

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

January 19, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Dockery began the meeting at 6:03 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 Methodist Church Pastor Steve Schofield gave the invocation, which was followed by the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: Steve Shaw made a motion to amend and approve the amended agenda to include the appointing of Charles Trammell to the Building Committee, following Other Items. This motion was seconded by Doug Sherrill and was approved by all district commissioners. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Agenda Specific

Chairman Dockery asked if there were any members of the public who wished to make comments on agenda specific items. There were no comments at this time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

December 1, 2015 Work Session Notes 4 p.m.

December 15, 2015 Regular Meeting 6 p.m.

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

RESOLUTIONS

2016-01 Set Qualifying Fees – Candidates Seeking Election to Certain Offices

This resolution sets the Qualifying Fees for candidates seeking election to certain offices.

Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Sherrill to approve Resolution 2016-01. The motion was seconded by Rhett Stringer. Motion was approved by Doug Sherrill, Steve Shaw, Rhett Stringer, and Bob Pullen. The motion carried.

2016-02 Appoint Member to Lumpkin County Public Building Authority

This resolution is to appoint Jim Curtis to Seat 5 of an unexpired term ending February 21, 2017.

Motion: A nominating motion was made by Chairman Dockery to appoint Jim Curtis to Seat 5. The motion was seconded by Doug Sherrill. Commissioners Sherrill, Shaw, Stringer and Pullen approved the motion and the motion carried.

2016-03 Appoint Member to Lumpkin County Board of Elections

This resolution is to appoint John Webb to Seat 4 of an unexpired term ending December 31, 2018.

Motion: A nominating motion was made by Chairman Dockery to appoint John Webb to Seat 4. The motion was seconded by Steve Shaw and approved by all district commissioners. The motion carried.

2016-04 Appoint Member to Lumpkin County Library Board of Trustees

This resolution is to appoint Gil Katzenstein to Seat 6 of an unexpired term ending June 30, 2019.

Motion: Chairman Dockery made a nominating motion to appoint Gil Katzenstein to Seat 6 which was seconded by Rhett Stringer. Motion was approved by Doug Sherrill, Steve Shaw, Rhett Stringer and Bob Pullen. The motion carried.

2016-05 Appoint Member to Development Authority of Lumpkin County

This resolution is to appoint Donna Minnich to Seat 3 of an unexpired term ending March 7, 2019.

Motion: A nominating motion was made by Chairman Dockery to appoint Donna Minnich to Seat 3. The motion was seconded by Steve Shaw. The motion was then approved by Commissioners Sherrill, Shaw, Stringer and Pullen and the motion carried.

2016-06 Appoint Member to Lumpkin County Planning Commission

This resolution is to appoint Sean Phipps to Seat 7 of an unexpired term ending August 27, 2017.

Motion: Chairman Dockery moved to nominate and appoint Sean Phipps to Seat 7. The motion was seconded by Steve Shaw and approved by all district commissioners. The motion carried.

2016-07 Amend Environmental Health Fee Schedule to Reflect Changes Approved by the Lumpkin County Board of Health

This resolution amends the Environmental Health Fee Schedule to reflect changes approved by the Board of Health.

Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Sherrill to approve Resolution 2016-07. The motion was seconded by Chris Dockery. That motion was then approved by Doug Sherrill, Steve Shaw, Rhett Stringer, and Bob Pullen and the motion carried.

2016-08 January 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 2016-08. The motion was seconded by Rhett Stringer and approved by Commissioners Sherrill, Shaw, Stringer, and Pullen. The motion carried.

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

~~2016-001 Disaster Debris Removal & Disposal~~

~~This is an agreement to provide assistance in the removal and disposal of storm debris resulting from a declared disaster.~~

2016-002-Roundabout Lighting Assistance for SR 52 at SR 115/CR 41/Copper Mines Road

This agreement allows GDOT to obtain and install Roundabout Lighting for SR 52 at SR 115/CR 41/Copper Mines Road and for Lumpkin County to provide the energy.

***Motion:** Commissioner Stringer moved to approve the GDOT contract which was seconded by Doug Sherrill. The motion was then approved by all district commissioners and the motion carried.*

2016-003-Roundabout Lighting Assistance for SR 9 at SR 52

This agreement allows GDOT to obtain and install Roundabout Lighting for SR 9 at SR 52 and for Lumpkin County to provide the energy.

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

2016-004-Roundabout Lighting Assistance for SR 9 at SR 60

This agreement allows GDOT to obtain and install Roundabout Lighting for SR 9 at SR 60 and for Lumpkin County to provide the energy.

