

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

February 16, 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**

The Branch Pastor, Gabe Dodd, gave the invocation which was followed by the pledge of allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS (Agenda Specific)**

Chairman Dockery asked if any member of the public wished to comment on agenda specific items. There were no comments at this time.

**PRESENTATIONS**

Chamber of Commerce Quarterly Report

The Chamber of Commerce quarterly report was given by Amy Booker and David Zunker.

**PROCLAMATIONS**

GCCMA 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (Georgia City-County Management Association)

This is in recognition of the Georgia City-County Management Association (GCCMA) celebrating 60 years of service to Georgia's leaders, cities, and counties. GCCMA is the recognized affiliate organization of the International City/County Management Association (ICMA).

*Motion: Commissioner Sherrill made a motion to approve the proclamation which was seconded by Rhett Stringer. Commissioners Sherrill, Shaw, Stringer, and Pullen approved the motion and the motion carried.*

Joint Proclamation City of Dahlonega & Lumpkin County – Chamber of Commerce Outgoing Board Chairman – (Ratify)

This Joint Proclamation honors Chamber of Commerce Board Chairman Mike Cottrell, for serving as an effective leader as the Chair of the Dahlonega-Lumpkin County Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Bureau Board of Directors for 2015.

*Motion: Commissioner Sherrill moved to approve the proclamation which was seconded by Chris Dockery. Doug Sherrill, Steve Shaw, Rhett Stringer and Bob Pullen approved. The motion carried.*

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

January 5, 2016 Special Called Work Session Notes 9 a.m.

January 5, 2016 Work Session Notes 4 p.m.

January 19, 2016 Special Called Work Session 5:15 p.m.

January 19, 2016 Public Hearing 5:45 p.m.

January 19, 2016 Regular Meeting 6 p.m.

**Motion:** A motion was made by Commissioner Pullen to approve all the above minutes by acclamation. That motion was seconded by Steve Shaw and approved by all district commissioners. The motion carried.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

### 2016-09 Appoint Members Development Authority of Lumpkin County

This resolution provides for the reappointment of Jim Higdon to Seat 2, Kathy Crafton to Seat 4 and Wyman Walden to Seat 7 all with terms expiring March 7, 2020 and unknown appointment to Seat 5 of an unexpired term ending March 7, 2018 and unknown to Seat 8 for an unexpired term ending March 7, 2017.

**Motion:** A nominating motion was made by Chairman Dockery to reappoint Jim Higdon. The motion was seconded by Rhett Stringer and approved by Commissioners Sherrill, Shaw, Stringer and Pullen. Motion carried.

**Motion:** Chairman Dockery then made a nominating motion to reappoint Kathy Crafton which was seconded by Doug Sherrill. All district commissioners approved and the motion carried.

**Motion:** Chairman Dockery nominated Wyman Walden for reappointments to Seat 7. Steve Shaw seconded that motion which was approved by Doug Sherrill, Steve Shaw, Rhett Stringer and Bob Pullen. The motion carried.

No nominating motion was made concerning Seat 5 or 8.

### 2016-10 Appoint Hospital Authority Members

This resolution provides for the nomination for reappointment of Michael Young to Seat 1 and Gene Westmoreland to Seat 2, both with terms expiring March 1, 2020 of the Hospital Authority.

**Motion:** A nominating motion was made by Chairman Dockery to approve Michael Young. The motion was seconded by Rhett Stringer and approved by Commissioners Sherrill, Shaw, Stringer and Pullen. Motion carried.

**Motion:** Chairman Dockery made a nominating motion to reappoint Gene Westmoreland to Seat 2. The motion was seconded by Steve Shaw and approved by Commissioners Sherrill, Shaw, Stringer and Pullen. Motion carried.

### 2016-11 Appoint Members Lumpkin County Public Building Authority

This resolution provides for the reappointment of Chris Dockery to Seat 1 and Ruth Bohac to Seat 2 with terms expiring February 21, 2019 of the Lumpkin County Public Building Authority.

