill moved to approve the grant and the motion was seconded by Rhett Stringer. Motion was carried and approved by all district commissioners.*

2015-012-DCH Rural Health Network Grant Application

This is a grant application by the Georgia Department of Community Health (DCH) for funding assistance through its Rural Health Network Grant Program to purchase EMS equipment.

***Motion:** A motion was made by Commissioner Sherrill to approve the grant application which was seconded by Steve Shaw. The motion was then carried and approved by all Commissioners Sherrill, Shaw, Stringer and Pullen.*

2015-013-Dawson County – Lumpkin County Automatic Aid Agreement

This is an automatic aid agreement with Dawson County for the purpose of providing equipment and manpower in the event of a major disaster or fire.

***Motion:** Commissioner Stringer made a motion to approve the automatic aid agreement. The motion was seconded by Bob Pullen and approved by Doug Sherrill, Steve Shaw, Rhett Stringer and Bob Pullen. The motion carried.*

2015-014-GDOT – Section 5311 FY 2016 Transportation Program Application

This agreement is to provide transportation to rural areas via the Lumpkin County Transit.

Term: July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016

Amount: \$78,809.00 GDOT portion
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***Motion:** Commissioner Sherrill moved to approve the Section 5311 Transportation Program Application. The motion was seconded by Rhett Stringer and approved by all district commissioners. Motion carried.*

2015-015-Lumpkin County-Wimpy's Airport Hangar A-2015 Ground Lease Agreement – Jeff Gilbert Hangar "A"

This contract is for the lease of Hangar A to Jeff Gilbert.

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

2015-016-LMIG Asphalt Leveling & Resurfacing – Colditz Trucking, Inc.

This agreement allows Colditz Trucking Inc. to perform leveling and resurfacing with asphalt concrete of the county roads listed in the LMIG Project Report.

***Motion:** Commissioner Pullen moved to approve the agreement which was then seconded by Rhett Stringer. Motion was approved and carried by Commissioners Sherrill, Shaw, Stringer, and Pullen. Motion carried.*

OTHER ITEMS

GDOT – Approval of Lumpkin County's Title VI/Nondiscrimination Policy

This is to approve and adopt the Lumpkin County Transit System Title VI Plan ensuring that the Lumpkin County Transit System will be in compliance with GDOT and will be able to continue to apply for federal funds.

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

Letter, Three Sisters – Georgia Wine Festival June 6-7; 13-14; 20-21; 27-28, 2015

This letter allows Three Sisters Vineyard to conduct their annual Georgia Wine Country Festival. The event will be held for five weekends: June 6 – 7, June 13 – 14, June 20 – 21, and June 27 – 28, 2015.

***Motion:** A motion was made by Commissioner Pullen to approve the letter request. The motion was seconded by Doug Sherrill. Motion was approved by Commissioners Sherrill, Shaw, Stringer, and Pullen. The motion carried.*

Special Event Permit Request for Letter – Class of 1990 Reunion, UNG Alumni Association, Inc, April 18, 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 April 18, 2015.

***Motion:** Commissioner Stringer made a motion to approve the letter request. The motion was seconded by Bob Pullen and approved by all district commissioners. The motion carried.*

ISSUE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE

Salma Panjwani – SMS Express LLC d/b/a Cavender's Corner

This is to discuss the issuance of an alcoholic beverage license to Salma Panjwani for SMS Express LLC, d/b/a Cavender's Corner, located at 30 Cavender Creek Road, Dahlonega, GA 30533.

Commissioner Sherrill disclosed that he had done some surveying work for the individual applying for this license.

***Motion:** Commissioner Shaw moved to approve this alcoholic beverage license. The motion was seconded by Bob Pullen and approved by Doug Sherrill, Steve Shaw, Rhett Stringer, and Bob Pullen. The motion carried.*

COMMENTS

COUNTY MANAGER

The County Manager had no comments at this time.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

The County Attorney had no comments.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS & REPORTS: Strategic Priorities

Chairman Dockery – Tourism

Chairman Dockery said there is nothing new to report at this time.

Commissioner Sherrill – Economic Development

Commissioner Sherrill discussed three new businesses underway within the county. He said he encourages further community engagement on how to incorporate more citizens' ideas.

Commissioner Shaw – Safety & Health

Commissioner Shaw said there is nothing new to report.

Commissioner Stringer – Infrastructure

Commissioner Stringer updated the status of road debris cleanup and the Blackburn Road project. He discussed the four roads that are scheduled to be paved this year, and that additional units have been approved for construction at Rock Pointe Townhouses.

Commissioner Pullen – Historic & Natural Resources

Commissioner Pullen advised every one of the upcoming Bear on the Square event. He said the Old Jail Museum will be open for tours on April 18, 2015, during the event.

Other Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Sherrill stated that when it comes to policy and procedures, it is not a war but it is whatever the best decision is for the citizens and employees of the county.

CHAIRMAN

Chairman Dockery encouraged everyone to attend the 6:00 p.m. Joint Special Called Meeting on March 19, 2015.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Sheriff Jarrard spoke about the upcoming "Relay for Life" Basketball Game and "Waiting for a Cure" event that will be held at the Wagon Wheel Restaurant.

Citizen Joshua Saint expressed his concerns regarding the retroactive portion of the shipping container regulations that are being revised by the Planning Commission.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pending Litigation

***Motion:** A motion was made by Commissioner Pullen to exit regular session at 6:33 p.m. and enter into executive session. The motion was seconded by Steve Shaw and was approved by Doug Sherrill, Steve Shaw, Rhett Stringer and Bob Pullen. The motion carried and the board entered executive session.*

Following discussion of pending litigation the following motion was made:

***Motion:** Commissioner Sherrill moved to exit executive session at 8:19 p.m. and reenter regular session. The motion was seconded by Steve Shaw. Motion was approved by Commissioners Sherrill, Shaw, Stringer and Pullen. The motion carried.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Dockery announced there had been discussion regarding possible litigation on the Inclement Weather Policy and there was not a resolution. The commissioners have agreed to meet with the Sherriff regarding litigation and how they will be moving forward.

ADJOURN

***Motion:** Commissioner Pullen moved to adjourn the meeting. That motion was seconded by Rhett Stringer and approved by all district commissioners. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:24 p.m.*

Date

Chris Dockery, Chairman
Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Kathleen C. Walker
Clerk, Lumpkin County