

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

September 16, 2014

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Dockery called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Boardroom of the Lumpkin County Administration Building. Present were Chris Dockery, Doug Sherrill, Steve Shaw, Clarence Stowers, and Clarence Grindle.

**INVOCATION**

Concord Baptist Church Pastor Lyman Caldwell gave the invocation which was followed by the pledge of allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

*Motion:* Commissioner Stowers made a motion to approve the agenda which was seconded by Doug Sherrill and was approved by all district commissioners. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS (Agenda Specific)**

Chairman Dockery asked if there was anyone among the public with comments on agenda specific items.

Citizens Harold Bolton, Sandra Bolton, Peggy Hoynes, Bobby Tillman, Carol Hansen, and Tax Commissioner Rachel Pruitt asked what precipitated the need for a resolution to be created regarding weapons in the workplace. County Manager Stan Kelley explained that this was a result of the recently passed Georgia HB60. He clarified how it affected the County. Citizen Tim Youngblood then stated he was opposed to the change and the resolution. George Gould asked if there had been any instance or past incident, where a county employee has needed a firearm. Mr. Kelley replied that he was not aware of one.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

August 5, 2014 Work Session Notes 4 p.m.  
August 12, 2014 Public Hearing 6 p.m.  
August 19, 2014 Special Called Meeting 5 p.m.  
August 19, 2014 Public Hearing 5:45 p.m.  
August 19, 2014 Regular Meeting 6 p.m.

*Motion:* Commissioner Stowers made a motion to approve all the above minutes by acclamation. That motion was seconded by Clarence Grindle and approved by Commissioners Sherrill, Shaw, Stowers and Grindle. The motion carried.

**RESOLUTIONS**

2014-40 Appoint Members to Lumpkin County Planning Commission

This resolution provides for the appointment of Members to Seat 3 with a term expiring August 27, 2018 and Seat 6 to fill an unexpired term ending August 27, 2017.

*Motion:* A nominating motion was made by Chairman Dockery to appoint Bruce Georgia. The motion was seconded by Doug Sherrill. Motion was approved and carried by Commissioners Sherrill, Shaw, Stowers and Grindle.

No nominating motion was made concerning Seat 6.

2014-41 Amend Resolution 2014-29 Exhibit "B" Employee Handbook: Policy 12, Section 8, Weapons at the Workplace

This resolution amends Resolution 2014-29 and prohibits carrying a weapon while using a county vehicle.

*Motion: Dies for lack of a motion.*

## REPORTS

Department reports be viewed on the Commissioners web page at [www.lumpkincounty.gov](http://www.lumpkincounty.gov)

Elected Officials – Tax Commissioner Rachel Pruitt announced that the property tax bills were mailed via the postal service and gave a reminder that these taxes are due November 17, 2014. She invited everyone to attend a reception for the new CASA director on October 2, 2014.

Sheriff Jarrard encouraged everyone to come and participate October 25 & 26, 2014 as the LCSO hosts a Gun Show fundraiser on Torrington Drive. He also reminded everyone that the 6-Gap Bicycle Ride is scheduled for September 28, 2014.

## CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS

2014-069-FY-2014 U.S. Department of Justice Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) Grant Award

This renewal application provides for funding assistance from the US Department of Justice BVP to purchase replacements of any expired bulletproof vests.

*Motion: Commissioner Sherrill moved to approve the Bulletproof Vest Partnership application. The motion was seconded by Steve Shaw and approved by Doug Sherrill, Steve Shaw, Clarence Stowers and Clarence Grindle. The motion carried.*

2014-070-FY-2014 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Award – Lumpkin County Water & Sewerage Authority for Waterline Improvements

This grant application is in connection with the CDBG Water Improvement Project with the Georgia Mountains Regional Commission.

*Motion: Commissioner Stowers made a motion to approve this grant award agreement. The motion was seconded by Clarence Grindle and approved by all district commissioners. The motion carried.*

2014-071-Facility Dude – Utility Tracking Software

This agreement allows Facility Dude to use utility tracking software that will automatically import utility bill data into a system and will generate reports and flags to help staff more efficiently and effectively manage utility costs.

*Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Sherrill to approve the agreement with Facility Dude. That motion was seconded by Steve Shaw and approved by all Commissioners Sherrill, Shaw, Stowers and Grindle. Motion carried.*

## OTHER ITEMS

Extend Moratorium on Shipping Containers through 12.31.2014

This is to extend the current moratorium on shipping containers as dwelling units.