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

**Motion:** Chairman Dockery then made a nominating motion to reappoint Ruth Bohac. The motion was seconded by Steve Shaw and approved by all district commissioners. Commissioner Pullen recused himself from the vote. Motion carried.

### 2016-12 Appoint Members Lumpkin County-Wimpy Airport Committee

A resolution to reappoint Tim Moss to Seat 1, William W. Barber to Seat 4 and Jimmy Berrong to Seat 5, all with terms expiring March 1, 2019.

**Motion:** A nominating motion was made by Chairman Dockery to reappoint Tim Moss. The motion was seconded by Steve Shaw and approved by Commissioners Sherrill, Shaw, Stringer and Pullen. Motion carried.

**Motion:** Chairman Dockery then made a nominating motion to reappoint William W. Barber. The motion was seconded by all district commissioners and the motion carried.

**Motion:** Chairman Dockery moved to nominate reappointment of Jimmy Berrong. That motion was seconded by Steve Shaw and approved by Doug Sherrill, Steve Shaw, Rhett Stringer and Bob Pullen. The motion carried.

2016-13 Restate Comprehensive Plan Stakeholder Committee Members & Appoint Two Additional Seats

A resolution to restate committee members and to appoint Sean Phipps and Travis Johnson to the Comprehensive Plan Committee.

**Motion:** A nominating motion was made by Chairman Dockery to appoint Sean Phipps to Seat J. The motion was seconded by Steve Shaw and approved by Commissioners Sherrill, Shaw, Stringer and Pullen. Motion carried.

**Motion:** Chairman Dockery made a nomination motion to appoint Travis Johnson to Seat N which was seconded by Doug Sherrill. All district commissioners approved the motion and the motion carried.

2016-14 Appoint Member Board of Health

A resolution to provide for the appointment of an unknown member to Seat 6 with a term expiring December 31, 2019 of the Lumpkin County Board of Health.

No nominating motion was made concerning Seat 6.

2016-15 Approve Lighting Project Agreements for Roundabouts

This resolution provides for Lumpkin County to be responsible for certain expenses on a continuing basis, as provided in the agreements with the Department of Transportation concerning three Roundabout Lighting Projects.

**Motion:** A motion to approve by acclamation was made by Commissioner Sherrill. The motion was seconded by Steve Shaw 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](http://www.lumpkincounty.gov)

Elected Officials – Sheriff Jarrard invited everyone to attend the Waiting for a Cure event. It will be held at the Wagon Wheel Restaurant, on behalf of Relay for Life, on March 13, 2016. The Easter Egg Hunt will be held on March 26, 2016 at the High School Agriculture Barn. He said the Sheriff's Department will also have an Adult Firearms class on April 25, 2016.

**CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS**

2016-005-Mauldin & Jenkins – Audit Engagement Letters

This agreement provides that Mauldin & Jenkins will be the auditors for Lumpkin County for the following year ending December 31 of 2015.

Estimated Fees Respectively: \$72,000.00.

**Motion:** Commissioner Pullen moved to approve this agreement with Mauldin & Jenkins which was seconded by Doug Sherrill. The motion was approved by all district commissioners and the motion carried.

2016-006-Disaster Debris Removal & Disposal

This bid approval and subsequent agreements allow Southern Disaster Recovery and DRC Emergency Services to provide assistance in the removal and disposal of storm debris resulting from a declared disaster.

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

2016-007-Canoe Georgia, Inc. d/b/a Appalachian Outfitters c/o Ben LaChance – Canoe Launch Sublease Renewal

This sublease allows commercial enterprise to use the premises primarily for launch and pickup of watercraft and parties using the river for recreational purposes.

