

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

February 11, 2016

Present: BOC Chairman Chris Dockery and District 4 Commissioner Bob Pullen. Also present were members of the Dahlonega City Council, Lumpkin County Board of Education and representatives of the University of North Georgia.

**WELCOME**

Tate O'Rourke, UNG Director of Economic Development, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Ms. O'Rourke welcomed everyone and thanked all for attending the meeting.

**REMARKS**

The University of North Georgia's President, Dr. Bonita Jacobs gave a 2015 progress summary comparing the last 3 years.

Board of Commissioners Chairman Dockery informed the group of current county projects that are underway, and the retreat scheduled for next week. He discussed the Town Hall meeting that had been held and the visioning process.

Lumpkin County School Superintendent Dewey Moye then reviewed the schools progress and goals for the students. He discussed Lumpkin County Schools' graduation rate and how they rated overall in the state.

Mayor Gary McCullough stated that their retreat in Rome last week was a success. He discussed the City's current projects, their \$20 million debt and the new City Manager.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Citizen Frank Gilkeson commented on recent changes at Chestatee Regional Hospital and whether the hospital was shutting down. Chairman Dockery responded that there has been no indication of this.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further comments the meeting was adjourned by Tate O'Rourke at 6:50 p.m.

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