

**LUMPKIN COUNTY**  
**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
***SPECIAL CALLED WORK SESSION AGENDA***  
**Lumpkin County Administration Building**  
**Boardroom**  
**99 Courthouse Hill**  
**Dahlonega, Georgia**

**June 16, 2014**  
**9:00 A.M.**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Dockery

**II. DISCUSS 2015 BUDGET**

**III. ADJOURN**

Chairman Dockery

**LUMPKIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
SPECIAL CALLED WORK SESSION NOTES**

June 16, 2014

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Dockery called the Special Called Work Session to order at 9:20 a.m. in the Boardroom of the Lumpkin County Administration Building. Present were Chris Dockery, Doug Sherrill, Steve Shaw, Clarence Stowers, and Clarence Grindle.

**2015 Budget**

The purpose of this work session is to discuss the proposed 2015 Budget.

**MAGISTRATE – Randy Pruitt**

Magistrate Judge Randy Pruitt passed out documents that had a comparison of the number of Civil Cases in Dawson, White, and Lumpkin Counties. Judge Pruitt requested that the part time Magistrate Judge position being increased next year to a full time position. He said this would be an increase to his budget of approximately \$43,560.00. There was discussion on why there was a need for the full time position to be added.

**SHERIFF – Stacy Jarrard**

Sheriff Jarrard said began his budget requests with a new Victims Assistance Advocate position, fencing for around the outside area of the jail, and an increase in the salary of the E911 Director. He asked that the fencing be funded with what he described as the unexpected increased revenue from inmate housing. Sheriff Jarrard said the salary increase for the E911 Director is for the amount equivalent to the other Commander positions. The Victims Assistance Advocate position has always been a grant-funded, however, the grant funding is no longer available. Sheriff Jarrard said he has been funding the position this year with the salary from current vacant positions. Captain Martin discussed the COPS grant and the request for an additional three officers for the next three years. There was then discussion on whether or not the positions could be funded in the future once the grant funding is no longer available.

**COUNTY STAFF – Stan Kelley, County Manager**

County Manager Stan Kelley explained that there have been 18 positions that have been cut or frozen and he thinks that there is a need for some of these positions to be brought back. Senior Center Director Linda Kirkpatrick explained why they have requested the part-time congregate meals position be increased to a full time position. Planning and Public Works Director Larry Reiter reviewed their request for an additional mechanics helper position, an additional part time position at the Recycling Center, and various new Road Department heavy equipment and vehicles. Mr. Reiter asked about unfreezing the Planning Department position, should their work load keep increasing. The position would need to be someone who could do everything from business licenses, inspections, and the issuance of permits. EMA Director David Wimpy requested two personnel changes; the first would be to change the part time EMA Deputy Director to a full time position, and the second for additional funding for a Fire Inspector position. The Fire Inspector position is currently being funded by two open, part time positions. Finance Director Allison Martin asked for a part time position to be increased to a full time in the Finance Department.

**LIBRARY – Claudia Gibson, Director**

Director Claudia Gibson and Elsa Ann Gaines, Lumpkin County Library Board of Trustees gave enrollment statistics of the vacation reading program and other book programs that are offered. They received an increase of over \$9,000 last year so they could prevent furloughs for their employees. Ms. Gibson stated that they were not asking for any additional funds at this time, however, they will need an increase for their 2016 Budget.

*The Chairman called a Break at 1:27 p.m. The Special Called Work Session resumed at 2:17 p.m.*

**CORONER – Ronald Fortner**

Coroner Ronald Fortner stated that cases have almost doubled since he has become coroner and said he is need of an additional vehicle. The additional vehicle is for the deputy coroner who currently drives a Crown Victoria, therefore she cannot do transports. Mr. Fortner has gone over budget every year due to the rise in cases, so he is requesting a budget increase in the amount proposed.

**DISTRICT ATTORNEY – Jeff Langley**

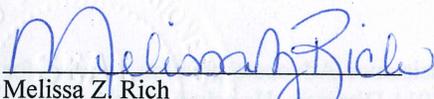
District Attorney Jeff Langley operates mainly within the approved Enotah Judicial Circuit approved budget. His expenses this year are a lot less than usual because he was understaffed due to cutbacks. It's anticipated that he will be back to full staff going forward, therefore, he will need all of the funds usually requested.

**SUPERIOR COURT – Murphy Miller, Chief Judge**

Judge Miller said he has no problem with what the staff has proposed.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further comments the special called work session was ended by Chairman Dockery at 4:56 p.m.



Melissa Z. Rich  
Deputy Clerk, Lumpkin County