Term: January 1, 2016- December 31, 2016

Amount: \$4,000.00 or in-kind capital improvements approved at sole discretion of County/Lessor

***Motion:** Chairman Dockery made a motion to approve this renewal agreement which was seconded by Steve Shaw. The motion was then approved by Commissioners Sherrill, Shaw, and Pullen. The motion carried. Commissioner Stringer recused himself from the vote.*

2016-008-Rhett Stringer d/b/a Hall's Mill Enterprises, LLC. d/b/a Chestatee River Adventures – Canoe Launch Sublease Renewal

This sublease allows Rhett Stringer to operate a launching and pickup of watercraft and parties using the river for a recreation purposes business in the Chestatee River Access Park.

Term: January 1, 2015- December 31, 2015

Amount: \$4,000.00 or in-kind capital improvements approved at sole discretion of County/Lessor

***Motion:** A motion was made by Commissioner Shaw to approve this renewal agreement. The motion was seconded by Bob Pullen and approved by Doug Sherrill, Steve Shaw, and Bob Pullen. Commissioner Stringer recused himself and the motion carried.*

2016-009-Salary Study Bid Results & Recommendation

This is an agreement allowing for Evergreen Solutions LLC to complete the Compensation Pay Study at the negotiated price.

***Motion:** Commissioner Sherrill moved to approve the Evergreen Solutions LLC agreement which was seconded by Chris Dockery. Motion was then approved by all district commissioners and the motion carried.*

**OTHER ITEMS**

Critical Incident Pay

This is a request for BOC direction and intent regarding the Critical Incident Pay Policy.

***Motion:** Commissioner Sherrill made a motion to approve and incorporate the Critical Incident Pay Memo into policy. The motion was seconded by Rhett Stringer and was approved by Commissioners Sherrill, Shaw, Stringer, and Pullen. The motion carried.*

Clerk of Courts Supplement HB 202

This is to discuss intent regarding pay for the Clerk of Courts office.

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

Coroner Pay

This is to discuss possible adjustment to the Coroner's Compensation.

***Motion:** Commissioner Stringer moved to table this matter until further study can be completed. The motion was seconded by Doug Sherrill and approved by Commissioners Sherrill, Shaw, Stringer, and Pullen. The motion carried.*

The Branch Church Projector Donation to The Community Center

This is for approval of the donation of a projector by The Branch Church to the Community Center.

***Motion:** Chairman Dockery made a motion to approve the donation of the projector. Seconded by Bob Pullen, the motion was approved by Doug Sherrill, Steve Shaw, Rhett Stringer, and Bob Pullen. The motion carried.*

Fire Station # 7 Bid Package Approval

This is for approval of the bid package for Fire Station #7 as approved by the Building Committee.

***Motion:** A motion was made by Commissioner Stringer to approve the bid package. The motion was seconded by Doug Sherrill and approved by all district commissioners. The motion carried.*

Official Notice of Litter Violation Letter

This is for approval of an official notice of litter violation letter to be distributed by North Georgia Resource Management Authority, when such violations occur.

***Motion:** Commissioner Pullen moved to approve the violation letter. The motion was seconded by Doug Sherrill. After discussion by the board, Commissioners Pullen and Sherrill withdrew their motion and the matter can be revisited at another date.*

**COMMENTS**

**COUNTY MANAGER**

The County Manager stated that the County Facebook page has received the most views ever from a recently posted item on litter.

**COUNTY ATTORNEY**

The County Attorney had no comments.

**COMMISSIONERS**

Commissioner Sherrill requested a letter to GDOT for guard rails at Highway 60, be added to next month's agenda.

Commissioner Stringer gave an update on projects currently underway by the W&S department.

Chairman Dockery commented on the litter problem in the county.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Citizen Emily Lewy commented about the litter in the county. She invited everyone to be part of the Personal Responsibility Campaign starting on Thursday.

Citizen Larry Dills asked for clarification about the salary study and whether it will require a raise in taxes. Chairman Dockery replied that the study was approved, but that does not mean there will be a tax increase. The results of the study are unknown, so the board will need to see what the study determines. Mr. Dills also shared his concerns regarding the litter problem.

**ADJOURN**

*Motion: There being no further business Commissioner Shaw moved to adjourn the meeting. That motion was seconded by Bob Pullen and approved by all district commissioners. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:17 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