***Motion:** A motion was made by Commissioner Stringer to approve this GDOT contract. That motion was seconded by Bob Pullen and approved by Commissioner Sherrill, Shaw, Stringer, and Pullen. The motion carried.*

OTHER ITEMS

Fire Station #7 – Vote on Latest Proposal

This is a request for the Commissioners to review the plans and specifications to ensure that they meet the intent of the October 20, 2015 action of the Board of Commissioners. If the Commissioners approve the plans and specifications, staff will continue with the bidding process in accordance with the action of the BOC in the 10/20/15 meeting.

***Motion:** Commissioner Stringer moved to approve the plans and specifications with additional specification of a 4 ft. gray block wall on road side of building. That motion was seconded by Doug Sherrill. Doug Sherrill, Steve Shaw, Rhett Stringer, and Bob Pullen approved the motion and the motion carried.*

Building Modification – Fire Station #1

This is for approval of the building modification of the Fire Station #1 door frame, to accommodate a 14' tall door, so the Communication Van will fit in the bay and other apparatus could be stored there as well.

***Motion:** Commissioner Sherrill made a motion to approve the building modification which was seconded by Steve Shaw. All district commissioners approved the motion and the motion carried.*

Election of Vice-Chairman – District 1 Commissioner Doug Sherrill

This is for approval of Doug Sherrill to be the Vice-Chairman of the Board of Commissioners for 2016.

***Motion:** A nominating motion was made by Chairman Dockery to appoint Doug Sherrill as the Vice-Chairman. The motion was seconded by Bob Pullen and approved by Commissioners Shaw, Stringer, and Pullen. Doug Sherrill recused himself from the vote. The motion carried.*

Appoint County Representative to City/County Joint Project Committee

This is to appoint Rhett Stringer as the County Representative to the City/County Joint Project Committee.

Motion: A nominating motion was made by Chairman Dockery to appoint Rhett Stringer as the County representative. Doug Sherrill seconded the motion which was approved by Doug Sherrill, Steve Shaw, and Bob Pullen. Rhett Stringer recused himself from the vote. Motion carried.

Policy on Treatment of Hemlock Trees on County Property

This creates a policy allowing the treatment of the Hemlock trees on county property every five years.

Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Sherrill to approve the treatment of Hemlock trees by Mark Shearer. The motion was seconded by Chris Dockery.

Motion: An amended motion was made by Commissioner Sherrill to approve the treatment of Hemlock trees by Mark Shearer and have it provided as Professional Services. The motion was seconded by Chris Dockery and approved by all district commissioners. The motion carried.

Appoint Member to Lumpkin County Building Committee

This is to appoint Charles Trammell to the Building Committee.

Motion: A nominating motion was made by Chairman Dockery to appoint Charles Trammell. The motion was seconded by Steve Shaw.

Chairman Dockery withdrew his motion.

Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Sherrill to amend the Resolution on the Building Committee structure and add two additional members, one being a citizen-at-large and the second a citizen appointed at the discretion of the Chairman. The motion was seconded by Steve Shaw and approved by Commissioners Sherrill, Shaw, Stringer, and Pullen. The motion carried.

Motion: Chairman Dockery made a nominating motion to appoint Charles Trammell as his discretionary citizen to the committee. Doug Sherrill seconded the motion which was then approved by Doug Sherrill, Steve Shaw, Rhett Stringer and Bob Pullen. The motion carried.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE

James Rider – JR's BBQ & Country Store

This is to discuss the issuance of an alcoholic beverage license to James Rider for JR's BBQ & Country Store, located at 15220 Hwy 19 N. Lot 27, Cleveland, GA 30533.

Motion: Commissioner Shaw moved to approve the alcoholic beverage license which was seconded by Bob Pullen. Motion was approved by all district commissioners and the motion carried.

Michele Kraft-DeBlois – Hideaway Restaurant

This is to discuss the issuance of an alcoholic beverage license to Michele Kraft-DeBlois for Hideaway Restaurant, located at 135 Forrest Hills Road, Dahlonega, GA 30533.

Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Shaw 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.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none at this time.

COMMENTS

COUNTY MANAGER

The County Manager stated that due to anticipated bad weather conditions, the Commissioner Retreat scheduled for Thursday, January 21 will be held instead on February 18, 2016. The Road Department will begin pre-treating the County roads January 20, beginning at 4:00 a.m.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

The County Attorney had no comments.

COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Stringer gave a Lumpkin County Water & Sewerage Authority update. He apologized for getting fired up about the email link on the webpage. Commissioner Stringer requested that the Commissioners to be copied on all incoming emails from the webpage. He asked for a separate Board of Commissioners email link on the BOC page, so all the commissioners get any emails from that link.

ADJOURN

Motion: Commissioner Shaw 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 6:38 p.m.

Date

Chris Dockery, Chairman
Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Kathleen C. Walker
Clerk, Lumpkin County