**Motion:** *Commissioner Stowers made a motion to extend the moratorium. The motion was seconded by Doug Sherrill and approved by Doug Sherrill, Steve Shaw, Clarence Stowers and Clarence Grindle. The motion carried.*

Yahoola Reservoir Stair Project Bid

This is for approval of the Yahoola Stair Project bid proposal.

**Motion:** *Commissioner Stowers moved to reject the project bid proposal which was seconded by Doug Sherrill. All district commissioners approved the motion and the motion carried.*

Designated Voting Member – Legislative Leadership Meeting, Oct. 8 – 10, 2014

This is to appoint a voting delegate to cast the county's vote on matters coming before the business session of the ACCG Legislative Leadership Conference.

**Motion:** *Commissioner Stowers made a nominating motion to appoint Chairman Dockery as the Designated Voting Member. The motion was seconded by Clarence Grindle and approved by Commissioners Sherrill, Shaw and Stowers. The motion carried.*

Special Event Permit Request for Letter – Hemlock Fest, November 7 – 9, 2014

This is a request for a letter from the Board of Commissioners stating no objection to the issuance by the State of Georgia Department of Revenue of a temporary alcoholic beverage (festival) permit to the Lumpkin Coalition, Inc. for the Hemlockfest scheduled to take place November 7 – 9, 2014 at 396 Starbridge Road, Murrayville, Georgia 30564.

**Motion:** *A motion was made by Commissioner Sherrill to approve the special event permit which was seconded by Clarence Stowers. Motion was approved by all district commissioners and motion carried.*

Administration Building Security

This is for approval to move forward with the replacement of certain windows in the Administration Building that provide a means of egress from the building during the event of a fire, and other items discussed during emergency preparedness training.

**Motion:** *Commissioner Stowers made a motion to approve moving forward. The motion was seconded by Steve Shaw and approved by Doug Sherrill, Steve Shaw, Clarence Stowers and Clarence Grindle. The motion carried.*

FY 2015 Approved Equipment Purchase – Vote to Approve Pre-Purchase

This is to allow the pre-purchase of certain FY 2015 approved equipment (broom, spreader bed, plow, motor grader, and one tractor).

**Motion:** *Commissioner Shaw moved to approve the pre-purchase of equipment. The motion was seconded by Doug Sherrill and approved by all district commissioners. The motion carried.*

Community Center Gym Floor Bid Approval

This is for approval of the bid award for the Park & Recreation Community Center Gym floor.

Chairman Dockery disclosed that Carolina Hardwood has worked for his personal business in the past.

**Motion:** *Commissioner made a motion to approve. He then made an amended motion to approve the bid with Carolina Hardwood, to fund from the general fund and to then reimburse the general fund with SPLOST funds. The motion was seconded by Clarence Stowers and approved by Commissioners Sherrill, Shaw, Stowers and Grindle. The motion carried.*

Marking of County Vehicles – Compliance with State Law

This is for approval to affix a clearly visible decal or seal to the front door on each side of county vehicles as required by state law.

***Motion:** Commissioner Sherrill made a motion to approve the marking of county vehicles as written according to state law. The motion was seconded by Clarence Stowers and approved by Doug Sherrill, Steve Shaw, Clarence Stowers and Clarence Grindle. The motion carried.*

**COMMENTS**

**COUNTY MANAGER**

The County Manager had nothing to discuss at this time.

**COUNTY ATTORNEY**

The County Attorney had no further comments.

**CHAIRMAN**

Chairman Dockery and Commissioner Sherrill thanked everyone for coming and encouraged everyone to attend future meetings.

**COMMISSIONER**

Commissioner Stowers stated that the courtesy dock at the reservoir should be installed on Thursday.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Citizen Gerald Lewy asked for more details on what the security will be for the Administrative Building.

Citizen Kelly Smith made a comparison between the shipping containers located in Lumpkin County and the sign ordinance. George Gould asked why the county did not recycle glass. Commissioner Stowers explained it was due to the cost to do so.

**ADJOURN**

***Motion:** Commissioner Stowers 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 6:50 p.m.*

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Chris Dockery, Chairman  
Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

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Kathleen C. Walker  
Clerk, Lumpkin County